

# VIRGINIA TECH

HOKIES

With new head coach Beth Dunkenberger at the helm, the Hokies look to build on their past success as they head into the Atlantic Coast Conference

HOKIES



2004-2005  
WOMEN'S  
BASKETBALL  
PROSPECTUS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Name of School:** Virginia Tech  
**City/Zip:** Blacksburg, VA 24061  
**Founded:** 1872  
**Enrollment:** 28,000  
**Nickname:** Hokies  
**Mascot:** The HokieBird  
**School Colors:** Chicago Maroon (PMS 208) and Burnt Orange (PMS 158)  
**Arena/Gym Name:** Cassell Coliseum  
**Capacity:** 10,052  
**Affiliation:** NCAA Division I  
**Conference:** Atlantic Coast Conference  
**President:** Dr. Charles Steger  
**Alma Mater, Year:** Virginia Tech, 1969  
**Athletics Director:** Jim Weaver  
**Alma Mater, Year:** Penn State, 1967  
**Athletics Department Phone:** (540) 231-6796  
**Athletics Ticket Office:** (540) 231-6731

## HISTORY

**First Year of Basketball:** 1976-77  
**All-Time Record:** 451-337  
**NCAA Tournament Appearances/Last:** 7/2004  
**All-Time NCAA Record:** 7-7  
**Last NCAA Tourn. Opponent:** Penn State  
**Result:** 61-48 loss in Second Round  
**Appearances in WNIT/Last:** 2/2002  
**All-Time WNIT Record:** 4-2  
**Last WNIT Opponent:** Houston  
**Result:** 77-72 (ot) loss in semifinals

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## COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Beth Dunkenberger  
**Alma Mater, Year:** Randolph-Macon, '86  
**Record at School (years):** First year  
**Career Record (years):** 65-50 (4 years)  
**Basketball Office Phone:** (540) 231-4998  
**Best Time/Day to Reach Coach:** Through SID Office  
**Assistant Coaches**  
Shellie Greenman (Emory & Henry, '88)  
Bobbie Kelsey (Stanford, '96)  
Stacy Cantley (UNC Wilmington, '99)  
**Director of Basketball Operations**  
Jill Jameson (Northern Iowa, '93)  
**Athletic Trainer:** Megan Rittler

## MEDIA INFORMATION

**Radio Station:** WFNR 100.7  
**Contact/Play-by-Play Announcer:** Tony Luftman  
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## TEAM INFORMATION

**2003-04 Record:** 23-8  
**2003-04 Conference Record/Finish:** 10-6/T6th  
**2004 Postseason:** NCAA Second Round  
**Final/Highest 2003-04 Ranking:** None/15 *USA Today/ESPN*  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 4/1  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 9/3

Starters Returning	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	Ppg	Rpg
Carrie Mason	5-7	Jr.	G	11.5	2.9
Dawn Chriss	6-1	Jr.	G/F	10.2	4.7
Erin Gibson	6-2	Sr.	F/C	9.3	6.9
Kerri Gardin	6-1	Jr.	G/F	7.8	5.4

### Starters Lost

Ieva Kublina	6-4	Sr.	F/C	13.7	6.6
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### Letterwinners Returning

Letterwinners Returning	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	Ppg	Rpg
Kirby Copeland	5-10	So.	G	3.3	2.3
Fran Recchia	5-7	r-Jr.	G	2.1	1.0
Megan Finnerty	6-3	Jr.	C	2.0	1.3
Britney Anderson	6-0	So.	F	1.8	1.4
Nare Diawara	6-6	So.	C	1.0	2.0

### Top Newcomers

Top Newcomers	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown/School
Brittany Cook	6-0	Fr.	G	Narrows, Va./ Mercer Christian Academy
Roshana Jackson	6-0	Jr.	F	Norton, Va./ Hiwassee College
Christie Marrone	5-6	Fr.	G	Brooklyn, N.Y./ St. John Villa Academy

## 2003-2004 Schedule and Results

Nov.	21	MIAMI (OHIO)	W	77-60
	23	at #24 Virginia	W	63-62
	28	vs. Iowa State%	W	67-57
	29	vs. Mississippi State%	W	63-56
Dec.	3	OLD DOMINION	W	79-72
	7	at Alabama	W	68-51
	13	MARYLAND	W	63-43
	21	at James Madison	W	60-53
	28	FURMAN\$	W	83-70
	29	WAKE FOREST\$	W	70-59
Jan.	2	LIBERTY	W	52-45
	4	PROVIDENCE*	W	64-34
	7	at Rutgers*	L	43-56
	10	at Notre Dame*	L	40-53
	14	#19/24 VILLANOVA*	W	63-50
	17	at Georgetown*	L	50-70
	21	at Pittsburgh*	W	67-57
	24	#24/19 BOSTON COLLEGE*	W	80-64
	27	#4/3 CONNECTICUT*	L	50-68
	31	at Syracuse*	W	75-60
Feb.	3	SETON HALL*	W	64-40
	10	at West Virginia*	L	66-69
	14	MIAMI*	L	56-65
	18	at Seton Hall*	W	48-42
	21	at Providence*	W	77-56
	28	PITTSBURGH*	W	85-55
Mar.	2	ST. JOHN'S*	W	69-38
	6	vs. Georgetown**	W	56-47
	7	vs. #4/3 Connecticut**	L	34-48
	21	IOWA!	W	89-76
	23	#5/7 PENN STATE!	L	48-61

Home Games in ALL CAPS

\* BIG EAST Conference game

% Univ. of the Virgin Islands Paradise Jam in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

\$ Lady Luck Classic in Blacksburg, Va.

\*\*BIG EAST Championship in Hartford, Conn.

! NCAA 1st & 2nd Round in Blacksburg, Va.

# 2004-2005 Outlook

## Dunkenberger, ACC eras begin with experienced team

The Virginia Tech women's basketball program enters a new era with head coach Beth Dunkenberger leading the Hokies into the Atlantic Coast Conference. The 2004-05 edition will be an experienced group led by the return of four starters from last year's 23-8 squad that advanced to the NCAA Second Round.

The Hokies have been on quite a run the last few years with seven straight 20-plus win seasons and seven consecutive postseason appearances, including five NCAA bids. Tech has averaged 23 wins the past seven years and had great success during its four years in the BIG EAST Conference. The Hokies concluded their affiliation with a 40-24 conference regular season worksheet, an average of ten wins a season, and lost to the eventual national champion (Notre Dame, UConn twice) in three of their four BIG EAST tournament appearances.

While experienced, this season's roster will feature only one senior, Erin Gibson, along with six juniors, three sophomores and two freshmen. In addition to adjusting to a new conference, the squad will also adjust to a new coaching staff featuring a few returnees of its own.

Beth Dunkenberger was hired on April 6, 2004, following the resignation of Bonnie Henrickson, now the head coach at the University of Kansas. No stranger to Virginia Tech, Dunkenberger served on Carol Alfano's staff for nine years (1988-97), the first two years as a graduate assistant before being elevated to full-time assistant. She helped lead the Hokies to the 1994 and 1995 NCAA Tournaments, the first two appearances in school history.

Dunkenberger is also known as a fierce recruiter having signed Tere Williams, the first *Parade* All-American in Tech's history. She assisted in recruiting seven members of Tech's 1,000-point club and four of the top six scorers in the program's history. As an assistant at Florida (1997-00), Dunkenberger had the opportunity to coach five players who are currently, or were previously, on WNBA rosters.

Other returnees on the Tech staff include recruiting coordinator Shellie Greenman (1988-93) and director of basketball operations Jill Jameson (1993-97). Other members of the staff include Bobbie Kelsey, who won one national title and participated in three Final Fours as a player at Stanford (1991-96) and Stacy



**Beth Dunkenberger at the press conference announcing her hiring as Virginia Tech's new head women's basketball coach.**

Cantley, a top 10 rebounder and four-year letterwinner at UNC Wilmington.

Four starters and four reserves who saw considerable action return from last season's NCAA squad. The 2004-05 edition of the Hokies returns 78.4 percent of its offense and 82.5 percent of the rebounding from the previous season.

"We lost three players from last year's team including our leading scorer and rebounder which obviously leaves a void there," said Dunkenberger. "I like the fact that we have four starters returning including the bulk of our scoring and rebounding. This is a very athletic, veteran team that is excited about joining and participating in the Atlantic Coast Conference."

The Tech offense will be directed for the third year by Carrie Mason (5-7, Jr., G, Seneca, Pa.), who was second on the team in scoring, averaging 11.5 per contest, second in assists (84) and led the team in minutes played (35.8). Mason, a member of the 2002-03 BIG EAST All-Rookie team, set a school record for most three-point field goals by a sophomore with 51 and already ranks third on the career list with 93. She equaled her career-high with 24 points last season against Mississippi State in the championship game of the Paradise Jam tournament.

Dawn Chriss (6-1, Jr., G., Hillcrest Heights, Md.) returns following a solid sophomore year. Chriss was third in

scoring and rebounding after seeing very few minutes as a freshman. She was third in assists and had her first career double-double against Liberty.

The lone senior on the team, Erin Gibson (6-2, Sr., F/C, Galax, Va.) will be counted on heavily to help replace Ieva Kublina. Gibson led the team in rebounding, was third in blocks and fourth in scoring. She grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds against Furman in the first round of the Lady Luck Classic.

The fourth returning starter is the versatile Kerri Gardin (6-1, Jr., Morganton, N.C.), who led the team in assists (90), was third in rebounding as well as steals. Gardin recorded four double-doubles last season including consecutive games at West Virginia, versus Miami and at Seton Hall.

Other returnees include Kirby Copeland (5-10, So., G, Morrow, Ga.), Fran Recchia (5-7, r-Jr., Flower Mound, Texas), Megan Finnerty (6-3, Jr., C, Atlanta, Ga.), Britney Anderson (6-0, So., F, Blacksburg, Va.) and Nare Diawara (6-6, So., C, Bamako, Mali). Copeland saw action in 29 games and was named BIG EAST Rookie of the Week on Dec. 29, 2003. She tallied a season-high 13 points at Pittsburgh and pulled down seven rebounds on two occasions. Recchia, a three-point shooter, had her best game of the year against Iowa State in the first round of the Paradise Jam tournament in the Virgin Islands. In that game, she registered season-highs of 12 points, including two treys, eight rebounds and two steals. Finnerty was a reserve at the post position and played in 29 games. She had a career-high 11 points against Providence and pulled down a season-high five rebounds against Maryland. Anderson, a two-time Virginia Player of the Year in high school, adjusted to the perimeter game last year. In 24 games, she averaged just under two points and two rebounds a game but showed her defensive prowess with four steals in the season-opener against Miami (Ohio) and had a season-high eight points against Providence. The 6-6 Diawara was a work in progress seeing action in eight games. Diawara had seven points and seven boards in the exhibition game against WBC Ilirja and had four points versus Pittsburgh in the regular season.

Three newcomers join the squad this season. Brittany Cook (6-0, Fr., G, Narrows, Va.), Roshana Jackson (6-1, Jr., F, Norton, Va.) and Christie Marrone (5-6, Fr., G, Brooklyn, N.Y.) are expected to add immediate depth off the Tech bench in their initial season. Cook is a McDonald's All-America nominee and was a First-Team West Virginia All-State selection at Mercer Christian Academy. Jackson was a third-team junior college All-America selection this year after leading Hiwassee College to a 54-8 record the past two seasons, including two seventh-place finishes in the nation. Marrone nailed 202 three-point shots in her career and hit six in a game on three occasions.

As always, Tech's 2003-04 schedule was loaded with some of the best women's programs in the nation. The Hokies battled eventual national champion Connecticut on two occasions and played 13 games against teams which eventually advanced to the NCAA field. In fact, Tech's opponents had a .576 winning percentage and 15 of the Hokies' 26 opponents advanced to postseason play. Eleven of last season's opponents won 20 or more games, with 16 posting non-losing records.

This season, Tech will again play a tough schedule against nine teams (Duke, Liberty, Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Old Dominion, Texas Tech and St. Francis) that made the NCAA Tournament field, and two (Clemson and Richmond) that were selected to the WNIT. Additionally, the schedule includes four teams (#4 Minnesota, #5 Duke, #17 Texas Tech and #21 North Carolina) which ended the year in the ESPN/USA Today Top 25.

The non-conference schedule will again be tough with home dates against Alabama, St. Francis, (Pa.) (2004 NCAA participant), Fordham and Richmond (2004 WNIT final four). Tech will once again host the Lady Luck Classic featuring Southern Mississippi, Davidson and North Carolina A&T.

The non-conference away slate sends the Hokies to the University of Minnesota tournament to open the season, hosted by 2004 Final Four participant Minnesota. Tech will take part in another tough in-season tourney when they travel to Las Vegas in mid-December for the Duel in the Desert event featuring perennial national power Texas Tech. Other away contests will be at James Madison, Old Dominion (13 consecutive NCAA appearances) and Liberty (eight straight NCAA appearances).

"We have a very challenging non-conference schedule opening up in the University of Minnesota tournament which is a tough way to start but what better way to prepare for the ACC than to play on the home floor of a Final Four team," said Dunkenberger. "We have some exciting in-state rival matchups against Old Dominion, Richmond, Liberty and James Madison. We'll also host Alabama from the always strong Southeastern Conference and travel to Las Vegas for a tournament that includes Texas Tech. Our post-holiday tournament, the Lady Luck Classic, is always an exciting event for our fans. I believe the non-conference schedule will be very challenging but will get us ready for our new conference."

The Hokies will embark on a new journey as they venture into the Atlantic Coast Conference for the first time. The league features Duke, an annual contender for the national championship, along with 2004 NCAA participants North Carolina, North Carolina State and Maryland as well as 2004 WNIT participant Clemson.

The women will play a 14-game regular-season conference schedule with each team playing each member at least once a year. Primary partners will be utilized where certain teams are guaranteed to play twice — home and away — every year. The primary partners can be changed after a minimum of two seasons of play. Tech's primary partners the first two years are Miami, Maryland, Florida State and Virginia.

Tech will play the remaining members of the conference, Clemson, Duke, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, North Carolina State and Wake Forest once a year alternating home and away games each year.

"The ACC is the most exciting and most televised league in the nation," said Dunkenberger. "We are proud to bring a talented and enthusiastic team into such an outstanding league. Virginia Tech has a strong tradition of excellence and we will strive to continue that success in the ACC. For us to be successful in the conference, we must defend our home floor and steal some games on the road. The great thing about Cassell Coliseum is that we have tremendous fan support which gives us a home court advantage and we will count on the Tech fans to support us even more in this new conference."

As mentioned earlier, Dunkenberger brought her entire Western Carolina staff along with her to Blacksburg as well as bringing Jameson from Marquette. Greenman began her coaching career at Virginia Tech, where she served as a volunteer assistant and restricted earnings coach from 1988-90 before becoming a full-time assistant at Western Carolina (1993-96). She served as an assistant at Chattanooga (1996-98) and Miami University (1998-00) before returning to Western Carolina to become associate head coach on Dunkenberger's staff. Kelsey was a practice player for the Atlanta Glory of the American Basketball League (ABL) after serving as assistant coach for a year at Boise State (1996-97). She served as an assistant coach at Florida (1998-00) and as recruiting coordinator at Evansville (2000-02) prior to going to Western Carolina. Cantley served in three different positions at her alma mater, UNC Wilmington, following her playing days for the Seahawks (1998-01). Jameson began her career as a graduate assistant (1993-95) and assistant coach (1995-97) at Virginia Tech before becoming an assistant at Francis Marion where she helped lead the Patriots to the Division II Final Four. She later served at Chattanooga (1998-01) and was the recruiting coordinator at Marquette (2001-04) before returning to the Tech program as director of basketball operations.

"I believe one of the most important components of a team's success is good chemistry, which starts at the staff level first," said Dunkenberger. "Our staff has tremendous chemistry, with four of the five members of our staff having been recruiting coordinators at some point in their careers. It is incredible to see people leave recruiting coordinator positions to be part of what we have here. They realize how special our opportunity is at Virginia Tech and our assistants continue to turn down great offers to be here this year."



**The Hokies advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament last season and hope to extend the streak this year to eight straight postseason appearances for Virginia Tech.**

## 2004-2005 Outlook *continued*

### GUARD

Carrie Mason returns at the point-guard position following two outstanding seasons. Mason set the Tech freshman record with 106 assists and last year set the sophomore record for three-point field goals with 51. She has led the team in minutes played in each of her first two seasons, averaging more than 35 minutes a contest. Mason was named the 2003 Paradise Jam Most Valuable Player after leading the Hokies to the championship. She has also been a "clutch" performer in her career, hitting game-winning shots during her freshman season against Notre Dame in the regular season and against Georgia Tech in the 2003 NCAA First Round.

"Carrie is our returning leading scorer who is a great ball-handler as well as leader on the court," said Dunkenberger. "She can score in a number of ways and is an excellent passer. What makes her such a special player is her unselfishness and her ability to find the open player. She is smart and is everything you could want in a leader on the floor."



Fran Recchia will once again provide depth at both the point- and shooting-guard positions. Recchia has battled injuries during her first three years in Blacksburg, but had her best game last season against Iowa State at the Paradise Jam when she scored 12 points, including two treys, with a career-high eight rebounds.

"Fran is an incredible shooter, which helps open things up on the inside," said Dunkenberger. "She has a great mind for the game and leads very well on the court."



Kirby Copeland had a solid freshman season averaging 3.4 points and 2.3 rebounds a game. Copeland showed flashes of her talent and potential on several occasions during the season including season-highs of 13 points at Pittsburgh and seven rebounds against Maryland and at Providence.

"Kirby brings some excitement to our team and is a very energetic player on both ends of the floor," said Dunkenberger. "I really like her tenacity on defense, which makes things happen in return on the offensive end of the floor. She is very good at creating shots for herself and for others."

Christie Marrone is a highly-touted player from Brooklyn, N.Y., where she scored over 1,800 points, including 202 treys, and scored in double figures 93 times in 122 career games. Marrone averaged 15.0 points per game and



averaged 50.5 three-pointers a season in her four-year career where she led St. John Villa Academy to the Class B and C New York State Federation title her junior and freshman years respectively.

"Christie is an exciting player to watch," said Dunkenberger. "She is an unbelievable passer who is a fireball on the floor. I think she is a fun player to watch and will become a crowd favorite in Cassell Coliseum."



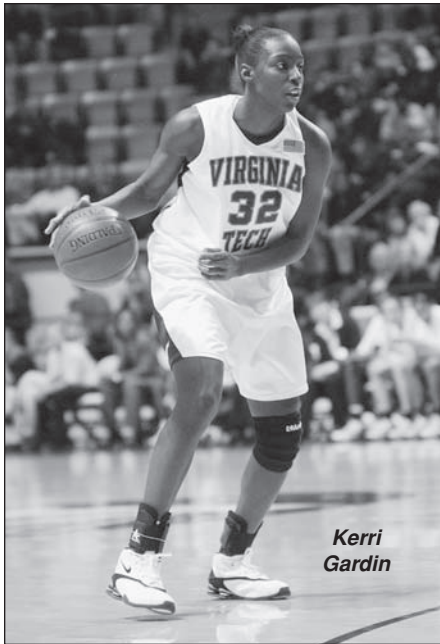
### FORWARD

Dawn Chriss showed tremendous improvement during her sophomore year averaging 10.5 points and 4.7 rebounds, more than seven points and three rebounds more per game than during her freshman season. Chriss was second on the team in blocks and steals and third in scoring. She racked up a career-high 21 points in Tech's 79-72 win over Old Dominion. Chriss recorded her first career double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds against Liberty.

"Dawn is a very exciting player in the open court," said Dunkenberger. "We intend to give her some opportunities to show what she is capable of doing with the ball in her hands. I look for her to continue to progress and have an even better season this year as a junior."

Kerri Gardin continued to improve during her sophomore season after undergoing off-season surgery on her right achilles. Gardin recorded four double-doubles during the season, including three straight at West Virginia, versus Miami and at Seton Hall. She was third on the team in rebounding and pulled down a career-high 14 against Miami.

"Kerri Gardin is a tremendous player who knew nothing but success coming out of high school," said Dunkenberger. "She



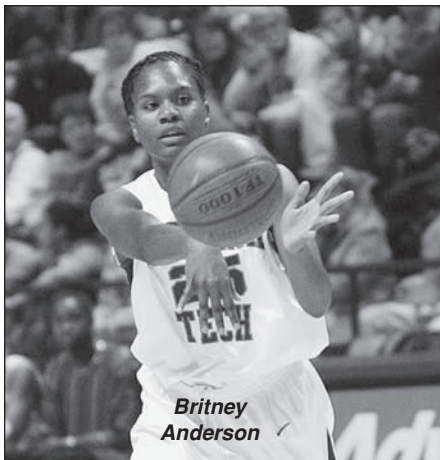
*Kerri Gardin*

is a very versatile player with the ability to play both inside and out and is an excellent rebounder as well as passer.”

After playing in the paint during her high school career, Britney Anderson had to not only adjust to the collegiate game during her freshman season, but also learn to play further away from the basket. Anderson, a two-time Virginia Player of the Year in high school, averaged just under two points per game in limited action but demonstrated her potential with four points, three rebounds, four steals and one block in only 18 minutes against Miami (Ohio) in the season-opener.

“I think Britney Anderson is a very fundamental player and has been impressive in her preseason workouts,” said Dunkenberger. “She can mix it up and can hurt you both on the inside and the outside. Her commitment to work on her perimeter skills should pay off this year.”

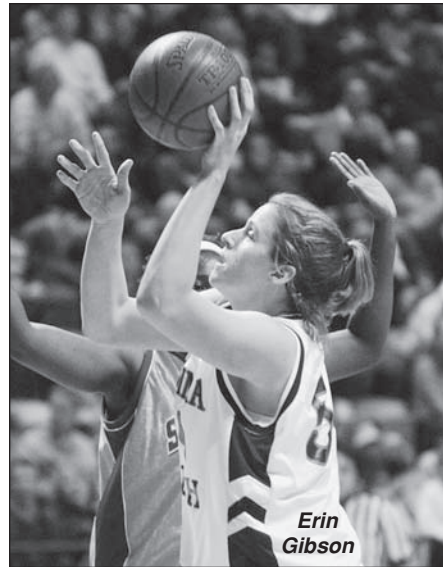
Brittany Cook is a McDonald’s All-America nominee who averaged 28.9 points with 10.6 rebounds, 5.4 steals and 4.6 assists in leading Mercer Christian Academy to a 23-4 record and to the West



*Britney Anderson*

Virginia state final. In the state tournament, Cook averaged 30.3 points and set a state single-game record for free throws made with an 18-of-18 performance. She helped the West Virginia Class A-AA all-star team defeat the Class AAA team for the first time and was named Co-MVP of the game.

“Brittany is a tremendous shooter who is a fundamental player,” said Dunkenberger. “She is a very bright young lady and will do all of the little things that make good teams great.”



*Erin Gibson*

#### CENTER

The loss of All-BIG EAST selection Ieva Kublina, the third leading scorer and top shot blocker in the history of the program, creates a huge void on the inside for the Hokies. However, Tech returns Erin Gibson, a two-year starter and the only senior on the roster. Gibson led the team in rebounding last year and was third in blocks and fourth in scoring. Gibson also led the team with five double-doubles and set a career-high with 16 boards against Furman in the Lady Luck Classic.

“Obviously, we suffered a big loss in Ieva, since she was our leading scorer last year,” said Dunkenberger. “The good news is that we have players with experience returning, including Erin Gibson. Erin was one of the best inside defenders in the BIG EAST. She has good size with great mobility and she will be called on to lead the other post players into the league.”

Megan Finnerty saw action in 29 contests as a back-up to Kublina and Gibson as she continued to develop and adjust to the collegiate inside game. Finnerty tallied a career-high 11 points against Providence and had a solid game versus Maryland, with six points, five rebounds, one block and one steal.

“Megan works extremely hard and is very fundamentally sound,” said Dunkenberger. “She received some



*Megan Finnerty*

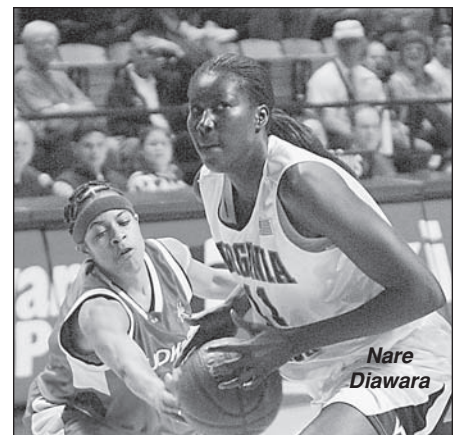
valuable experience last season and has a nice shooting touch both facing, and with her back to the basket.”

Nare Diawara, the tallest Hokie at 6-6, saw limited playing time as freshman as she adjusted to the more physical collegiate game. Diawara had seven points and seven rebounds with two blocks in the exhibition against WBC Ilirija.

“Nare looked great in her preseason workouts,” said Dunkenberger. “She does some things instinctively that you can’t teach and she has excellent timing in blocking shots. Nare has a real nice touch on the outside, even though she is 6-6, where she can step out and score.”

Junior college transfer Roshana Jackson will provide immediate depth and experience on the inside. Jackson was a third-team junior college All-American and led her Hiwassee team to seventh-place national finishes the past two seasons. She averaged 14 points with 10 rebounds and 2.5 blocks in her two-year career and was named to the all-conference and all-region teams both years.

“Roshana is a junior college All-American who is a force in the paint,” said Dunkenberger. “She is a great scorer and rebounder. The best thing about Roshana is that she has two years of college basketball experience and will be able to step in as a junior and contribute right away.”



*Nare Diawara*

# 2004-2005 Roster

## ALPHABETICAL LISTING

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School or College)
25	Britney Anderson	F	6-0	So.	Blacksburg, Va. (Blacksburg)
23	Dawn Chriss	G	6-1	Jr.	Hilcrest Heights, Md. (St. John's College HS)
21	Brittany Cook	G	6-0	Fr.	Narrows, Va. (Mercer Christian Academy)
5	Kirby Copeland	G	5-10	So.	Morrow, Ga. (Morrow)
11	Nare Diawara	C	6-6	So.	Bamako, Mali (Cheshire Academy)
45	Megan Finnerty	C	6-3	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Pius X)
32	Kerri Gardin	F	6-1	Jr.	Morganton, N.C. (Freedom)
54	Erin Gibson	F/C	6-2	Sr.	Galax, Va. (Carroll County)
50	Roshana Jackson	F	6-1	tr-Jr.	Norton, Va. (Hiwassee College)
1	Christie Marrone	G	5-6	Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. (St. John Villa Academy)
24	Carrie Mason	G	5-7	Jr.	Seneca, Pa. (Cranberry)
10	Fran Recchia	G	5-7	r-Jr.	Flower Mound, Texas (Marcus)

## NUMERICAL LISTING

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School or College)
1	Christie Marrone	G	5-6	Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. (St. John Villa Academy)
5	Kirby Copeland	G	5-10	So.	Morrow, Ga. (Morrow)
10	Fran Recchia	G	5-7	r-Jr.	Flower Mound, Texas (Marcus)
11	Nare Diawara	C	6-6	So.	Bamako, Mali (Cheshire Academy)
21	Brittany Cook	G	6-0	Fr.	Narrows, Va. (Mercer Christian Academy)
23	Dawn Chriss	G	6-1	Jr.	Hilcrest Heights, Md. (St. John's College HS)
24	Carrie Mason	G	5-7	Jr.	Seneca, Pa. (Cranberry)
25	Britney Anderson	F	6-0	So.	Blacksburg, Va. (Blacksburg)
32	Kerri Gardin	F	6-1	Jr.	Morganton, N.C. (Freedom)
45	Megan Finnerty	C	6-3	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Pius X)
50	Roshana Jackson	F	6-1	tr-Jr.	Norton, Va. (Hiwassee College)
54	Erin Gibson	F/C	6-2	Sr.	Galax, Va. (Carroll County)

**Head Coach:** Beth Dunkenburger

**Assistants:** Shellie Greenman, Bobbie Kelsey, Stacy Cantley

**Student Assistant Coach:** Rayna DuBose

**Director of Basketball Operations:** Jill Jameson

**Athletic Trainer:** Megan Rittler

**Managers:** Kelli Day, Lindsay Nelson, LaShawn Weston



*The Virginia Tech basketball team and supporters gathered for last year's NCAA Tournament Selection Show, when it was announced what teams would be playing first- and second-round games at Cassell Coliseum in Blacksburg.*

# Noting the Hokies

## TWENTY WINS AGAIN

• The Hokies achieved win number 20 against Pittsburgh last season, marking the seventh straight season that Virginia Tech has reached the milestone. In fact, reaching the magical 20-win mark has become a common occurrence for the women's basketball program over the last 12 years. Tech has posted ten 20+ win campaigns, including seven straight. The 1998-99 squad was the fastest in school history to reach 20 wins, accomplishing the feat in only 21 games. The 1993-94 and 1994-95 teams reached the mark in only 25 contests, the 2002-03 and 2003-04 squads made the mark in 26 games, the 1992-93 and 00-01 squads took 27 games and the 2001-02 hit the mark in 28 games. The 1997-98 team reached 20 wins in 29 games while the 1999-00 and 2001-02 teams reached the plateau in 30 outings.

## TECH SUCCESS

• Virginia Tech has averaged 23 wins over the previous seven seasons. The Hokies have advanced to the postseason every year, including five NCAA and two WNIT appearances.

Tech has won 145 of its last 198 games (73.2 percent) dating back to Feb. 14, 1998. During that span, the Hokies have only lost to Boston College (two times), Clemson, Connecticut (six times), Dayton, Duke, Florida State, Florida, Florida International, Georgetown, George Washington (two times), Georgia, Houston, LSU, Maryland, Massachusetts, Miami (three times), Notre Dame (five times), Old Dominion, Oregon, Providence, Purdue, Rutgers (four times), Syracuse, Tennessee, Texas Tech, Villanova (three times), Virginia (two times), West Virginia and Xavier (four times).

## HOKIES HISTORY

• With last season's 23-8 record, Virginia Tech posted the program's 16th winning season in 28 years of varsity competition. Last season's mark was the Hokies' seventh straight and tenth 20+ win season in the past 12 years. Tech has had ten losing seasons and two breakeven campaigns. The Hokies' best season was the 28-3 mark in 1999, while Tech's most losses in a season were the 21 defeats in 1996-97.

## SEASON TOURNEYS

• In the last seven seasons, the Hokies are 21-7 (75.0%) in regular-season tournaments, winning the Tech holiday tournament for the past six years. Overall, since the 1976-77 season, Virginia Tech is 51-36 (58.6%) in tournaments which are held during the regular season. The Hokies won the Paradise Jam last season defeating Iowa State and Mississippi State. They won their own Lady Luck Classic with wins over Furman and Wake Forest. This year Tech will participate in three regular season events — at the Minnesota tournament (Nov. 19-20), the Duel in the Desert in Las Vegas (Dec. 18-19), and the Lady Luck Classic (Dec. 28-29).

## ACROSS THE STATE

• In the last seven seasons, the Hokies have posted a 30-5 overall record against teams that hail from the state of Virginia. During the period, Tech is 18-0 at home and 12-5 against in-state opposition. Since the 1976-77 season, Virginia Tech has posted a 113-88 record overall vs. in-state foes, 65-25 at home, 46-49 on the road and 2-14 in neutral site games.

## VIRGINIA TECH IN POSTSEASON PLAY

### NCAA TOURNAMENT

Year	Seed	Region	Qualified	Round	Opponent	Results	Location
1994	8	East	Metro Tournament Champs	1st	Auburn	L 51-60	Blacksburg, Va.
1995	8	East	At-large bid	1st	St. Joseph's	W 62-52	Storrs, Conn.
				2nd	Connecticut	L 45-91	Storrs, Conn.
1998	11	West	Atlantic 10 Tournament Champs	1st	Wisconsin	W 75-64	Gainesville, Fla.
				2nd	Florida	L 57-89	Gainesville, Fla.
1999	4	East	At-large bid	1st	Saint Peter's	W 73-48	Blacksburg, Va.
				2nd	Auburn	W 76-61	Blacksburg, Va.
				Regional	Tennessee	L 52-68	Greensboro, N.C.
2001	7	Mideast	At-large bid	1st	Denver	W 77-57	Lubbock, Texas
				2nd	Texas Tech	L 52-73	Lubbock, Texas
2003	7	East	At-large bid	1st	Georgia Tech	W 61-59	West Lafayette, Ind.
				2nd	Purdue	L 62-80	West Lafayette, Ind.
2004	8	East	At-large bid	1st	Iowa	W 89-76	Blacksburg, Va.
				2nd	Penn State	L 48-61	Blacksburg, Va.

### WOMEN'S NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT

2000	-	-		1st	Georgia State	W 80-58	Blacksburg, Va.
				Sweet 16	Maryland	L 60-68 (OT)	Blacksburg, Va.
2002	-	-		1st	UNC Greensboro	W 51-45	Blacksburg, Va.
				2nd	George Washington	W 68-52	Blacksburg, Va.
				Quarterfinal	Vermont	W 76-48	Blacksburg, Va.
				Semifinal	Houston	L 72-77 (OT)	Blacksburg, Va.



## DEFENDING THE CASSELL

• Over the last seven seasons, the Hokies have posted an 87-17 record (.837) at Cassell Coliseum. Overall, the program has posted a 255-105 (.708) home record since the addition of women's basketball as a varsity sport in 1976-77. The Hokies were 15-0 at home in 1999-00 and won 18-straight regular-season home games until the Georgia loss on November 17, 1999. Tech was 13-1 at home in 2002-03, and the Hokies have won 79 of their last 94 home games including a 13-2 mark this season. More recently, Tech has won 32 of the last 36 home contests over the past three years. Tech has defeated 13 of the last 14 non-conference opponents at home and 27 of the last 29. The last two non-conference home losses both occurred on Mar. 23, a 77-72 overtime defeat in 2002 against Houston in the WNIT semifinals and a 61-48 loss to Penn State in the 2004 NCAA Second Round.

## LOVE THOSE HOKIES

• The play of the Virginia Tech women's basketball program at home has not gone unnoticed by the Hokie faithful. The following has paid huge dividends for the team for its performances at the Cassell, serving as the team's sixth man on the court.

Last season, the Hokies had three of their largest crowds in the history of the program. Over 7,200 fans attended the Connecticut game on Jan. 27, 2004, marking the seventh largest crowd in the history of Cassell Coliseum while over 7,100 attended the Penn State game in the NCAA Second Round which was the eighth largest crowd. Tech also drew 6,364 fans, tenth largest, on Feb. 28 for the Pittsburgh contest.

In 1999, Tech set eight of the program's then 10 best single-game attendance marks and averaged a record 5,221 fans per game, ranking 13<sup>th</sup> nationally. In Tech's first-round NCAA Tournament win over St. Peter's, the Hokies recorded the program's first sellout crowd with 10,052 on hand.

In 2001-02, the Hokies averaged 2,577 in 17 home games which was 33rd best in the nation. The Hokies drew 6,069 against #1 Connecticut that year, which was the eighth-largest crowd and had 5,370 on hand for the WNIT semifinal contest against Houston. Tech averaged 3,685 for 16 home games last year, which ranked 26th in the nation.

## TOP 10 CASSELL COLISEUM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CROWDS

10,052	.....	Tech 73, St. Peter's 48*	.....	Mar. 13, 1999
9,812	.....	Tech 76, Auburn 61*	.....	Mar. 15, 1999
9,724	.....	Tech 62, Xavier 60	.....	Feb. 5, 1999
8,373	.....	Tech 65, St. Joseph's 56	.....	Jan. 22, 1999
8,079	.....	Tech 66, George Washington 64	.....	Feb. 21, 1999
7,402	.....	Connecticut 90, Tech 38	.....	Feb. 7, 2001
<b>7,211</b>	.....	<b>Connecticut 68, Tech 50</b>	.....	<b>Jan. 27, 2004</b>
<b>7,128</b>	.....	<b>Penn State 61, Tech 48</b>	.....	<b>Mar. 28, 2004</b>
7,043	.....	Tech 62, LaSalle 35	.....	Feb. 7, 1999
<b>6,364</b>	.....	<b>Tech 85, Pittsburgh 55</b>	.....	<b>Feb. 28, 2004</b>

\* - NCAA Tournament



## EXPERIENCED CAST RETURNS

• This year's edition of the Virginia Tech women's basketball features four returning starters along with four reserves who saw considerable playing time last season. The Tech offense will be directed for the third year by Carrie Mason (5-7, Jr., G, Seneca, Pa.) who was second on the team in scoring, averaging 11.5 per contest, second in assists (84) and led the team in minutes played (35.8). Mason, a member of the 2002-03 BIG EAST All-Rookie team, set a school record for most three-point field goals by a sophomore with 51 and already ranks third on the career list with 93. She equaled her career-high with 24 points last season against Mississippi State in the championship game of the Paradise Jam tournament.

Dawn Chriss (6-1, Jr., G., Hillcrest Heights, Md.) returns following a solid sophomore year. Chriss was third in scoring and rebounding after seeing very few minutes as a freshman. She was third in assists and had her first career double-double against Liberty.

The lone senior on the team, Erin Gibson (6-2, Sr., F/C, Galax, Va.) will be counted on heavily to help replace the loss of Ieva Kublina. Gibson led the team in rebounding, was third in blocks and fourth in scoring. She grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds against Furman in the first round of the Lady Luck Classic.

The fourth returning starter is the versatile Kerri Gardin (6-1, Jr., Morganton, N.C.) who led the team in assists (90), was third in rebounding as well as steals. Gardin recorded four double-doubles last season including consecutive games at West Virginia, versus Miami and at Seton Hall.

Other returnees include Kirby Copeland (5-10, So., G, Morrow, Ga.), Fran Recchia (5-7, r-Jr., Flower Mound, Texas), Megan Finnerty (6-3, Jr., C, Atlanta, Ga.), Britney Anderson (6-0, So., F, Blacksburg, Va.) and Nare Diawara (6-6, So., C, Bamako, Mali).

## CAREER DOUBLE-DOUBLES

(current players only)

### Erin Gibson (11)

12/29/03	vs. Wake Forest	13 points, 10 rebounds
12/28/03	vs. Furman	14 points, 16 rebounds
12/21/03	at James Madison	15 points, 12 rebounds
12/7/03	at Alabama	13 points, 12 rebounds
11/21/03	vs. Miami (Ohio)	14 points, 10 rebounds
1/22/03	vs. Rutgers	13 points, 10 rebounds
1/18/03	at West Virginia	13 points, 13 rebounds
12/29/02	vs. Duquesne	14 points, 10 rebounds
12/7/02	vs. James Madison	22 points, 13 rebounds
2/13/02	at Providence	15 points, 10 rebounds
1/12/02	at Georgetown	18 points, 14 rebounds

### Kerri Gardin (4)

3/6/04	vs. Georgetown	14 points, 16 rebounds
2/18/04	at Seton Hall	11 points, 12 rebounds
2/14/04	vs. Miami	13 points, 14 rebounds
12/29/03	vs. Wake Forest	13 points, 13 rebounds

### Dawn Chriss (1)

1/2/04	vs. Liberty	15 points, 12 rebounds
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## 2003-04 SEASON DOUBLE-DOUBLES

### Erin Gibson (5)

12/29/03	vs. Wake Forest	13 points, 10 rebounds
12/28/03	vs. Furman	14 points, 16 rebounds
12/21/03	at James Madison	15 points, 12 rebounds
12/7/03	at Alabama	13 points, 12 rebounds
11/21/03	vs. Miami (Ohio)	14 points, 10 rebounds

### Kerri Gardin (4)

3/6/04	vs. Georgetown	14 points, 16 rebounds
2/18/04	at Seton Hall	11 points, 12 rebounds
2/14/04	vs. Miami	13 points, 12 rebounds
12/29/03	vs. Wake Forest	13 points, 13 rebounds

### Dawn Chriss (1)

1/2/04	vs. Liberty	15 points, 12 rebounds
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## MASON PAVES THE WAY

• Junior point-guard Carrie Mason, who tied a career-high with four treys vs. Iowa in the NCAA EAST Region First Round, avoided a sophomore slump last year following arguably the best freshman season in Tech history. Mason was named the Paradise Jam Most Valuable Player after leading the Hokies to the championship. She was second on the team in scoring (11.5), first in three-point field goals (51) and third in career three-point field goals (93), first in steals (58) and first in minutes played (35.8). Mason was named to the 2002-03 BIG EAST Conference All-Rookie team and was selected on one occasion as the BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Week (12/9/02). She was an honorable mention selection to the *womenscollegehoops.com* All-American Freshman team. In 2002-03, Mason set the school record for assists by a freshman with 106, which also led the team. Mason came through in the clutch for the Hokies on several occasions during her freshman year, hitting game-winning shots against Notre Dame (53-50) in the regular season and against Georgia Tech (61-59) in the 2003 NCAA First Round as well as nailing a three-pointer to force a game at Miami into overtime.

## DAWN OF A NEW ERA

• Junior Dawn Chriss came into her own last season after averaging only 3.2 points and 1.8 rebounds during her freshman campaign. Chriss was second on the team in field goal percentage (.482), third in scoring (10.2), second in blocks (28), first in free throw percentage (.837) and third in rebounding (4.7). She has scored in double figures in 20 career games and registered her first collegiate double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds against Liberty (1/2/04).

## A STEADY INSIDE FORCE

• Senior center Erin Gibson produced another solid season last year averaging 9.3 points and 6.9 rebounds while blocking 24 shots. She led the team in field goal percentage (.485) and improved her free throw shooting from 50.8 percent in the 2002-03 season to 60.2 percent (65-108) last year. Gibson led the team with five double-doubles last year and was named the Lady Luck Classic Most Valuable Player after leading the Hokies to two wins averaging 13.5 points and eight rebounds.

## GARDIN PARTY SEEING DOUBLE

• Sophomore Kerri Gardin recorded her fourth double-double of the year with 14 points and a career-high 16 rebounds against Georgetown in the First Round of the 2004 BIG EAST Championship. She recorded the first three double-doubles of her collegiate career last season in consecutive contests at West Virginia (13 pts., 10 reb.), Miami (13 pts., 14 reb.) and at Seton Hall (11 pts., 12 reb.). In her last 10 games of the 2003-04 season, Gardin averaged 10.3 points and 8.2 rebounds. She scored in double figures 11 times, had six or more boards in nine games and blocked two or more shots on five occasions.

## SWAT TEAM

• Virginia Tech blocked 161 shots last season for an average of 5.2 rejections per contest and blocked five of more shots 17 times. Tech tied a season-high with 11 blocks vs. Iowa in the NCAA EAST Region First Round game. Ieva Kublina led the team with 73 blocks followed by Dawn Chriss with 28. The Hokies also blocked 161 shots during the 2001-02 season, an average of 5.0 per game. In 2002-03, the Hokies blocked five or more shots in 19 games led by Kublina with 86, the highest single-season total in school history.

## GIBSON, MASON CLIMBING THE CHARTS

• Senior Erin Gibson and junior Carrie Mason continue to move up the Virginia Tech career lists in several categories.

### Points (Career)

1.	1983-87	Renee Dennis, 115 games	1791
2.	97-01	Tere Williams, 118 games	1750
3.	00-	Ieva Kublina, 126 games	1647
4.	91-95	Jenny Root, 117 games	1582
5.	91-95	Christi Osborne, 117 games	1500
6.	96-01	Amy Wetzel, 129 games	1444
7.	99-03	Chrystal Starling, 121 games	1340
8.	86-90	Amy Byrne, 113 games	1291
9.	82-86	Susan Walvius, 105 games	1161
10.	81-85	Robin Lee, 112 games	1147
11.	95-99	Michelle Houseright, 115 games	1112
12.	97-02	Sarah Hicks, 119 games	1092
13.	82-86	Angie Kelly, 104 games	1092
14.	94-99	Michelle Bain, 110 games	1068
15.	89-93	Lisa Griffith, 102 games	1033
	<b>01-</b>	<b>Erin Gibson, 92 games</b>	<b>789</b>
	<b>02-</b>	<b>Carrie Mason, 63 games</b>	<b>696</b>

### Field Goals Made (Career)

1.	1997-01	Tere Williams, 119 games	694
2.	83-87	Jeni Garber, 115 games	680
3.	91-95	Jenny Root, 117 games	626
4.	00-	Ieva Kublina, 126 games	613
5.	91-95	Christi Osborne, 117 games	581
6.	82-86	Susan Walvius, 105 games	505
7.	86-90	Amy Byrne, 113 games	479
8.	99-03	Chrystal Starling, 121 games	462
9.	82-86	Angie Kelly, 104 games	451
10.	84-88	Michelle Bain, 110 games	447

### Three-Point Field Goals Made (Career)

1.	1997-02	Sarah Hicks, 119 games	157
2.	88-91	Jeni Garber, 56 games	127
3.	<b>02-</b>	<b>Carrie Mason, 63 games</b>	<b>93</b>
4.	87-92	Dayna Sonovick, 85 games	84
5.	00-	Ieva Kublina, 126 games	77
6.	91-95	Christi Osborne, 117 games	71
7.	96-01	Amy Wetzel, 129 games	67
8.	99-03	Chrystal Starling, 121 games	65
9.	94-98	Renee Maitland, 99 games	64
	89-93	Lisa Griffith, 102 games	64

### Free Throws Made (Career)

1.	1996-01	Amy Wetzel, 129 games	489
2.	83-87	Renee Dennis, 115 games	431
3.	97-01	Tere Williams, 118 games	361
4.	99-03	Chrystal Starling, 121 games	351
5.	00-	Ieva Kublina, 126 games	344
6.	86-90	Amy Byrne, 113 games	333
7.	91-95	Jenny Root, 117 games	329
8.	81-85	Robin Lee, 112 games	289
9.	86-90	Missy Sallade, 108 games	270
10.	91-95	Christi Osborne, 117 games	267

### Blocked Shots (Career)

1.	<b>00-</b>	<b>Ieva Kublina, 126 games</b>	<b>256</b>
2.	1982-86	Susan Walvius, 105 games	204
3.	91-95	Jenny Root, 117 games	133
4.	84-88	Michelle Bain, 110 games	109
5.	96-00	Kim Seaver, 85 games	106
6.	79-81	Julie Williams, 82 games	82
7.	<b>01-</b>	<b>Erin Gibson, 92 games</b>	<b>78</b>
8.	89-93	Lisa Griffith, 102 games	77
9.	86-90	Missy Sallade, 108 games	71
10.	00-01	Tere Williams, 118 games	67

### Rebounds (Career)

1.	1997-01	Tere Williams, 118 games	853
2.	00-	Ieva Kublina, 126 games	845
3.	91-95	Jenny Root, 117 games	815
4.	83-87	Renee Dennis, 115 games	792
5.	79-83	Tammie Edwards, 107 games	748
6.	82-86	Susan Walvius, 105 games	644
7.	84-88	Michelle Bain, 110 games	619
8.	86-90	Amy Byrne, 113 games	618
9.	86-90	Missy Sallade, 108 games	610
10.	95-99	Michelle Houseright, 115 games	609
	<b>01-</b>	<b>Erin Gibson, 92 games</b>	<b>579</b>

## 2003-2004 MISCELLANEOUS STATS VIRGINIA TECH'S RECORD WHEN:

The starting lineup is:	
Kublina, Chriss, Gardin, Gibson, Mason	21-8
Kublina, Chriss, Anderson, Gibson, Mason	1-0
Kublina, Chriss, Mason, Fowler, Simmons	1-0
Virginia Tech controls the tip	17-5
Opponent controls the tip	6-3
At home	13-3
On the road	7-5
At a neutral site	3-0
Playing a team with a .500+ record	11-7
Playing a team with a .500 record	4-1
Playing a team with a below .500 record	8-0
Leading at the half	18-3
Opponent leads at the half	5-5
There is a tie at the half	0-0
Leading with five minutes left	22-1
Opponent leads with five minutes left	0-7
There is a tie with five minutes left	1-0
Leading with one minute left	23-0
Opponent leads with one minute left	0-6
There is a tie with one minute left	0-1
Outrebounding opponent	17-2
Opponent outrebounds Virginia Tech	6-5
The the teams have the same amount rebounds	0-1
Shooting 50% or better from floor	5-0
Shooting less than 50% from floor	18-8
Having more field goal attempts than opponent	8-2
Opponent has more field goal attempts	14-6
The teams have the same amount of field goal attempts	1-0
Having more three-point attempts than opponent	6-3
Opponent has more three-point attempts	15-5
The teams have the same amount of three-point attempts	2-0
Having more free throw attempts than opponent	20-4
Opponent has more free throw attempts	3-4
The teams have the same amount of free throw attempts	0-0
Opponent shoots 50% or better from floor	1-1
Opponent shoots less than 50% from floor	22-7
Having more turnovers than opponent	8-5
Opponent has more turnovers than Virginia Tech	14-2
Turnovers are the same	1-1
Blocking more shots than opponent	14-2
Opponent blocks more shots	6-4
Blocks are the same	3-2
Having more steals	12-2
Opponent has more steals	9-6
Steals are the same	2-0
The bench outscores the opponent's bench	9-2
Opponent's bench outscores Virginia Tech	14-6
Both benches score the same	0-0
Scoring under 60 points	3-7
Scoring 60-69 points	11-1
Scoring 70-79 points	5-0
Scoring 80-89 points	4-0
Scoring 90-99 points	0-0
Opponent scores under 60 points	16-3
Opponent scores 60-69 points	4-4
Opponent scores 70-79 points	3-1
Opponent scores 80-89 points	0-0
Opponent scores 90-99 points	0-0
Playing in November	4-0
Playing in December	6-0
Playing in January	6-4
Playing in February	4-2
Playing in March	3-2
Playing on Monday	1-0
Playing on Tuesday	2-3
Playing on Wednesday	4-1
Playing on Thursday	0-0
Playing on Friday	3-0
Playing on Saturday	7-3
Playing on Sunday	6-1
Wearing maroon uniforms	8-4
Wearing orange uniforms	0-2
Wearing white uniforms	15-2

## QUICK OUT OF THE STARTING GATE

• Virginia Tech's 12-0 start last year marked only the second time in the program's history that a team opened the season with 12 straight victories. The 1998-99 team opened the year at 18-0 en route to a 28-3 campaign and an NCAA "Sweet Sixteen" appearance.

## TECH IN CONFERENCE GAMES

• In the past seven years, the Hokies have posted a 76-35 (68.5%) record in conference games, 44-12 at home and 32-23 on the road. Since the 1976-77 season, Virginia Tech has posted a 166-129 record in conference games, 104-45 at home and 62-84 on the road. This year Tech was 10-6 in league play, 6-2 at home and 4-4 away.

## YEAR-BY-YEAR CONFERENCE RECORDS

Year	Conference	Record
1981-82	Metro	0-5
1982-83	Metro	2-3
1983-84	Metro	4-6
1984-85	Metro	4-6
1985-86	Metro	4-6
1985-86	Metro	7-5
1987-88	Metro	4-8
1988-89	Metro	7-5
1989-90	Metro	8-6
1990-91	Metro	8-6
1991-92	Metro	3-9
1992-93	Metro	8-4
1993-94	Metro	9-3
1994-95	Metro	10-2
1995-96	A-10	8-8
1996-97	A-10	4-12
1997-98	A-10	11-5
1998-99	A-10	15-1
1999-00	A-10	11-5
2000-01	BIG EAST	11-5
2001-02	BIG EAST	9-7
2002-03	BIG EAST	10-6
2003-04	BIG EAST	10-6
<b>Totals</b>		<b>166-129</b>

## TECH IN NON-CONFERENCE

• The last seven years, Tech has enjoyed great success in non-conference games posting a 77-26 (74.8 percent) record in non-conference games overall, 43-6 at home, 22-15 away and 12-5 at neutral sites. Since the 1976-77 season, Tech is 259-199 overall, 149-57 at home, 80-102 away and 30-40 on neutral floors. Tech was a 13-2 last season versus non-conference foes.

## TOE'IN THE LINE

• Virginia Tech made a living out of getting to the free throw line last season. The Hokies led the opposition in charity tosses (654-468) and outscored opponents 473-315 at the line for an average of 5.1 points per game. Tech was especially accurate in the waning moments of games shooting 72.7 percent (64-88) in the last five minutes and 82.8 (53-64) in the final two minutes. In the last 17 games of the year, the Hokies shot 72.2 percent (242-335).

## INTERNATIONAL HOKIES

• The Virginia Tech women's basketball program will venture outside the United States in August with a trip to Australia. The Hokies will depart Blacksburg on August 7 for the 12 day trip including five games and stops in Sydney, Brisbane, and Cairns. Tech previously traveled to Europe in the summer of 2000, comfortably winning all four games against competition from France and Switzerland. Additionally, Chrystal Starling was a member of the BIG EAST All-Star team which toured Germany in the summer of 2001.

# Coaching Staff

## Beth Dunkenberger

### Head Women's Basketball Coach



Beth Dunkenberger was named the fifth head women's basketball coach at Virginia Tech on April 6, 2004.

"I believe Beth Dunkenberger is the right person to lead the Virginia Tech women's basketball program into the Atlantic Coast Conference," Virginia Tech Director of Athletics Jim Weaver said. "She is a personable and energetic young woman who is committed to building upon the momentum Virginia Tech has in place in women's basketball."

Dunkenberger comes to Blacksburg after guiding Western Carolina to a 65-50 record, including a 14-17 mark last season when the sixth-seeded Catamounts won three games to advance to the Southern Conference Tournament finals. The program had only won a total of four tournament games in its 20 years in the Southern Conference prior to last season's historic run in the event.

The Catamounts came up with huge wins during the 2002-03 season, including a 73-69 victory over Chattanooga on the road and clinching second place in the SoCon heading into the league tournament with a 64-54 win over UNC Greensboro.

Dunkenberger's efforts earned her 2002-03 Southern Conference Coach of the Year honors as the Catamounts finished the season with a 21-7 record, the program's best since beginning NCAA Division I competition in 1981-82. It was the first time a WCU women's basketball coach had received the recognition.

In Dunkenberger's first season (2000-01), the Cats posted a 13-15 record, marking the program's most wins in 12 seasons. She backed that up with a 17-11 scoresheet in the 2001-02 season. Dunkenberger reached 50 wins faster than any other head coach in the program's history.

Not only have her teams been successful, but her student-athletes themselves garnered several awards and recognition during the Dunkenberger era at Western Carolina. Last season, Tiffany Hamm was named to the SoCon All-Conference team after being voted the 2002-03 Player of the Year by the SoCon Sports Media Association. Hamm also earned 2002-03 all-conference honors along with teammate Jennifer Gardner, while Erin May graced the all-freshman team this season. It was the fourth consecutive year a WCU athlete was represented on the all-rookie list.

In addition to the athletic honors, Yoneko Allen was named to the 2004 Verizon Academic All-America third team after being named to the All-District III team for the third consecutive season. She is also a two-time Arthur Ashe, Jr., Sports Scholar along with teammate Christy Blackwell who received the honor last year. Laura Echols racked up quite a number of honors in her last two seasons under Dunkenberger's tutelage. Echols was named to the 2001 and 2002 Verizon Academic All-District III teams, the 2001 and 2002 all-conference teams and a SoCon Player of the Week three times.

Other Catamounts receiving honors under Dunkenberger's guidance include 2001 Conference Freshman of the Year Tiffany Hamm, who was the SoCon rookie leading scorer that year with 12.0 ppg; Ki-Ki Glass, who was named to the 2002 SoCon All-Freshman team; Jennifer Gardner, who was named a SoCon Player of the Week in 2002; and Yoneko Allen, who was named to the 2002 Verizon Academic All-District III second team, an Arthur Ashe, Jr., Sports Scholar and Western Carolina's 2002 Female Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Dunkenberger's emphasis on the importance of academics is easily recognized. Her 2000-01 squad finished in the top 25 in the nation for women's basketball programs academically, ranking sixth with an overall team GPA of 3.313.

During Dunkenberger's three-year tenure as an assistant coach, the last as recruiting coordinator, at the University of Florida, she helped the Gators to a 63-36 overall record. The Lady Gators advanced to postseason play all three years she was there, with the 1997-98 team

#### Personal

Birthplace: Roanoke, Va.  
Hometown: Shawsville, Va.

#### Education

<b>Virginia Tech</b> (Blackburg, Va.)	
M.S. Education- Sports Management	<b>1988-90</b>
<b>Randolph-Macon</b> (Ashland, Va.)	<b>1984-88</b>
B.S. Mathematics	

#### Playing Career

<b>Randolph-Macon</b>	<b>1984-88</b>
All-conference selection	
Academic District All-American	
Top student-athlete in 1988	

#### Coaching Career

<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>Graduate Assistant</b>	<b>1988-90</b>
	<b>Assistant Coach</b>	<b>1990-97</b>
Metro Conference tournament title		1993-94
NCAA first round		1993-94
Metro Conference regular season title		1994-95
NCAA second round		1994-95
<b>Florida</b>	<b>Assistant Coach</b>	<b>1997-00</b>
NCAA Sweet 16		1997-98
NCAA Tournament		1998-99
NIT Championship Runner-up		1999-00
<b>Western Carolina</b>	<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>2000-04</b>
Southern Conference Coach of the Year		2002-03
Most victories in school history (21)		2002-03
Southern Conference tournament runner-up		2003-04

making an appearance in the Sweet Sixteen. While in Gainesville, Dunkenberger had the opportunity to help coach five players who are currently, or were previously, on rosters in the WNBA.

Dunkenberger is no stranger to the Virginia Tech women's basketball program, having served on Carol Alfano's staff for nine years. (1988-97). She worked as a graduate assistant for two years before being promoted to a full-time assistant position. She helped lead the Hokies to the 1994 and 1995 NCAA Tournaments, the first two appearances in school history. Dunkenberger not only helped lead Tech to two NCAA Tournaments, but also to the Metro Conference Tournament championship in 1994 and the Metro Conference regular season championship in 1995. She served three years as recruiting coordinator and was responsible for signing Tere Williams, the first *Parade* All-American in the school's history. In addition, Dunkenberger assisted in recruiting seven members of the Tech 1,000-point club and four of the top six scorers in the program's history.

Dunkenberger was valedictorian at Shawsville High School and graduated cum laude from Randolph-Macon College with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics in 1988. She was named academic all-district as well as all-conference. She continued her education by earning a Master of Science degree in education at Virginia Tech in 1990. Dunkenberger also served as the commencement speaker at both her high school and her undergraduate graduation ceremonies. A native of Shawsville, Va., she is the daughter of Tom and Rebecca Dunkenberger.



# Shellie Greenman

## Assistant Coach & Recruiting Coordinator

Shellie Greenman returns to the Virginia Tech staff after serving on Beth Dunkenberger's staff as associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at Western Carolina. Greenman previously served on Carol Alfano's Virginia Tech staff from 1988-93.

As the recruiting coordinator for Western Carolina, Greenman organized all recruiting efforts. She continues those duties at Tech, and is also responsible for coaching the guards and working with the offense.

"Shellie has been instrumental in finding the right players to help us build a championship program," Dunkenberger said. "It takes more than just talented athletes to win. We need players who are dedicated and hard working, who are competitive, who put our team first and who are also good people. Shellie searches far and wide to find those special people."

Greenman has been coaching at the Division I level for 15 years. She worked

previously at Western Carolina under Head Coach Gary Peters from 1993-96. Greenman has also completed stints at Miami University (Ohio) and Tennessee-Chattanooga. She has the impressive distinction of having recruited a player who was named the Conference Rookie of the Year at each of the three schools.

Greenman earned her Bachelor's degree in 1988 from Emory and Henry College and went on to earn her Master's in 1990 at Virginia Tech. At the start of her career, Greenman worked as an assistant coach with Dunkenberger for five years at Virginia Tech. A four-year letterwinner in basketball at Emory and Henry, Greenman led her team to the ODAC Conference championship in 1988 as she was named to the all-tournament team. The daughter of Bill and Joan Greenman, she originally hails from Blacksburg, Va. In her spare time, she enjoys playing with her nephews, Austin and Jake.

### Personal

**Birthplace:** Asheville, N.C.  
**Hometown:** Blacksburg, Va.

### Education

**Virginia Tech** (Blacksburg, Va.)  
M.S. Education - Health and PE, 1988-90

**Emory & Henry** (Emory, Va.), 1984-88  
B.S. Physical Education

### Playing Career

**Emory & Henry**, 1984-88  
*1988 ODAC regular and tournament champions*  
*1988 ODAC All-tournament team*

### Coaching Career

**Virginia Tech:** Volunteer Asst. Coach, 1988-90  
Restricted Earnings Coach, 1990-93

**Western Carolina:** Asst. Coach, 1993-96

**Tenn.-Chattanooga:** Asst. Coach, 1996-98

**Miami University:** Asst. Coach, 1998-00

**Western Carolina:** Assoc. Head Coach, 2000-04  
*Most Victories in School History (21), 2002-03*  
*Southern Conf. tournament runner-up, 2003-04*



# Bobbie Kelsey

## Assistant Women's Basketball Coach

Bobbie Kelsey, a native of Decatur, Ga., is in her third year on Beth Dunkenberger's staff.

As a player, Kelsey had an outstanding collegiate career at Stanford University. She helped the Cardinal to three Final Four appearances in five years and was a member of the 1992 National Championship team. Kelsey was a team co-captain in 1995 and 1996, voted the team's most inspirational player in 1992 and 1996, and named the team's most improved player in 1993. She earned her B.A. in communication from Stanford in 1996.

While at Western Carolina, Kelsey coached the post players and assisted with recruiting and camps. She coached 2002-03 SoCon Player of the Year Tiffany Hamm as well as Jennifer Gardner, the league's most accurate shooter that same year, making over 51 percent of her shots.

Kelsey spent the 2000-02 seasons as the top assistant and recruiting coordinator for

the University of Evansville. Prior to her stint with the Aces, she was an assistant coach at the University of Florida for two seasons where she was responsible for film exchange, scouting and coaching the posts. Kelsey helped the Lady Gators to back-to-back post-season appearances, including an NCAA Tournament trip in 1999 and a trip to the WNIT Championship game in 2000.

Prior to her tenure at Florida, Kelsey served as a practice player for the Atlanta Glory of the American Basketball League for one year and as an assistant at Boise State University for one season.

"We are extremely pleased to have Bobbie here with us," said Dunkenberger. "I had the opportunity to work with her at Florida for two years and know that she brings a strong competitive attitude to our program. Having played in three Final Fours and been a part of a National Championship team at Stanford, she brings a wealth of successful experience to our team."

### Personal

**Birthplace:** Pontiac, Mich.  
**Hometown:** Decatur, Ga.

### Education

**Stanford** (Stanford, Calif.), 1991-96  
B.A. Communication

### Playing Career

**Stanford**, 1991-96  
*National Champions, 1991-92*  
*1992, '95, '96 Final Fours*  
*1993, '94 Regional Semifinals*  
*Four Pac-10 Championships*  
*1994-95 & 95-96 Co-captain*  
*1992 & '96 Team Most Inspirational Player*  
*Team Most Improved Player, 1993-94*

**Atlanta Glory (ABL)**, 1997-98  
*Practice player*

### Coaching Career

**Boise State:** Asst. Coach, 1996-97

**Florida:** Asst. Coach, 1998-00  
*NCAA Tournament, 1998-99*  
*WNIT Runner-up, 1999-00*

**Evansville:** Asst. Coach, 2000-02

**Western Carolina:** Asst. Coach, 2002-04  
*Most Victories in School History (21), 2002-03*  
*Southern Conf. tournament runner-up, 2003-04*



# Stacy Cantley

## Assistant Women's Basketball Coach

Stacy Cantley begins her sixth season as a collegiate coach and fourth on Dunkenberger's staff. She also oversees all conditioning programs for the team.

Prior to joining Dunkenberger's staff at WCU, Cantley was an assistant coach at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington for three seasons. While at Wilmington, Cantley scouted, produced highlight tapes and coordinated scheduling for the team. She also developed the perimeter and post players. Cantley has been a member of the Women's

Basketball Coaches Association since 1999.

"We are very excited to have someone with Stacy's experience on our staff," stated Dunkenberger. "She is a tireless worker who is a huge asset to our program."

Cantley earned her Bachelor's degree in physical education in 1999 from UNC Wilmington, where she was a four-year letterwinner in basketball. Cantley finished her career at Wilmington on the school's top 10 all-time list in rebounds.

Born in Beckley, W.Va., Stacy is the daughter of Larry and Patricia Cantley.

### Personal

Birthplace: Beckley, W.Va.  
Hometown: Beckley, W.Va.

### Education

**UNC Wilmington** (Wilmington, N.C.), 1994-99  
B.A. Physical Education

### Playing Career

**UNC Wilmington**, 1994-98  
Top 10 career rebounds  
Four-year letterwinner

### Coaching Career

**UNC Wilmington**: Student Coach, 1998-99  
Restricted Earnings Coach, 1999-00  
Asst. Coach, 2000-01

**Western Carolina**: Assistant Coach, 2001-04  
*Most Victories in School History (21), 2002-03*  
*Southern Conf. tournament runner-up, 2003-04*



# Jill Jameson

## Director of Basketball Operations

Jill Jameson joins the women's basketball staff this year in the position of director of basketball operations.

"We are thrilled to have Jill back on the staff at Virginia Tech," said Dunkenberger. "Jill is a graduate of Virginia Tech and was an assistant coach when we won the program's first conference regular season and tournament titles and advanced into the NCAA Tournament. Her 11 years of college coaching experience will be a tremendous asset to the program."

Jameson earned a Master of Science degree in education from Virginia Tech in 1995 and returns to Blacksburg, Va., after serving as assistant women's basketball coach at Marquette University for the past three years. At Marquette, Jameson served as recruiting coordinator, assisted with on-court coaching specializing in the development of the guards, assisted in film evaluation and scouting, and organized the marketing and promotions for the women's basketball program.

Prior to her time at Marquette, Jameson

was an assistant at Tennessee-Chattanooga (1998-2001) where she helped the program capture two Southern Conference regular season championships (2000, '01), the 2001 SoCon tournament title, an appearance in the 2001 NCAA Tournament as well as the 2000 WNIT Second Round.

Jameson was assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Francis Marion (1997-98), which won the 1998 Peach Belt Athletic Conference tournament title and advanced to the NCAA Division II Final Four. She began her coaching career at Virginia Tech (1993-97) as an assistant coach after receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Iowa. While on the Tech staff, Jameson assisted with all aspects of the program both on and off the court.

In the Director of Basketball Operations position at Virginia Tech, Jameson will coordinate team travel, serve as a liaison with the Hardwood Club including the Annual Women's Basketball Auction, coordinate film exchange and community service work for the team and will be the director of women's basketball summer camps.

### Personal

Birthplace: Tell City, Ind.  
Hometown: North Vernon, Ind.

### Education

**Virginia Tech** (Blacksburg, Va.), 1993-95  
M.S. Education  
**Northern Iowa** (Cedar Falls, Iowa), 1988-93  
B.S. Physical Education

### Playing Career

**Northern Iowa**, 1988-92  
Four-year letterwinner, three-year starter

**Athletes in Action**, 1997  
Member of Australia tour team

### Coaching Career

**Virginia Tech**: Assistant Coach, 1995-97  
Graduate Assistant, 1993-95  
*Metro Conference tournament title, 1993-94*  
*NCAA first round, 1993-94*  
*Metro Conference regular season title, 1994-95*  
*NCAA second round, 1994-95*

**Francis Marion**: Assistant Coach, 1997-98  
*Division II Final Four, 1997-98*  
*Peach Belt Athletic Conf. Champions, 1997-98*  
*Peach Belt Athletic Conf. Tourn. Champs, 1997-98*

**Chattanooga**: Assistant Coach, 1998-01  
*2001 Southern Conf. reg. season co-champions*  
*2001 Southern Conf. tournament champions*  
*2001 NCAA Tournament*  
*2000 Southern Conf. regular season champions*  
*2000 WNIT First Round*

**Marquette**: Assistant Coach, 2001-04  
*2004 NCAA Second Round*  
*2003 WNIT Second Round*



**Megan Rittler**  
Athletic Trainer



**Torye Hurst**  
Sports Information



**Dianne Santolla**  
Secretary



**LaShawn Weston**  
Manager



**Kelli Day**  
Manager



**Lindsey Nelson**  
Manager

# Meet the Hokies



## Erin Gibson

# #54

**6-2 • Senior • Forward/Center  
Galax, Va. • Carroll County H.S.**

Named to the 2004 Academic All-America District III University Division Second Team ... First on the team in rebounding, third in blocks and fourth in scoring ... Second in field goal percentage ... Named the 2002 Lady Luck Classic Most Valuable Player ... Scored a career-high 24 points against Radford (12/31/02) ... Had a career-high 16 rebounds against Furman in the first round of the Lady Luck Classic (12/28/03) ... Twice named to the BIG EAST Academic All-star team ... Named to the Lady Luck Classic All-tournament team.

**2003-04:** Had 15 points and 12 rebounds against WBC Ilirija ... Scored 14 points with 10 rebounds vs. Miami of Ohio (11/21/03) ... Had six points and six rebounds at Virginia (11/23/03) ... Led team with 14 points, four rebounds and three blocks against Iowa State (11/28/03) ... Had eight points and 11 rebounds vs. Mississippi State in the Paradise Jam championship game (11/29/03) ... Scored 20 points with nine rebounds, two blocks, two steals and an assist against Old Dominion (12/03/03) ... Had 13 points and 12 rebounds at Alabama (12/7/03) ... Scored six points with five rebounds versus Maryland (12/13/03) ... Registered a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds at James Madison (12/21/03) ... Had a double-double with 14 points and a career-high 16 rebounds against Furman (12/28/03) ... Recorded third straight double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds against Wake Forest (12/29/03) ... Scored eight points versus Liberty (1/2/04) ... Had four points and five rebounds in 18 minutes against Providence (1/4/04) ... Tallied 11 points with nine rebounds at Rutgers (1/7/04) ... Had eight points and seven rebounds at Notre Dame (1/10/04) ... Scored two points with four rebounds against #19 Villanova (1/14/04)

... Had ten points and four rebounds at Georgetown (1/17/04) ... Tallied 14 points with seven rebounds and one block at Pittsburgh (1/21/04) ... Scored 14 points with five rebounds and one block versus #24 Boston College (1/24/04) ... Had two points with seven rebounds and two blocks versus #4 Connecticut (1/27/04) ... Scored seven points with nine rebounds and one block at Syracuse (1/31/04) ... Had eight points with seven rebounds and one block versus Seton Hall (2/3/04)

... Registered five points with 12 rebounds at West Virginia (2/10/04) ... Scored 10 points versus #23 Miami (2/14/04) ... Had four points and three rebounds at Seton Hall (2/18/04) ... Tallied 10 points with two assists, one block and one steal at Providence (2/21/04) ... Scored 13 points against Pittsburgh (2/28/04) ... Had nine points and six rebounds versus St. John's (3/2/04) ... Scored six points against Georgetown in the First Round of the BIG EAST Championship (3/6/04) ... Limited to four points with six rebounds versus #4 Connecticut in the BIG EAST Quarterfinal (3/7/04) ... Had six points, four rebounds and two blocks in Tech's NCAA first-round win over Iowa (3/21/04) ... Scored nine points with eight rebounds and a block against Penn State (3/23/04) in the NCAA Second Round.

**2002-03:** Missed UNC Greensboro with an injured right hamstring ... Scored five points and tied a career-high with three blocks at Florida International (11/29) ... Had 16 points, nine rebounds and two blocks against Washington State (11/30) ... Scored seven points with three rebounds and a block against Virginia (12/3) ... Scored 22 points with 13 rebounds versus James Madison (12/7) for her third career

### Erin's Career Highs

Points ..... 24 vs. Radford, 12/31/02  
 FG Attempted ..... 16 at Georgetown, 1/12/02  
 FG Made ..... 12 vs. Radford, 12/31/02  
 3PT FG Attempted ..... 1 vs. Rutgers, 1/22/03  
 3PT FG Made ..... 0  
 FT Attempted ..... 14 vs. James Madison, 12/7/02  
 FT Made ..... 8 (two times)  
 Rebounds ..... 16 vs. Furman, 12/28/03  
 Assists ..... 3 vs. Connecticut, 3/10/03  
 Blocks ..... 3 (five times)  
 Steals ..... 4 at Miami, 1/28/03

double-double ... Had 10 points at Liberty (12/14) ... Scored 13 points with six rebounds against UT Martin in Lady Luck Classic first round (12/28) ... Had 14 points and 10 rebounds versus Duquesne (12/29) in the Lady Luck Classic championship game ... Named the MVP of the Lady Luck Classic ... Scored a career-high 24 points with eight rebounds versus Radford (12/31) ... Had 16 points and nine rebounds against Syracuse (1/4) ... Scored 17 points with six rebounds at No. 22 Villanova (1/7) ... Had six points and seven boards at No. 2 Connecticut (1/12) ... Tallied eight points and eight rebounds versus Pittsburgh (1/15) ... Registered her third double-double of the year with 13 points and 13 rebounds at West Virginia (1/18) ... Had 13 points and 10 boards versus No. 23 Rutgers ... Scored eight points and pulled down 14 rebounds at Miami (1/28) ... Registered 15 points, seven rebounds and two blocks against Providence (2/1) ... Had 11 points and six boards versus Georgetown (2/12) ... Held to two points at No. 22 Boston College (2/16) ... Scored four points with nine rebounds against No. 20 Villanova (2/22) ... Had six points and seven rebounds at No. 20 Rutgers (2/26) ... Scored 12 points with seven rebounds and two blocks against

### Gibson's Statistics

Year	G	GS	MP	FGM-Att	Pct.	3PTM-Att	Pct.	FTM-Att	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	A	TO	Blk	ST	TP	Avg.
01-02	32	0	533	84-168	.500	0-0	.000	34-59	.576	148	4.6	9	52	26	22	202	6.3
02-03	31	30	916	118-249	.474	0-1	.000	64-126	.508	216	7.0	30	66	29	28	300	9.7
03-04	31	30	956	111-229	.485	0-0	.000	65-108	.602	215	6.9	24	64	24	13	287	9.3
Totals	94	60	2,405	313-646	.485	0-1	.000	163-293	.556	579	6.2	63	182	79	63	789	8.4



West Virginia (3/1) ... Had five points and seven rebounds at St. John's (3/4) ... Tallied seven points with 12 rebounds in BIG EAST first round against West Virginia (3/8) ... Scored seven points versus No. 23 Boston College in BIG EAST quarterfinal (3/9) ... Had six points, four rebounds and three blocks in NCAA First Round against Georgia Tech (3/22) ... Scored 10 points with seven rebounds and two blocks at Purdue in the NCAA Second Round (3/24).

**2001-02:** Played in all 32 games as a freshman ... Scored in double figures six times ... Had five or more rebounds in 15 games ... Scored six points with three rebounds at No. 19 LSU in Crawfish Classic title game (11/25) ... Four points and five boards at Pittsburgh (12/5) ... Pulled down six rebounds at Radford (12/12) ... Scored 14 points with nine rebounds in Lady Luck Classic title game against Hampton (12/29) ... Had career-highs of 18 points and 14 rebounds to lead Tech in come-from-behind win at Georgetown (1/12) ... Scored 12 points versus Miami (2/5) ... Had second career double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds at Providence (2/13) ... Registered 12 points against Seton Hall (2/17) ... Had six points, four rebounds and one block against Rutgers (2/26) ... Scored five points with three rebounds and one block versus UNC Greensboro (3/13) in WNIT First Round ... Tallied nine points with eight rebounds, two steals and one block in WNIT Second Round against George Washington (3/16) ... Registered five points with six boards and one block versus Vermont (3/20) in WNIT Quarterfinal ... Had ten points and three blocks against Houston (3/23) in WNIT Semifinal.

**High School:** In her career averaged 18.1 ppg, 12.3 rebounds, 2.5 blocks and 2.0 steals a contest for Coach Howard Mayo at Carroll County ... Shot 56.5 percent from the field and 71.0 percent from the line during her senior year ... Named Group AA Player of the Year by The Associated Press ... Coaches Association Player of the Year ... Southwest District and Region IV Player of the Year ... Roanoke Timesland Player of the Year ... First Team Southwest District, Region IV, All-State Group AA, Bristol Herald Courier, Roanoke Times ... Named to the All-State West Team.

**Odds and Ends:** Erin Paige Gibson ... Born 4/17/83 in Galax, Va. ... Right-handed ... Daughter of Greg and Tonyia Gibson ... Enrolled in health, nutrition, foods and exercise ... Was also an outstanding volleyball player in high school.





# Carrie Mason

# #24

**5-7 • Junior • Guard**  
**Seneca, Pa. • Cranberry H.S.**

Named to the 2002-03 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team selection ... Named BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Week (12/9/02) ... Can score off the dribble and pass ... Exceptional basketball IQ ... Led team in minutes played and was second in scoring and assists ... Set school freshman record with 106 assists ... First on team in three-point field goals (51) ... Tied career-high with 24 points vs. Mississippi State in the Paradise Jam championship game (11/29/03) ... Hit game-winning shot in 2003 NCAA First Round victory over Georgia Tech ... Twice named to the BIG EAST Academic All-star team ... Selected as the Most Valuable Player of the 2003 Paradise Jam.

**2003-04:** Scored 14 points with four assists and four rebounds against WBC Ilirija ... Had 12 points in season-opener vs. Miami of Ohio (11/21/03) ... Scored 18 points, including three treys, in win at #24 Virginia (11/23/03) ... Had 11 points, five rebounds, four assists, three steals and two blocks against Iowa State (11/28/03) ... Tied career-high with 24 points, including three treys, with five rebounds, two steals and a block against Mississippi State (11/29/03) ... Scored nine points with six assists versus Old Dominion (12/03/03) ... Had nine points with five assists and two steals at Alabama (12/7/03) ... Led team with 16 points against Maryland (12/13/03) ... Had six points, five steals, three rebounds and two assists at James Madison (12/21/03) ... Scored 14 points with five assists and two steals against Furman (12/28/03) ... Had five points with two assists and two steals versus Wake Forest (12/29/03) ... Scored ten points, including two treys, with three steals and one block against Liberty (1/2/04) ... Had nine points, including three treys, versus Providence (1/4/04) ... Held scoreless at Rutgers (1/7/04) ... Had nine points, including three treys, with four rebounds, two assists and two steals at Notre Dame (1/10/04) ... Scored 11 points versus #19 Villanova (1/14/04) ... Had five points, four rebounds and three assists at Georgetown (1/17/04) ... Led team with 15 points, including three treys, eight rebounds

and seven assists at Pittsburgh (1/21/04) ... Tallied 16 points, including two treys, with three assists and three steals against #24 Boston College (1/24/04) ... Scored 15 points versus #4 Connecticut (1/27/04) ... Had eight points, six rebounds and four steals at Syracuse (1/31/04) ... Had seven points versus Seton Hall (2/3/04) ... Led team with 17 points, including four treys, at West Virginia (2/10/04) ... Scored eight points versus #23 Miami (2/14/04) ... Had 10 points

## Carrie's Career Highs

Points ..... 24 (two times)  
 FG Attempted ..... 15 at Virginia, 11/23/03  
 FG Made ..... 7 (two times)  
 3PT FG Attempted ..... 11 at West Virginia, 2/10/04  
 3PT FG Made ..... 4 (three times)  
 FT Attempted ..... 10 (two times)  
 FT Made ..... 9 (two times)  
 Rebounds ..... 8 at Pittsburgh, 1/21/04  
 Assists ..... 7 (three times)  
 Blocks ..... 2 (two times)  
 Steals ..... 5 at James Madison, 12/21/03



## Mason's Statistics

Year	G	GS	MP	FGM-Att	Pct.	3PTM-Att	Pct.	FTM-Att	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	A	TO	Blk	ST	TP	Avg.
02-03	32	30	1108	107-229	.467	42-103	.408	82-106	.774	108	3.4	106	101	4	26	338	10.6
03-04	31	31	1100	114-272	.419	51-129	.395	79-99	.798	91	2.9	84	86	4	58	358	11.5
Totals	63	61	2,208	221-501	.441	93-232	.400	161-205	.785	199	3.2	190	187	8	84	696	11.1

and six rebounds at Seton Hall (2/18/04) ... Scored 10 points at Providence (2/21/04) ... Led team with 14 points, including 6-6 from the field, against Pittsburgh (2/28/04) ... Had eight points, including two treys, against St. John's (3/2/04) ... Scored 14 points, including three treys, versus Georgetown in the First Round of the BIG EAST Championship (3/6/04) ... Led team with 13 points against #4 Connecticut in the BIG EAST Quarterfinal (3/7/04) ... Had 19 points, including four three-pointers, and seven assists against Iowa (3/21/04) in NCAA First Round ... Led team with 16 points versus Penn State (3/23/04) in NCAA Second Round.

**2002-03:** Had five points, including a three-pointer, with three assists and three steals in her collegiate debut against UNC Greensboro (11/29) ... Had 12 points, including two treys, at Florida International (11/29) ... Scored six points and handed out two assists in her first collegiate start versus Washington State (11/30) ... Scored 19 points with four rebounds and three assists against Virginia (12/3) ... Named Virginia Tech Dominion Virginia Power Classic Player of the Game ... Scored 16 points, including a key three-pointer late in regulation, with three assists and one steal in the win over James Madison (12/7) ... Had 11 points, including three

treys, with six rebounds and four assists at Liberty (12/14) ... Scored eight points with six rebounds and four assists versus UT Martin (12/28) in the first round of the Lady Luck Classic ... Had ten points with five rebounds, two assists, two blocks and two steals against Duquesne (12/29) in the Lady Luck Classic championship game ... Scored 13 points, including three treys, and handed out three assists versus Radford (12/31) ... Had 22 points, including four treys, against Syracuse (1/4) ... Tallied seven points and handed out five assists at No. 22 Villanova (1/7) ... Scored 10 points and handed out four assists at No. 2 Connecticut (1/12) ... Led team with 17 points and six rebounds against Pittsburgh (1/15) ... Had 12 points with six rebounds and three assists at West Virginia (1/18) ... Scored 10 points with six assists versus Providence (2/1) ... Credited with six assists and scored 11 points at Seton Hall (2/4) ... Scored 11 points, including the game-winning three-point play with 13 seconds remaining, against Notre Dame (2/9) ... Had nine points and six assists versus Georgetown (2/12) ... Tallied 12 points with seven rebounds at No. 22 Boston College (2/16) ... Had eight points with three assists against No. 20 Villanova (2/22) ... Scored five points and handed out four assists at No. 20 Rutgers (2/26) ... Tallied five points and handed out four assists against West Virginia (3/1) ... Scored 16 points, including three treys, with a career-high seven assists at St. John's (3/4) ... Had nine points with five assists against West Virginia in BIG EAST first round (3/8) ... Scored nine points versus No. 23 Boston College in BIG EAST quarterfinal (3/9) ... Tallied seven points against No. 1 Connecticut in the BIG EAST semifinals (3/10) ... Scored six points, including the winning shot with 1.1 seconds remaining, against Georgia Tech in the NCAA First Round (3/22) ... Had seven points with three assists and three rebounds vs. Purdue (3/24).

**High School:** Averaged 25.8 points, 8.4 assists, 6.4 rebounds and 5.4 steals for coach Donald Hall at Cranberry High School ... Led team to a 24-6 season and an Elite 8 appearance in the state playoffs ... Team posted a 64-0 conference mark during her four years ... Led league in scoring and was named conference MVP four times ... Named District 10 Player of the Year three times ... Holds school records for career assists (757) and steals (425) ... Holds school single-season record for assists (251) and steals (162) ... Scored 2,336 career points and shot 89 percent from the free throw line ... A McDonald's All-America nominee.

**Odds and Ends:** Carrie Mason ... Born 2/6/84 in Franklin, Pa. ... Right-handed ... Daughter of Brian and Nancy Mason ... Major is accounting information systems.





# Dawn Chriss

# #23

**6-1 • Junior • Guard**

**Hillcrest Heights, Md. • St. John's College H.S.**

Can run the floor and will help on the defensive end of the floor ... Can attack the basket off the dribble ... Came on strong in the 2003 postseason to help team in BIG EAST Championship wins over West Virginia and Boston College ... Named to the 2002-03 BIG EAST Academic All-star team ... Second on the team in blocks and steals and third in scoring.

**2003-04:** Did not play in exhibition game ... Had 12 points with eight rebounds and two blocks against Miami of Ohio (11/21/03) ... Scored 11 points with six rebounds, two assists, two steals and one block at Virginia (11/23/03) ... Had 12 points and three steals vs. Iowa State (11/28/03) ... Recorded eight points, eight rebounds, four assists and two steals against Mississippi State in the Paradise Jam championship game (11/29/03) ... Tallied 21 points with seven rebounds two assists, two steals and one block versus Old Dominion (12/03/03) ... Scored 13 points and added three blocks, three steals, and two assists at Alabama (12/7/03) ... Had four points and four rebounds with two blocks versus Maryland (12/13/03) while battling stomach flu ... Tallied 14 points with nine rebounds and two blocks at James Madison (12/21/03) ... Had seven points versus Furman (12/28/03). ... Scored 17 points with eight rebounds, two blocks on one steal against Wake Forest (12/29/03) ... Had first career double-double with 15 points and a career-high 12 rebounds versus Liberty (1/2/04) ... Scored five points with three rebounds against Providence (1/4/04) ... Led team with 14 points at Rutgers (1/7/04) ... Had eight points at Notre Dame (1/10/04) ... Scored 12 points with five rebounds and four assists against #19 Villanova (1/14/04) ... Had 13 points, six rebounds, two assists two blocks, and two steals at Georgetown (1/17/04) ... Scored four points and was credited with one block at Pittsburgh (1/21/04) ... Had 14 points with four rebounds, two assists and two steals versus #24 Boston College (1/24/04) ... Scored five points with five rebounds against #4 Connecticut (1/27/04) ... Tallied 14 points at Syracuse (1/31/04) ... Had eight points with two assists, two

steals and two blocks versus Seton Hall (2/3/04) ... Scored six points at West Virginia (2/10/04) ... Had eight points, six rebounds and two steals versus #23 Miami (2/14/04) ... Registered 13 points with six rebounds, four assists and four steals at Seton Hall (2/18/04) ... Had nine points with five assists at Providence (2/21/04) ... Scored 10 points with six rebounds and three assists versus Pittsburgh (2/28/04) ... Tallied 10 points with six rebounds and three assists against

## Dawn's Career Highs

Points .....21 vs. Old Dominion, 12/03/03  
 FG Attempted ..... 12 at Notre Dame, 1/10/04  
 FG Made ..... 7 (three times)  
 3PT FG Attempted..... 1 (two times)  
 3PT FG Made ..... 1 at Alabama, 12/7/03  
 FT Attempted..... 11 vs. Old Dominion, 12/03/03  
 FT Made .....9 vs. Old Dominion, 12/03/03  
 Rebounds ..... 12 vs. Liberty, 1/2/04  
 Assists ..... 7 vs. Iowa, 3/21/04  
 Blocks ..... 3 at Alabama, 12/7/03  
 Steals ..... 4 at Seton Hall, 2/17/04



## Chriss' Statistics

Year	G	GS	MP	FGM-Att	Pct.	3PTM-Att	Pct.	FTM-Att	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	A	TO	Blk	ST	TP	Avg.
02-03	25	0	235	28-54	.519	0-0	.000	23-32	.719	44	1.8	21	17	3	14	79	3.2
03-04	31	31	943	114-237	.481	1-3	.333	87-104	.837	146	4.7	72	81	28	44	316	10.2
Totals	56	31	1178	142-291	.488	1-3	.333	110-136	.809	190	3.4	93	98	31	58	395	7.1



St. John's (3/2/04) ... Had 11 points, six rebounds and three steals versus Georgetown in the BIG EAST Championship First Round (3/6/04) ... Scored four points with five rebounds against #4 Connecticut in the BIG EAST Quarterfinal (3/7/04) ... Scored 14 points with a career-high seven assists and two blocks against Iowa in the first round of the NCAA Tournament (3/21/04) ... Had five rebounds versus Penn State (3/23/04) in NCAA Second Round.

**2002-03:** Had two points, one assist and one block in exhibition win over Melbourne ... Credited with three rebounds, one assist and one block in only eight minutes against UNC Greensboro (11/22) ... Had one rebound at Florida International (11/29) ... Scored six points with eight rebounds, seven assists, two blocks and one steal vs. Washington State (11/30/02) ... Had eight points with four rebounds, two assists and two steals against Virginia (12/3) ... Registered four points against UT Martin (12/28) in first round of the Lady Luck Classic ... Scored six points and handed out two assists in only five minutes against Georgetown (2/12) ... Had five points and four rebounds at No. 22 Boston College (2/16) ... Scored four points against West Virginia (3/1) ... Scored 13 points against West Virginia in BIG EAST first round (3/8) ... Had a career-high 14 points versus No. 23 Boston College in BIG EAST quarterfinal (3/9) ... Scored four points against Georgia Tech in the NCAA First Round (3/22) ... Registered five points, five rebounds, two assists and one steal at Purdue in NCAA Second Round (3/24).

**High School:** A McDonald's All-American and first-team All-Met selection ... Averaged 15.0 points, 6.0 rebounds, 5.0 assists and 2.0 steals for coach Marie Williams at St. John's College High School ... A four-year letterwinner who led her team to two city championships ... Named to the womenscollegehoops.com Freshmen of Impact preseason team ... A Street & Smith's Girls High School All-America third team selection ... Scored six points for the East in the inaugural McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Girls Game in Madison Square Garden.

**Odds and Ends:** Dawn Chriss ... Born 9/12/84 in Washington D.C. ... Right-handed ... Daughter of Earnest and Mabel Chriss ... Plays the clarinet ... Major is consumer studies.



# Kerri Gardin

# #32

**6-1 • Junior • Forward**  
**Morganton, N.C. • Freedom H.S.**

Can score in a variety of ways ... Good passer with a good basketball I.Q. ... Led team in assists.

**2003-04:** Scored eight points and handed out four assists against WBC Ilirija ... Had five points and five rebounds vs. Miami of Ohio (11/21/03) ... Scored seven points with four assists and two steals at Virginia (11/23/03) ... Had six points, two rebounds and two assists vs. Iowa State (11/28/03) ... Saw limited action in Paradise Jam championship game against Mississippi State (11/29/03) ... Scored four points with seven rebounds and three assists versus Old Dominion (12/03/03) ... Had four points at Alabama (12/7/03) ... Scored 13 points with three rebounds and two assists against Maryland (12/13/03) ... Had two points with six assists and four rebounds at James Madison (12/21/03) ... Scored four points with three rebounds, six assists and three steals against Furman (12/28/03) ... Had first career double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds against Wake Forest (12/29/03) ... Scored six points with four rebounds and three steals versus Liberty (1/2/04) ... Had five points, three assists and two steals against Providence (1/4/04) ... Tallied six points at Rutgers (1/7/04) ... Scored 10 points with four rebounds, two assists and one block at Notre Dame (1/10/04) ... Had 14 points and six rebounds against #19 Villanova (1/14/04) ... Scored two points with four assists at Georgetown (1/17/04) ... Had four points, three assists and two steals at Pittsburgh (1/21/04) ... Registered 13 points with nine rebounds and three steals versus #24 Boston College (1/24/04) ... Scored two points with four rebounds and four assists versus #4 Connecticut (1/27/04) ... Had 14 points with eight rebounds and six assists at Syracuse (1/31/04) ... Tallied five points with four rebounds, four assists and two blocks versus Seton Hall (2/4/04) ... Scored 13 points with 10 rebounds, three assists and two blocks at West Virginia (2/10/04) ... Had 13 points and 14 rebounds versus #23 Miami (2/14/04) ... Tallied 11 points with 12 rebounds and

three blocks at Seton Hall (2/18/04) ... Scored seven points with four rebounds, four assists and two steals at Providence (2/21/04) ... Had eight points, handed out five assists, and collected four steals versus Pittsburgh (2/28/04) ... Registered nine points with six assists, five rebounds and three steals against St. John's (3/2/04) ... Had a career-high 16 rebounds with 14 points versus Georgetown in the First Round of the BIG EAST Championship (3/6/04) ... Limited

## Kerri's Career Highs

Points ..... 16 vs. Iowa, 3/21/04  
 FG Attempted ..... 16 (two times)  
 FG Made ..... 7 (three times)  
 3PT FG Attempted ..... 1 (six times)  
 3PT FG Made ..... 1 (two times)  
 FT Attempted ..... 10 at Seton Hall, 2/17/04  
 FT Made ..... 7 at Seton Hall, 2/17/04  
 Rebounds ..... 14 vs. Miami, 2/14/04  
 Assists ..... 6 (seven times)  
 Blocks ..... 3 at Seton Hall, 2/17/04  
 Steals ..... 4 vs. Pittsburgh, 2/28/04



## Gardin's Statistics

Year	G	GS	MP	FGM-Att	Pct.	3PTM-Att	Pct.	FTM-Att	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	A	TO	Blk	ST	TP	Avg.
02-03	30	5	546	53-132	.402	0-0	.000	24-38	.632	96	3.2	52	59	20	24	130	4.4
03-04	31	29	799	88-256	.344	2-6	.333	64-95	.674	167	5.4	90	91	17	36	242	7.8
Totals	61	34	1,345	141-388	.391	2-6	.333	88-133	.662	263	4.3	142	150	37	60	372	6.1



to four and five rebounds against #4 Connecticut in BIG EAST Quarterfinal (3/7/04) ... Put up a season-high 16 points with eight rebounds, and five assists in Tech's NCAA first round game against Iowa (3/21/04) ... Had eight points with four rebounds and three blocks versus Penn State (3/23/04) in NCAA Second Round.

**2002-03:** Saw first collegiate action at Florida International (11/29) ... Scored two points with one rebound in ten minutes against Washington State (11/30) ... Had eight points and eight rebounds with six assists, two blocks and two steals against UT Martin (12/28) in the first round of the Lady Luck Classic ... Had first career double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds at No. 22 Villanova (1/7) ... Scored three points and handed out six assists in first collegiate start at No. 2 Connecticut (1/12) ... Had four points, seven rebounds, three assists, two blocks and one steal against Pittsburgh (1/15) ... Scored four points with three rebounds versus Georgetown (2/12) ... Tallied eight points with four rebounds and two assists against No. 20 Villanova (2/22) ... Scored six points with five rebounds, two assists and one block at No. 20 Rutgers (2/26) ... Had six points, five rebounds, six assists and one block against West Virginia (3/1) ... Scored seven points with six rebounds at St. John's (3/4) ... Had six points against West Virginia in BIG EAST first round (3/8) ... Scored six points with five rebounds and four assists versus No. 23 Boston College in BIG EAST quarterfinal (3/9) ... Registered 10 points and handed out five assists with three steals against No. 1 Connecticut in the BIG EAST semifinals (3/10) ... Had six points, six rebounds and one block against Georgia Tech in the NCAA First Round (3/22) ... Scored 12 points at Purdue in NCAA Second Round (3/24).

**High School:** Averaged 18.4 points, 13.1 rebounds, 4.4 assists, 3.9 steals and 2.0 blocks for coach Jamie Smith at Freedom High School ... Named The Associated Press North Carolina Girls Player of the Year ... Scored 25 points with 19 rebounds and six assists in leading her team to a 68-52 win over Lumberton in the Class 4A title game ... Championship game MVP ... Class 4A Northwestern Conference Player of the Year ... Led team to 2001 National AAU Junior Olympics title and was named MVP.

**Odds & Ends:** Kerri Gardin ... Born 5/19/84 in Burke County, N.C. ... Right-handed ... Daughter of Thelma Gardin ... A middle-hitter on the Freedom High volleyball team ... Major is consumer studies.



# Kirby Copeland #5

**5-10 • Sophomore • Guard**  
**Morrow, Ga. • Morrow H.S.**

Tremendous athlete and one of the strongest freshmen to enter the program ... Good defender and passer ... Can attack off the dribble for a pass or shot.

**2003-04:** Named BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Week on Dec. 29 ... Scored 14 points with seven steals against WBC Ilirija ... Did not play against Miami of Ohio (11/21/03) due to injured calf muscle ... Saw first collegiate action at Virginia (11/23/03) ... Saw limited action against Iowa State (11/28/03) ... Scored six points with five rebounds, one assist and one steal vs. Mississippi State in the Paradise Jam championship game (11/29/03) ...

Saw limited action against Old Dominion (12/03/03) ... Had six points with five rebounds, three steals and one block at Alabama (12/7/03) ... Scored two points with seven rebounds three assists and three steals against Maryland (12/13/03) ... Tallied 11 points with five rebounds at James Madison (12/21/03) ... Had nine points and handed out four assists against Furman (12/28/03) ... Scored a point with two rebounds and two assists versus Wake Forest (12/29/03) ... Credited with five

## Kirby's Career Highs

Points .....	13 at Pittsburgh, 1/21/04
FG Attempted .....	11 at Pittsburgh, 1/21/04
FG Made .....	6 at Pittsburgh, 1/21/04
3PT FG Attempted.....	0
3PT FG Made .....	0
FT Attempted.....	10 vs. St. John's, 3/2/04
FT Made .....	6 vs. St. John's, 3/2/04
Rebounds .....	7 (two times)
Assists .....	4 vs. Furman, 12/28/03
Blocks .....	1 (three times)
Steals .....	5 vs. Providence, 1/4/04



rebounds and one assists against Liberty (1/2/04) ... Had a career-high 12 points with five steals, three rebounds and two assists versus Providence (1/4/04) ... Saw limited action at Rutgers (1/7/04) ... Had limited action at Notre Dame (1/10/04) ... Scored two points with four rebounds and one block at Georgetown (1/17/04) ... Had a career-high 13 points at Pittsburgh (1/21/04) ... Tallied two points with three assists, three steals and two rebounds in only 12 minutes versus #24 Boston College (1/24/04) ... Credited with two rebounds in limited playing time against #4 Connecticut (1/27/04) ... Pulled down three rebounds and handed out two assists versus Seton Hall (2/4/04) ... Had five points, two rebounds and two assists at West Virginia (2/10/04) ... Scored two points and handed out three assists in six minutes versus #23 Miami (2/14/04) ... Had six points and seven rebounds at Providence (2/21/04) ... Tallied eight points with two steals against Pittsburgh (2/28/04) ... Scored team-high 12 points versus St. John's (3/2/04) ... Had three points and three rebounds in just four minutes against Iowa in the first round of the NCAA Tournament (3/21/04).

**High School:** Averaged 21.4 points and 9.2 rebounds as a junior at Morrow High School in leading the Lady Mustangs to the state playoffs. As a junior, she set the school single-season scoring record (605) and scored her 1,000th career point. Copeland was an All-State Honorable Mention and was a member of the All-Region 4-AAAA second team.

**Odds and Ends:** Kirby Copeland ... Born 6/29/85 in Thomson, Ga. ... Right-handed ... Daughter of Nettie Jackson ... Enrolled in university studies.

## Copeland's Statistics

Year	G	GS	MP	FGM-Att	Pct.	3PTM-Att	Pct.	FTM-Att	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	A	TO	Blk	ST	TP	Avg.
03-04	30	0	346	38-97	.392	0-0	.000	24-39	.615	70	2.3	29	56	3	26	100	3.3
Totals	30	0	346	38-97	.392	0-0	.000	24-39	.615	70	2.3	29	56	3	26	100	3.3



# Fran Recchia

# #10

**5-7 • r-Sophomore • Guard**

**Flower Mound, Texas • Marcus H.S.**

Has added depth at the point-guard position ... Also has a good three-point shot ... Good in the transition game ... Twice named to the BIG EAST Academic All-star team ... Named to 2002 FIU/Herald All-tournament team.

**2003-04:** Did not play in exhibition game vs. WBC Ilirija due to injury ... Had six points, three rebounds and two assists against Miami of Ohio (11/21/03) ... Scored four points at Virginia (11/23/03) ... Tallied 12 points, including two treys, with eight rebounds and two steals vs. Iowa State (11/28/03) ... Had an assist and one rebound in limited action against Mississippi State in the Paradise Jam championship game (11/29/03) ... Credited with two rebounds and one steal versus Old Dominion (12/03/03) ... Scored five points in seven minutes at Alabama (12/7/03) ... Had

two points and a rebound against Maryland (12/13/03) ... Scored two points with one rebound at James Madison (12/21/03) ... Had three points three assists versus Furman (12/28/03) ... Scored four points in four minutes against Wake Forest (12/29/03) ... Saw limited playing time versus Liberty (1/2/04) ... Had two assists and two rebounds against Providence (1/4/04) ... Scored two points at Rutgers (1/7/04) ... Had limited action at Notre Dame (1/10/04) ... Scored two points with one assist and one rebound against #19 Villanova (1/14/04) ... Saw limited action at Georgetown (1/17/04) ... Scored three points at Pittsburgh (1/21/04) ... Saw limited action against #24 Boston College (1/24/04) ... Credited with one assists versus #4 Connecticut (1/27/04) ... Had five points and two rebounds at Syracuse (1/31/04) ... Scored four points versus Seton Hall (2/4/04) ... Saw limited action at West Virginia (2/10/04) ... Had two points and two rebounds at Providence (2/21/04) ... Scored two points versus Pittsburgh (2/28/04) ... Had two points against St. John's (3/2/04).

**2002-03:** Had 18 points, including three treys, in 54-46 win over UNC Greensboro (11/22) ... Led team with a career-high 19 points, all in the second half, at Florida International (11/29) ... Scored ten points with three steals and two assists against Washington State (11/30) ... Had five points, including a key three-pointer late in regulation, versus James Madison (12/7) ... Scored eight points, including two treys, at Maryland (12/11) ... Tallied 11 points, including two treys, at Liberty (12/14) ... Had three points with six rebounds, two assists, one steal and one block against UT Martin (12/28) in the first round of the Lady Luck Classic ... Scored nine points, including

## Fran's Career Highs

Points ..... 19 at Florida International, 11/29/02  
 FG Attempted ..... 15 vs. Syracuse, 1/4/03  
 FG Made ..... 7 at Florida International, 11/29/02  
 3PT FG Attempted ..... 12 vs. Syracuse, 1/4/03  
 3PT FG Made ..... 3 (four times)  
 FT Attempted ..... 5 vs. UNC Greensboro, 11/22/02  
 FT Made ..... 5 vs. UNC Greensboro, 11/22/02  
 Rebounds ..... 8 vs. Iowa State, 11/28/03  
 Assists ..... 4 (two times)  
 Blocks ..... 1 vs. UT Martin, 12/28/02  
 Steals ..... 3 vs. Washington State, 11/30/02

two treys, with five rebounds versus Duquesne (12/29) in the Lady Luck Classic championship game ... Had 11 points with three treys against Radford (12/31) ... Scored 15 points, including three treys, with four assists versus Syracuse (1/4) ... Had eight points in only 14 minutes against Georgetown (2/12) ... Scored five points versus No. 20 Villanova (2/22).

**2000-01:** Played in only three games due to injury ... Suffered a fracture to the third metacarpal in her left hand in a Dec. 10 practice and had the cast removed on Jan. 3 ... A stress fracture in her right foot was discovered shortly thereafter thus ending her season ... Scored eight points against Northwestern State (11/24).

**High School:** Averaged 15.8 points, 4.2 rebounds, 4.8 assists and 2.3 steals per game as a senior at Marcus ... Selected District 6-AAAAA Player of the Year ... Named to the Fort Worth Telegram "All Area" First team ... Set Marcus High School record with nine three-pointers in a game ... Set school mark with 32.0 percent career 3-point percentage and 82.0 career free throw percentage ... Named the team MVP her senior season and was selected to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) All-Region team ... Named to the All-Tournament teams at the Bishop Lynch, Arlington Classic and SWAAU Holiday tournaments.

**Odds and Ends:** Frances Townsend Recchia ... Born 9/13/83 in Clarkston, Michigan ... Right-handed ... Daughter of Paul and Jane Recchia ... Enrolled in physical education.



## Recchia's Statistics

Year	G	GS	MP	FGM-Att	Pct.	3PTM-Att	Pct.	FTM-Att	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	A	TO	Blk	ST	TP	Avg.
01-02	3	0	17	3-4	.750	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0	0.0	1	1	0	0	8	2.7
02-03	28	13	506	45-114	.395	27-76	.355	21-25	.840	46	1.6	31	38	1	15	138	4.9
03-04	29	0	260	17-54	.315	7-29	.241	19-20	.950	28	1.0	14	20	0	3	60	2.2
Totals	60	13	783	65-172	.378	35-107	.327	41-47	.872	74	1.2	46	59	1	18	206	3.4





# Megan Finnerty #45

**6-3 • Junior • Center**  
**Atlanta, Ga. • Pius X H.S.**

Has added depth to the post position ... An athletic player who shoots the ball well and attacks the basket ... A capable rebounder.

**2003-04:** Did not play in exhibition game due to injury ... Had one point and four rebounds against Miami of Ohio (11/21/00) ... Scored four points at Virginia (11/23/03) ... Saw limited action in Paradise Jam tournament (11/28-29/03) ... Scored two points with one rebound against Old Dominion (12/03/03) ... Tallied one point with one rebound at Alabama (12/7/03) ... Had six points and five rebounds against Maryland (12/13/03) ... Saw limited action at James Madison (12/21/03) ... Had three points and one rebound against Furman (12/28/03) ... Credited with one rebound in limited action against Wake Forest (12/29/03) ... Had one rebound in limited playing time versus Liberty (1/2/04) ... Scored a career-high 11 points against Providence (1/4/04) ... Pulled down two rebounds at Rutgers (1/7/04) ... Had two points with three rebounds and one steal at Notre Dame (1/10/04) ... Scored two points and pulled down two boards against #19 Villanova (1/14/04) ... Had one rebound in limited action at Georgetown (1/17/04) ... Credited with one rebound at Pittsburgh (1/21/04) ... Scored two points and pulled down two rebounds versus #24 Boston College (1/24/04) ... Had two points against #4 Connecticut (1/27/04) ... Pulled down two rebounds and had on steal at Syracuse (1/31/04) ... Credited with a block and a steal versus Seton Hall (2/4/04) ... Scored six points at Providence (2/21/04) ... Had four points versus Pittsburgh (2/28/04) ... Scored seven points with two steals against St. John's (3/2/04) ... Scored two points versus Georgetown in the First Round of the BIG EAST Championship (3/7/04) ... Tallied one point and pulled down three rebounds against #4 Connecticut in the BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal (3/7/04) ... Had two points and a steal in the NCAA first round game versus Iowa (3/21/04).

**2002-03:** Tallied four points with two rebounds in her collegiate debut versus UNCG (11/22) ... Had two points at Florida International (11/29) ... Scored a point with

two rebounds versus Washington State (11/30) ... Tallied four points with six rebounds, including four offensive, against James Madison (12/7) ... Had ten points against UT Martin (12/28) in the first round of the Lady Luck Classic ... Scored three points versus Georgetown (2/12) ... Scored two points with one assist and one rebound at No. 20 Rutgers (2/26) ... Had three points and two rebounds against West Virginia (3/1) ... Scored five points versus No. 1 Connecticut in the BIG EAST quarterfinals (3/10).

**High School:**

Averaged 12.0 points, 8.0 rebounds and shot 45 percent from the field for coach Ron Sattelle at Pius X High School ... Led team to a 27-4 record and to the final eight of the Georgia Class 4A playoffs ... A first team All-Region and second team All-State selection ... Selected to play in the Georgia All-State Senior Game ... A 2001 AAU All-American ... Captain and MVP of high school team.

**Odds and Ends:**

Megan Finnerty ... Born 5/2/84 in Atlanta, Ga. ... Right-handed ... Daughter of Don and Linda Finnerty ... Named to the All-City volleyball team as a middle hitter ... Won two letters in track in the high jump ... Plays the piano ... Major is health, nutrition, food and exercise.

**Megan's Career Highs**

Points .....	11 vs. Providence, 1/4/04
FG Attempted .....	7 vs. Providence, 1/4/04
FG Made .....	5 vs. Providence, 1/4/04
3PT FG Attempted.....	0
3PT FG Made .....	0
FT Attempted .....	6 vs. Maryland, 12/13/03
FT Made .....	4 vs. Maryland, 12/13/03
Rebounds .....	6 vs. James Madison, 12/7/02
Assists .....	1 (six times)
Blocks .....	1 (three times)
Steals .....	2 vs. St. John's, 3/2/04



**Finnerty's Statistics**

Year	G	GS	MP	FGM-Att	Pct.	3PTM-Att	Pct.	FTM-Att	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	A	TO	Blk	ST	TP	Avg.
02-03	23	0	186	21-43	.488	0-0	.000	12-24	.500	36	1.6	3	15	0	5	54	2.3
03-04	29	0	230	19-40	.475	0-0	.000	20-33	.606	39	1.3	2	20	3	9	58	2.0
Total	52	0	416	40-83	.482	0-0	.000	32-57	.561	75	1.4	5	35	3	14	112	2.2



# Britney Anderson #25

**6-0 • Sophomore • Forward**  
**Blacksburg, Va. • Blacksburg H.S.**

Has the ability to get to the rim and elevates very well ... Will help on the boards.

**2003-04:** Had nine points and nine rebounds versus WBC Ilirija ... Had four points with four steals and three rebounds in collegiate debut against Miami of Ohio (11/21/03) ... Scored two points with four rebounds and two steals at Virginia (11/23/03) ... Was credited with a rebound and an assist against Iowa State (11/28/03) ... Saw limited action in Paradise Jam tournament (11/28-29/03) ... Saw limited action against Old Dominion (12/03/03) ... Credited with one rebound at Alabama (12/7/03) ... Credited with an assist in limited action against Maryland 912/13/03) ... Had four points against Furman (12/28/03) ... Saw brief action versus Liberty (1/2/04) ... Tallied a career-high eight points with four rebounds and three assists against Providence (1/4/04) ... Had four points, two rebounds, one assist and one steal at Rutgers (1/7/04) ... Recorded two rebounds and one block at Notre Dame (1/10/04) ... Had two points against #19 Villanova (1/14/04) ... Credited with one rebound and one steal at Georgetown (1/17/04) ... Scored two points with two steals at Pittsburgh (1/21/04) ... Tallied two points versus #4 Connecticut (1/27/04) ... Scored two points with one assist, one steal and one block in first collegiate start at Syracuse (1/31/04) ... Had two points with four rebounds and two assists versus Seton Hall (2/4/04) ... Scored two points versus #23 Miami (2/14/04) ... Tallied two points with six rebounds, two steals and one block at Providence (2/21/04) ... Had four points against Pittsburgh (2/28/04) ... Scored four points versus St. John's (3/2/04) ... Scored one point with an assist and rebound against Iowa (3/21/04).

**High School:** Averaged 18.4 points and 9.2 rebounds in leading Blacksburg High School to the Virginia AA Championship ... Named 2002 AA Virginia Player of the Year

... Selected as Miss Basketball in Virginia ... Named the 2001 Virginia AAA Player of the Year as a junior while playing at Meadowbrook High School in Richmond which advanced to the state semifinals.

**Odds and Ends:** Britany Marie Anderson ... Born 10/26/84 in Tahoma Park, Md. ... Right-handed ... Daughter of Francine and Leslie Anderson ... Enrolled in merchandising management and apparel design.

## Britney's Career Highs

Points .....	8 vs. Providence, 1/4/04
FG Attempted .....	7 at Rutgers, 1/7/04
FG Made .....	3 vs. Providence, 1/4/04
3PT FG Attempted .....	0
3PT FG Made .....	0
FT Attempted .....	4 (three times)
FT Made .....	4 vs. Furman, 12/28/03
Rebounds .....	6 at Providence, 2/21/04
Assists .....	3 (two times)
Blocks .....	1 (two times)
Steals .....	4 vs. Miami (Ohio), 11/21/03



## Anderson's Statistics

Year	G	GS	MP	FGM-Att	Pct.	3PTM-Att	Pct.	FTM-Att	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	A	TO	Blk	ST	TP	Avg.
03-04	25	1	258	18-52	.346	0-0	.000	9-14	.643	34	1.4	17	20	3	15	45	1.8
Totals	25	1	258	18-52	.346	0-0	.000	9-14	.643	34	1.4	17	20	3	15	45	1.8



# Nare Diawara

# #11

6-6 • Sophomore • Center

Bamako, Mali • Chesire Academy (Connecticut)



## Nare's Career Highs

Points .....	4 vs. Pittsburgh, 2/28/04
FG Attempted .....	5 vs. Providence, 1/4/04
FG Made .....	1 vs. Providence, 1/4/04
3PT FG Attempted .....	0
3PT FG Made .....	0
FT Attempted .....	2 (four times)
FT Made .....	2 (two times)
Rebounds .....	9 vs. Providence, 1/4/04
Assists .....	1 at Providence, 2/21/04
Blocks .....	1 (three times)
Steals .....	0

Will provide a tremendous presence in the paint ... Has the ability to alter or block shots ... Can score with her back to the basket.

**2003-04:** Scored seven points with seven rebounds and two blocks against WBC Ilirija ... Had one rebound in collegiate debut vs. Miami of Ohio (11/21/03) ... Recorded first collegiate block against Furman (12/28/03) ... Had two points, nine rebounds and one block versus Providence (1/4/04) ... Saw limited playing against #19 Villanova (1/14/04) ... Had two points versus Seton Hall (2/4/04) ... Credited with one rebound and one assist at Providence (2/21/04) ... Scored four points against Pittsburgh (2/28/04).

**High School:** Averaged a triple-double with 24 points, 19 rebounds and 11 blocked shots per game ... Led Chesire (Conn.) Academy to a 19-3 record. The three losses occurred while Diawara was away from the team to participate in tournament for the Mali national team. In her final games of the season, she scored 45 and 47 points, respectively.

**Odds and Ends:** Nare Diawara ... Born 1/22/83 in Bamako, Mali ... Right-handed ... Daughter of Lassana Diawara and Mariam Kouyate ... Brother, Lamine, plays professional basketball in Libya ... Enrolled in university studies.

## Diawara's Statistics

Year	G	GS	MP	FGM-Att	Pct.	3PTM-Att	Pct.	FTM-Att	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	A	TO	Bik	ST	TP	Avg.
03-04	8	0	37	2-9	.222	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	13	1.6	1	2	3	0	8	1.0
Totals	8	0	37	2-9	.222	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	13	1.6	1	2	3	0	8	1.0

# Brittany Cook

# #21

**6-0 • Freshman • Guard**

**Narrows, Va. • Mercer Christian Academy**

**High School:** A McDonald's All-American nominee who averaged 28.9 points with 10.6 rebounds, 5.4 steals and 4.6 assists in leading Mercer Christian Academy to a 23-4 record and to the West Virginia state final. In the state tournament,

Cook averaged 30.3 points and set a state single-game record for free throws made with an 18-of-18 performance. She helped the West Virginia Class A-AA all-star team defeat the Class AAA team for the first time and was named Co-MVP of the game.

**Odds and Ends:** Brittany Summer Cook ... Born 12/10/85 in Narrows, Va. ... Right-handed ... Daughter of Rick and Kim Cook ... Enrolled in university studies.

# Roshana Jackson

# #50

**6-1 • tr.-Junior • Forward**

**Madisonville, Tenn. • Hiwassee College**

Will provide immediate depth and experience on the inside.

**High School:** A third team junior college All-American and led her Hiwassee team to seventh place national finishes

the past two seasons. Averaged 14 points with 10 rebounds and 2.5 blocks in her two-year career and was named to the all-conference and all-region teams both years.

**Odds and Ends:** Roshana Tikia Jackson ... Born 4/27/84 in Columbus, Ohio ... Right-handed ... Daughter of Roslyn Jackson ... Enrolled in health, nutrition, food and exercise.

# Christie Marrone

# #1

**6-0 • Freshman • Guard**

**Brooklyn, N.Y. • St. John Villa Academy**

**High School:** Scored over 1,800 points, including 202 treys, and scored in double figures 93 times in 122 career games. Marrone averaged 15.0 points per game and averaged 50.5 three-

pointers a season in her four-year career where she led St. John Villa Academy to the Class B and C New York State Federation title her junior and freshman years respectively.

**Odds and Ends:** Christie Marrone ... Born 12/8/86 in Brooklyn, N.Y. ... Right-handed ... Daughter of Tony and Patricia Marrone ... Enrolled in business.



# Rayna DuBose

**Columbia, Md.  
Oakland Mills H.S.**

Rayna DuBose returns again this year to the Hokies as she continues her remarkable recovery from a near-fatal illness in April, 2002. DuBose will primarily work with Tech's post players.

DuBose was hospitalized at Montgomery Regional Hospital with meningococcal meningitis on April 2, 2002, just over a week after the Hokies had completed the basketball season. This rare disease is a bacterial infection that leads to inflammation of fluids surrounding the brain and spinal cord. The next day she was airlifted in critical condition to the University of Virginia Medical Center where she would remain for the next 97 days. She spent three weeks in intensive care before being upgraded to fair condition.

In early May of 2002, she underwent a series of surgeries in which doctors amputated parts of all four limbs due to tissue damage caused by the infection. On July 8, DuBose was transferred to Good Samaritan Hospital, a Baltimore rehabilitation facility near her home in Columbia, Md. Soon after, she returned

to her home and began regular visits to the rehab facility where she later would be fitted for prosthesis for her arms and legs.

DuBose made her first visit back to Virginia Tech on Oct. 19, 2002 for the Hokies' homecoming football game against Rutgers. She returned to campus in the summer of 2003 and worked at the women's basketball camps then enrolled for the fall semester.

Her amazing recovery has garnered national attention including features on HBO's Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel, CBS Sports' Final Four preview program and the CBS Early Show. In April 2003, Rayna and her parents traveled to New Orleans, La., the site of the NCAA Men's Final Four, where she received the Most Courageous Award from the United States Basketball Writers Association.

**2001-02:** A 6-3 center, DuBose played in 13 games ... Never missed a collegiate free throw attempt (15-15) ... Scored in double figures four times ... Had 10 points in collegiate debut against Northwestern

State (11/24) in LSU Crawfish Classic ... Had 10 points and five rebounds at Radford (12/12) ... Tallied 10 points and seven rebounds in Lady Luck Classic against Gardner-Webb (12/28) ... Scored six points with six boards in Lady Luck Classic title game against Hampton (12/29) ... Tallied a career-high 13 points in only ten minutes against Vermont (3/20) in WNIT Quarterfinal.

**High School:** Averaged 15.5 points, 13.1 rebounds and 3.0 blocks her senior year for Coach Marcus Lewis at Oakland Mills H.S., in Columbia Md. ... Led the team in scoring and was the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,067 career points ... Was named one of the top 30 centers in the nation by *All-Star Girls Report*.

**Odds and Ends:** Rayna Lee DuBose ... Born 10/15/83 in Columbia, Md. ... Daughter of Andrea and Willie DuBose ... Major is apparel, housing and resource management.



# Conference Timeline

• **Oct. 21, 1892** — Tech played its first football game, recording a 14-10 win over St. Albans, a private boys prep school in Radford.

• **Feb. 25-26, 1921** — Tech, under the leadership of athletics director C.P. “Sally” Miles, joined the Southern Intercollegiate Conference as a charter member. Other members included Alabama, Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn), Clemson, Georgia, Georgia School of Technology (Georgia Tech), Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College (Mississippi State), North Carolina, North Carolina State, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington and Lee. In 1922, Louisiana State, Mississippi, South Carolina, Vanderbilt and Tulane joined the conference.

• **December 1923** — The name of the conference was officially changed to the Southern Conference. Also, conference officials added the University of the South to the conference. The following year, VMI joined the conference, and in 1929, Duke joined.

• **1932** — It was agreed that the 13 southern-most members should form a separate conference. The Southeastern Conference, thus, was formed with Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, LSU, Mississippi, Mississippi State, Sewanee, Tennessee, Tulane and Vanderbilt as the members.

• **1953** — The following seven colleges withdrew to form the Atlantic Coast Conference: Clemson, Duke, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Maryland, South Carolina and Wake Forest College.

• **June 1965** — Tech withdrew from the Southern Conference.

• **July 1965-May 1978** — Tech competed as an independent in virtually every varsity sport.

• **May 1978** — Tech ends its 13-year status as a major independent by accepting a bid to join the Metropolitan Collegiate Athletic Conference (a.k.a. the Metro) for all sports except football.

The Hokies join Cincinnati, Florida State, Louisville, Memphis State, St. Louis and Tulane in the Metro, which was founded in 1975.

“Affiliation with the Metro Conference is beneficial from the standpoint of scheduling, national identity and postseason activity,” Tech president William Lavery said. “It will provide us with national exposure and television coverage, as well as improve the basketball schedule and bring good teams to Blacksburg.”

• **Feb. 5, 1991** — After 26 years as a football independent, Tech officially accepts a bid to join the newly-created BIG EAST

Football Conference. Tech joined Miami, Syracuse, Boston College, Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Temple and Rutgers as charter members of the conference.

• **January 1995** — Five Metro members — UNC Charlotte, Tulane, Louisville, Southern Miss and South Florida — voted Tech and Virginia Commonwealth out of the league. At the time, those schools were planning merger with other Midwestern schools (hence, the birth of Conference USA) and the Hokies and Rams were not interested in such a merger. As a result, those five league members decided to vote them out of the league.

• **Feb. 3, 1995** — Tech, VCU and the Metro agree to a \$2.27 million settlement which the Hokies and Rams split. A portion of conference revenue was going to be withheld from the two schools, but this settlement put an end to the issue.

• **Two weeks later, 1995** — Tech joins the Atlantic 10 Conference for all sports except football, which is in the BIG EAST, and wrestling, which is in the Colonial. (Tech wrestling began competition in the Eastern Wrestling League in the 1997-98 season.)

Tech AD Dave Braine picked the Atlantic 10 over the Colonial because of three factors.

“No. 1 was Northeast exposure,” Braine told Bill Roth in the Feb. 17 issue of *The Hokie Huddler*. “No. 2 were the basketball rankings of the Atlantic 10 and the high level of play in the league. And No. 3, most of our out-of-state students are from the Northeast.”

• **June 24, 1999** — Tech receives proposal from the BIG EAST Conference, inviting the school to join the conference for all sports.

• **July 20, 1999** — Tech submits a counterproposal, addressing financial issues that the school has with the original proposal. BIG EAST athletic directors address those concerns at the athletics directors’ meetings in mid-July and submit the proposal to each school’s respective president for a vote.

• **Aug. 24, 1999** — Tech and the BIG EAST announce that the Hokies will join the conference for all sports beginning in 2001-02.

“Virginia Tech is thrilled to become a full member of the BIG EAST Conference and looks forward to its academic and athletic associations with the entire conference membership,” Tech president Paul Torgersen said.

• **November 2, 1999** — BIG EAST Conference Presidents vote to advance Virginia Tech’s participation as a full member to July 1, 2000.

• **June 18, 2003** — In a surprise move, presidents of Atlantic Coast Conference schools privately drop a plan to invite Miami,

Boston College and Syracuse and instead, vote on inviting Virginia Tech and Miami. This comes after five weeks of negotiations with the other three schools for ACC invitations.

• **June 19, 2003** — Responding to speculation that Virginia Tech has been invited to join the ACC, the university issues a release stating that no offer has been extended officially or unofficially.

• **June 24, 2003** — Presidents of Atlantic Coast Conference schools hold a teleconference and vote to begin the official process of offering invitations to Virginia Tech and Miami.

• **June 25, 2003** — Atlantic Coast Conference officials make an official site visit to Virginia Tech, with the Hokies passing with flying colors. This is the final step before an official invitation can be extended.

• **June 27, 2003** — Virginia Tech President Charles Steger announces that the Hokies have officially accepted the ACC’s invitation to join the conference.

“Today we have received the formal offer of membership, which we will accept,” Steger said. “We know that this affiliation will be good for our students, athletes, fans, and communities for many years to come.”

• **July 1, 2003** — Virginia Tech and Miami are officially introduced as the 10th and 11th members of the Atlantic Coast Conference at a press conference in Greensboro, N.C.

“I’m excited for our fans and our constituency,” Weaver said. “This membership is something that the fan base and alumni and friends of Virginia Tech have wanted for a long time. It’s home for us. We’ve had prior relationships with these institutions for many years and this is something our fans are excited about. I’m happy for them, for our coaches and for our student-athletes.”

• **July 1, 2004** — The Hokies officially join the ACC on July 1, 2004 and begin play in the 2004-05 academic year in all sports.



# 2003-2004 Review

Tech advances to NCAA tourney in seventh straight postseason appearance

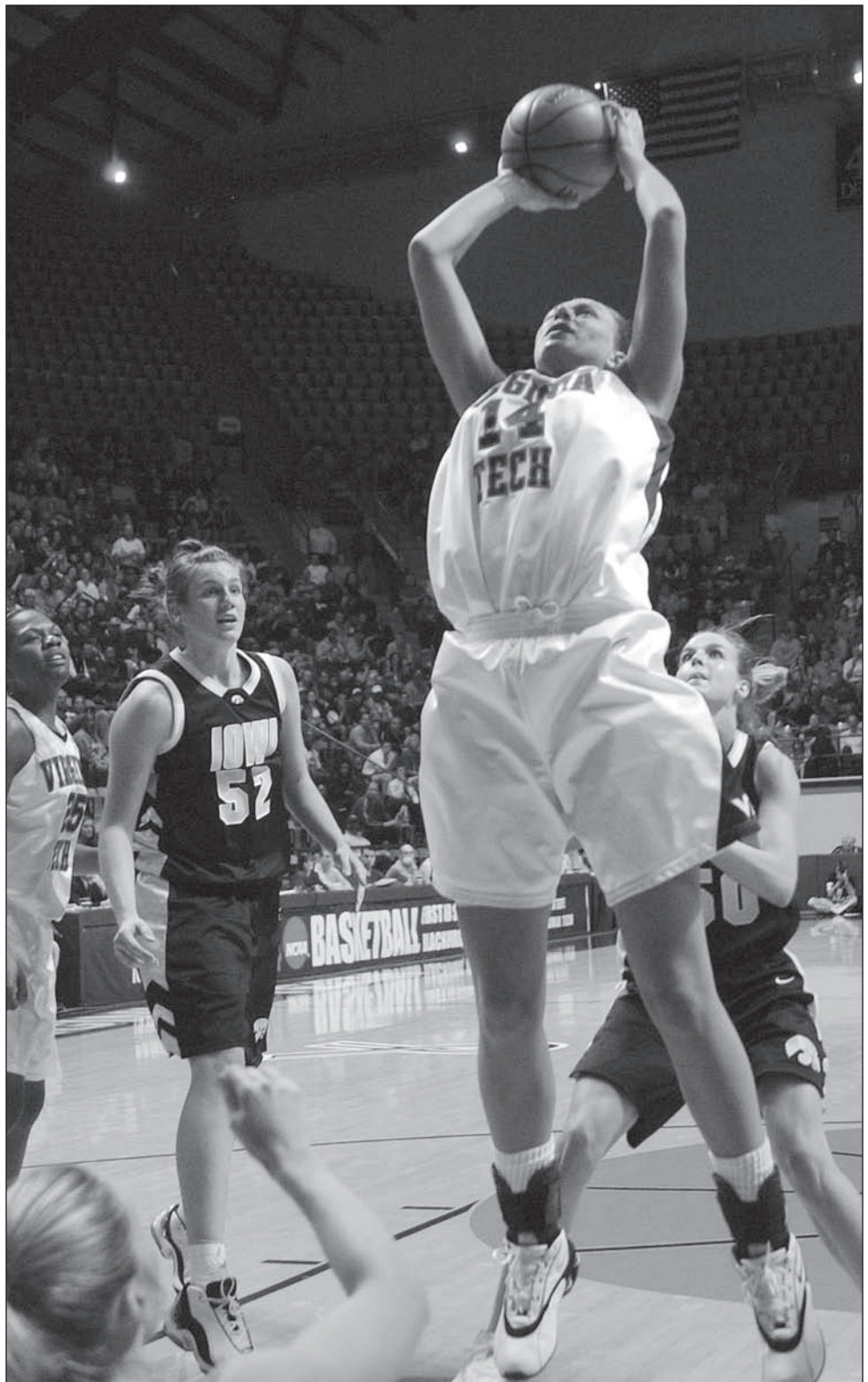
A 20-win season, featuring the second best start in the program's history, and another trip to the NCAA Tournament were a couple of the highlights of the 27th edition of the Virginia Tech women's basketball team. An experienced inside game along with support from an outstanding sophomore class helped the Hokies to a 23-8 season and their seventh consecutive postseason appearance.

The season was filled with individual accomplishments, especially those of forward Ieva Kublina. The senior from Riga, Latvia, had another solid season averaging 13.7 points, 6.6 rebounds with 72 blocks and was an All-BIG EAST second-team selection. Kublina, named to the 2004 BIG EAST all-tournament team, concluded her career ranked first on Tech's all-time blocks list (256), second in rebounding (845), third in scoring (1,647), fourth in field goals made (613), fifth in three-point field goals (77), and fifth in free throws made (344).

Kublina scored 15 points in her final game against Penn State in the NCAA Second Round, marking the 85th time she had scored in double figures. Also, the Penn State game was her 95th consecutive start, which at the time was the second longest in the BIG EAST Conference and ranked ninth in the nation.

Carrie Mason avoided a "sophomore slump" by averaging 11.5 points, which was second on the team behind Kublina. Mason, the Paradise Jam Most Valuable Player, set a sophomore record with 51 three-point field goals and after only two seasons, ranks third on the career three-point field goals made list (93). She tied a career high with four treys in the Hokies 89-76 victory over Iowa in the NCAA First Round. Mason, for the second consecutive year, proved her durability by leading the team with 1,110 minutes, averaging almost 36 minutes per contest.

Cassell Coliseum again proved to be a friendly home for the Hokies, as the team posted a 13-3 record, with the losses coming against eventual national champion Connecticut, fifth-ranked Penn State and NCAA participant Miami. Tech continued to draw well, averaging 3,685 fans. This included 7,128 for the NCAA Second Round game versus Penn State, the eighth largest crowd in the program's history.



*Ieva Kublina led the Hokies to a 23-8 record and the second round of the NCAA Tournament.*

The season began at home and the Hokies did not disappoint with a convincing 77-60 win over Miami (Ohio). Kublina led four players in double figures with 16 points in guiding the team to the program's 15th consecutive home-opening victory. Junior Erin Gibson had a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds while sophomores Mason and Dawn Chriss added a dozen points each.

The second game of the season would prove to vault the team to bigger and better things as Tech traveled to Charlottesville, Va., to face arch-rival and 24th-ranked Virginia Tech, which had never defeated the Cavaliers on their home floor since becoming a varsity sport, staved off a furious Virginia rally in the waning moments to pull out a 63-62 victory. Mason had 18 points, including three treys, while Chriss added 11. Kublina, in early foul trouble, contributed seven points and 10 rebounds.

The only thing better than a 2-0 start and a No. 24 national ranking was a trip to paradise, as Tech headed to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands over the Thanksgiving break to participate in the University of the Virgin Islands Paradise Jam. Clutch free throw shooting down the stretch and a balanced scoring attack proved to be the difference in a 67-57 win over Iowa State. Tech made 9-of-10 free throws in the final two minutes and added a big three-pointer from redshirt-sophomore Fran Recchia to hold off the Cyclones. Gibson led the Hokies with 14 points followed by Kublina, Recchia and Chriss with 12 points and Mason with 11.

A 7-0 run at the end of the game and a career night from Mason led Tech to the championship of the Paradise Jam with a 63-56 win over Mississippi State. Mason, named the tournament Most Valuable Player, tied her career-high with 24 points including three treys and a 7-of-7 performance from the charity stripe. Kublina, selected to the all-tournament team, added 17 points and three blocks.

The Hokies returned to the mainland and used a second half surge to edge Old Dominion 79-72 for their 17th consecutive home victory over an in-state opponent. For only the sixth time in the history of the program and the first time in four years, Tech had three players in double-figures led by Kublina and Chriss with 21 points each and Gibson with 20.

Defense proved to be the difference as Tech travelled south and defeated Alabama 68-51. The Crimson Tide were limited to 30.8 percent shooting and scored only 19 points in the second half. The Hokie victory snapped Alabama's 53-game home winning streak against non-conference opponents. Gibson led Tech with 13 points and 12 rebounds followed by Kublina and Chriss also with 13.

Tech moved up to No. 18 and celebrated with an easy 63-43 victory over

future ACC opponent Maryland. After a ragged first half by both teams, the Hokies used a 13-4 run to open the second frame and later put away the Terps with an 11-0 spurt. Kublina registered a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds in the win.

Following a break for exams, the 16th-ranked Tech squad headed to Harrisonburg, Va. for a contest against James Madison. The Dukes led by four with just over twelve minutes remaining before the Hokies exploded on a 17-1 run over the next seven minutes to win 60-53. Freshman Kirby Copeland had six of her career-high 11 points during the run while Chriss recorded 14 points and a career-high nine boards.

After a break for Christmas, Tech began a busy schedule hosting the Lady Luck Classic. Furman would be the first round opponent and the teams battled back-and-forth in the first half until a Hokie surge gave the home team a lead it would never relinquish en route to an easy 83-70 win. Kublina led Tech with 25 points while Gibson had her fourth double-double of the young season with 14 points and a career-high 16 rebounds.

For 37 minutes, it looked like the visiting Wake Forest Demon Deacons were going to put an end to Virginia Tech's perfect basketball season. For the final three minutes, however, the Hokies made certain their opponent didn't spoil the fun, rallying for a 70-59 win to capture the tournament title for the sixth consecutive season and record their 12th straight win in the event. Kublina was selected the tournament MVP tallying 15 points in the title game and 40 for the tournament. Sophomore Kerri Gardin recorded her first career double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds.

It may not have been a pretty win, but it was a win nonetheless as Tech improved to 11-0 and 10-0 against Liberty with a 52-45 home win over the Flames. The Hokies shot a season-low 29.4 percent from the field but outscored their opponents 19-7 at the free throw line. Chriss tallied 15 points followed by Kublina's 13 and 10 from Mason.

The final year of BIG EAST Conference competition opened with a bang as Tech suffocated Providence 64-34 at home. The 34 points were the fewest allowed in the history of the program, bettering the team's 1988 mark of 35 allowed against George Washington. The Hokies raced out to a 15-1 lead in the first six minutes and were never tested. With every member of the squad seeing action, Copeland led Tech with 12 points and sophomore Megan Finnerty totaled a career-high 11 points.

The Louis Brown Athletic Center is one place Virginia Tech will not miss this season as it enters ACC play. Tech dropped to 0-4 against Rutgers in the building known as the "RAC" and suffered the first loss of the season with a 56-43 loss to the Scarlet

Knights. The 15th-ranked Hokies struggled from the field all night shooting under 40 percent as the second best start in school history ended at 12-0. Chriss had 14 points in the loss but Tech's two top guns, Kublina and Mason, were held to six and zero points respectively.

From the opening tip, Tech's offense appeared to still be mired in a scoring slump as its shooting was as cold as the frigid temperatures outside in a 53-40 loss at Notre Dame. The Hokies used a 13-4 run late in the first half to take a 20-16 lead into the locker room. The Irish assumed control early in the second frame with an 11-0 surge forcing Tech to play catch-up the rest of the way. Gardin was the only Hokie in double figures with 10 points while Kublina was limited to only three points in the defeat.

Cassell Coliseum never looked so good as the slumping Hokies snapped a two-game slud with an impressive 63-50 win over No. 19 Villanova. Tech jumped out to a quick 13-4 lead, later built the advantage to 27-9 and was never threatened. The Hokies shooting came to life as they shot 51.1 percent from the field and held a 39-24 advantage on the boards. Gardin led four players in double figures with 14 points including 6-of-6 from the free throw line.

Just when all seemed to be right again, the Hokies had arguably their worst performance of the year in a 70-50 loss at Georgetown. The 19th-ranked Tech squad shot 50 percent in the first half but still found themselves down 30-23. In the second half, the Hokies struggled from the field as the Hoyas built a 10-point lead then iced the win with a 10-2 run late in the contest. Kublina had 18 points but only two rebounds as Georgetown held a 35-24 edge on the boards.

Sometimes the best offense is a good defense which is just what Tech needed to win 67-57 at Pittsburgh. After trailing 42-34 with 13 minutes remaining, the Hokies exploded on a 14-0 run then used a key Mason trey and clutch free throw shooting to seal the victory. Mason had 15 points and career-highs of eight rebounds and seven assists in the win.

Tech put together one of its best performances on Jan. 24 at home against Boston College in a battle of ranked teams. The Hokies, ranked 23rd, placed five players in double figures in a 80-64 victory over the 24th-ranked Eagles. Trailing 33-31 at the break, Tech outscored BC 49-31 in the second half led by Kublina with 15 of her 17 points coming in the second frame. Mason added 16 points followed by Gibson and Chriss with 14 each and Gardin with 13. The Eagles shot 55.6 percent from the field but the Hokies outscored the visitors 23-11 at the free throw line and held a commanding 32-19 edge on the glass.

Next up was the much anticipated battle with eventual national champion



Connecticut in the Cassell. A crowd of over 7,000 turned out to support Tech but UConn, both figuratively and literally, turned out the lights early in the game. The Huskies jumped out to an 11-2 lead in the first six minutes before a 20-minute power outage halted the game. When the lights came on, UConn didn't miss a beat in building an 18-point halftime advantage on the way to a 68-50 victory. Tech, limited to only 33.3 percent from the floor, was led by Kublina's 19 points and 15 from Mason.

A trip north to Syracuse, N.Y. in the dead of winter usually spells trouble for any traveler but the Hokies shook off the UConn loss and dominated the smaller Orangewomen, 75-60. Kublina tallied 23 points with 10 rebounds and five blocks while Chriss and Gardin tossed in 14 each.

Kublina put up her second straight 23-point performance in leading Tech to an easy 64-40 home win over Seton Hall. The Hokies jumped out to a 31-14 halftime lead and never were challenged in the contest. Tech limited the Pirates to 25.5 percent from the field and forced 22 turnovers.

The most devastating loss of the year occurred at West Virginia. With Tech seemingly in complete control of the game leading by 10 with just over four minutes left, the Mountaineers exploded on a 21-5 run to win 69-66. Mason led Tech with 17 points including four treys.

There was nothing rosy about Tech's Valentine's Day 65-56 loss to 23rd-ranked Miami. Each team struggled in the first half as the Hokies could connect on only 27 percent from the field but the Hurricanes committed 16 turnovers which kept Tech close trailing only 30-28 at the half. For the second consecutive game, The Hokies could not finish a game as Miami produced a 8-0 run in the final three minutes for the win. Tech shot only 30 percent for the game and Miami outscored them 18-9 at the free throw line.

In a match-up that featured 10 lead changes and eight ties, Tech finally prevailed 48-42 in a defensive battle at Seton Hall. With the Hokies trailing 40-36 and 11 minutes left, Tech turned up the defensive pressure and forced the Pirates to miss their final 13 shots and register only two free throws the rest of the way.

A trip to Providence, R.I. proved to be a victorious one as Tech jumped out to a 41-24 halftime lead en route to an easy 77-56 win over the Friars. The Hokies shot just under 50 percent from the floor and had a season-low nine turnovers. Kublina had another outstanding game with 19 points and all twelve members of the squad saw action in the contest.

In the first meeting with Pittsburgh, the Hokies had to come-from-behind in the second half to pull off a 67-57 win. However, the rematch proved to be much different as Tech blistered the nets in cruising to a 85-55 win. Tech shot

a season-high 63.8 percent in front of 6,364, the ninth largest crowd to witness a home women's contest in the Cassell. Every member of the team scored in the one-sided affair led by Mason who tallied 14 points and was 6-of-6 from the field including two treys.

The Hokies sent their three seniors out with bang in the final regular season contest blasting St. John's 69-38. Again, every Hokie saw action in the contest, as Tech used a 21-4 surge early in the second half to remove any doubt as to the outcome. Freshman Kirby Copeland led the way with a dozen points followed by Chriss with 10. Tech forced the Red Storm into 35 turnovers and limited the visitors to under 35 percent from the field. The win gave Tech a 10-6 league mark as the Hokies completed their four years in the BIG EAST averaging 10 conference wins a year.

Virginia Tech, a disappointing eighth seed in the BIG EAST tournament, found itself in deep trouble against Georgetown in the first round. The Hoyas, who handed Tech its worst loss of the season, 70-50, led 40-28 six minutes into the second half. Trailing 43-37 a few moments later, the Hokies put the hammer down and ripped off 17 unanswered points to win going away, 56-47. Mason tied for team-high honors with 14 points, including three big treys.

A rematch with UConn in the quarterfinals was a defensive struggle from the outset. Tech held the Huskies to a season-low in points and All-American Diana Taurasi scored only four points. However, as good as the defensive effort was, Tech's offense had trouble mustering anything in the 48-34 loss. Mason was the only Hokie in double figures with 13 points.

When Virginia Tech faced the Iowa Hawkeyes in the NCAA First Round in Blacksburg, it was the old case of the irresistible force and the immovable object

as Iowa had never lost a first-round NCAA contest and Tech had won its past seven postseason openers. However, the Hokies used hot shooting throughout the game to ultimately resist the Hawkeyes 89-76. Tech shot a 59.0 percent for the game and hit a season-high seven three-point shots. Kublina led all scorers with 26 points followed by Mason's 19, including four treys.

The season came to end in the NCAA Second Round as the Hokies dropped a 61-48 decision to No. 1 seed and fifth-ranked Penn State. A crowd of 7,128, the eighth largest for a Tech women's game, were on hand but a 27-6 second-half run by the Nittany Lions was too much for the Hokies to overcome. Tech led 28-25 at the half following a 7-1 run and extended the lead to 32-27 on two Mason free throws following a technical foul. From that point on, Penn State took control outscoring the Hokies 34-16 the rest of the way. Mason led Tech with 16 points followed by Kublina's 15-point effort.

The end of the season was not the end of the story for the Tech women as head coach Bonnie Henrickson resigned on March 29 to become the head coach at the University of Kansas. The Virginia Tech administration moved swiftly to fill the vacancy as Beth Dunkenberg, head coach at Western Carolina and a former Tech assistant, was named the fifth head women's coach on April 6.

A seventh consecutive postseason appearance and seven straight 20-win seasons have solidified the Hokies' place among the nation's elite women's basketball programs. With the return of four starters, entrance into the Atlantic Coast Conference and the homecoming for the new head coach, excitement abounds as the Hokies look forward to the 2004-05 season.



*Carrie Mason helped Tech win an opening-round postseason game for the seventh straight year.*

# 03-04 Season Box Score

##	Player	TOTAL				3-PTS				REBOUNDS																		
		GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg		
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	Conference-Only...	16	16	496	31.0	79	184	.429	7	33	.212	42	54	.778	38	60	98	6.1	38	0	10	38	40	10	207	12.9		
24	MASON, Carrie	31	31	1100	35.8	114	272	.419	51	129	.395	79	99	.798	6	85	91	2.9	33	0	84	86	4	58	358	11.5		
	Conference-Only...	16	16	543	33.9	51	117	.436	24	60	.400	36	42	.857	1	48	49	3.1	17	0	38	44	0	23	162	10.1		
23	CHRISS, Dawn	31	31	943	30.4	114	237	.481	1	3	.333	87	104	.837	45	101	146	4.7	83	2	72	81	28	44	316	10.2		
	Conference-Only...	16	16	470	29.4	58	118	.492	0	1	.000	37	44	.841	17	46	63	3.9	44	2	39	39	9	23	153	9.6		
54	GIBSON, Erin	31	30	956	30.8	111	229	.485	0	0	.000	65	108	.602	74	141	215	6.9	75	2	24	64	24	13	287	9.3		
	Conference-Only...	16	15	474	29.6	52	106	.491	0	0	.000	27	48	.563	30	66	96	46.0	36	1	14	28	10	7	131	8.2		
32	GARDIN, Kerri	31	29	799	25.8	88	256	.344	2	6	.333	64	95	.674	60	107	167	5.4	51	1	90	91	17	36	242	7.8		
	Conference-Only...	16	14	433	27.1	50	141	.355	1	5	.200	35	47	.745	34	56	90	5.6	32	1	47	52	9	23	136	8.5		
21	COPELAND, Kirby	30	0	346	11.5	38	97	.392	0	0	.000	24	39	.615	28	42	70	2.3	44	0	29	56	3	26	100	3.3		
	Conference-Only...	16	0	173	10.8	23	51	.451	0	0	.000	16	26	.615	13	19	32	2.0	25	0	16	32	2	17	62	3.9		
10	RECCHIA, Fran	29	0	260	9.0	17	54	.315	7	29	.241	19	20	.950	4	24	28	1.0	6	0	14	20	0	3	60	2.1		
	Conference-Only...	16	0	126	7.9	7	22	.318	2	13	.154	6	6	1.000	0	11	11	0.7	1	0	7	11	0	0	22	1.4		
15	FINNERTY, Megan	29	0	230	7.9	19	40	.475	0	0	.000	20	33	.606	17	22	39	1.3	32	0	2	20	3	9	58	2.0		
	Conference-Only...	14	0	116	8.3	13	24	.542	0	0	.000	10	13	.769	8	11	19	1.4	17	0	1	9	2	6	36	2.6		
42	SIMMONS, Davina	26	1	199	7.7	22	49	.449	0	0	.000	5	10	.500	19	15	34	1.3	28	0	3	7	0	9	49	1.9		
	Conference-Only...	15	1	139	9.3	16	36	.444	0	0	.000	5	8	.625	13	13	26	1.7	15	0	2	5	0	5	37	2.5		
25	ANDERSON, Britney	25	1	258	10.3	18	52	.346	0	0	.000	9	14	.643	13	21	34	1.4	14	0	17	20	3	15	45	1.8		
	Conference-Only...	14	1	168	12.0	15	35	.429	0	0	.000	4	8	.500	9	13	22	1.6	10	0	11	14	3	9	34	2.4		
21	FOWLER, Brandy	9	1	63	7.0	9	11	.818	0	0	.000	2	9	.222	9	6	15	1.7	6	0	1	6	3	2	20	2.2		
	Conference-Only...	4	1	32	8.0	4	6	.667	0	0	.000	1	4	.250	2	2	4	1.0	5	0	0	2	2	2	9	2.3		
11	DIAWARA, Nare	8	0	37	4.6	2	9	.222	0	0	.000	4	8	.500	7	6	13	1.6	4	0	1	2	3	0	8	1.0		
	Conference-Only...	6	0	30	5.0	2	8	.250	0	0	.000	4	6	.667	7	5	12	2.0	4	0	1	2	2	0	8	1.3		
TEAM REBOUNDS.....															51	63	114	3.7	0	10								
Conference-Only...															23	37	60	3.8	0	6								
Virginia Tech		31					707	1680	.421	82	245	.335	473	654	.723	407	763	1170	37.7	452	6363	535	161	238	1969	63.5		
Conference-Only...		16					370	848	.436	34	112	.304	223	306	.729	195	387	582	36.4	244	4186	282	79	125	997	62.3		
Opponents.....		31					663	1749	.379	96	339	.283	315	468	.673	390	647	1037	33.5	562	13309	550	123	253	1737	56.0		
Conference-Only...		16					329	860	.383	50	164	.305	169	254	.665	184	326	510	31.9	263	5166	294	58	138	877	54.8		

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Virginia Tech	895	1074	1969
Opponents	780	957	1737

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Virginia Tech	88	14	102
Opponents	71	13	84

## VT 77, UM (Ohio) 60

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (11/21/03)** - The Virginia Tech women's basketball team kicked off their 2003-04 campaign with a convincing 77-60 win over the Miami RedHawks. The win improves Tech's record in home openers to 15-2, with 15 consecutive home-opening wins. Ieva Kublina paced the Hokies with 16 points, seven rebounds, and five blocks.

Tech assumed control from the tip with back-to-back lay-ups from Kerri Gardin and Erin Gibson to go up 4-0. The Hokies had a commanding 14-6 lead at the 13-minute mark before the RedHawks stormed back with 10 unanswered points to go up 16-14 on a Cindi Merrill jumper. Kublina quickly put an end to the run with two lay-ups to put the Hokies up 18-16 at the 7-minute mark, a lead the Hokies would not relinquish. A buzzer beating three-pointer by Fran Recchia increased the Hokies' lead to 41-28 at the half.

In the second half, Miami managed to dent Tech's lead, getting within eight points at the 13-minute mark. However, Tech quickly fired back with an eight-point run in which Erin Gibson took command with six points in under a minute and a half to go up 57-41.

A Gardin jumper at the 6-minute mark gave the Hokies a 21-point lead, their largest of the evening.

Kublina led four Tech players in double figures with 16 points and five blocks. Kublina's five blocks marks the eighth game in which she has recorded five or more blocks. Gibson notched her seventh career double-double with 14 points and a game-leading 10 boards. Dawn Chriss and Carrie Mason added 12 points each.

### Virginia Tech 77, Miami (Ohio) 60 Nov. 21, 2003; Cassell Coliseum

Miami Ohio (60)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Smith	26	3-7	1-1	7	1	4	7
Day	28	6-12	3-4	4	1	5	15
Motto	31	3-11	0-0	9	2	1	6
Kozlowski	33	1-8	0-0	3	0	1	3
Merrill	27	3-13	0-0	6	3	4	7
Ntumba	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Jackson	17	4-10	2-3	3	2	4	11
Beck	9	1-3	0-0	0	0	3	3
Burke	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Lancaster	19	3-10	2-2	2	0	1	8
Miller	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team				6			
Totals	200	24-74	9-12	41	9	24	60

VT (77)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	24	6-13	3-3	7	0	4	16
Chriss	32	3-7	6-8	8	4	2	12
Gardin	20	2-6	1-2	5	2	0	5
Gibson	29	4-7	6-9	10	2	1	14
Mason	32	5-14	1-2	2	1	0	12
Recchia	18	1-3	3-4	3	2	3	6
Diawara	5	0-1	0-2	1	0	0	0
Fowler	11	3-3	1-3	3	0	0	7
Anderson	18	2-5	0-0	3	3	1	4
Finnerty	11	0-1	1-2	4	0	1	1
Team				1			
Totals	200	26-60	22-35	47	14	12	77

Miami (Ohio)	28	32	—	60
Virginia Tech	41	36	—	77

#### PERCENTAGES:

MU	FG%	32.4	3PT%	17.6	FT%	75.0
VT	FG%	43.3	3PT%	23.1	FT%	62.9

**3-POINTERS** - MU 3 (Kozlowski, Jackson, Beck); VT 3 (Kublina, Mason, Recchia)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - MU 1 (Day); VT 10 (Kublina 5, Chriss 2, Gibson 2, Gardin)

**STEALS** - MU 6 (Lancaster 2, Smith, Day, Kozlowski, Jackson); VT 9 (Anderson 4, Kublina 2, Mason 2, Chriss)

**TURNOVERS** - MU 16 (Day 3, Motto 3, Merrill 3, Jackson 3, Smith 2, Kozlowski, Beck); VT 14 (Gardin 3, Mason 3, Recchia 3, Chriss 2, Finnerty 2, Gibson)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Patti Fernandes, John Jones, Jonn Almaroke

**ATTENDANCE:** 2,687

## VT 63, UVA 62

### CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (11/23/03)

Virginia Tech proved there is a first time for everything as the Hokies defeated the 24th-ranked Virginia Cavaliers 63-62 for their first-ever win as a varsity team in Charlottesville.

Sophomore Carrie Mason led the Hokies with 18 points, while fellow sophomore Dawn Chriss provided 11 points. Mason also notched three assists and four steals. Senior Ieva Kublina got into some foul trouble but still managed to lead the Hokies on the boards with 10. She tallied seven points. Brandi Teamer led the Cavaliers with a double-double of 19 points and 11 rebounds. LaTonya Blue came off the bench to score all 15 of her points in the second half. For the game, Virginia Tech shot 43 percent (24-of-56) and outrebounded the Cavaliers 38-36.

The Hokies survived a furious Cavalier rally in the second half after Virginia Tech went up by as many as 14. Leading 63-62 with 4.8 seconds left, the Hokies denied two Cavalier game-winning attempts, including a turnaround jumper in the lane that Teamer missed. Virginia Tech opened up its largest lead, 48-34, at 14:46 of the second half after leading 36-30 at the break. Chriss keyed the 12-4 run with seven points. Over the next 11 minutes, however, the Cavaliers trimmed the lead to just two, at 59-57 after a fastbreak layup by Anna Prillaman. The Hokies scored the next four points to grab a 63-57 lead at 2:34, then held on as the Cavaliers applied the pressure and crept to within one.

### Virginia Tech 63, #24 Virginia 62 Nov. 23, 2003; University Hall

VT (63)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	26	2-11	3-3	10	1	4	7
Gardin	27	3-10	1-2	2	4	2	7
Gibson	26	3-7	0-1	6	0	3	6
Chriss	34	5-9	1-1	6	2	2	11
Mason	39	7-15	1-3	2	3	1	18
Copeland	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Recchia	4	0-0	4-4	0	0	0	4
Fowler	13	2-2	0-2	5	0	1	4
Anderson	15	1-4	0-0	4	0	0	2
Simmons	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Finnerty	13	1-3	2-2	1	1	1	4
Team				0			
Totals	200	24-61	12-18	36	11	14	63

#24 Uva (62)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Teamer	30	7-15	5-7	11	2	3	19
Crosswhite	20	2-5	0-0	3	1	5	5
Kreager	24	2-8	0-0	6	0	3	4
Grant-Fairley	11	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
Prillaman	37	4-7	0-0	1	4	1	10
Chatman	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Williams	18	3-7	1-4	5	0	2	7
McGuire	18	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Blue	20	5-9	2-2	4	4	2	15
Wulff	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Sardin	12	1-2	0-0	2	0	3	2
O'Reggio	6	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0
Team				1			
Totals	200	24-56	8-13	38	13	19	62

Virginia Tech	36	27	—	63
#24 Virginia	30	32	—	62

#### PERCENTAGES:

VT	FG%	39.3	3PT%	30.0	FT%	66.7
Uva	FG%	42.9	3PT%	54.5	FT%	61.5

**3-POINTERS** - VT 3 (Mason 3); Uva 6 (Blue 3, Prillaman 2, Crosswhite)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - VT 2 (Gardin, Chriss); Uva 4 (Teamer, Prillaman, Chatman, Blue)

**STEALS** - VT 12 (Mason 4, Gardin 2, Chriss 2, Anderson 2, Kublina, Gibson); Uva 6 (Williams 2, McGuire 2, Crosswhite, Blue)

**TURNOVERS** - VT 15 (Gibson 3, Mason 3, Fowler 3, Finnerty 3, Kublina, Gardin, Anderson); Uva 19 (Teamer 5, Kreager 2, Grant-Fairley 2, Prillaman 2, Chatman 2, Blue 2, Crosswhite, Williams, McGuire, Sardin)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Nan Sisk, Susan Blauch, Ed Novak

**ATTENDANCE:** 3,031

## VT 67, ISU 57

### ST. THOMAS, U.S. Virgin Islands (11/28/03)

Clutch free throw shooting down the stretch and a balanced scoring attack proved to be the differences in Virginia Tech's 67-57 victory Friday night over Iowa State in the first round of the Paradise Jam being played on the campus of the University of the Virgin Islands.

Tech made 9-of-10 free throws in the final two and a half minutes and added a Fran Recchia three-pointer to squelch an Iowa State rally and claim the victory. The Hokies led by as many as 13 points in the second half only to see the Cyclones cut the margin to 40-37 with 10:59 remaining in the contest. An Erin Gibson layup and a Ieva Kublina three-pointer regained the momentum for Tech and Iowa State could get no closer than six points the rest of the way.

Virginia Tech placed five players in double figures led by Gibson with 14 points followed by Kublina, Recchia and Dawn Chriss with 12 each. Carrie Mason added 11 points in the Hokies' win. Kublina and Recchia each pulled down eight rebounds while Kublina and Gibson finished with three blocks each as the Hokies rejected nine as a team. Tech has now blocked 21 shots in three games this season. The eight rebounds for Recchia were a career high.

Iowa State was led by Lyndsey Medders with a game-high 19 points followed by Anne O'Neil with 13 points and Brittany Wilkins with 10.

### #24 Virginia Tech 67, Iowa State 57 University of the Virgin Islands Paradise Jam Nov. 28, 2003; Sport & Fitness Center

ISU (57)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kreiner	31	3-5	0-0	7	1	5	6
Fox	30	2-7	0-0	4	0	3	4
O'Neil	35	2-7	9-10	5	2	0	13
Paustian	21	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	21
Ronhovde	27	2-7	0-0	6	0	1	27
Medders	30	7-13	3-4	3	5	3	19
Wilkins	26	5-9	0-1	5	0	3	10
Team				5			
Totals	200	21-49	12-15	36	8	16	57

#24 VT (67)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	33	5-13	0-0	8	1	2	12
Gardin	16	1-7	4-4	2	2	2	6
Gibson	38	6-10	2-3	4	2	0	14
Chriss	24	3-11	6-6	0	0	4	12
Mason	39	3-7	4-6	5	4	1	11
Copeland	5	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Recchia	24	4-9	2-2	8	1	0	12
Fowler	4	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Anderson	14	0-2	0-0	1	1	1	0
Simmons	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Finnerty	2	0-2	0-1	1	0	0	0
Team				4			
Totals	200	22-61	18-22	34	13	10	67

Iowa State	21	36	—	57
#24 Virginia Tech	32	35	—	67

#### PERCENTAGES:

ISU	FG%	42.9	3PT%	23.1	FT%	80.0
VT	FG%	36.1	3PT%	55.6	FT%	81.8

**3-POINTERS** - ISU 3 (Medders 2, Ronhovde); VT 5 (Kublina 2, Recchia 2, Mason)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - ISU 4 (Wilkins 3, Kreiner); VT 9 (Kublina 3, Gibson 3, Mason 2, Chriss)

**STEALS** - ISU 8 (Kreiner 5, O'Neil 2, Paustian); VT 9 (Chriss 3, Mason 3, Recchia 2, Kublina)

**TURNOVERS** - ISU 15 (Fox 5, Kreiner 2, O'Neil 2, Medders 2, Wilkins 2, Ronhovde, Team); VT 11 (Kublina 2, Gardin 2, Gibson 2, Mason, Copeland, Recchia, Anderson, Finnerty)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Kathy Lynch, Bruce Morris, Joann Aldrich

**ATTENDANCE:** 1,266

# VT 63, MSU 56

**ST. THOMAS, U.S. Virgin Islands (11/29/03)** - Virginia Tech used a 7-0 run at the end of the game and a career night from Carrie Mason to defeat Mississippi State 63-56 in the championship game of the University of the Virgin Islands Paradise Jam played at the Sport and Fitness Center on the UVI campus.

Tech saw a 10-point lead evaporate late in the game but managed to hit free throws down the stretch to claim the title. With the score tied at 56, Erin Gibson put back a miss of her own shot and was fouled with :32 seconds left in the game. Gibson could not convert the three-point play but Dawn Chriss grabbed the offensive rebound and passed out to Mason who was fouled. Mason converted two free throws with :23 remaining to put Tech up 60-56. The Lady Bulldogs Tan White turned the ball over and Ieva Kublina sank one of two free throws to increase the advantage to five with only thirteen ticks remaining on the clock. White missed a trey and Mason iced the game with two more free throws.

Mason, the tournament Most Valuable Player, tied her career-high with 24 points including three treys and was 7-of-7 at the charity stripe. Kublina, named to the All-tournament team, added 17 points and three blocks. The game marked the 64th game in which Kublina has reached double-figure scoring and the 34th time she has been credited with three or more blocks. Gibson added eight points and 11 boards in the victory.

## #24 Virginia Tech 63, Mississippi State 56 University of the Virgin Islands Paradise Jam Nov. 28, 2003; Sport & Fitness Center

#24 VT (63)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	35	7-13	3-4	5	0	0	17
Gardin	11	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0
Gibson	34	4-9	0-1	11	0	0	8
Chriss	32	3-5	2-2	8	4	1	8
Mason	39	7-13	7-7	5	1	1	24
Copeland	24	3-6	0-2	5	1	3	6
Recchia	9	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	0
Anderson	6	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0
Simmons	7	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0
Finnerty	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team				3			
Totals	200	24-51	12-16	39	9	19	63

MSU (56)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Burton	2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Kates	36	2-4	0-0	2	1	2	6
Burns	35	4-11	3-3	6	2	1	11
White	34	3-13	1-2	3	2	3	8
Anderson	26	7-13	0-0	4	1	2	15
Chekwa	12	0-1	0-0	2	1	3	0
Carter	17	2-6	0-0	1	2	0	6
Warren	19	3-9	0-0	4	1	2	8
Ferguson	8	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
McKinney	9	1-4	0-0	0	0	0	2
Hilliard	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team				1			
Totals	200	22-62	4-5	28	11	14	56

#24 Virginia Tech	35	38	—	63
Mississippi State	26	30	—	56

### PERCENTAGES:

VT	FG%	47.1	3PT%	42.9	FT%	75.0
MSU	FG%	35.5	3PT%	36.4	FT%	80.0

**3-POINTERS** - VT 3 (Mason 3); MSU 8 (Kates 2, Carter 2, Warren 2, White, Anderson)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - VT 4 (Kublina 3, Mason); MSU 3 (Anderson, Warren, McKinney)

**STEALS** - VT 7 (Chriss 2, Mason 2, Simmons 2, Copeland); MSU 10 (Burns 2, Anderson 2, Warren 2, White, Chekwa, Carter, McKinney)

**TURNOVERS** - VT 23 (Chriss 6, Kublina 4, Gibson 3, Mason 3, Copeland 3, Recchia, Anderson, Simmons, Finnerty); MSU 16 (Burns 4, Chekwa 3, White 2, Warren 2, McKinney 2, Kates, Anderson, Team)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Joanne Aldrich, Norma Jones, Bruce Morris

**ATTENDANCE:** 2,369

# VT 79, ODU 72

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (12/3/03)** - The Virginia Tech women's basketball team improved to 5-0 on the year and 17-0 under Bonnie Henrickson against teams from Virginia as they edged intra-state rival Old Dominion, 79-72, at Cassell Coliseum.

Led by 20-point efforts from three Hokies, Virginia Tech rallied from a one-point deficit at halftime (35-34) to lead by as many as 14 in the final half. Sophomore Dawn Chriss poured in a career high 21 points to go along with seven rebounds, while senior Ieva Kublina, playing in her 100th career game, notched 21 as well. Kublina also pulled down eight rebounds.

Hokie junior Erin Gibson contributed a season-high 20 points to go along with a team-high nine rebounds as the Hokies won the battle of the boards, 39-32. Sophomore Carrie Mason dished out a team-high six assists.

Trailing 47-43 with 15:09 left in the game, the Hokies went on an 8-0 run, capped by a Gibson layup at 12:17, to take a 51-47 lead they never relinquished. Lady Monarch leading scorer Monique Coker picked up her fourth foul at 15:39, opening the door for the Hokie run. The Hokies then outscored the Lady Monarchs 15-5 over the next 4:17 to push the lead to its largest, at 66-52 with eight minutes left. The Lady Monarchs trimmed the lead to single digits three times in the final eight minutes but never got any closer than seven points.

## #19/24 Virginia Tech 79, Old Dominion 72 Dec. 3, 2003; Cassell Coliseum

ODU (72)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Davis	29	6-13	2-2	5	2	2	14
Coker	31	7-12	4-5	10	5	4	18
Nhassengo	25	3-8	1-2	3	1	2	7
Spence	34	3-7	2-2	5	2	3	10
Grant	38	10-19	1-2	1	1	4	21
Lyons	9	1-2	0-0	1	0	0	2
Wilson	8	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0
Koukouvinou	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Calwell	6	0-2	0-0	0	0	3	0
Triggs	18	0-4	0-0	2	0	1	0
Team				5			
Totals	200	30-68	10-13	32	12	20	72

#19/24 VT (79)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Gardin	18	2-7	0-2	7	3	0	4
Gibson	37	8-14	4-4	9	1	3	20
Kublina	35	7-10	6-7	8	3	3	21
Chriss	38	6-9	9-11	7	2	3	21
Mason	40	4-10	1-2	1	6	1	9
Copeland	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Recchia	15	0-2	0-0	2	0	0	0
Anderson	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Simmons	5	1-3	0-2	2	0	0	2
Finnerty	3	1-3	0-0	1	0	0	2
Team				2			
Totals	200	29-58	20-28	39	15	10	79

Old Dominion	35	37	—	72
#19/24 Virginia Tech	34	45	—	79

### PERCENTAGES:

ODU	FG%	44.1	3PT%	22.2	FT%	76.9
VT	FG%	50.0	3PT%	33.3	FT%	71.4

**3-POINTERS** - ODU 2 (Spence 2); VT 1 (Kublina)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - ODU 7 (Triggs 4, Coker 2, Calwell); VT 6

(Gibson 2, Chriss 2, Recchia, Gardin)

**STEALS** - ODU 8 (Nhassengo 3, Coker 2, Grant, Wilson, Davis); VT

6 (Gibson 2, Chriss 2, Recchia, Gardin)

**TURNOVERS** - ODU 14 (Coker 4, Nhassengo 4, Spence 2, Lyons

2, Calwell, Triggs); VT 15 (Gardin 4, Kublina 3, Mason 2, Recchia 2,

Gibson, Chriss, Copeland, Anderson)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Lisa Mattingly, Tom Danaher, Bryan Brunette

**ATTENDANCE:** 2,722

# VT 68, UA 51

**TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (12/7/03)** - Defense proved to be the difference Sunday afternoon in Virginia Tech's 68-51 victory over Alabama in Coleman Coliseum. The Tech win snapped the Crimson Tide's 53-game home winning streak against non-conference opponents and continued the Hokies' second-best start in school history.

Virginia Tech limited Alabama to only 19 second half points to win the first-ever meeting between the two programs. Tech held the Tide to only 26.3 percent (5-19) in the second half and 30.8 percent for the game.

Erin Gibson led Tech with 13 points and 12 rebounds followed by Ieva Kublina and Dawn Chriss also with 13 points. The double-double was Gibson's second of the season and eighth of her career. Carrie Mason added nine points and five steals.

After trailing 32-29 at the half, Tech battled the Tide to a 36-36 tie with just over 16 minutes remaining in the ccontest. The Hokies outscored Alabama 32-15 the rest of way to secure the victory. Alabama dominated the boards in the opening half, 27-19, but Tech responded in the second half with a 19-11 advantage. Free throws again proved to be a key factor in a Hokie victory as Tech connected on 79.3 percent (23-29) of its' charity tosses while the Tide made only 53.1 percent (17-32).

Alabama was led by Monique Bivins and Navonda Moore with 12 points each followed by Lauren Hill with 10 points.

## #19/24 Virginia Tech 68, Alabama 51 Dec. 7, 2003; Coleman Coliseum

#19/24 VT (79)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Gardin	15	1-5	2-4	1	0	4	4
Gibson	36	4-7	5-6	12	0	4	13
Kublina	31	5-13	2-2	6	2	3	13
Chriss	32	2-8	8-10	2	2	4	13
Mason	38	2-6	5-5	3	5	2	9
Copeland	25	3-5	0-0	5	0	3	6
Recchia	7	2-4	0-0	0	0	0	5
Anderson	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Simmons	7	2-3	0-0	1	0	3	4
Finnerty	6	0-0	1-2	1	0	2	1
Team				6			
Totals	200	21-51	23-29	38	9	22	68

Alabama (51)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Freeman	20	1-6	1-2	2	0	2	3
Hill	17	4-7	1-1	3	0	3	10
Hamilton	12	0-3	0-2	3	0	2	0
Redus	22	1-1	1-3	1	1	4	3
Sipe	13	0-5	0-0	5	1	1	0
Drury	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Mastin	17	2-4	3-6	1	2	2	7
Taylor	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Bivins	27	3-10	6-9	7	0	2	12
Gamble	23	1-4	0-0	4	1	4	2
Moore	21	3-8	5-8	3	0	3	12
Merriweather	26	1-3	0-1	6	0	2	2
Team				6			
Totals	200	16-52	17-32	41	5	25	51

#19/24 Virginia Tech	29	39	—	68
Alabama	32	19	—	51

### PERCENTAGES:

VT	FG%	41.2	3PT%	33.3	FT%	79.3
UA	FG%	30.8	3PT%	25.0	FT%	53.1

**3-POINTERS** - VT 3 (Kublina, Chriss, Recchia); UA 2 (Hill, Moore)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - VT 5 (Chriss 3, Kublina, Copeland); UA 5

(Hamilton 2, Merriweather 2, Freeman)

**STEALS** - VT 9 (Chriss 3, Copeland 3, Mason 2, Simmons); UA 5

(Redus, Sipe, Bivins, Gamble, Moore)

**TURNOVERS** - VT 18 (Gibson 7, Copeland 4, Chriss 3, Kublina

2, Gardin, Mason); UA 22 (Hill 5, Freeman 3, Redus 3, Bivins 3,

Gamble 3, Mastin 2, Moore 2, Sipe)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** John Morningstar, Art Bomengen, Terri Maddock

**ATTENDANCE:** 1,250

## VT 63, UM 43

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (12/13/03)** -Virginia Tech maintained its' undefeated streak, defeating future ACC rival Maryland by a final tally of 63-43, in Cassell Coliseum. The Hokies (7-0) used a dominating second half performance to extend a six-point half time lead to as many as 23 at one point. Ieva Kublina paced Tech with her 17th career double-double as she poured in 14 points and 10 boards.

The first half was marred by poor shooting and turnovers from both teams as they shot well under 30 percent with each committing 10 turnovers. Tech assumed an early 13-5 lead on a Kerri Gardin three-pointer followed by a Megan Finnerty free throw, however Maryland quickly countered with an eight-point run to even the score at 13 all with 8:26 left in the first. Tech would regain the lead at the seven-minute mark, going up 17-13 on a Kublina layup. Both teams' shooting would get even colder as the next five minutes were played scoreless until Anesia Smith's jumper at 2:14 brought the Terps within two. Tech would quickly add four point to assume a 21-15 lead going into the half.

The second half was a stark contrast to the first as the Hokies came out gunning, going on a 13-4 run to open the half and extend their lead to 15, 34-19, on an Erin Gibson layup. Maryland would narrow the lead to just eight, 34-26, with 14:39 remaining, but that would be as close as the Terps would come. Back-to-back baseline jumpers from Kerri Gardin would key an 11-point run, lasting five minutes, that would extend the Hokies' lead to 21 with 8:27 remaining. For the remainder of regulation, the Terps would never get closer than 18 points.

### #18/20 Virginia Tech 63, Maryland 43 Dec. 13, 2003; Cassell Coliseum

UM (43)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Washington	13	1-3	0-1	3	1	2	2
Fisher	17	0-7	0-0	1	0	3	0
Doron	26	4-10	2-3	4	0	2	10
France	30	5-8	2-3	4	1	3	12
Smith	35	5-13	0-0	2	2	1	10
Brick	12	1-4	0-0	1	0	0	2
Carr	19	0-2	0-0	4	0	2	0
Henson	5	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0
Ross	9	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0
Oliver	34	3-8	0-0	5	0	1	7
Team				2			
Totals	200	19-56	4-7	27	4	18	43

#18/20 VT (63)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Gardin	19	5-10	2-3	3	2	0	13
Gibson	27	3-4	0-0	5	0	4	6
Kublina	37	5-12	3-4	10	1	1	14
Chriss	20	2-6	0-0	4	1	4	4
Mason	34	6-13	2-2	3	3	2	16
Copeland	21	1-7	0-0	7	3	2	2
Recchia	19	0-3	2-2	1	0	0	2
Fowler	2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Anderson	7	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0
Finnerty	14	1-3	4-6	5	0	1	6
Team				6			
Totals	200	23-58	13-17	46	11	15	63

Maryland	15	28	—	43
#18/20 Virginia Tech	21	42	—	63

#### PERCENTAGES:

UM	FG%	33.9	3PT%	20.0	FT%	57.1
VT	FG%	39.7	3PT%	40.0	FT%	76.5

**3-POINTERS** - UM 1 (Oliver); VT 4 (Mason 2, Kublina, Gardin)  
**BLOCKED SHOTS** - UM 4 (Washington, Fisher, Ross, Oliver); VT 4 (Chriss 2, Kublina, Finnerty)

**STEALS** - UM 9 (France 2, Smith 2, Oliver 2, Washington, Fisher, Doron); VT 7 (Copeland 3, Gardin, Kublina, Chriss, Finnerty)

**TURNOVERS** - UM 19 (Doron 6, Oliver 3, France 2, Henson 2, Washington, Fisher, Smith, Brick, Carr, Ross); VT 20 (Kublina 5, Mason 4, Gardin 3, Copeland 3, Chriss 2, Recchia, Fowler, Team)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Bill Titus, John Morningstar, John Almarode

**ATTENDANCE:** 3,006

## VT 60, JMU 53

**HARRISONBURG, Va. (12/21/03)** -The #16/17 Virginia Tech women's basketball team maintained its unbeaten streak by holding off James Madison University, 60-53, at the JMU Convocation Center. Erin Gibson led the Hokies with 15 points and 12 rebounds to record her third double-double of the season.

Tech assumed an early 5-0 lead on a Carrie Mason three-pointer followed by a Kirby Copeland fastbreak layup at the 14:44 mark. The Hokies could not extend their lead past five as the Dukes' zone held Tech to just 30 percent shooting in the half.

The Dukes would battle back to even the contest when Mary Beth Culbertson converted on a three-point play with 10:14 remaining in the half. Tech regained the lead on two foul shots followed by an Erin Gibson layup at the 2:42 mark to put the Hokies up 25-20. However, the Dukes would close that margin to two, 25-23, at the half as Lesley Dickinson completed the three-point play with 37 seconds remaining in the half.

In the second half, the Dukes overcame the two point deficit to assume their first lead of the game, 30-29, on a Jody LeRose three-pointer at the 18:10 mark. JMU appeared poised to pull away as Krystal Brooks increased the lead to four with 12:27 remaining. However, the Hokies regained their composure, rattling off a 17-1 run between the 12:04 and 5:18 marks to amass a 13-point, 56-43 lead. Freshman Kirby Copeland had six of her career-high 11 points during that run.

Dawn Chriss scored 14 for the Hokies and recorded a career-high with nine rebounds on a day that saw Tech rebound the Dukes 47-33, matching a season-high total for Tech.

### #16/17 Virginia Tech 60, James Madison 53 Dec. 21, 2003; JMU Convocation Center

#16/17 VT (60)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	31	3-12	2-4	7	2	5	8
Gardin	17	0-3	2-2	4	6	1	2
Gibson	35	5-11	5-8	12	0	2	15
Chriss	36	5-9	4-5	9	2	3	14
Mason	40	1-7	3-4	3	2	0	6
Copeland	18	3-8	5-6	5	0	1	11
Recchia	9	1-4	0-0	1	0	0	2
Simmons	6	1-2	0-0	1	0	0	2
Finnerty	8	0-0	0-1	0	0	1	0
Team				5			
Totals	200	19-56	21-30	47	12	13	60

JMU (53)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Dickinson	34	2-14	3-3	4	1	5	7
Alexis	29	3-7	2-2	8	1	2	8
Dobbins	13	1-2	0-0	2	0	1	2
LeRose	31	4-10	3-8	3	0	2	11
McCall	31	5-14	1-2	6	2	5	11
Benvenuto	30	0-2	3-4	2	7	3	3
Culbertson	19	1-1	1-1	1	1	2	3
Brooks	13	4-6	0-2	3	0	4	8
Sywassink	0+	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team				4			
Totals	200	20-57	10-14	33	12	24	53

#16/17 Virginia Tech	25	35	—	60
James Madison	23	30	—	53

#### PERCENTAGES:

VT	FG%	33.9	3PT%	10.0	FT%	70.0
JMU	FG%	35.1	3PT%	30.0	FT%	71.4

**3-POINTERS** - VT 1 (Mason); JMU 3 (LeRose 3)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - VT 2 (Chriss 2); JMU 2 (Dobbins 2)

**STEALS** - VT 7 (Mason 5, Kublina, Copeland); JMU 7 (Dickinson 2, Benvenuto 2, Alexis, Dobbins, LeRose)

**TURNOVERS** - VT 16 (Chriss 7, Gibson 3, Copeland 2, Kublina, Gardin, Recchia, Finnerty); JMU 16 (Dickinson 3, Benvenuto 3, Dobbins 2, LeRose 2, McCall 2, Culbertson 2, Alexis, Brooks)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Susan Blauch, John Morningstar, Kristi Vera

**ATTENDANCE:** 1,584

## VT 83, FUR 70

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (12/28/03)** -The Virginia Tech women's basketball team used a late first half push combined with a dominating second half to defeat Furman, 83-70, in the opening round of the Virginia Lottery Lady Luck Classic today at Cassell Coliseum.

Carrie Mason opened up the first half with three of her 10 first half points with the Hokies jumping out to an early 5-0 lead on a Ieva Kublina layup at the 17:42 mark. Furman would battle back to gain the lead, 14-12 on an Orion Wake layup at the 11:54 mark. The lead would be the Lady Paladins last of the game as Tech quickly put together a 10-0 run during the next five minutes to take a 22-14 lead with seven minutes remaining in the first. Tech would go on to outscore Furman 13-6 during the final four minutes of the half to take a 37-28 lead into the locker room.

Tech opened up the second half on a 10-4 run to go up 15, 47-32, on two Erin Gibson free throws with 14:44 left to play. The Hokies' lead would never dip below 10 for the remainder of regulation and would be extended to as many as 19 three different times during the second half. Furman went on a 5-0 run to close out the game and narrow the margin to 13, 83-70. The win is Tech's 11th straight in the tournament, which they have won the last five years.

Gibson recorded 10 of her game high 16 rebounds during the second half as she recorded her fourth double-double of the season and second consecutive as she added 14 points the Hokies' effort. Kerri Gardin matched a career-high with six assists for the second straight game.

### #15/16 Virginia Tech 83, Furman 70 Dec. 28, 2003; Cassell Coliseum Lady Luck Classic First Round

FU (70)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Wake	22	5-11	2-3	9	0	5	12
Nadalín	24	4-8	2-3	8	1	1	10
Lawrence	16	3-7	0-0	3	2	4	6
Paris	26	3-6	8-10	0	2	3	14
Shealey	35	4-23	2-2	8	3	0	10
Strickland	16	0-2	0-0	0	0	3	0
Wells	13	0-1	4-4	3	0	1	4
Harris	9	0-1	0-0	2	0	2	0
Few	21	3-5	2-2	3	2	2	8
Roach	18	3-4	0-0	2	0	2	6
Team				5			
Totals	200	25-68	20-24	43	10	23	70

#15/16 VT (83)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Gardin	23	2-6	0-2	3	6	1	4
Gibson	30	4-13	6-6	16	1	2	14
Kublina	32	8-14	7-7	6	2	3	25
Chriss	19	3-5	1-1	1	0	2	7
Mason	34	5-10	2-2	3	5	2	14
Copeland	18	4-5	1-2	1	4	4	9
Recchia	18	1-3	0-0	1	3	1	3
Diawara	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Anderson	9	0-2	4-4	0	0	1	4
Simmons	4	0-2	0-0	0	0	3	0
Finnerty	11	1-1	1-2	1	0	2	3
Team				6			
Totals	200	28-61	22-26	38	21	21	83

Furman	28	42	—	70
#15/16 Virginia Tech	37	46	—	83

#### PERCENTAGES:

FU	FG%	36.8	3PT%	0.0	FT%	83.3
VT	FG%	45.9	3PT%	45.5	FT%	84.6

**3-POINTERS** - FU 0; VT 5 (Mason 2, Kublina 2, Recchia)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - FU 3 (Nadalín, Shealey, Roach); VT 4 (Kublina 2, Gardin, Diawara)

**STEALS** - FU 8 (Nadalín 2, Shealey 2, Lawrence, Paris, Strickland, Few); VT 6 (Gardin 3, Mason 2, Gibson)

**TURNOVERS** - FU 19 (Shealey 4, Harris 4, Paris 3, Wake 2, Roach 2, Nadalín, Lawrence, Strickland, Few); VT 17 (Mason 4, Copeland 4, Gardin 3, Kublina 2, Gibson, Chriss, Anderson, Finnerty)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Bill Titus, Bryan Brunette, Kathy Ridilla

**ATTENDANCE:** 2,525

# VT 70, WFU 59

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (12/29/03)** - For 37 minutes, it looked like the visiting Wake Forest Demon Deacons were going to put an end to Virginia Tech's perfect women's basketball season. For the final three minutes, however, the Hokies made sure their opponent didn't spoil the fun, rallying for a 70-59 win against the Deacons to win the 2003 Virginia Lottery Lady Luck Classic Championship. It was the Hokies' sixth consecutive title in the Lady Luck Classic and 12th consecutive tournament win.

After falling behind in the first half and still trailing 55-54 with 2:59 left in the contest, the Hokies outscored the Demon Deacons 16-5 to pull away and improve to 10-0 on the season. During the run, the Hokies made eight-of-nine free throws.

Hokie senior Ieva Kublina was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament after her 15-point performance against WFU. Kublina notched 40 points during the two games. Kublina was seven-of-seven from the charity stripe. Erin Gibson also earned a spot on the all-tournament team with her third consecutive double-double. She tallied 13 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Dawn Chriss led the Hokies with 17 points and also had eight rebounds, while Kerri Gardin had her first double-double of the year with 13 points and 13 caroms.

The Hokies trailed 29-23 at the half, the third time this season they had trailed at intermission. The visitors stretched the lead to as many as seven, at 34-27, with 16:25 left after a jumper by Cotelia Bond-Young. However, the Hokies began to trim the margin and took their first lead (39-38) since 14:33 of the first half with 13:57 left after a Carrie Mason layup. Wake Forest then built the lead back to 47-41 with 10:20 left before the Hokies began to rally again. Virginia Tech went on a 13-2 run and took a 54-49 lead with 4:45 remaining before WFU rallied for a 55-54 lead that would be their last. The Hokies improved their shooting to 50 percent (15-of-30) from the field in the second half and outscored the Deacons 23-6 at the free throw line for the game. WFU made just 4-of-14 free throws in the second half.

## #15/16 Virginia Tech 70, Wake Forest 59

Lady Luck Classic Championship Game  
Dec. 29, 2003; Cassell Coliseum

WFU (59)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Strunk	28	7-12	2-7	6	2	5	16
Ferrell	33	7-12	0-2	5	1	4	14
Jones	31	3-6	2-2	4	1	1	8
Brown, B.	19	0-3	0-0	3	1	3	0
Brown, T.	33	5-13	2-2	4	0	3	12
Bond-Young	23	3-8	0-0	2	2	3	7
Alston	14	0-2	0-0	4	0	2	0
Evans	12	1-2	0-3	2	0	4	2
Johnson	2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Washington	5	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0
Team				1			
Totals	200	26-60	6-16	32	7	26	59

#15/16 VT (70)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	32	4-13	7-7	5	0	3	15
Gardin	30	4-8	5-6	13	4	0	13
Gibson	36	4-9	5-8	10	0	4	13
Chriss	34	7-11	3-5	8	1	3	17
Mason	40	2-8	0-1	1	2	1	5
Copeland	12	0-3	1-2	2	2	2	1
Recchia	4	1-2	2-2	0	0	0	4
Simmons	10	1-1	0-0	0	0	2	2
Finnerty	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Team				1			
Totals	200	23-55	23-31	41	9	16	70

Wake Forest		29	30	—	59
Virginia Tech		23	47	—	70

### PERCENTAGES:

WFU	FG%	43.3	3PT%	11.1	FT%	37.5
VT	FG%	41.8	3PT%	16.7	FT%	74.2

**3-POINTERS** - WFU 1 (Bond-Young); VT 1 (Mason)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - WFU 2 (Evans, Washington); VT 6 (Kublina 3, Chriss 2, Gibson)

**STEALS** - WFU 6 (Strunk, Ferrell, Jones, B. Brown, T. Brown, Evans); VT 4 (Mason 2, Chriss, Gibson)

**TURNOVERS** - WFU 16 (T. Brown 3, Bond-Young 3, Strunk 2, Ferrell 2, B. Brown 2, Alston 2, Jones, Washington); VT 17 (Chriss 5, Gardin 4, Mason 4, Kublina 2, Gibson 2)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Bill Titus, Mark Zentz, Michele St. Pierre

**ATTENDANCE:** 2,734

# VT 52, LU 45

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (1/2/04)** - It may not have been a pretty win, but it was a win nonetheless.

The Virginia Tech women's basketball team moved to 11-0 on the season and 10-0 all-time against the Liberty Flames with a 52-45 win against the visitors Friday at Cassell Coliseum. In a game characterized by both teams' shooting struggles from the field, the host Hokies outscored the Flames 19-7 from the free throw line to preserve their unblemished record.

Dawn Chriss led the Hokies with her first career double-double of 15 points and a career-high 12 rebounds, while Ieva Kublina also notched a double-double, her 18th career effort, with 13 points and 10 rebounds. With three blocks, Kublina also established a school career record for blocks, giving her 207 for her career. Carrie Mason tallied double figures as well with 10 points as the Hokies managed to shoot just 29 percent for the game. Virginia Tech again however got a strong effort from its defense, holding the Flames to just 35 percent shooting, their 29th opponent out of the last 43 to shoot less than 40 percent. Katie Feenstra, a 6-8 center, led the Flames with 13 points, 10 rebounds and seven blocks, while Kristina Palaimaite had 10 points. The Flames had nine blocks in the game.

After taking a seven-point halftime lead (27-20), the Hokies found themselves trailing 40-36 with 8:56 left in the game. Two minutes later, however, at 6:38, Mason drained a three-pointer from the right side that tied the game at 41. Kublina then connected on a free throw at 6:15 that gave her team a 42-41 lead they never relinquished. The Hokies forced the Flames into seven missed baskets over the final six minutes and outscored the Flames 10-4 to pull away. Liberty crept back to within three, at 48-45, with 42 seconds left, but Chriss then connected on a three-point play to push the game out of reach.

For the game, the Hokies outrebounded the Flames 41-33 and had nine steals. Tech shot just 3-of-13 from three-point range, but the Flames shot just 7-of-15 from the free throw line.

## #15/16 Virginia Tech 52, Liberty 45

Jan. 2, 2004; Cassell Coliseum

LU (45)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Tharp	27	0-6	0-0	3	3	4	0
Palaimaite	26	3-7	4-4	5	1	4	10
Feenstra	36	6-8	1-5	10	0	5	13
Leonard	8	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Staugaitiene	35	2-7	2-2	4	2	2	7
Dowson	13	4-8	0-2	3	1	2	8
Parker	22	0-2	0-0	2	4	3	0
Walker	16	1-3	0-2	0	0	1	2
Margeviciute	15	2-7	0-0	1	0	0	5
Peace	2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team				5			
Totals	200	18-51	7-15	33	11	21	45

#15/16 VT (52)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Gardin	32	1-4	4-6	4	2	1	6
Gibson	33	3-6	2-4	3	0	4	8
Kublina	38	4-14	4-5	10	3	2	13
Chriss	34	5-11	5-6	12	1	1	15
Mason	35	2-10	4-6	1	2	2	10
Copeland	11	0-5	0-0	5	1	1	0
Recchia	6	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Anderson	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Finnerty	9	0-0	0-2	1	0	2	0
Team				5			
Totals	200	15-51	19-28	41	9	13	52

Liberty		20	25	—	45
Virginia Tech		27	25	—	52

### PERCENTAGES:

LU	FG%	35.3	3PT%	20.0	FT%	46.7
VT	FG%	29.4	3PT%	23.1	FT%	67.9

**3-POINTERS** - LU 2 (Staugaitiene, Margeviciute); VT 3 (Mason 2, Kublina)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - LU 9 (Feenstra 7, Palaimaite 2); VT 6 (Kublina 3, Chriss, Gibson, Mason)

**STEALS** - LU 4 (Tharp, Feenstra, Walker, Peace); VT 9 (Gardin 3, Kublina 3, Mason 3)

**TURNOVERS** - LU 20 (Feenstra 5, Staugaitiene 5, Palaimaite 3, Parker 3, Leonard 2, Walker, Team); VT 17 (Gardin 4, Kublina 4, Gibson 3, Mason 2, Chriss, Copeland, Finnerty, Team)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Tom Danaher, Nan Sisk, John Jones

**ATTENDANCE:** 2,542

# VT 64, PC 34

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (1/4/04)** - The Virginia Tech women's basketball team started the BIG EAST season off on the right note Sunday, Jan. 4, handing the visiting Providence Friars a 64-34 defeat. The 34 points was a Virginia Tech record for least points allowed, bettering the 1988 team's 35-point defensive effort against George Washington.

With many of her starters giving way to the reserves in the lopsided victory, head coach Bonnie Henrickson's team held Providence to just 28 percent from the floor. Several Hokies set career highs as well with Kirby Copeland coming off the bench to lead Tech with a career-high 12 points and five steals, while Megan Finnerty also eclipsed her career high of 10 with 11 points off the bench. Britney Anderson set a career high with eight points, while Nare Diawara playing in just her third career game, set a career high with nine rebounds in 12 minutes on the floor. Carrie Mason nailed three treys and moved into 10th place on the career three-pointers made list. Kristin Quinn's six points led Providence, which didn't hit its first field goal until 10:13 left in the first half.

The Hokies raced out to a 15-1 lead with 14:15 left in the first half. Providence cut the lead to its smallest deficit, at 19-8, with 8:52 left before halftime, but the Hokies pushed the lead back to 31-16 at the break. Tech opened the second half on a 13-2 run to lead 44-21 with 13:19 left in the game and then pushed the lead to its largest, at 52-22, with seven minutes left. The Hokies got 28 points in the paint during the game and 27 points off turnovers, forcing 22 Providence floor mistakes. While Virginia Tech shot just 39 percent for the game, it did rebound the Friars 43-29.

## #15/16 Virginia Tech 64, Providence 34 Jan. 4, 2004; Cassell Coliseum

PC (64)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Nwafili	26	2-10	1-5	6	0	2	5
Freeburg	14	0-2	0-0	0	0	3	0
Gilmore	20	0-1	0-0	2	0	3	0
Furstenburg	26	1-5	2-2	2	0	1	5
Quinn	27	2-5	1-2	2	0	1	6
Baugh	16	1-2	1-2	2	3	0	3
Fabor	32	3-10	0-0	1	1	1	6
Snyder	11	2-4	0-0	1	0	0	4
Keefe	4	0-1	0-0	2	0	1	0
Copeland	24	2-6	1-2	7	1	4	5
Team				4			
Totals	200	13-46	6-13	29	5	16	34

#15/16 VT (64)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Gardin	20	2-5	0-0	1	3	3	5
Gibson	18	2-4	0-0	5	1	2	4
Kublina	20	3-7	0-0	4	1	1	6
Chriss	20	1-4	3-4	3	1	2	5
Mason	19	3-8	0-0	1	4	0	9
Copeland	18	4-9	4-4	3	2	3	12
Recchia	21	0-3	0-0	2	2	0	0
Diawara	12	1-5	0-2	9	0	1	2
Anderson	22	3-6	2-4	4	3	0	8
Simmons	9	1-6	0-1	5	0	1	2
Finnerty	21	5-7	1-1	1	0	0	11
Team				5			
Totals	200	25-64	10-16	43	17	13	64

Providence		16	18	—	34
Virginia Tech		31	33	—	64

### PERCENTAGES:

PC	FG%	28.3	3PT%	22.2	FT%	46.2
VT	FG%	39.1	3PT%	40.0	FT%	62.5

**3-POINTERS** - PC 2 (Furstenburg, Quinn); VT 4 (Mason 3, Gardin)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - PC 1 (Gilmore); VT 3 (Kublina, Diawara, Finnerty)

**STEALS** - PC 7 (Freeburg 2, Quinn 2, Gilmore, Baugh, Copeland); VT 10 (Copeland 5, Gardin 2, Kublina, Mason, Anderson)

**TURNOVERS** - PC 22 (Gilmore 5, Furstenburg 5, Fabor 3, Nwafili 2, Quinn 2, Baugh 2, Keefe, Copeland, Team); VT 14 (Copeland 3, Chriss 2, Mason 2, Diawara 2, Anderson 2, Gibson, Recchia, Finnerty)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Mark Zentz, Deborah Allen, Ken Drayton

**ATTENDANCE:** 2,432

# RU 56, VT 43

**PISCATAWAY, N.J. (1/7/04)** - The Louis Brown Athletic Center is one place that the Virginia Tech women's basketball will not miss next season as it moves to the Atlantic Coast Conference. Tech dropped to 0-4 against Rutgers in the building know as the "RAC" and suffered its' first loss of the season with a 56-43 defeat Wednesday night to the Scarlet Knights.

Tech, ranked No. 15 in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll and No. 16 in the Associated Press list, committed 23 turnovers and shot under 40 percent in the defeat. The loss marked the third time in four visits that the Hokies had been held under 50 points on Rutgers' home floor. Tech won both meetings in the series at Cassell Coliseum.

Dawn Chriss led the Hokies with 14 points, six rebounds and three steals while Erin Gibson added 11 points and nine boards. Cappie Pondexter led Rutgers (8-4, 1-0) with 18 points followed by Dawn McCullough with 13 points, including three crucial three-point baskets in the second half.

Tech was limited to 39.5 percent (17-43) from the field and had the 23 turnovers which the Scarlet Knights converted into 27 points.

Despite their offensive difficulties, the Hokies trailed only 34-31 with 12:58 remaining following a Chriss layup. However, McCullough nailed a three-pointer to up the advantage to six points then both teams went scoreless for the next five minutes. Chelsea Newton broke the drought with a jumper to give Rutgers a 39-31 advantage with just under seven minutes left in the game.

Tech cut the lead to five on a three-point play from Erin Gibson but McCullough answered with another trey and Tech could draw no closer the rest of the way.

## Rutgers 56, #15/16 Virginia Tech 43 Jan. 7, 2004; Louis Brown Athletic Center

#15/16 VT (43)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	35	0-7	6-6	6	0	2	6
Gardin	20	3-6	0-0	1	1	5	6
Gibson	38	5-10	1-3	9	2	2	11
Chriss	35	6-9	2-3	6	1	5	14
Mason	31	0-3	0-0	2	2	2	0
Copeland	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Recchia	8	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	2
Anderson	19	2-7	0-0	2	1	0	4
Finnerty	7	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0
Team				5			
Totals	200	17-43	9-12	34	7	18	43
RU (56)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Hurns	36	3-6	0-2	6	1	2	6
Campbell	25	4-5	0-0	4	0	4	8
Pondexter	37	5-12	8-12	4	5	0	18
Newton	35	2-7	0-2	1	3	1	4
McCullough	33	5-13	0-0	1	1	0	13
Locke	3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Jett	12	1-1	1-1	0	1	1	3
Cahoe	4	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	2
Richman	15	1-2	0-1	2	0	2	2
Team				4			
Totals	200	22-47	9-18	23	12	11	56
Virginia Tech		24	19				43
Rutgers		27	29				56

### PERCENTAGES:

VT	FG%	39.5	3PT%	0.0	FT%	75.0
RU	FG%	46.8	3PT%	60.0	FT%	50.0

**3-POINTERS** - VT 0; RU 3 (McCullough 3)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - VT 2 (Kublina, Gibson); RU 2 (Campbell, Richman)

**STEALS** - VT 6 (Chriss 3, Gardin, Mason, Anderson); RU 10 (McCullough 3, Pondexter 2, Newton 2, Hurns, Campbell, Richman)

**TURNOVERS** - VT 23 (Mason 7, Kublina 5, Gardin 5, Chriss 2, Gibson, Copeland, Anderson, Team); RU 10 (Pondexter 3, Hurns 2, Newton, McCullough, Locke, Jett, Richman)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Kathy Lynch, Jack Riordan, Tina Napier

**ATTENDANCE:** 1,842

# ND 53, VT 40

**NOTRE DAME, Ind. (1/10/04)** - Virginia Tech dropped its second consecutive game, 53-40, to Notre Dame at the Joyce Center. Kerri Gardin led the Hokies with 10 points and four rebounds. However, the Hokies' post players couldn't find an answer for Notre Dame's forward tandem of Jacqueline Batteast and Teresa Borton who had 14 points each.

From the opening tip, Tech's offense appeared to still be mired in its shooting slump as its shooting was as cold as the frigid temperatures outside the Joyce Center. Tech shot just 17 percent during the first ten minutes of the half and 30 percent for the entire half. The Hokies' poor shooting allowed Notre Dame to assume an early 10-5 lead with 14:11 left in the first. However, a series of Notre Dame turnovers allowed Tech to elbow its way into the lead by using an 8-2 run as sophomore as Carrie Mason hit a three-pointer at the 8:05 mark to narrow the Irish's lead to just one, 14-13. Dawn Chriss then gave Tech its first lead of the game, 15-14, off a steal which she converted into a layup with 7:29 remaining. From the 9:30 mark on, Tech assembled a 13-4 run to head into the locker room with a 20-16 lead.

Tech opened the second half on another Chriss layup, but the Irish quickly countered with an 11-0 run to reclaim the lead, 27-22, with 14:53 left to play. Chriss would even the margin, 29-29, at the 12:35 mark with two of her eight points. However, that would be the closest the Hokies would come for the remainder of the contest. Notre Dame quickly rattled off a nine-point to run to extend its lead, 38-29. The Irish would continue to extend their lead, going up by as many as 16, 51-35, with two minutes left and maintaining that advantage to secure the 53-40 victory.

Carrie Mason had nine points for the Hokies, followed by Erin Gibson with eight points and seven boards. Ieva Kublina had a team high nine rebounds.

## Notre Dame 53, #15/16 Virginia Tech 40 Jan. 10, 2004; Joyce Center

#15/16 VT (40)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Gardin	34	5-13	0-0	4	2	3	10
Gibson	30	2-9	4-8	7	2	4	8
Kublina	30	1-5	1-2	9	1	4	3
Chriss	31	4-12	0-0	0	3	2	8
Mason	38	3-5	0-1	4	2	2	9
Copeland	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Recchia	8	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Anderson	8	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Simmons	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Finnerty	16	1-3	0-0	3	0	2	2
Team				5			
Totals	200	16-48	5-11	31	10	18	40
UND (53)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Borton	35	4-12	6-7	6	0	4	14
Batteast	32	6-12	2-3	11	2	2	14
Severe	29	4-9	0-0	3	3	1	8
Duffy	38	2-9	2-2	2	7	2	6
Hernandez	21	1-2	0-0	4	1	0	2
Joyce	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Gray	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Flecky	19	2-4	2-3	4	0	1	7
LaVere	17	0-4	2-2	4	1	2	2
Team				4			
Totals	200	19-52	14-17	41	14	14	53
Virginia Tech		20	20				40
Notre Dame		16	37				53

### PERCENTAGES:

VT	FG%	33.3	3PT%	37.5	FT%	45.5
UND	FG%	36.5	3PT%	20.0	FT%	82.4

**3-POINTERS** - VT 3 (Mason 3); UND 1 (Flecky)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - VT 4 (Kublina 2, Anderson, Gardin); UND 7 (Borton 3, Batteast 2, Flecky, LaVere)

**STEALS** - VT 5 (Chriss 2, Mason 2, Finnerty); UND 13 (Severe 4, Hernandez 3, Batteast 2, LaVere 2, Borton, Flecky)

**TURNOVERS** - VT 19 (Gibson 4, Gardin 3, Kublina 3, Chriss 2, Mason 2, Anderson 2, Recchia, Simmons, Finnerty); UND 15 (Batteast 3, Duffy 3, Severe 2, Borton, Hernandez, Gray, Flecky, Erwin, LaVere, Team)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Dee Kantner, Yvette McKinney, Bruce Morris

**ATTENDANCE:** 6,059

# VT 63, VU 50

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (1/14/04)** - The Virginia Tech women's basketball team took an early lead against BIG EAST rival Villanova and never looked back in a 63-50 win over the Wildcats to end a two-game conference losing skid.

The Hokies, ranked 19th in the USA Today/ESPN poll and 23rd in the AP poll, held the Wildcats to only 37 percent from the floor while shooting 51 percent themselves to improve to 13-2 and 2-2 in the BIG EAST. The Wildcats, ranked 19th in the AP poll and 24th in the USA Today/ESPN rankings, fell to 12-2 and 2-2 in the league.

Kerri Gardin fell just one shy of her career high as

she led the Hokies with 14 points and pulled down six rebounds in a balanced effort by Virginia Tech. Dawn Chriss added 12 points and a team-high four assists, while Ieva Kublina tallied 11 points and a team-high nine rebounds as Virginia Tech won the battle on the glass, 39-24. Carrie Mason shot 5-of-6 from the field for 11 points.

For the Wildcats, Jennifer Hilgenberg notched a team-high 13 points, while Kate Dessart Mager added 11 points. The Hokies held the Wildcats to just 28 percent from three-point range (4-of-14). Villanova came into the game having nailed 98 treys as a team. For the game, and keeping with the Hokies' season trend, Virginia Tech outscored the Wildcats at the free throw line, 15-2.

Unlike last year's match-up, where Villanova pinned the Hokies down early 13-2, the Hokies reversed the scenario Wednesday, jumping on top 13-4 at the 14:20 mark of the first half. The Hokies then added to their advantage with an eight-minute 14-5 run to build their largest lead of the first half with six minutes left, 27-9. Tech held a 30-16 lead at the intermission.

## #23/19 Virginia Tech 63, #19/24 Villanova 50 Jan. 14, 2004; Cassell Coliseum

#19/24 VU (50)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Suez	20	3-9	0-1	1	0	1	6
Mix	35	3-6	0-2	9	2	2	7
Rediger	23	1-3	1-1	4	0	3	3
Hilgenberg	28	6-13	0-0	4	0	1	13
Nash	9	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0
McManus	16	1-2	0-0	0	3	1	3
Hatcher	2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2
Roantree	8	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0
Dessart Mager	21	5-10	1-2	1	1	3	11
Viani	14	0-5	0-0	1	1	1	0
Adamshick	24	2-9	0-0	2	1	2	5
Team				2			
Totals	200	22-60	2-6	24	10	15	50
#23/19 VT (63)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	30	3-8	4-5	9	1	0	11
Gardin	29	4-10	6-6	6	0	2	14
Gibson	17	1-4	0-2	4	0	0	2
Chriss	33	5-8	2-2	5	4	3	12
Mason	35	5-6	0-0	5	1	0	11
Copeland	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Recchia	13	1-2	0-0	1	1	0	2
Diawara	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Anderson	8	1-1	0-0	0	0	1	2
Simmons	19	2-5	3-3	4	0	0	7
Finnerty	12	1-1	0-0	2	0	1	2
Team				4			
Totals	200	23-45	15-18	39	7	8	63
Villanova		16	34				50
Virginia Tech		30	33				63

### PERCENTAGES:

VU	FG%	36.7	3PT%	28.6	FT%	33.3
VT	FG%	51.1	3PT%	50.0	FT%	83.3

**3-POINTERS** - VU 4 (Mix, Hilgenberg, McManus, Adamshick); VT 2 (Mason, Kublina)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - VU 8 (Rediger 4, Dessart Mager 2, Suez, Mix); VT 2 (Kublina, Gardin)

**STEALS** - VU 13 (Dessart Mager 5, Mix 3, Rediger 2, Suez, Hilgenberg, Viani); VT 1 (Chriss)

**TURNOVERS** - VU 9 (Suez 2, Rediger 2, Mix, McManus, Dessart Mager, Viani, Adamshick); VT 16 (Gardin 4, Mason 4, Chriss 2, Copeland 2, Anderson 2, Kublina, Recchia)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Wesley Dean, Bonita Spence, John Almarode

**ATTENDANCE:** 2,364

# GT 70, VT 50

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (1/17/04)** - Virginia Tech dropped its third straight BIG EAST road game as the homestanding Georgetown Hoyas handed the Hokies their most lopsided loss of the season, 70-50.

The Hokies, ranked 19th in the USA Today/ESPN poll and 23rd in the AP poll, shot 50 percent in the first half but still found themselves down by seven, 30-23. The Hokies could not find the range in the final 20 minutes, however, as the Hoyas pulled away forcing Tech into just 32 percent shooting. For the game, Hokie power forward Ieva Kublina notched 18 points on 8-of-15 from the field. Dawn Chriss tallied 13 points, and Erin Gibson managed 10 points.

Hoya forward Rebekkah Brunson led all scorers with 23 points and nine rebounds, while Betheny LeSueur had 17 points and nine caroms.

The Hokies and Hoyas played to a 9-8 Hoyas advantage over the first five minutes, but the Hokies then witnessed the Hoyas put together a 10-0 run to lead 19-8 with 12:08 remaining in the first half. However, the Hokies then went on a 15-4 over the next eight minutes to climb back into contention. Gibson's layup at 4:22 tied the game at 23. The Hoyas then essentially put the game away with a 7-0 flurry to end the first half.

Tech trimmed the lead to as low as five in the second half (33-28 at 17:48), but the Hoyas proved to be too much as the Hokies struggled to hit from the field. Georgetown built a 10-point lead (54-44) at 6:21 and then proceeded to go on a 10-2 run to push its advantage to 18 (64-46) with 2:42 left in the game.

## Georgetown 70, #23/19 Virginia Tech 50

Jan. 17, 2004; McDonough Arena

VT (50)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	35	8-16	0-1	2	1	3	18
Gardin	28	1-6	0-0	1	4	3	2
Gibson	37	4-8	2-2	4	0	4	10
Chriss	38	6-10	1-2	6	2	3	13
Mason	40	1-7	2-2	4	3	1	5
Copeland	8	0-3	2-2	4	0	1	2
Recchia	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Anderson	5	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Simmons	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
Finnerty	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Team				1			
Totals	200	20-51	7-9	24	10	18	50

GU (70)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Bruce	21	2-3	0-0	1	2	3	4
Brunson	31	7-11	9-11	9	1	4	23
Tamoulianis	14	2-5	1-2	3	0	2	5
Lisicky	37	4-11	3-3	5	1	1	11
LeSueur	38	6-10	5-7	9	5	2	17
Carlin	35	2-5	0-0	2	4	0	4
Tyburnski	1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Jenkins	23	2-3	2-2	2	1	2	6
Team				4			
Totals	200	25-49	20-25	35	14	14	70

Virginia Tech		23	27	—	—	50
Georgetown		30	40	—	—	70

**PERCENTAGES:**

VT	FG%	39.2	3PT%	30.0	FT%	77.8
GU	FG%	51.0	3PT%	0.0	FT%	80.0

**3-POINTERS** - VT 3 (Kublina 2, Mason); GU 0  
**BLOCKED SHOTS** - VT 3 (Chriss 2, Copeland); GU 2 (Brunson, Carlin)  
**STEALS** - VT 4 (Chriss 2, Gardin, Anderson); GU 13 (LeSueur 6, Carlin 4, Bruce, Tamoulianis, Jenkins)  
**TURNOVERS** - VT 15 (Chriss 4, Copeland 4, Gardin 3, Kublina, Mason, Anderson, Finnerty); GU 15 (Tamoulianis 5, Brunson 3, Lisicky 2, LeSueur 2, Carlin 2, Bruce)  
**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None  
**OFFICIALS:** Dennis DeMayo, Tina Napier, Michele St. Pierre  
**ATTENDANCE:** 856

# VT 67, UP 57

**PITTSBURGH, Pa. (1/21/04)** - Sometimes the best offense is a good defense which is just what Virginia Tech needed to put together a second half run in a 67-57 come-from-behind victory over the Pittsburgh Panthers Wednesday night at the Petersen Events Center on the University of Pittsburgh campus.

After trailing 27-25 at the half, Tech found itself facing the largest deficit of the evening down by eight (42-34) with 13 minutes remaining in the contest. Little did anyone know that the game would be all Hokies for rest of the evening.

Two Dawn Chriss free throws started Tech on a 14-0 run over to next 6:05 to give the Hokies a 48-42 lead with just over seven minutes to play. Carrie Mason, playing before a large contingent from her hometown who made the hour drive for the game, scored eight points, including two treys, during the Tech uprising.

Pittsburgh cut the lead to 58-55 with 2:19 left but Mason drilled her third shot from behind the arc and the Hokies sealed the deal at the free throw line to secure their first conference road win of the year.

Mason led four Tech players in double figures with 15 points, including 13 in the second half, and a career-high eight rebounds and a career-high tying seven assists. The three treys moved Mason into fifth on the Tech career three-point field goals made list with 68.

Erin Gibson had 14 points followed by Kirby Copeland with a career-high 13 points and Ieva Kublina with 10 points, eight rebounds and six blocks. The game marked the 38th time Kublina, Tech's career blocks leader with 218, had registered three or more blocks in a game.

Pittsburgh also placed four players in double figures led by Katie Histed's 19 points followed by Shelia Shufflet, LaToya Kincaid and Amy Kunich with 10 points each.

## rv/#23 Virginia Tech 67, Pittsburgh 57

Jan. 21, 2004; Petersen Events Center

#23 VT (67)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	35	5-10	0-0	8	1	1	10
Gardin	21	1-4	2-2	3	3	0	4
Gibson	35	5-8	4-6	7	1	2	14
Chriss	21	1-6	2-2	1	1	2	4
Mason	38	5-7	2-2	8	7	1	15
Copeland	22	6-11	1-1	1	1	2	13
Recchia	7	1-4	0-0	0	1	0	3
Anderson	11	1-1	0-0	1	1	3	2
Simmons	6	1-2	0-0	2	0	0	2
Finnerty	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Team				6			
Totals	200	26-53	11-13	38	16	12	67

UP (57)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Taylor	37	0-5	4-4	6	1	3	4
Shufflet	39	4-8	2-2	3	1	2	10
Kincaid	33	3-14	4-4	8	4	1	10
Hughes	27	1-5	0-0	0	3	0	2
Allen	8	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0
Kunich	22	4-8	0-0	1	2	3	10
Histed	24	7-13	2-2	3	1	3	19
Morris	10	1-4	0-2	2	0	1	2
Team				5			
Totals	200	20-59	12-14	29	12	13	57

Virginia Tech		25	42	—	—	67
Pittsburgh		27	30	—	—	57

**PERCENTAGES:**

VT	FG%	49.1	3PT%	44.4	FT%	84.6
UP	FG%	33.9	3PT%	41.5	FT%	85.7

**3-POINTERS** - VT 4 (Mason 3, Recchia); UP 5 (Histed 3, Kunich 2)  
**BLOCKED SHOTS** - VT 9 (Kublina 6, Gibson, Chriss, Copeland); UP 4 (Taylor 2, Kincaid, Morris)  
**STEALS** - VT 12 (Mason 3, Gardin 2, Gibson 2, Copeland 2, Anderson 2, Kublina); UP 12 (Taylor 6, Shufflet 2, Histed 2, Kincaid, Kunich)  
**TURNOVERS** - VT 24 (Kublina 5, Mason 5, Gibson 3, Copeland 3, Gardin 2, Chriss 2, Anderson 2, Recchia, Finnerty); UP 20 (Kunich 6, Kincaid 4, Shufflet 3, Hughes 3, Histed 2, Allen, Morris)  
**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None  
**OFFICIALS:** June Courteau, Denise Brooks-Clauser, Susan Chue  
**ATTENDANCE:** 498

# VT 80, BC 64

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (1/24/04)** - Virginia Tech placed five players in double figures to defeat BIG EAST foe Boston College, 80-64. The win marks Hokies' head coach Bonnie Henrickson's 150<sup>th</sup> career coaching victory.

Tech, ranked No. 23 in the USA Today/ESPN Poll, climbs to 15-3 on the year and 4-3 in the conference, while No. 24/19 Boston College falls to 13-4 overall and 3-3 in the BIG EAST.

Over one minute into the game, Tech's Kerri Gardin put the Hokies on the board first with a two-point basket. Trading points back and fourth throughout the half, the Eagles took a three-point lead after back-to-back baskets by Lisa Macchia and Clare Drosch. Tech's Erin Gibson hit a three-point play to tie the game at 16-16. Boston College's Sarah Marshall hit a three with 30 seconds left in the half to give the Eagles a 33-31 lead heading into the locker room. The first half was tied 10 times and had 11 lead changes.

The Eagles' Maureen Leahy scored the first bucket of the second half, but the Hokies' exploded back with three consecutive baskets. Tech's Carrie Mason started the streak with a three-pointer, followed by Ieva Kublina lay-up. Boston College got the ball back, but a steal and lay-up by Gardin put the Hokies' ahead 38-35. Kublina kept Tech's momentum going, scoring six of the next eight points to increase the Hokies' score to 49-38 with 12:31 remaining in the game. The Eagles could draw no closer than six points the rest of the way.

Tech placed five starters in double figures led by Kublina's 17 points. Mason added 16 points, followed by Gibson and Dawn Chriss with 14 points each. Gardin chipped in with 13 points in the Tech victory. Kublina, who scored 15 of her 17 points in the second half, moved into fifth place on Tech's career points list with 1453. She surpassed Amy Wetzel who scored 1,444 points from 1996-2001. With two treys, Mason moved into a tie for fourth place with Christi Osborne (1991-95) in career three-point field goals (71).

## rv/#23 Virginia Tech 80, #24 Boston College 64

Jan. 24, 2004; Cassell Coliseum

#24 BC (64)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Parham	12	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	2
Leahy	15	3-4	0-0	1	0	1	6
Deveny	31	4-7	0-0	1	4	4	9
Queenan	34	2-6	2-2	7	0	2	6
Jacobs	26	5-9	6-8	0	0	3	17
Marshall	25	1-1	0-0	0	3	1	3
Ress	17	2-4	0-0	5	2	4	4
Drosch	28	5-10	0-0	3	2	3	10
Macchia	12	2-2	3-3	1	1	1	7
Team				0			
Totals	200	25-45	11-13	19	13	21	64

#23 VT (80)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	29	7-14	2-2	3	1	4	17
Gardin	35	4-9	5-6	9	1	2	13
Gibson	37	6-10	2-5	5	1	1	14
Chriss	34	4-8	6-6	4	2	4	14
Mason	39	4-11	6-6	3	3	0	16
Copeland	12	1-3	0-0	2	3	3	2
Recchia	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Simmons	5	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	2
Finnerty	8	0-1	2-2	2	0	3	2
Team				2			
Totals	200	27-57	23-27	32	11	17	80

Boston College		33	31	—	—	64
Virginia Tech		31	49	—	—	80

**PERCENTAGES:**

BC	FG%	55.6	3PT%	33.3	FT%	84.6
VT	FG%	47.4	3PT%	42.9	FT%	85.2

**3-POINTERS** - BC 3 (Deveny, Jacobs, Marshall); VT 3 (Mason 2, Kublina)  
**BLOCKED SHOTS** - BC 5 (Queenan 2, Parham, Leahy, Jacobs); VT 1 (Gibson)  
**STEALS** - BC 7 (Drosch 3, Parham, Deveny, Jacobs, Macchia); VT 13 (Gardin 3, Mason 3, Copeland 3, Kublina 2, Chriss 2)  
**TURNOVERS** - BC 25 (Jacobs 5, Deveny 4, Marshall 3, Ress 3, Drosch 3, Parham 2, Queenan 2, Macchia 2, Leahy); VT 16 (Mason 5, Gardin 4, Kublina 2, Gibson, Chriss, Copeland, Finnerty, Team)  
**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None  
**OFFICIALS:** Mark Zenta, Dee Kanter, Nan Sisk  
**ATTENDANCE:** 3,270



## UConn 68, VT 50

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (1/27/04)** - The Connecticut Huskies were simply too much for Virginia Tech Tuesday night and even a 20-minute power outage couldn't spark the homestanding Hokies as they dropped a 68-50 BIG EAST game to the two-time defending national champions.

Connecticut played almost flawlessly while the Hokies struggled from the field. The Hokies managed to shoot just 33 percent from the floor.

Connecticut raced out to an 11-2 lead in the first six minutes, but then both teams had to wait approximately 20 minutes after the power failed in the arena and the lights went out. After the delay, the Hokies could not capitalize on the Huskies' momentum loss.

Barbara Turner led the Huskies with 15 points, while Diana Taurasi had 13 along with Ashley Battle. Maria Conlon tallied 11, while Jessica Moore pulled down 12 rebounds, 10 in the first part of the opening period. The Huskies shot 49 percent for the game and nailed eight treys. Tech's Ieva Kublina put together an impressive night statistically, leading the Hokies with 19 points and three blocks. Mason chipped in with 15 points, but the rest of the Hokies who saw action managed to shoot just 7-for-29 from the floor.

After the initial 11-2 flurry, the Huskies increased the margin to 26-8 at 9:09; their largest lead of the first half. A trey from Kublina at 5:58 cut the UConn lead to 26-15 at 7:05, but the Huskies went on a 10-2 run to end the half with a 36-18 lead.

In the second half, UConn built its lead to 38-21 at 18:29, but the Hokies responded with a 9-3 scoring run to cut the lead back to 11 at 14:03 after a Dawn Chriss jumper. However, the Huskies fought back with a 10-2 run that gave them a 19-point lead (51-32) at 9:22. Tech came as close as 13 (51-38) at 7:19 after another Chriss bucket, but the Huskies opened the lead back to as much as 21 four times.

### #4/3 Connecticut 68, #23/22 Virginia Tech 50 Jan. 27, 2004; Cassell Coliseum

#4 UConn (68)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Turner	30	7-13	1-2	2	1	3	15
Moore	36	2-4	0-0	12	3	3	4
Taurasi	35	4-10	3-4	5	4	2	13
Conlon	35	4-6	0-0	2	1	1	11
Strother	27	3-9	0-0	3	2	3	8
Valley	1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Marron	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Valley	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Battle	21	5-6	2-2	4	0	0	13
Crockett	13	1-4	2-4	4	0	4	4
Team				3			
Totals	200	26-53	8-12	35	13	17	68

#23 VT (50)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	37	7-14	4-7	5	0	3	19
Gardin	24	1-12	0-0	4	4	4	2
Gibson	35	1-3	0-0	7	0	1	2
Chriss	32	2-8	1-3	5	0	4	5
Mason	38	4-11	7-8	0	2	0	15
Copeland	6	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0
Recchia	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Anderson	17	1-3	0-0	0	0	2	2
Simmons	2	1-1	1-1	0	0	0	3
Finnerty	7	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2
Team				3			
Totals	200	18-54	13-19	29	7	14	50

Connecticut		36		32		—	68
Virginia Tech		18		32		—	50

#### PERCENTAGES:

UConn	FG%	49.1	3PT%	50.0	FT%	66.7
VT	FG%	33.3	3PT%	20.0	FT%	68.4

**3-POINTERS** - UConn 8 (Conlon 3, Taurasi 2, Strother 2, Battle); VT 1 (Kublina)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - UConn 6 (Strother 3, Moore, Taurasi, Battle); VT 5 (Kublina 3, Gibson 2)

**STEALS** - UConn 2 (Taurasi, Battle); VT 5 (Kublina 2, Mason 2, Gardin)

**TURNOVERS** - UConn 15 (Turner 6, Taurasi 3, Crockett 2, Moore, Strother, Valley, Battle); VT 14 (Chriss 5, Gardin 4, Gibson 2, Team 2, Kublina)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Lisa Mattingly, Kathy Lynch, Bryan Brunette

**ATTENDANCE:** 7,211

## VT 75, SU 60

**SYRACUSE, N.Y. (1/31/04)** - Ieva Kublina scored a game-high 23 points and grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds as the 23rd-ranked Hokies used their size and physicalness on both ends of the court, methodically slicing the Syracuse Orangewomen 75-60 in a BIG EAST game in front of 639 fans at Manley Field House in Syracuse.

Tech shot 50 percent from the floor, held Syracuse to 35.5 percent from the floor and outrebounded the Orangewomen 43-29. Tech notched nine steals and took nine more free-throw attempts than Syracuse as well.

Syracuse stayed with the Hokies in the first half, thanks to Rochelle Coleman, who drilled four 3-pointers in the first 12 minutes of the game. Her 3-pointer with 8:16 left in the first half gave Syracuse its only lead, 21-19.

After that, Tech ripped off a 12-1 run and never trailed again - and Coleman never hit another 3-pointer. Tech led by seven at the break, and though the Orangewomen cut it to three early in the second half, they got no closer than seven the rest of the way.

In fact, Syracuse cut the Tech lead to seven, 55-48, with 7:32 left, but the Hokies scored the next 10 points and pulled away for an impressive win.

Kublina, the 6-foot-4 senior from Latvia, paced the way, hitting 9-of-16 from the floor and registering her third double-double of the season. In addition to grabbing 10 boards, she also blocked five shots and recorded four steals. This game marked the 40th in her career in which she's blocked three or more shots in a game and the 76th in which she has scored double figures.

Tech also got solid play from perimeter players Kerri Gardin and Dawn Chriss. Those two dwarfed Syracuse's perimeter players and finished with 14 points each. Gardin - off a 1-for-12 performance against UConn - hit 7-of-16, while Chriss hit 7-of-10.

### #23/22 Virginia Tech 75, Syracuse 60 Jan. 31, 2004; Manley Field House

#23 VT (75)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	38	9-16	5-7	10	4	1	23
Anderson	16	1-3	0-0	0	1	0	2
Gibson	35	2-4	3-4	9	2	1	7
Chriss	22	7-10	0-0	3	4	3	14
Mason	37	2-3	4-4	6	1	3	8
Copeland	5	0-2	0-0	0	0	2	0
Recchia	6	1-4	2-2	2	0	0	5
Gardin	34	7-16	0-0	8	6	2	14
Simmons	3	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	2
Finnerty	4	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	0
Team				2			
Totals	200	30-60	14-17	43	18	15	75

SU (60)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Wegrzynowicz	40	4-8	3-7	1	0	2	12
Coleman	40	7-20	0-0	5	3	4	18
Nwagbo	40	3-8	2-3	2	0	3	8
Kohn	40	2-6	0-0	2	1	1	5
McBride	35	6-20	3-3	5	7	3	17
Ellerbe	5	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	0
Team				13			
Totals	200	22-62	6-8	29	13	14	60

#### PERCENTAGES:

VT	FG%	50.0	3PT%	12.5	FT%	82.4
SU	FG%	35.5	3PT%	33.3	FT%	75.0

**3-POINTERS** - VT 1 (Recchia); SU 10 (Coleman 4, Wegrzynowicz 3, McBride 2, Kohn)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - VT 7 (Kublina 5, Anderson, Gibson); SU 1 (Coleman)

**STEALS** - VT 9 (Mason 4, Gardin 2, Anderson, Chriss, Finnerty); SU 5 (Wegrzynowicz, Coleman, Nwagbo, Kohn, McBride)

**TURNOVERS** - VT 15 (Gibson 4, Kublina 3, Mason 3, Copeland 2, Gardin 2, Finnerty); SU 18 (Coleman 7, McBride 5, Kohn 3, Nwagbo 2, Wegrzynowicz)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Janice Alberti, Yvette McKinney, Bob Trammell

**ATTENDANCE:** 639

## VT 64, SHU 40

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (2/4/04)** - Using an outstanding night from senior Ieva Kublina, the #21/21 Virginia Tech women's basketball team easily defeated BIG EAST rival Seton Hall 64-40. Tech grabbed hold of the early lead and never relinquished it throughout the evening en route to their second largest margin of victory on the season.

Tech opened up hot, scoring on its first possession with a layup from senior Erin Gibson. The Hokies went on to convert their next four shots from the field including a three-pointer from Kublina to assume an early 11-4 at the 15-minute mark. Tech would extend its run to 13-0 and hold the Pirates scoreless for nearly eight minutes to take a commanding 17-4 lead with 11 minutes remaining in the half.

Seton Hall would twice narrow the margin to nine, however, a jumper from Kublina extended the lead back to 13, 25-12, with 4:20 left. During the final five minutes of the half, Kublina poured in six of her 17 first-half points as Tech used a 10-2 run to enter the locker room with a 31-14 lead. Seton Hall's 14 points is the least an opponent has scored in a half against Tech this season.

Tech failed to carry its momentum into the second half as both teams traded baskets for much of the half. Seton Hall appeared to edge its way back into the game as LaNedra Brown converted on the three-point play with eight minutes left to play to narrow the Pirates, deficit to 12, 44-32. That would be as close as Seton Hall would come as Tech would use a series of free throws from Kublina and Chriss to run the lead out to 18 again. During the final five minutes of play, Tech's free throw shooting would seal the game as they converted on 10 consecutive free throws, assembling a 10-2 run to close the door on the 64-40 win.

Kublina led all scorers with 23 points, the 19th time in her career she's scored 20 or more points, and six rebounds. In addition her 23 points moves her to fourth on Tech's career point list with 1,518 points. Also aiding Tech's effort were Gibson and Chriss with eight points apiece. Brown was the Pirates top scorer with nine points on the evening.

### #21/21 Virginia Tech 64, Seton Hall 40 Feb. 4, 2004; Cassell Coliseum

SHU (40)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Blake	21	2-3	3-6	7	0	5	7
Korpivaara	24	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	0
Thomas	14	1-3	0-0	2	1	4	2
Langelier	33	2-12	2-4	5	0	0	6
Bush	29	3-7	2-2	4	1	5	8
Ellis	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Carroll	15	0-7	2-2	3	1	2	2
Duelund	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Shutz	15	1-2	0-1	0	0	0	2
Phillip	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Costello	15	1-6	2-2	5	0	2	4
Brown	26	4-9	1-1	7	1	1	9
Team				4			
Totals	200	14-55	12-18	38	5	20	40

#21 VT (64)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	26	9-15	4-4	6	0	4	23
Gardin	21	2-7	1-2	4	4	1	5
Gibson	29	3-7	2-2	7	0	2	8
Chriss	30	3-5	2-2	3	2	2	8
Mason	31	3-8	1-2	1	2	0	7
Copeland	15	0-1	0-0	3	2	3	0
Recchia	9	0-0	4-4	0	0	0	4
Diawara	2	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	2
Fowler	2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2
Anderson	13	1-2	0-0	4	2	0	2
Simmons	16	1-2	1-3	1	1	2	3
Finnerty	6	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team				6			
Totals	200	23-50	17-21	35	13	14	64

Seton Hall		14		26		—	40
Virginia Tech		31		33		—	64

#### PERCENTAGES:

SHU	FG%	25.5	3PT%	0.0	FT%	66.7
VT	FG%	46.0	3PT%	16.7	FT%	81.0

**3-POINTERS** - SHU 0; VT 1 (Kublina)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - SHU 3 (Bush, Phillip, Brown); VT 7 (Gardin 2, Chriss 2, Kublina, Gibson, Finnerty)

**STEALS** - SHU 7 (Brown 2, Thomas, Bush, Carroll, Duelund, Shutz); VT 8 (Chriss 2, Kublina, Gardin, Gibson, Copeland, Simmons, Finnerty)

**TURNOVERS** - SHU 22 (Blake 5, Langelier 5, Bush 3, Thomas 2, Carroll 2, Costello 2, Korpivaara, Ellis, Shutz); VT 16 (Copeland 5, Kublina 3, Chriss 2, Mason 2, Gardin, Gibson, Anderson, Finnerty)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Wesley Dean, Joanne Aldrich, John Almarode

**ATTENDANCE:** 2,448

# WVU 69, VT 66

**MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (2/10/04)** - The #21/21 Virginia Tech women's basketball team appeared to have assumed control of the game from the opening tip, however, a relentless West Virginia squad had other intentions, mustering an impressive comeback to defeat Tech, 69-66 at the WVU Coliseum.

WVU's Kate Bulger led all scorers with 23 points while Tech's Carrie Mason had 17 points in the losing effort. Ieva Kublina added 16 points and Kerri Gardin had 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Hokies.

The two squads played possession for possession for much of the first half with Tech holding the advantage for much of the half. The Hokies staged a miniature 8-4 run to close out the half with a Mason jumper to take a 33-25 lead into the locker room.

The Hokies came out in the second half and appeared poised to put the game away, extending their lead to as many as 14, 52-38, on two Kirby Copeland free throws with 11 minutes left to play. Tech's lead would remain at nine or higher until the 4:18 mark when two Mountaineer free throws initiated the beginning of the end for Tech.

From that point on WVU would rattle off a 19-5 run with six points coming off of Kate Bulger three-pointers. WVU would claim its first lead of the second half at the one-minute mark on a Bulger three that effectively took the wind out of the Hokies' sails. WVU would hold onto the lead as Meg Bulger blocked Kublina's last second three-point attempt to seal the victory for the Mountaineers.

## West Virginia 69, #21/19 Virginia Tech 66 Feb. 10, 2004; WVU Coliseum

#21 VT (66)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	25	5-10	6-8	6	0	3	16
Gardin	36	5-9	3-4	10	3	3	13
Gibson	34	2-3	1-6	12	1	3	5
Chriss	22	1-4	4-4	1	3	5	6
Mason	40	5-14	3-5	4	2	2	17
Copeland	19	2-3	1-2	2	2	4	5
Recchia	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Simmons	20	2-7	0-0	4	0	2	4
Finnerty	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team				1			
Totals	200	22-50	18-29	40	11	22	66

WVU (69)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Carter	32	4-6	1-4	8	0	3	9
Paige	40	2-10	7-8	1	4	1	11
Sowho	39	2-7	3-4	4	1	4	7
Dunlap	31	5-9	4-4	5	0	4	14
Bulger, K.	31	7-17	6-6	2	4	3	23
Bulger, M.	18	1-4	0-0	6	0	4	2
Glusko	4	0-0	1-2	1	0	0	1
Williams	5	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2
Team				5			
Totals	200	22-54	22-28	32	9	20	69

Virginia Tech	33	33	—	66
West Virginia	25	44	—	69

**PERCENTAGES:**

VT	FG%	44.0	3PT%	28.6	FT%	62.1
WVU	FG%	40.7	3PT%	20.0	FT%	78.6

**3-POINTERS** - VT 4 (Mason 4); WVU 3 (K. Bulger 3)  
**BLOCKED SHOTS** - VT 5 (Kublina 2, Gardin 2, Gibson); WVU 3 (Sowho, K. Bulger, M. Bulger)  
**STEALS** - VT 5 (Mason 2, Chriss, Copeland, Simmons); WVU 9 (Sowho 4, Paige 2, Dunlap, K. Bulger, Glusko)  
**TURNOVERS** - VT 21 (Gardin 5, Gibson 5, Mason 4, Kublina 2, Chriss 2, Copeland, Simmons, Team); WVU 14 (Paige 4, K. Bulger 3, M. Bulger 3, Carter, Sowho, Dunlap, Team)  
**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None  
**OFFICIALS:** Dennis DeMayo, Kathy Lynch, Susan Blauch  
**ATTENDANCE:** 1234

# UM 65, VT 56

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (2/14/04)** - There was nothing rosy about Virginia Tech's Valentine's Day showdown with the Miami Hurricanes at Cassell Coliseum as the Hokies dropped a second consecutive BIG EAST game, 65-56, in front of 3,795 fans.

The loss was just Tech's second at home this season, the first coming against defending national champion Connecticut on Jan. 27. It is also the second loss in a row as the Hokies lost at West Virginia on Feb. 10.

Valentine's Day was not the only celebration on Feb. 14 as Hurricane power forward Chanivia Broussard celebrated her 23rd birthday by blowing out the candles on Tech with 22 points, including 10-of-10 from the free-throw line.

Both teams had reason to feel fortunate that the game was close at intermission. The Hokies found themselves being outshot by the Hurricanes 43.5 percent to 27 percent. However, Miami committed 12 more turnovers than the Hokies, which led to 14 more Tech shots. After the first 20 minutes, Tech's poor shooting and Miami's poor ball-handling and decisions ultimately evened each other out.

The second half started out much differently than the first as both teams came out hot. The Hokies hit 7-of-11 to start the frame, while Miami converted 5-of-9.

A Mason triple at the 12:27 mark gave Tech a 44-40 lead. Miami stormed back though, using a 14-6 run to turn the tables and take a 54-50 lead. Tech scored the next four to knot the score and claim the momentum.

However, a Tamara James trey with time winding down on the shot clock silenced the crowd and put the Hurricanes back on top. Gardin, who had shadowed James all night, dipped off to double-team Broussard who had picked up her dribble on the baseline. Broussard found James for the shot that turned out to be the dagger.

Gardin hit a jumper on Tech's next possession at the 3:11 mark, but that was the last time the Hokies scored. Miami scored a layup and then made 6-of-8 free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Gardin led the Hokies with 13 points and 14 rebounds. Ieva Kublina scored 11 points and Gibson contributed 10 points.

## rv/#23 Miami 65, #21/19 Virginia Tech 56 Feb. 14, 2004; Cassell Coliseum

#23 UM (69)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Knight	30	4-7	2-2	6	1	2	11
Wilkins	40	4-7	1-1	11	1	1	9
Broussard	35	6-13	10-10	6	3	3	22
James	37	5-11	3-6	5	1	3	14
McCormick	38	1-7	1-2	6	6	3	4
Marincic	6	1-1	0-0	1	1	0	2
Phanord	3	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
Wilson	11	1-1	1-2	2	0	1	3
Team				6			
Totals	200	22-48	18-23	43	13	14	65

#21 VT (56)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	39	5-19	0-0	4	0	3	11
Gardin	28	4-16	5-6	14	0	2	13
Gibson	29	5-7	0-0	4	1	5	10
Chriss	34	3-11	2-2	6	1	2	8
Mason	40	2-12	2-3	2	3	3	8
Copeland	6	1-3	0-0	1	3	0	2
Recchia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Anderson	11	1-3	0-0	0	1	0	2
Simmons	12	1-1	0-0	1	1	2	2
Team				4			
Totals	200	22-72	9-11	36	10	18	56

#23 Miami	30	35	—	65
#21 Virginia Tech	28	28	—	56

**PERCENTAGES:**

UM	FG%	45.8	3PT%	50.0	FT%	78.3
VT	FG%	30.6	3PT%	25.0	FT%	81.8

**3-POINTERS** - UM 3 (Knight, James, McCormick); VT 3 (Mason 2, Kublina)  
**BLOCKED SHOTS** - UM 3 (Wilkins 2, Broussard); VT 1 (Chriss)  
**STEALS** - UM 4 (Broussard 2, James, Marincic); VT 9 (Kublina 2, Chriss 2, Gardin, Gibson, Mason, Copeland, Anderson)  
**TURNOVERS** - UM 25 (McCormick 9, James 5, Wilkins 5, Knight 3, Broussard); VT 15 (Gardin 6, Mason 3, Chriss 2, Anderson 2, Gibson, Copeland)  
**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None  
**OFFICIALS:** June Courteau, John Palermo, Frank Geiselman  
**ATTENDANCE:** 3795

# VT 48, SHU 42

**SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (2/18/04)** - The Virginia Tech women's basketball team moved back above .500 in the BIG EAST as they edged host Seton Hall 48-42 in a defensive battle Wednesday night at Walsh Gym. Tech became just the third team to defeat the Pirates on their home floor.

In a match-up that featured 10 lead changes and eight ties, it was the Hokies' defensive efforts in the final 11 minutes that proved to be the difference. With the Hokies trailing 40-36 with 11:37 remaining, Tech allowed the Pirates just two free throws over the final 11 minutes and outscored the hosts 12-2 for the victory. Tech connected on four-of-four from the charity stripe in the final 23 seconds to seal the much-needed conference win.

Four Hokies reached double figures, led by Kerri Gardin's double-double of 11 points and 12 rebounds. Dawn Chriss led the Hokies in scoring with 13 points, while Ieva Kublina and Carrie Maso had 10 each. Kublina had five blocks. Ashley Bush led the Pirates with 14 points. The Hokies limited Seton Hall to just 28 percent (16-of-57) from the field and hit on 38 percent (14-of-37) of their attempts. Tech also won the battle on the boards, 38-34.

The Hokies appeared ready to set the tempo of the contest in the first half, building as much as a seven-point lead (14-7) with 11:30 left until halftime, but the Pirates battled back to trim the Hokies' margin. During the next four minutes, Seton Hall went on a 10-2 run to take a 17-16 lead with 7:57 left until intermission. The Pirates increased the margin to four (24-20) with 5:17 left, but the Hokies responded with an 8-3 run over the final five minutes to secure a 28-27 halftime lead. Chriss keyed the Hokie scoring flurry with six points and three steals.

In the second half, the Hokies held a narrow lead throughout the first eight minutes, leading by three (36-33) at 15:22. However, Seton Hall regained the lead with a 7-0 run that stretched to the 11:37 mark. Trailing 40-36 at that point, the Hokies turned up the defensive pressure and forced the Pirates into 13 missed shots during the remainder of the game.

## rv/#25 Virginia Tech 48, Seton Hall 42 Feb. 18, 2004; Walsh Gym

rv/#25 VT (48)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	38	4-9	2-3	5	0	3	10
Gardin	38	2-9	7-10	12	1	2	11
Gibson	35	2-4	0-0	3	0	4	4
Chriss	37	4-11	5-6	6	4	2	13
Mason	38	2-4	5-5	6	1	2	10
Copeland	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Recchia	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Anderson	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1
Simmons	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Team				5			
Totals	200	14-37	19-24	38	6	16	48

SHU (42)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Blake	17	2-7	0-0	8	0	1	4
Bush	39	4-14	6-8	3	3	3	14
Thomas	28	4-9	1-3	7	0	3	9
Langelier	32	1-7	0-0	3	1	4	2
Schutz	12	0-1	0-2	1	0	0	0
Ellis	1	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
Carroll	7	1-5	0-0	0	0	0	3
Korpivaara	29	1-4	0-0	3	0	2	2
Phillip	2	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
Costello	10	2-4	1-1	3	0	0	5
Brown	23	1-4	1-3	3	0	3	3
Team				3			
Totals	200	16-57	9-17	34	4	18	42

rv/#25 Virginia Tech	28	20	—	48
Seton Hall	27	15	—	42

**PERCENTAGES:**

VT	FG%	37.8	3PT%	20.0	FT%	79.2
SHU	FG%	28.1	3PT%	20.0	FT%	52.9

**3-POINTERS** - VT 1 (Mason); SHU 1 (Carroll)  
**BLOCKED SHOTS** - VT 9 (Kublina 5, Gardin 3, Chriss); SHU 2 (Blake 2)  
**STEALS** - VT 5 (Chriss 4, Mason); SHU 12 (Bush 4, Thomas 2, Langelier 2, Brown 2, Carroll, Korpivaara)  
**TURNOVERS** - VT 21 (Gardin 8, Kublina 5, Chriss 3, Recchia 2, Gibson, Mason, Copeland); SHU 11 (Schutz 3, Thomas 2, Langelier 2, Costello 2, Bush, Korpivaara)  
**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None  
**OFFICIALS:** Bryan Enterline, Denise Brooks-Clauser, Jack Riordan  
**ATTENDANCE:** 456

## VT 77, PC 56

**PROVIDENCE, R.I. (2/21/04)** -- Entering the contest at Providence, the Virginia Tech women's basketball team knew it was a prohibitive favorite to defeat the Friars who were winless in the BIG EAST Conference. Tech used a 12-0 run midway through the first half to break the backs of their host and cruise to a 77-56 victory.

Tech, ranked No. 25 in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, had 11 players score in the lopsided affair and all 12 players saw action. Ieva Kublina led the way with 19 points followed by Carrie Mason and Erin Gibson with 10 points each.

Gayle Nwafili led Providence with a game-high 27 points and 16 rebounds. The loss was the 13th straight and 15th in the Friars last 16 games.

The two teams battled on even terms over the first nine minutes with Tech leading only 17-14 before the Hokies went on a 12-0 run to build a 29-14 advantage. After the Friars cut the lead to 31-20, Tech closed the half on a 10-4 run to lead 41-24.

The second half was more of the same as Tech substituted freely and built its largest lead of the night at 76-49 with 2:45 remaining in the game. Outside of Nwafili's 11-for-21 effort from the field, the remainder of the Friars lineup was only 12-of-43.

Tech shot 49.3 percent (33-67) from the field while limiting Providence to 35.9 percent. The Hokies handed out 19 assists while suffering only nine turnovers and collecting eight steals.

### rv/#25 Virginia Tech 77, Providence 56 Feb. 21, 2004; Alumni Hall

rv/#25 VT (77)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	25	9-18	1-1	5	0	3	19
Chriss	24	4-4	1-2	2	5	1	9
Mason	28	4-6	2-2	1	3	1	10
Gardin	22	3-8	1-2	4	4	0	7
Gibson	23	4-9	2-2	3	2	1	10
Copeland	16	2-6	2-6	7	1	1	6
Recchia	14	1-3	0-0	2	1	0	2
Diawara	5	0-2	0-0	1	1	1	0
Fowler	9	2-3	0-0	2	0	2	4
Anderson	15	1-2	0-0	6	1	2	2
Simmons	13	1-3	0-0	4	0	3	2
Finnerty	5	2-3	2-3	2	1	3	6
Team				5			
Totals	200	33-67	11-18	44	19	18	77

PC (56)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Baugh	38	1-7	0-0	4	5	1	2
Furstenburg	28	0-5	0-0	3	2	1	0
Quinn	27	2-5	2-2	2	1	2	6
Nwafili	37	11-21	5-10	16	3	1	27
Freeburg	31	4-11	1-2	6	2	2	9
Snyder	24	2-9	0-0	3	0	1	5
Gilmore	10	2-4	0-1	1	1	1	4
Keefe	5	1-2	1-2	4	0	1	3
Team				4			
Totals	200	23-64	9-17	43	14	10	56

Virginia Tech	41	36	—	77
Providence	24	32	—	56

**PERCENTAGES:**

VT	FG%	49.3	3PT%	0.0	FT%	61.1
PC	FG%	35.9	3PT%	12.5	FT%	52.9

**3-POINTERS** - VT 0; PC 1 (Snyder)  
**BLOCKED SHOTS** - VT 4 (Kublina 2, Gibson, Anderson); PC 6 (Nwafili 5, Snyder)  
**STEALS** - VT 8 (Mason 2, Gardin 2, Anderson 2, Gibson, Chriss); PC 3 (Freeburg 2, Quinn)  
**TURNOVERS** - VT 9 (Gardin 2, Gibson 2, Kublina, Copeland, Fowler, Simmons, Finnerty); PC 17 (Baugh 6, Nwafili 4, Freeburg 4, Furstenburg 2, Keefe)  
**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None  
**OFFICIALS:** Bill Titus, Tom Danaher, Joanne Aldrich  
**ATTENDANCE:** 597

## VT 85, UP 55

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (2/28/04)** --The Virginia Tech women's basketball team saw four starters score in double figures and the Hokies blistered the nets, shooting 63.8 percent from the floor in hammering Pittsburgh 85-55 in a BIG EAST game in front of 6,364 fans at Cassell Coliseum. The attendance stood as the ninth largest in Cassell Coliseum history for a women's basketball game.

The win marked Tech's third straight after a humbling and rare home loss to Miami two weeks ago. With the win, Tech improved to 20-6 on the season, marking the seventh consecutive year - all under head coach Bonnie Henrickson - that the Hokies have won at least 20 games.

The Hokies wasted little time in messing around with the Panthers. Tech only trailed once - 2-0 - and used a 12-1 run midway through the first half to open a 13-point bulge. Using eight points each from the inside tandem of Ieva Kublina and Erin Gibson, the Hokies led by as many as 17 in the first half and by 10 at halftime.

In the second half, Tech blew things wide open, opening the half by going on a 20-5 run and taking a 25-point lead on a lay-up by Kerri Gardin with 11:57 left in the game. Henrickson started substituting liberally and did so through the game.

Tech's 63.8 percent from the floor marked the best this season and the best ever for the Hokies in a BIG EAST game.

Mason led the Hokies with 14 points, going 6-for-6 from the floor, including 2-for-2 from beyond the 3-point arc. Gibson added 13 on 5-of-8 shooting from the floor, while Kublina and Dawn Chriss finished with 10 each.

### rv/#25 Virginia Tech 85, Pittsburgh 55 Feb. 28, 2004; Cassell Coliseum

UP (55)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kincaid	31	5-20	2-4	5	2	2	12
Stuffle	12	1-2	0-0	0	0	3	2
Morris	6	0-1	0-0	0	0	4	0
Kunich	32	2-7	0-0	3	4	0	5
Histed	33	6-14	2-4	3	1	2	16
Brown	20	3-8	1-2	5	0	4	7
Hughes	20	1-3	0-0	1	2	2	3
Moore	22	1-2	0-0	2	0	0	2
Taylor, D.	5	1-2	0-0	0	0	1	2
Taylor, C.	19	2-4	2-3	3	0	5	6
Team				6			
Totals	200	22-63	7-13	28	9	23	55

rv/#25 VT (85)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	26	2-7	6-6	9	0	3	10
Gardin	22	2-4	4-8	4	5	0	8
Gibson	20	5-8	3-4	4	1	3	13
Chriss	24	3-4	4-4	6	3	1	10
Mason	27	6-6	0-0	2	2	0	14
Copeland	20	4-6	0-1	2	1	0	8
Recchia	12	1-2	0-0	1	0	0	2
Diawara	4	1-1	2-2	1	0	0	4
Fowler	9	1-1	0-1	1	0	1	2
Anderson	14	1-3	2-4	1	1	1	4
Simmons	11	3-3	0-0	0	1	1	6
Finnerty	11	1-2	2-2	2	0	1	4
Team				6			
Totals	200	30-47	23-32	39	13	11	85

Pittsburgh	31	24	—	55
Virginia Tech	41	44	—	85

**PERCENTAGES:**

UP	FG%	34.9	3PT%	40.0	FT%	53.8
VT	FG%	63.8	3PT%	100.0	FT%	71.9

**3-POINTERS** - UP 4 (Histed 2, Kunich, Hughes); VT 2 (Mason 2)  
**BLOCKED SHOTS** - UP 3 (Brown 2, Kincaid); VT 11 (Kublina 7, Fowler 2, Gibson, Chriss)  
**STEALS** - UP 9 (Histed 3, Kincaid 2, Kunich, Hughes, Taylor D., Taylor C.); VT 11 (Gardin 4, Copeland 2, Simmons 2, Kublina, Gibson, Finnerty)  
**TURNOVERS** - UP 21 (Kunich 5, Kincaid 3, Histed 3, Morris 2, Hughes 2, Moore 2, Team 2, Brown, Taylor D.); VT 20 (Kublina 4, Recchia 4, Chriss 3, Mason 3, Copeland 2, Simmons 2, Gardin, Team)  
**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None  
**OFFICIALS:** John Morningstar, Bonita Spence, Bruce Morris  
**ATTENDANCE:** 6,364

## VT 69, SJU 38

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (3/2/04)** - Virginia Tech closed out its' final regular season BIG EAST game by defeating St. John's, 69-38, at Cassell Coliseum. The win solidified Tech as the eighth seed in the BIG EAST Championships.

The win marked Tech's fourth straight victory and the Hokies finished the regular season 21-6 overall and 10-6 in the conference. In four regular seasons, Tech averaged 10 wins a year as a member of the BIG EAST.

After scoring eight straight points to open the second half, the Hokies went on a 21-4 run to take a 26-point lead, 46-20, with 11:46 left in the game. Three straight points by Tech's Kirby Copeland followed by a jumper by Fran Recchia gave the Hokies a 31-point lead. Tech went on to complete the victory, 69-38.

Copeland led all scorers with 12 points, while Dawn Chriss added 10. Shemika Stevens led the Red Storm with 10.

The Hokies opened the game with a 5-0 run and never looked back. At the 12:38 mark, Tech went on a 9-2 run over the span of almost seven minutes to take a 12-point lead, 17-5. Turnovers and poor shooting affected the Red Storm, who only scored five points in the first 14 minutes of the game. Tech scored 15 points off of 19 St. John's turnovers and led 27-16 at the half.

All three of Tech's seniors, Kublina, Brandy Flower and Davina Simmons, started the game. They were honored in a ceremony after the contest.

### Virginia Tech 69, St. John's 38 Mar. 2, 2004; Cassell Coliseum

SJU (38)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Clark	25	1-7	1-4	4	0	5	3
Gyuris	20	1-2	0-0	2	1	2	2
Kurtosi	19	0-1	0-0	4	1	0	0
Mac Millan	27	1-5	0-0	0	0	4	2
Stevens	27	4-10	1-2	3	2	3	10
Stubblefield	11	1-7	0-0	1	0	0	3
Dukes	12	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	2
Brown	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Petersen	8	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	2
Andrews	15	2-2	0-0	3	0	2	4
Chambers	20	3-5	2-4	6	0	5	8
Szavuly	14	1-3	0-0	1	1	1	2
Team				4			
Totals	200	16-46	4-12	28	6	23	38

VT (69)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	28	2-9	1-2	7	0	0	5
Simmons	9	1-4	0-0	2	0	0	2
Fowler	11	0-1	1-3	1	0	2	1
Chriss	33	4-4	2-2	6	3	3	10
Mason	24	2-6	2-2	0	0	0	8
Copeland	12	3-3	6-10	4	1	3	12
Recchia	16	1-2	0-0	1	1	0	2
Diawara	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Anderson	8	2-3	0-0	1	0	0	4
Gardin	21	4-7	1-1	5	6	0	9
Finnerty	11	2-3	3-5	1	0	2	7
Gibson	22	3-8	3-4	6	0	1	9
Team				2			
Totals	200	24-50	19-29	37	11	12	69

St. John's	16	22	—	38
Virginia Tech	27	42	—	69

**PERCENTAGES:**

SJU	FG%	34.8	3PT%	25.0	FT%	33.3
VT	FG%	48.0	3PT%	50.0	FT%	65.5

**3-POINTERS** - SJU 2 (Stevens, Stubblefield); VT 2 (Mason 2)  
**BLOCKED SHOTS** - SJU 2 (Kurtosi, Chambers); VT 6 (Kublina 4, Chriss, Diawara)  
**STEALS** - SJU 12 (Clark 3, Kurtosi 2, Mac Millan 2, Stevens 2, Chambers 2, Stubblefield); VT 14 (Gardin 3, Fowler 2, Chriss 2, Copeland 2, Finnerty 2, Simmons, Mason)  
**TURNOVERS** - SJU 35 (Chambers 7, Stevens 7, Kurtosi 6, Szavuly 6, Stubblefield 3, Petersen 2, Clark, Gyuris, Mac Millan, Andrews); VT 24 (Chriss 7, Copeland 5, Kublina 2, Mason 2, Gardin 2, Gibson 2, Fowler, Recchia, Anderson, Finnerty)  
**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None  
**OFFICIALS:** Dee Kantner, Bill Titus, Bryan Brunette  
**ATTENDANCE:** 3,023

## VT 56, GT 47

**HARTFORD, Conn. (3/6/04)** - The No. 8-seeded Virginia Tech Hokies used an improbable 28-7 run over the final 14 minutes of the game to dispatch the No. 9-seeded Georgetown Hoyas 56-47 on March 6 and advance to the second round of the BIG EAST tournament.

Six minutes into the second half, the Hokies found themselves trailing by 12 points, 40-28. However, a 3-pointer by Carrie Mason, one of many big shots she hit on the day, ignited the Tech run. The Hoyas were still clinging to a 43-37 lead after a nice up-and-under reverse layup by Georgetown's Rebekkah Brunson, but that's when Tech dropped the hammer. The Hokies ripped off 17 unanswered points to take a 54-43 lead with 2:36 remaining.

Georgetown went 0-for-7 from the field and free-throw line combined, and committed seven turnovers over Tech's 17-0 run.

Mason and Kerri Gardin carried the Hokies throughout this game. Mason scored 14 points, including hitting 3-of-8 from 3-point range, collected four steals, five rebounds and four assists. She turned the ball over six times in the game, but only one time in the second half. She shot just 4-of-12 from the field, but all four of her makes came at critical times when the Hokies needed a basket. Mason drew two charges as well, both in the second half.

Gardin's effort was just as disheartening to the Hoyas. She scored 14 points and crashed the boards for 16 rebounds, nine of which were offensive. The Hokies scored 10 points off of Gardin's offensive rebounds.

The Hokies trailed 28-21 at halftime because of their inability to solve Georgetown's physical zone defense. Tech did not shoot the ball well enough and the Hokies could not get the ball inside consistently to pull the Hoyas out of their zone. Tech shot just 26 percent (7-of-27) in the first frame compared to Georgetown's 48 percent (12-of-25).

Chriss added 11 points and Ieva Kublina chipped in nine points and three blocks in the winning effort. Brunson paced Georgetown with 18 points and 17 rebounds.

### BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST ROUND

#### Virginia Tech 56, Georgetown 47

Mar. 6, 2004; Hartford Civic Center

GU (47)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Bruce	30	4-8	1-2	4	2	3	9
Brunson	37	7-14	4-7	17	0	4	18
Tamoulianis	22	2-4	2-3	2	1	2	6
Lisicky	37	1-11	0-0	5	3	2	3
LeSueur	28	2-4	0-0	3	1	4	4
Carlin	21	1-5	0-0	3	0	4	2
Davidson	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Berggren	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Tyburnski	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Jenkins	22	2-6	0-0	1	1	1	5
Team				4			
Totals	200	19-52	7-12	39	8	21	47
VT (56)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Gardin	37	4-16	6-10	16	3	0	14
Gibson	28	2-3	2-6	3	1	5	6
Kublina	39	3-14	3-3	6	0	2	9
Chriss	39	4-7	3-4	4	5	2	11
Mason	40	4-12	3-3	5	2	1	14
Copeland	4	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Simmons	3	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0
Finnerty	10	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	2
Team				1			
Totals	200	18-55	17-26	38	11	12	56
Georgetown		28	19				47
Virginia Tech		21	35				56

#### PERCENTAGES:

GT	FG%	36.5	3PT%	20.0	FT%	58.3
VT	FG%	32.7	3PT%	33.3	FT%	65.4

**3-POINTERS** - GU 2 (Lisicky, Jenkins); VT 3 (Mason 3)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - GU 3 (Bruce, Brunson, Tamoulianis); VT 6 (Kublina 3, Chriss 2, Gibson)

**STEALS** - GU 12 (LeSueur 4, Jenkins 3, Bruce, Brunson, Tamoulianis, Lisicky, Carlin); VT 11 (Mason 4, Chriss 3, Gardin, Kublina, Copeland, Finnerty)

**TURNOVERS** - GU 28 (LeSueur 7, Bruce 5, Lisicky 4, Brunson 3, Jenkins 3, Carlin 2, Tamoulianis 2, Team 2) VT 19 (Mason 6, Gardin 3, Gibson 3, Chriss 2, Copeland 2, Kublina, Finnerty, Team)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Dennis DeMayo, Tom Danaher, Denise Brooks-Clauser

**ATTENDANCE:** 9,690

## UCONN 48, VT 34

**HARTFORD, Conn. (3/7/04)** - The Virginia Tech Hokies held the #4 Connecticut Huskies to a season-low 48 points, but couldn't muster enough offense to pull off the upset, falling 48-34 in the quarterfinals of the BIG EAST tournament.

The Huskies went on a 7-0 run to open the second half and take a 28-14 lead that they maintained for most of the second half. The Hokies trailed by as many as 17 and as few as nine points.

UConn led 38-24 with 9:45 remaining in the game when the Hokies made their last serious challenge of the game. UConn's first team All-American and BIG EAST player of the year Diana Taurasi picked up two quick fouls to give her four for the game and force her to the bench. Center Jessica Moore then picked up two quick fouls to give her four, and she followed Taurasi to the sideline. Then wing Ashley Battle picked up two fouls to give her four.

Those six fouls stopped UConn's momentum and gave the Hokies a chance to get back in the game. Tech's defense held the Huskies scoreless for the next five minutes, but could only muster a 5-0 run to cut the lead to 38-29. A three-point play by Battle put UConn back up by a dozen and effectively ended any hopes for a Tech comeback.

The Hokies played a brilliant game defensively, particularly in the first half when they held the Huskies to just 21 points. However, as good as their defense was, their offense was that bad, especially over the final 11:25 of the first half.

Mason led the Hokies and tied for a game-high with 13 points. Barbara Turner led UConn with 13 points of her own and Moore contributed 11 points. Battle collared a game-high 10 rebounds. The Hokies clamped down on Taurasi, holding her to just four points on 2-of-10 shooting.

### BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTERFINAL

#### #3/4 Connecticut 48, Virginia Tech 34

Mar. 7, 2004; Hartford Civic Center

VT (34)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Gardin	28	2-8	0-2	5	0	3	4
Gibson	26	2-6	0-0	6	1	1	4
Kublina	37	2-8	4-4	5	0	3	8
Chriss	38	1-7	2-2	5	1	2	4
Mason	39	4-11	3-5	1	1	1	13
Copeland	14	0-2	0-0	2	1	1	0
Finnerty	18	0-1	1-2	3	0	2	1
Team				7			
Totals	200	11-43	10-15	34	4	13	34
#3/4 UConn (48)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Turner	33	5-12	3-3	4	1	1	13
Strother	36	3-9	0-0	4	3	1	8
Moore	33	4-6	3-4	4	1	4	11
Taurasi	23	2-10	0-0	2	3	4	4
Conlon	35	2-8	0-0	5	3	2	5
Battle	22	2-9	3-3	10	0	1	7
Crockett	15	0-2	0-0	3	0	4	0
Sherwood	3	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0
Team				5			
Totals	200	18-57	9-10	38	11	17	48
Virginia Tech		14	20				34
Connecticut		21	27				48

#### PERCENTAGES:

VT	FG%	25.6	3PT%	25.0	FT%	66.7
UConn	FG%	31.6	3PT%	20.0	FT%	90.0

**3-POINTERS** - VT 2 (Mason 2); UConn 3 (Strother 2, Conlon)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - VT 2 (Kublina, Gibson); UConn 2 (Strother, Conlon)

**STEALS** - VT 3 (Chriss 2, Mason); UConn 9 (Moore 2, Taurasi 2, Battle 2, Strother, Crockett, Conlon)

**TURNOVERS** - VT 18 (Chriss 7, Gardin 4, Kublina 4, Gibson 2, Copeland) UConn 12 (Crockett 3, Conlon 2, Battle 2, Strother 2, Moore, Taurasi, Team)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Yvette McKinney, Mark Zentz, Susan Blauch

**ATTENDANCE:** 10,833



*Dawn Chriss helped Tech beat Georgetown in a first-round BIG EAST Tournament game.*



*Carrie Mason put up a game-high 13 points against UConn at the Hartford Civic Center.*

# VT 89, UI 76

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (3-21-04)** -- When the Virginia Tech Hokies faced the Iowa Hawkeyes, it was the old case of the irresistible force and the immovable object as Iowa had never lost a first-round NCAA game and Tech had won its past seven postseason openers. However, the Hokies used hot shooting throughout the game to ultimately resist the Hawkeyes 89-76 at Cassell Coliseum, moving Tech into the second round.

The Hokies, whose offense was virtually nonexistent in their last outing versus Connecticut in the BIG EAST tournament, could do no wrong against the Hawkeyes. Tech hit four of its first five shots, including two 3-pointers, to jump out to a 12-5 lead by the first media timeout. Iowa scored the next six points to cut the lead to one point, but Tech's Carrie Mason canned a 3-pointer after the Hokies grabbed two offensive rebounds on their next possession.

The Hokies shot 51.7 percent in the first half and held a 40-27 lead at intermission. The Hokies hit all six of their 3-point attempts in the half, with Mason hitting three and Ieva Kublina draining three. Tech's previous high for 3-pointers in a game this season was five. Tech also scored its 34th point of the game with 2:39 remaining in the first half. It took the Hokies an entire game against UConn to reach 34 points.

Tech only got hotter in the second half. The Hokies pushed their lead to 19 points, 53-34, with 15 minutes to play. That was the largest advantage that the Hokies would claim.

Iowa eventually cut Tech's lead to seven points with a little over four minutes to play. A Kristi Faulkner 3-pointer capped an 8-0 Iowa run and made the score 74-67. However, Kublina knocked down two free throws on Tech's next possession to stem the bleeding. The Hokies hit their free throws down the stretch and Iowa never seriously threatened again.

Kublina led all scorers with 26 points for the Hokies. Mason scored 19 points while Kerri Gardin and Dawn Chriss joined them in double figures with 16 and 14 points, respectively.

Iowa was led by Jennie Lillis' 22 points. Faulkner finished with 20 points, center Jamie Cavey contributed 14, and Crystal Smith chipped in 10 points.

# PSU 61, VT 48

**BLACKSBURG, Va. (3-23-04)** --The Virginia Tech Hokies' season came to an end on March 23 with a 61-48 loss to No. 1-seed Penn State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at Cassell Coliseum. A crowd of 7,128, the eighth largest for a women's game, were on hand to cheer the Hokies, but a 27-6 second-half run spelled the demise of Tech's stay in the NCAA Tournament.

The Hokies did not go down without a fight, however, they could not find an answer for Penn State's Tanisha Wright. Wright, named the Big Ten's defensive player of the year this season, decided to do her damage on offense against the Hokies, leading all scorers with 28 points.

Tech came out at the opening whistle and matched the No. 4 team in the country step for step, and even outplayed them in stretches. The two teams traded blows and changed leads 10 times. The Hokies landed the last shot with a 7-1 run to close out the first half and take a 28-25 lead at halftime.

The Hokies extended their lead to 32-27 early in the second half, with two of their points coming on Carrie Mason free throws following a Penn State technical foul. The technical was called on Penn State's bench and energized the Tech faithful.

Unfortunately for the Hokies, it also energized the Lady Lions. Penn State ripped off a 27-6 run following the technical foul, covering a span of nearly 11 minutes. When the Lady Lions finally emerged from the run, they held a 54-38 lead with just over six minutes remaining. Penn State point guard Jess Strom took advantage of the fact that Tech was paying such close attention to Wright and two time All-American Kelly Mazzante, scoring 10 points in the run.

The Hokies played even with the Lions from that point on, but it was too little too late. Mason hit a 3-pointer with 12 seconds remaining to provide the final score.

Mason scored 16 points to lead the Hokies and Ieva Kublina scored 15 points in her final game as a Hokie. Kublina graduates as the third-leading scorer in the school's history with 1,647 points.



**Kerri Gardin helped the Hokies beat Iowa in a first-round NCAA Tournament game at home.**



**Senior Ieva Kublina was all smiles after scoring 26 points in the NCAA opener.**



**Carrie Mason scored 16 points in Tech's second-round game against Penn State.**

## NCAA EAST REGION FIRST ROUND

**(8) Virginia Tech 89, (9) Iowa 76**  
Mar. 21, 2004; Cassell Coliseum

Iowa (76)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Solverson	19	0-6	0-0	3	4	0	0
Lillis	39	8-18	5-7	10	2	4	22
Cavey	34	5-11	4-4	4	4	4	14
Richards	24	1-2	0-0	1	2	1	3
Faulkner	33	6-17	6-6	2	3	0	20
Smith	23	4-8	0-0	5	0	3	10
Reedy	21	3-3	0-0	3	0	1	7
McCann	7	0-1	0-0	2	0	2	0
Team				1			
Totals	200	27-66	15-17	31	15	15	76

VT (89)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	35	10-15	3-4	6	1	2	26
Gardin	36	7-14	2-2	8	5	2	16
Gibson	30	3-8	0-0	4	1	3	6
Chriss	33	7-9	0-0	4	7	3	14
Mason	39	6-10	3-5	4	7	0	19
Copeland	4	1-1	1-1	3	0	1	3
Recchia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Fowler	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Anderson	8	0-2	1-2	1	1	0	1
Simmons	10	1-1	0-0	2	0	4	2
Finnerty	3	1-1	0-0	0	0	1	2
Team				3			
Totals	200	36-61	10-14	35	22	16	89

Iowa	27	49	—	76
Virginia Tech	40	49	—	89

### PERCENTAGES:

Iowa	FG%	40.9	3PT%	46.7	FT%	88.2
VT	FG%	59.0	3PT%	87.5	FT%	71.4

**3-POINTERS** - Iowa 7 (Faulkner 2, Smith 2, Lillis, Richards, Reedy); VT 7 (Mason 4, Kublina 3)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - Iowa 8 (Lillis 4, Cavey 2, Solverson, Faulkner); VT 11 (Kublina 4, Gardin 2, Gibson 2, Chriss 2, Fowler)

**STEALS** - Iowa 11 (Lillis 3, Richards 3, Smith 3, Cavey, Reedy); VT 10 (Mason 3, Gardin 2, Kublina, Gibson, Chriss, Simmons, Finnerty)

**TURNOVERS** - Iowa 16 (Lillis 5, Cavey 4, Richards 2, Faulkner 2, Solverson, Smith, Reedy); VT 17 (Mason 5, Gardin 4, Gibson 3, Chriss 2, Kublina, Copeland, Simmons)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - None

**OFFICIALS:** Scott Yarbrough, Jeff Caudle, Wanda Szeremeta

**ATTENDANCE:** 4, 708

## NCAA EAST REGION SECOND ROUND

**(1) Penn State 61, (8) Virginia Tech 48**  
Mar. 23, 2004; Cassell Coliseum

VT (48)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Kublina	38	5-15	3-4	7	0	1	15
Gardin	37	4-9	0-1	4	3	2	8
Gibson	37	4-9	1-4	8	1	3	9
Chriss	28	0-5	0-0	5	1	3	0
Mason	40	5-9	4-4	3	2	1	16
Copeland	9	0-3	0-0	2	0	1	0
Recchia	0+	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Anderson	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Simmons	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Finnerty	0+	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team				4			
Totals	200	18-50	8-13	35	7	12	48

PSU (61)	MP	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TP
Mazzante	36	4-16	0-0	4	0	2	9
Brungo	29	1-8	2-2	5	0	4	4
Russell	24	0-2	0-0	5	0	4	0
Strom	40	7-13	1-1	7	5	2	17
Wright	39	12-18	4-4	4	2	1	28
Brown	17	0-1	0-0	4	0	2	0
Joseph	0+	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Schwab	9	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0
Harris	6	1-1	1-2	0	0	0	3
Team				5			
Totals	200	25-61	8-9	35	7	16	61

Virginia Tech	28	20	—	48
Penn State	25	36	—	61

### PERCENTAGES:

VT	FG%	36.0	3PT%	57.1	FT%	61.5
PSU	FG%	41.0	3PT%	18.8	FT%	88.9

**3-POINTERS** - VT 4 (Kublina 2, Mason 2); PSU 3 (Strom 2, Mazzante)

**BLOCKED SHOTS** - VT 5 (Gardin 3, Kublina, Gibson); PSU 8 (Russell 3, Brown 3, Wright, Schwab)

**STEALS** - VT 4 (Kublina 2, Mason 2); PSU 6 (Strom 2, Wright 2, Brungo, Russell)

**TURNOVERS** - VT 16 (Mason 4, Chriss 3, Kublina 2, Gardin 2, Gibson 2, Anderson, Copeland, Team); PSU 8 (Strom 4, Wright 2, Russell, Mazzante)

**TECHNICAL FOULS** - PSU (Team)

**OFFICIALS:** Scott Yarbrough, Lawson Newton, Felicia Grinter

**ATTENDANCE:** 7, 128



Dawn  
Chriss



Erin  
Gibson



Kerri  
Gardin



Carrie  
Mason