



Game 12: Virginia Tech at No. 3 North Carolina
 Friday, April 2 • 4 p.m.
 Chapel Hill, N.C. • Fetzer Field

The Hokies will travel to North Carolina to take on the Tar Heels in their only Friday game of the season. This will be their first trip to North Carolina, though the Tar Heels are the third team Tech has faced from the state this season. The Hokies are in the midst of a season-best, two-game winning streak after two big victories over Davidson and Old Dominion last week.

Live stats: www.tarheelblue.com (Can be found at bottom of page)

Scouting Report: North Carolina

The Tar Heels enter the game at 8-1 on the season after topping Boston College last Saturday, 15-6. Along with the Hokies, the Heels are the only other team in the ACC that has yet to face top-seeded Maryland, as both will do so in the final two weeks of the season.

Leading North Carolina's offense this season are Corey Donohoe and Kristen Taylor each with 22 goals on the year, while Becky Lynch has also tallied a team-leading 12 assists. In goal for the Heels has been Logan Ripley, who owns the team's record while also tallying 50 saves on the year.

Last Time Out

Tech wrapped up last week with two big victories, sparking its first win streak of the season. The Hokies dominated the Davidson Wildcats at home in a midweek match up, 22-8. Sophomore Ryan Rotanz led all scorers in the game with four goals, as 12 Hokies got on the board.

The Hokies also crossed the state for a victory later in the week and snuck out a W in the closing seconds of the game as sophomore Jessica Nonn buried a free-position shot to give Tech the go-ahead goal and later grabbed the draw control to secure the victory. Nonn also paced the offense with four goals. Freshman goalie Alex Gale had a big game against the Lady Monarchs, making a whopping 10 saves in her first complete game of the season.

Looking Ahead

After a brief stint on the road, the Hokies will return home for their final two games of the season at Thompson Field. First will be a midweek bout with in-state, ACC rival No. 4 Virginia, before wrapping the home season up with Senior Day on Saturday against American.

Series Info: North Carolina

The Hokies have never defeated the Tar Heels through the 14 all-time meetings. Last season Tech hosted the ACC opponent and suffered a 12-8 loss. The first time the two teams matched up was 1996, Tech's second year as a varsity program. Friday's matchup marks the eighth time the two teams will clash when the Heels are ranked in the top-5 and the 13th time the Heels have been ranked facing the Hokies.

2010 Schedule		
4-7 Overall, 0-2 ACC		
2/13	DREXEL	L, 9-13
2/20	PRESBYTERIAN	W, 19-5
2/24	at James Madison	L, 3-16
2/27	at George Mason	L, 6-11
3/7	at Geo. Washington	L, 8-9
3/11	at CCSU	W, 16-4
3/13	at Boston College*	L, 9-14
3/17	#3 DUKE*	L, 6-18
3/20	#18 WILLIAM & MARY	L, 16-23
3/24	DAVIDSON	W, 22-8
3/27	at Old Dominion	W, 13-12
4/2	at #3 North Carolina*	4 p.m.
4/7	VIRGINIA*	4 p.m.
4/10	AMERICAN	1 p.m.
4/14	at Longwood	4 p.m.
4/17	at Maryland*	Noon
4/22-25	ACC Tournament	TBA
	(College Park, Md.)	

Bold denotes home matches
 * Denotes ACC opponent

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ACC In the Polls

The Atlantic Coast Conference ranks five teams in the national polls this week. Maryland is the highest-ranked conference team, sitting at No. 2 in the IWLCA and Inside Lacrosse polls. North Carolina is next in line, ranking third in both polls. After a big conference win last week, Virginia moves up to fourth in the IWLCA and the fifth spot, according to Inside Lacrosse. Duke slips in the polls this week, though only slightly, ranking fifth in the IWLCA poll and sixth in Inside Lacrosse. Rounding out the conference rankings is Boston College, who holds the No. 19 position according to Inside Lacrosse.

Maryland (10-0) remains the only unbeaten in the league, taking down two ranked opponents over the weekend, while Duke and Boston College each took a hit in conference play, falling to Virginia and North Carolina, respectively. Tech had its best week of the season last week, topping Davidson and Old Dominion to sparks its first win streak of the season.

Player Spotlight



Jessica Nonn
Sophomore Midfielder

Although Nonn has been the team's leading scorer for the majority of the season, some of her best work came over the past week as she helped the Hokies to two consecutive wins, sparking their first streak of the season. The Catonsville, Md., native tallied three goals in the 22-8 win over Davidson and later scored the game-winner with eight seconds remaining, while also leading the team with four scores in the 13-12 win.

Nonn, who was named Virginia Tech Athlete of the Week after her stellar week of play, currently leads the team in scoring with 25 goals on the year. Nonn is also tied for ninth in the ACC in goals per game (2.27) and third in ground balls per game (2.73).

Same Old, Same Old

Junior captain Allie Emala led the team in draw controls last season and has made her claim this season as she has won 66 draw controls through the team's 11 games. Jessica Nonn is next in the statistical line for the category with 19.

Scoring Specialist

Sophomore Jessica Nonn has spearheaded the Hokie offense this season as the team's leading scorer, leading the team in scoring in six of its 11 games. Nonn has scored in every game so far this season for the Hokies and has tallied 25 goals on the year.

Old Stomping Grounds

Senior captain Jacquelyn Duggins returned to Old Dominion last weekend, where she played her first year of college lacrosse. This was the first time the Hokies played at ODU since her departure and though she couldn't play due to injury, she helped her team to victory from the sidelines.

Lending a Helping Hand

Juniors Caitlyn Wier and Allie Emala currently lead the team in assists with 11 and 10, respectively, while they are also in the top-three on the squad in scoring. With one more assist, Wier will pass her career total (12) heading into this season, and Emala needs just five more assists to match her 15 from last season. Emala is in the midst of a three-game assist streak with at least one in the past three games, while Wier recently snapped a five-game assist streak against Old Dominion.

Rotanz's Hot Hands

Sophomore attacker Ryan Rotanz has had the hot hands for the Hokies as of late. With increased playing time coming against George Washington, Rotanz has answered the challenge. The Salem, Va., native is currently in the midst of a three-game scoring streak, which ties her previous season best that was ended by the Duke Blue Devils. Rotanz matched her season total from last year in the last two games alone and has doubled that seven-goal mark with 14 scores so far this season.

Homecoming

Of the 31 members of this year's lacrosse team, 27 of them will play at least one game in their home state this season. Of the 27 players, just eight are from Virginia, so 19 athletes will take advantage of the busy schedule that has the Hokies visiting five different states by season's end.

Freshman Charlotte Marsh had the chance to return close to home this season. The Hokies concluded their spring break road trip and opened ACC play at Boston College, just 25 miles from her native Reading, Mass.

Alex Gale (Cicero, N.Y.), Sarah Fletcher (Pittsburgh, Pa.), Liz Carpenter (Lewes, Del.) and Emile Hunter (Cincinnati, Ohio) are the only members of the squad that will not have the chance to compete in their home states this season.

Atop the ACC

In single-game numbers, the Hokies rank among the ACC's top individual and team performances this season. Allie Emala's six goals against William & Mary puts her in a three-way tie for single-game goals among league players. The team's 36 points and 14 assists against Davidson ranks them first in the conference among team numbers.

Pronunciation Guide

Jamie ARIOSIA air-ee-osa
Allie EMALA emma-la
EMILE Hunter emily

Libby ROSEBRO rose-bro
Kristin SEMONES sem-oh-nes
Julie WOLFINGER wolf-in-ger

2010 Statistical Leaders

Goals

Jessica Nonn.....	25
Allie Emala.....	23
Caitlyn Wier.....	17

Assists

Caitlyn Wier.....	11
Allie Emala.....	10
Shannon Bone.....	8

Points

Allie Emala.....	33
Caitlyn Wier.....	28
Jessica Nonn.....	27

Groundballs

Jessica Nonn.....	30
Allie Emala.....	20
Liz Carpenter.....	17

Draw Controls

Allie Emala.....	66
Jessica Nonn.....	19
Liz Carpenter.....	11

Saves

Alexis Carey.....	41
Alex Gale.....	41

Scoring Streaks

Player	Games
Jessica Nonn.....	11 (Drexel, PC, JMU, GMU, GW, CCSU, BC, Duke, W&M, Dav., ODU)
Allie Emala.....	8 (GMU, GW, CCSU, BC, Duke, W&M, Dav., ODU)
Caitlyn Wier.....	4 (Duke, W&M, Dav., ODU)
R.Rotanz/ Widlake.....	3 (W&M, Dav., ODU)
Shannon Bone.....	2 (Dav., ODU)

Fresh Start

Numerous members of this year's freshman class have seen significant playing time so far this season and are already making an impact. The team is dependent on two members of the freshman class in net and both players have seen about equal playing time.

Thus far, three Hokie newcomers have tallied at least six points as Julia Heaps (five goals, two assists), Brooke Martin (four goals, two assists) and Emile Hunter (five goals, two assists) have hit the mark, while Kate Sistate has also accumulated three goals and one assist on the season.

Open Net

The battle for the starting job in net is still wide open through the first nine games of the season. The Hokies return no experience in net this season, though last season's veteran keeper Kari Morrison remains with the team as a volunteer coach to help transition the young talent.

Both Alexis Carey and Alex Gale have played in nearly every game so far this season, though Gale has seen the majority of playing time as Carey has been sidelined with illness. Gale has made six starts on the year while Carey has made five. The pair has made a combined 82 saves on the year while sharing the duties in net. Carey ranks sixth in the ACC in saves per game with 4.56, while Gale places seventh (4.10) in the same category.

Katelyn Luker is also in the running for playing time in net. Luker has seen time in goal against Presbyterian College and Davidson.

Home Sweet Home

Due to the excessive winter weather this season, the Hokies were forced to play their first two home games on Moseley Practice Field, which is located just behind Thompson Field. Tech is 2-3 at home this year, 1-2 at Thompson Field. The Hokies will return home and wrap up play at Thompson Field next week when they host Virginia and American.

Family Affair

Though many of the players on Tech's roster are familiar faces since many attended the same high school or competed against each other before arriving at Tech, this year's roster also includes two sets of siblings. Junior defender Katie Rotanz has already spent a year at the collegiate level with sister and sophomore attacker Ryan Rotanz on the squad, while sophomore defender Christina Patten was recently joined by younger sister and fellow defender Kimberly Patten this season.

First Things First

The Hokies played two teams for the first time ever this season. Tech already defeated Presbyterian College in its first ever matchup with the Blue Hose and took on Central Connecticut State for the first time during the spring break road trip, earning another victory.

Record Setters

Two current players sit among the program's all-time best as they have already made their mark in the school's record books. Junior attacker Allie Emala currently ranks second all-time at Tech with 163 career draw controls and recently topped her single-season Tech record of 63 draw controls in a season, as she has accumulated 66 so far this season.

After causing 28 turnovers and scooping up 52 ground balls in her freshman campaign, Jessica Nonn ranks fifth and second in each respective category.

VIRGINIA TECH Quick Facts

Location.....Blacksburg,Va.
 Nickname.....Hokies
 Colors.....Chicago Maroon & Burnt Orange
 Home Field.....Thompson Field
 Conference.....Atlantic Coast Conference
 Website.....www.hokiesports.com
 Head Coach.....Katrina Silva (Towson '93)
 Record at Tech (yrs.).....16-36 (Fourth)
 Career Record (yrs.).....120-104 (14th)
 2009 Overall Record.....7-10
 ACC Record/ Finish.....1-4 (Sixth)
 Starters Returning/ Lost.....10/2

NORTH CAROLINA Quick Facts

Location.....Chapel Hill, N.C.
 Nickname.....Tar Heels
 Colors.....Carolina Blue & White
 Home Field.....Fetzer Field
 Conference.....Atlantic Coast Conference
 Website.....www.TarHeelBlue.com
 Head Coach.....Jenny Levy (Virginia '92)
 Record at Tech (yrs.).....177-79 (14th)
 Career Record (yrs.).....Same
 2009 Overall Record.....16-5
 ACC Record/ Finish.....4-1 (Second)
 Starters Returning/ Lost.....10/2

2010 Roster

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown	High School/College
00	Alex Gale	Fr.	G	Cicero, N.Y.	Cicero North-Syracuse
1	Emile Hunter	Fr.	A	Cincinnati, Ohio	Sycamore
2	Jacquelyn Duggins	Sr.	D	Charlottesville, Va.	Albemarle/Old Dominion
3	Christina Patten	So.	D	Chantilly, Va.	Chantilly
4	Tori O'Shea	So.	M	Richmond, Va.	Collegiate School
6	Shannon Bone	So.	A	Pylesville, Md.	North Harford
7	Dylan Garner	Jr.	M	Cornelius, N.C.	North Mecklenburg
9	Amanda Moschetti	So.	D	Fallston, Md.	Fallston
10	Charlotte Marsh	Fr.	M	Reading, Mass.	Reading Memorial
11	Ryan Rotanz	So.	A	Salem, Va.	Salem
12	Jessica Nonn	So.	M	Catonsville, Md.	Catonsville
13	Jamie Ariosa	Jr.	D	Parkton, Md.	Notre Dame Prep
14	Julie Wolfinger	So.	M	Finksburg, Md.	Westminster
15	Morgan Widlake	So.	A	Catonsville, Md.	Seton Keough
16	Sarah Fletcher	Fr.	A	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Upper St. Clair
17	Sam Voelker	Jr.	D	Timonium, Md.	Maryvale Prep
18	Liz Carpenter	Jr.	M	Lewes, Del.	Cape Henlopen
19	Mackenzie Hanley	So.	D	Parkton, Md.	Notre Dame Prep
20	Joanna Kiser	Jr.	D	Severna Park, Md.	Severna Park
21	Caitlyn Wier	Jr.	A	Cockeysville, Md.	Notre Dame Prep
22	Allie Emala	Jr.	A	Baltimore, Md.	Bryn Mawr
23	Katie Grogan	Fr.	M	Woodbine, Md.	Glenelg
24	Libby Rosebro	Fr.	A	Richmond, Va.	Collegiate
25	Brooke Martin	Fr.	M	Hunt Valley, Md.	Dulaney
26	Julia Heaps	Fr.	A	Street, Md.	North Harford
27	Kristin Semones	Fr.	D	Westminster, Md.	Westminster
31	Katelyn Luker	Fr.	G	Takoma Park, Md.	Montgomery Blair
32	Kate Sistare	Fr.	M	Ashburn, Va.	Broad Run
33	Kimberly Patten	Fr.	D	Chantilly, Va.	Chantilly
34	Alexis Carey	Fr.	G	Charlottesville, Va.	Albemarle
37	Katie Rotanz	Jr.	D	Salem, Va.	Salem

Head Coach: Katrina Silva

Assistant Coaches: Megan Burkner & Lynz Keys

Trainer: Angie Arndt

Around the ACC

Wednesday, March 31:

Maryland 12, Towson 10
Virginia 22, Old Dominion 7

Friday, April 2:

Va. Tech at North Carolina 4 p.m.
Maryland at UPenn. 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 3:

Northwestern at Duke Noon
Boston College at Virginia 1 p.m.

ACC Standings

Team	Overall (ACC) Rec.	Streak
Maryland	11-0 (3-0)	Won 11
Virginia	8-3 (2-1)	Won 2
North Carolina	8-1 (1-1)	Won 2
Boston College	7-2 (1-2)	Lost 1
Duke	9-2 (1-2)	Lost 1
Virginia Tech	4-7 (0-2)	Won 2



National Polls

IWLCA Division I

Rk. Team	Last Wk.
1. Northwestern (18)	1
2. Maryland (2)	2
3. North Carolina	4
4. Virginia	5
5. Duke	3
6. Pennsylvania	7
7. Towson	10
8. Syracuse	6
9. Dartmouth	16
10. Vanderbilt	12
11. Stanford	8
12. James Madison	20
13. Loyola	15
14. Notre Dame	11
15. Georgetown	9
16. Penn State	14
17. Princeton	19
18. Boston University	13
19. Hofstra	18
20. William & Mary	17

Also receiving votes:

Ohio State, Rutgers

Inside Lacrosse

Rk. Team	Votes
1. Northwestern (10)	219
2. Maryland (1)	210
3. North Carolina	193
4. Pennsylvania	177
5. Virginia	175
6. Duke	166
7. Towson	131
8. Dartmouth	128
9. Syracuse	126
10. Vanderbilt	123
11. James Madison	105
12. Stanford	104
13. Notre Dame	98
14. Penn State	81
15. Loyola	72
16. Georgetown	64
17. Boston University	36
17. Ohio State	36
19. Boston College	13
20. Princeton	12

Also receiving votes:

New Hampshire 10, Hofstra 10,
Louisville 3, William & Mary 3,
Florida 1, Johns Hopkins 1,
Albany 1

ITALICS denotes ACC team

Virginia Tech Lacrosse

Individual Season Stats

##	Player	gp-gs	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	up	dn	fpg-fps	gb	dc	t/o	ct	pen-min	foul
22	Allie Emala	11-11	23	10	33	55	.418	34	.618	0	0	5-9	20	66	14	4	1-3.0	15
21	Caitlyn Wier	11-8	17	11	28	36	.472	26	.722	0	0	2-4	5	5	16	0	-	8
12	Jessica Nonn	11-11	25	2	27	47	.532	36	.766	0	0	4-9	30	19	14	20	5-10.0	32
11	Ryan Rotanz	8-4	14	5	19	20	.700	19	.950	0	0	1-1	5	3	8	3	-	5
6	Shannon Bone	11-11	10	8	18	29	.345	18	.621	0	0	2-5	13	7	10	2	-	11
18	Liz Carpenter	11-11	9	3	12	32	.281	22	.688	1	0	3-8	17	11	10	4	1-3.0	12
15	Morgan Widlake	10-6	6	3	9	16	.375	10	.625	0	0	2-2	5	10	0	4	-	5
7	Dylan Garner	11-4	5	4	9	23	.217	14	.609	0	0	0-3	1	8	17	2	-	14
26	Julia Heaps	10-7	5	2	7	17	.294	11	.647	0	0	0-4	5	3	10	3	-	6
1	Emile Hunter	9-1	5	2	7	11	.455	8	.727	0	0	2-2	2	2	7	1	-	3
25	Brooke Martin	11-0	4	2	6	13	.308	10	.769	0	0	1-5	8	3	8	4	-	9
32	Kate Sistare	6-0	3	1	4	3	1.000	3	1.000	0	0	1-1	1	0	2	0	-	2
4	Tori O'Shea	4-0	1	0	1	3	.333	1	.333	1	0	-	3	0	0	2	-	3
2	Jacquelyn Duggins	6-6	1	0	1	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0	-	7	1	3	4	-	7
14	Julie Wolfinger	11-6	0	1	1	2	.000	1	.500	0	0	0-1	6	7	5	3	-	6
24	Libby Rosebro	11-0	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0	-	3	1	3	5	1-0.5	9
16	Sarah Fletcher	4-0	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0	-	0	0	2	0	-	1
37	Katie Rotanz	11-11	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	-	7	4	7	1	1-0.5	2
34	Alexis Carey	9-5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	-	3	0	6	0	-	0
31	Katelyn Luker	2-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	-	1	0	0	0	-	0
27	Kristin Semones	8-2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	-	9	3	2	4	-	8
23	Katie Grogan	3-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	-	1	0	1	1	-	1
20	Joanna Kiser	4-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	-	2	0	0	1	-	0
19	Mackenzie Hanley	3-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	-	1	0	2	3	-	1
17	Sam Voelker	1-1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	-	1	0	0	0	1-3.0	0
13	Jamie Ariosa	11-10	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	-	15	3	8	4	-	23
10	Charlotte Marsh	5-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	-	0	0	0	2	-	2
3	Christina Patten	11-11	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	-	9	1	5	3	-	14
00	Alex Gale	11-6	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	-	10	0	4	2	-	0
Total		11	128	54	182	311	.412	216	.695	2	0	23-54	190	157	164	82	10-20.0	204
Opponents		11	133	45	178	280	.475	215	.768	1	1	23-52	171	125	181	66	8-16.5	214

##	Goalie	gp-gs	min	ga	gaavg	saves	pct	w	l	t	shots faced
31	Katelyn Luker	2-0	11:42	0	0.00	0	.000	0	0	0	0
34	Alexis Carey	9-5	291:08	62	12.78	41	.398	1	4	0	127
00	Alex Gale	10-6	327:10	71	13.02	41	.366	3	3	0	153
Total		11	630:00	133	12.67	82	.381	4	7	0	280
Opponents		11	630:00	128	12.19	88	.407	7	4	0	311

Team Season Stats

TEAM STATISTICS	VT	OPP	TEAM STATISTICS	VT	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS					
Goals-Shot attempts	128-311	133-280	GROUND BALLS	190	171
Goals scored per game	11.64	12.09	DRAW CONTROLS	157	125
Shot pct.	.412	.475	TURNOVERS	164	181
Shots on goal-Attempts	216-311	215-280	CAUSED TURNOVERS	82	66
SOG pct.	.695	.768	CLEARs	93-118	115-150
Shots/Game	28.3	25.5	Clear Pct.	.788	.767
Assists	54	45	PENALTIES		
Free position made-Att	23-54	23-52	Number	10	8
Free position pct.	.426	.442	Minutes	20:00	16:30
MAN-UP OPPORTUNITIES					
Goals-Opportunities	2-8	1-10	ATTENDANCE		
Conversion Percent	.250	.100	Total	850	900
			Dates/Avg Per Date	5/170	6/150
			Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

Game Summaries

Game 1: Drexel 13, Virginia Tech 9

Feb. 13 - Blacksburg, Va. - Moseley Field

Tech fell just short in its season opener, running out of gas in the closing minutes after a four-goal scoring streak from the Dragons. Junior Allie Emala tacked one more on for the Hokies in the closing minutes but the outcome was already decided. The game was full of physical play, with 10 yellow cards and one red card being issued. Sophomore Jessica Nonn led Tech's offense, scoring three goals and Katie Lawson headed the Dragons' attack with four scores.

Freshmen Alexis Carey and Alex Gale each played a half in net with Carey tallying four saves in the game. Whitney Johnson was in goal for Drexel and made nine saves on the day.

Game 2: Virginia Tech 19, Presbyterian College 5

Feb. 20 - Blacksburg, Va. - Moseley Field

The Hokies were able to bounce back after dropping their season-opener a week before, as they defeated Presbyterian College, 19-5. Jessica Nonn led all scorers with five goals, while Caitlyn Wier added four goals and assisted four more. Allie Emala also tallied four scores for the Hokies.

The game got out to a slow start as things stayed close in the opening minutes, but Tech began to pull away midway through the first half with a seven-goal run and never looked back.

Alex Gale earned the start for the Hokies, and played the entire first half, making one save in her limited action.

Game 3: James Madison 16, Virginia Tech 3

Feb. 24 - Harrisonburg, Va. - JMU Lacrosse Complex

James Madison came out attacking from the very beginning of the game and never stopped, winning the first three draw controls of the game and scoring almost immediately on each one. The Dukers scored nine goals through the first half before Tech's Emile Hunter could finally get the Hokies on the board after burying her first goal of the year on a free position attempt.

The Dukers began the second half in similar fashion, scoring two quick goals to start the half, but Tech was able to score earlier on as Jessica Nonn extended her scoring streak to three games when she put away a free position attempt. Caitlyn Wier also scored for the Hokies. Freshman Alex Gale earned her second start of the year but was replaced by Alexis Carey in the second half.

Game 4: George Mason 11, Virginia Tech 7

Feb. 27 - Fairfax, Va. - RAC Field

Tech fell just short to George Mason after allowing them to pull away late in the second half. GMU opened the game up in the first half, taking the lead back from the Hokies early on and never looking back. The Patriots closed out the half on a 6-0 run and held the 7-2 advantage at the half.

Scores from four different Hokies, including two from Jessica Nonn, put Tech back in it, tying the game at 7-7. With 7:24 remaining, the Patriots finally got their first goal of the second half, which also sparked a four-goal run to put the game out of reach as the Hokies were unable to answer.

Alex Gale earned the start for Tech and was relieved by Alexis Carey in the second half. The two combined for five saves in the game.

Game 5: George Washington 9, Virginia Tech 8

March 7 - Washington, DC - Mount Vernon Ath. Complex

The Hokies dropped a tough game to George Washington, falling 9-8 in Washington, DC. Jessica Nonn extended her scoring streak to five games as she led the Hokies with two goals.

Tech let the close game go midway through the first half, allowing the Colonials to go on a run, but the Hokies got back into it, making it 5-7 at the break. The Hokies came close in the second half but were never able to break the one-goal differential.

Alex Gale got the start in goal for Tech, but Alexis Carey saw the bulk of the playing time and finished the game with four saves, allowing just two goals.

Game 6: Virginia Tech 16, CCSU 4

March 11 - New Britain, Conn. - Arute Field

The Hokies tallied their second-largest point total of the year as they dominated Central Connecticut State. Juniors Allie Emala and Caitlyn Wier led the Tech offense with three goals each. The second of three games during the team's spring break excursion was the best of the trip. The game had a relatively slow start but the Hokies pulled away quickly, putting the game out of reach in the first half.

The Blue Devils would only go on to score one goal in the second half, while Tech tacked on six more in the final period. Leading scorer Betsy Vendel put away three of CCSU's four goals in the game.

Alexis Carey earned the start for the Hokies and was replaced by Alex Gale in the second half. The pair saw limited action on their end of the field but combined for five saves in the game.

Game 7: Boston College 14, Virginia Tech 9

March 13 - Newton, Mass. - Newton Campus Lax Field

Tech fell just short in its first conference game of the year, despite a hard fought battle and evenly matched play. The Eagles outshot the Hokies, 26-23, and were simply able to capitalize on more shots to obtain and maintain the advantage in the game. BC got out to an early, 4-0 run before Tech could get on the board, but a three-goal streak from the Hokies later in the first half would be the closest they could get to the Eagles.

The biggest story of the game was the play of both freshmen goalies, Alexis Carey and Alex Gale. The two combined for seven saves in the game but their presence was felt as both blocked big shots and helped keep the game close. Carey came up big on two different free position attempts, denying the Eagles on what would have been easy scores.

Game 8: No. 3 Duke 18, Virginia Tech 6

March 17 - Blacksburg, Va. - Thompson Field

In Tech's return home for the first time in three weeks, the Hokies fell to a talented Duke team. The game was also Tech's first at Thompson Field this season as extreme winter weather forced the team play on its practice field.

The Hokies were the first on the board and kept the Blue Devils close in the opening minutes, but Duke would soon take over, holding Tech to just three goals in each half.

Tech's freshman goalie Alexis Carey earned her third consecutive start and played the best game of her career so far, making 11 saves in 42 minutes played.

Game Summaries cont.

Game 9: No. 18 William & Mary 23, Virginia Tech 16 March 20 - Blacksburg, Va. - Thompson Field

The Tribe got out to a quick start, putting four goals on the board early and despite Tech's best efforts, the Hokies were never able to match the offensive production of William & Mary,

Junior captain Allie Emala had her best game of the year, tallying six goals and assisting on another as she paced the Hokie offense. Nine total Hokies scored in the game, matching the team's second-highest scoring list of the year.

Freshman Alexis Carey earned the start, making eight saves as she and classmate Alex Gale split time throughout the game.

Game 10: Virginia Tech 22, Davidson 8 March 17 - Blacksburg, Va. - Thompson Field

The Hokies earned just their third win of the season and their first at Thompson Field as they dominated Davidson. Ryan Rotanz led all scorers with four goals.

Tech made an impression early, scoring two goals in under a minute and putting five on the board before the Wildcats were able to score their first goal. The Hokies took off from there allowing the difference to only get as close as nine goals.

Alex Gale made the start in goal for Tech and earned her second win of the season after making a career-high 11 saves on the day.

Game 11: Virginia Tech 13, Old Dominion 12 March 27 - Norfolk, Va. - Powhatan Sports Complex

Jessica Nonn's late heroics and Alex Gale's first complete game in goal were the stories of the day as Tech made it back-to-back wins for the first time this season. After scoring the game-winning, free-position goal with eight seconds remaining, Nonn won the following draw control to secure the victory for the Hokies. She also led the team with four goals in the game.

Back-and-forth play dominated the evenly-matched game, although the Hokies blew two leads in the game. Gale played one of her best games in goal against the Lady Monarchs as she came up big in the clutch and made 10 saves in the game.