

# Virginia Tech

## VT vs. ATHLETES IN ACTION

# Athletes in Action

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007  
Cassell Coliseum • 7 p.m.

## HOKIE NOTES

### About Tonight's Game

The Hokies and AIA meet tonight in an exhibition game in Cassell Coliseum. Tech returns two starters from last year's 19-15 squad that advanced to the second round of the WNIT. The Hokies defeated Anderson, 72-52, in their first exhibition on Nov. 1.

AIA (3-4) is winding down a nine-game slate with tonight's contest being their third in as many nights. They will conclude the tour tomorrow night against Liberty in Lynchburg, Va. Two members of AIA played against the Hokies during their collegiate careers. Erika Valek scored 24 points in leading Purdue to a 80-62 win on the Boilermakers home court in the 2004 NCAA Second Round. Tia Jackson saw action against the Hokies for Georgetown in 2002 and 2003.

### Hokies in Exhibition Games

Tonight is the Hokies 22nd exhibition contest. Tech is 15-6 in exhibition games and has won 12 consecutive preseason contests. Following the win over Anderson, Beth Dunkenberger is now 6-0 in exhibition games including wins over Belmont Abbey and Wingate last season and a 85-62 win over Athletes in Action in 2005. In her first season, the Hokies posted a 92-51 win over Premier Sports and an 88-78 victory against The Netherlands.

### Three Newcomers to add Depth

The Hokies have three new faces on this year's squad after signing **Andrea Barbour** and Elizabeth Basham to national letters of intent during the early signing period last year. Tech also welcomes **Brittany Gordon**, who sat out last season after signing with the Hokies in 2005-06.

**Barbour**, a 5-10, guard from Charlottesville, Va., averaged 19.5 points and 13.0 last season in leading Charlottesville High School to the state quarterfinals. She shot 49 percent from the field and 75 percent from the free throw line for the Black Knights. Barbour surpassed 2,000 career points as a sophomore and is nearing the 3,000 point mark entering her senior season. Barbour selected Tech over NC State, Old Dominion, Temple and Vanderbilt. She was named the Most Valuable Player this summer in the VHSL All-star game. Barbour led Tech with 20 points against Anderson.

**Basham**, a 6-2, forward from Abingdon, Va., averaged 13.1 points and 6.4 rebounds at Abingdon High School where she was named All-Highlands District as both a sophomore and junior. Last season she was a Region IV Honorable Mention

### HEAD COACH BETH DUNKENBERGER

**Beth Dunkenberger** enters her fourth season at the helm of the Hokies after leading Tech to a 19-15 record and a third consecutive postseason bid in her tenure ... Dunkenberger has an overall record of 122-87 after compiling a 65-50 record in four seasons at Western Carolina ... The Hokies have advanced to 10 consecutive postseason tournaments including seven NCAA and three WNIT appearances ... The Hokies have averaged 22 wins over the last 10 seasons, and last season averaged 2,980 fans per home game, which ranked 40th in the nation.

### VIRGINIA TECH SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Nov.	1	ANDERSON (Exb.)	W	72-52
	7	ATHLETE IN ACTION (Exb.)		7 p.m.
	11	HIGH POINT		2 p.m.
	14	WINSTON-SALEM STATE		7 p.m.
	19	LIBERTY		7 p.m.
		Junkanoo Jam (Grand Bahamas)		
	23	vs. Southern Cal		6 p.m.
	24	vs. Georgia/Prairie View A&M		6/8:30 p.m.
	27	WOFFORD		7 p.m.
	30	MINNESOTA (Big Ten-ACC Challenge)		7 p.m.
Dec.	2	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM		2 p.m.
	5	NORTH CAROLINA A&T		7 p.m.
	16	at Charlotte		2 p.m.
		Tulane Tournament (New Orleans, La.)		
	20	vs. Texas-San Antonio		9 p.m.
	21	vs. Tulane/Robert Morris		6/8 p.m.
		VIRGINIA TECH CLASSIC (Blacksburg, Va.)		
	29	FURMAN		3:30 p.m.
	30	EAST CAROLINA/GEORGETOWN		3:30 p.m.
Jan.	3	BOSTON COLLEGE*		5:30 p.m.
	6	at Florida State*		2 p.m.
	10	NORTH CAROLINA*		7 p.m.
	13	at Virginia*		2 p.m.
	17	CLEMSON*		7 p.m.
	20	DARTMOUTH		2 p.m.
	25	at NC State* (RSN)		7 p.m.
Feb.	1	at Duke* (RSN)		7 p.m.
	4	MARYLAND* (RSN)		7 p.m.
	7	at Wake Forest*		7 p.m.
	11	at Miami* (RSN)		7 p.m.
	17	VIRGINIA*		2 p.m.
	22	DUKE* (RSN)		7 p.m.
	29	at Georgia Tech* (RSN)		7 p.m.
Mar.	2	Wake Forest*		2 p.m.
	6-9	ACC Championship in Greensboro, N.C.		

Home Games in ALL CAPS

\*Atlantic Coast Conference games

All times eastern

RSN - FSN South, Comcast Sports Net, SunSports, New England Sports Network

and made Top 20 all-star at the 2006 Blue Chip Camp in Louisville, Ken.

**Gordon**, a 6-4, center from Woodbine, Md., was a 2005 graduate of River Hill (Md.) High School and attended The Blair Academy (N.J.). At River Hill, Gordon was a 1,000-point scorer and became the school's career rebound leader. She was selected as the Fox 45 Player of the Year. At the Blair Academy, Gordon averaged a double-double (20.0 points, 10 rebounds) and was a member of the Mid-Atlantic Prep League Elite team.

### Traditional Tough Schedule

The 2007-08 schedule will be another challenging one, as the Hokies face 2007 Final Four participant North Carolina, ten teams (Duke, East Carolina, Florida State, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Maryland, North Carolina, NC State, Prairie View and Robert Morris) that made the 2007 NCAA Tournament field and five (Alabama-Birmingham, Charlotte, High Point, Tulane and Virginia) that participated in the WNIT. In addition, the schedule includes five teams (#3 North Carolina, #6 Duke, #12 NC State, #13 Georgia, #14 Maryland and #19 Florida State) that ended the year in the ESPN/USA Today Top 25.

