



15 NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES » 7 NCAA TOURNAMENT SWEET SIXTEENS » 1 NCAA TOURNAMENT ELITE EIGHT » 10 ALL-AMERICANS » 2 OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

THE MATCHUP

TENNESSEE
7-1-3 (2-0-2 SEC)

VS

ARKANSAS
9-1-1 (4-1-0)

Head Coach: Joe Kirt
Record at Tennessee: 27-14-9 / 3rd at Tennessee
Career Record: 27-14-9
Last Game: W, 1-0 vs. Missouri

Head Coach: Colby Hale
Record at Arkansas: 167-79-26 / 12th Season
Career Record: 167-79-26
Last Game: L, 0-1

GAME 12 | TENNESSEE VS ARKANSAS | 7:30 PM ET |



QUICK COMPARISON

2024 Season		2024 Season
15	Goals	48
1.36	Goals/Game	4.36
0.45	Goals Allowed/Game	0.78
11.40	Shots/Game	21.82
.120	Shot Pct.	.200
.464	SOG Pct.	.537
9-7-4	2023 Record	15-5-2



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PROJECTED STARTERS

TENNESSEE

Pos #	Name
GK 32	Ally Zazzara
D 15	Kennedy Price
D 18	Ally Brown
D 21	Leah Klurman
M 6	Sarah Bridenstine
M 8	Luciana Latino
M 20	Mac Midgley
M 23	Dakota Brown
F 3	Sammi Woods
F 7	Kate Runyon
F 12	Reese Mattern

CATEGORY LEADERS

Goals: Sammi Woods (4)
Assists: Reese Mattern (3)
Points: Sammi Woods (9)
Minutes Played: Ally Brown (979)
Shots: Sammi Woods (20)
SOG: Sammi Woods (10)
GW: Mac Midgley (2)
Saves: Ally Zazzara (32)

KEY STORYLINES

• TRACKING THOMAS:

Thomas, who is in her final season on Rocky Top, currently ranks second on Tennessee's all-time goals list with 40 and sits just three back of Kylee Rossi's program-best 43. Thomas recorded her first goal of the season and 40th career goal in the 21st minute against Missouri. The three-time All-SEC player and 2021 All-American appeared in just two matches last season before suffering a season-ending injury. During the 2022 season, Thomas scored 13 goals and posted the best goals-per-game average in the SEC at .68.

• SAMMI IN THE ORANGE:

Graduate transfer Sammi Woods has made an impact in her sole season on Rocky Top so far. The Saline, Michigan, native currently leads the team in goals (4), shots (20) and shots on goal (10).

• ALLY BROWN HOLDIN' IT DOWN:

Through UT's 11 matches, junior Ally Brown has been an impactful and consistent force. The Brentwood, Tenn., native has played a team-leading 979 minutes while also recording a goal and two assists. Last match against Missouri, Brown assisted on the game-winner to Thomas. Additionally, the defender has been a mainstay on the defensive side of the ball and aided in UT's seven clean sheets on the year.

• DEFENDING THE NET:

Redshirt junior goalkeeper Ally Zazzara earned her 100th career save during Tennessee's 1-1 tie against Vanderbilt and recorded a season-high 11 saves in the match. Additionally, the Woodstock, Georgia, native has posted seven shutouts.

• SCOUTING ARKANSAS:

Arkansas (9-1-1) currently co-leads the SEC with 12 conference points. The Razorbacks also lead the NCAA in goals (48), assists (53) and total points (149). Ava Tankersley and Kate Doyle lead Arkansas with eight goals on the year as Tankersley also has a team-high seven assists. Defensively, the Razorbacks hold a 0.73 goals-against average and have posted six clean sheets.

• MATCHUP HISTORY:

Tennessee is 14-7-1 all-time against Arkansas and hold a 7-2-1 away record against the conference foe. In 2021, UT defeated the Razorbacks 3-0 to win the SEC Tournament.

2024 SCHEDULE

RECORD	7-1-3
SEC	2-0-2
NON-CONFERENCE	5-1-1
HOME	6-0-2
AWAY	1-1-1
NEUTRAL	0-0-0

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
8/15	@Indiana	L, 0-1
8/18	vs. UTC	W, 2-0
8/22	@ETSU	W, 1-0
8/25	vs. Lipscomb	W, 3-0
9/1	@ Duke	cancelled
9/5	vs. UCLA	T, 1-1
9/8	vs. FAU	W, 2-0
9/12	vs. Memphis	W, 1-0
9/19	vs. Ole Miss*	W, 2-1
9/22	@ Alabama*	T, 2-2
9/29	vs. Vanderbilt*	T, 1-1
10/4	vs. Missouri*	W, 1-0
10/10	@ Arkansas*	7:30 PM
10/13	vs. Auburn*	2 PM
10/18	@Georgia*	6:30 PM
10/24	vs. South Carolina*	7 PM
10/27	@ Kentucky*	2 PM
10/30	@ Florida*	7 PM

All Times Eastern
* - SEC Match

2023 RESULTS (9-7-4)

Date	Opponent	Result
8/17	Cal	W, 4-1
8/20	@Lipscomb	W, 2-0
8/24	ETSU	W, 3-1
8/27	@SMU	L, 2-1
8/31	Indiana	T, 2-2
9/7	Radford	W, 3-1
9/10	@Florida Atlantic	W, 2-0
9/15	#11 Arkansas	L, 1-3
9/21	Florida	W, 2-0
9/24	@ #7 South Carolina	T, 1-1
9/29	@ Mississippi State	T, 3-3
10/5	#18 Kentucky	T, 1-1
10/8	@LSU	L, 0-1
10/13	Georgia	L, 2-1
10/19	@Missouri	W, 3-2
10/22	Texas A&M	L, 3-4
10/26	@Vanderbilt	W, 1-0
10/29	Auburn!	L, 1-2
11/11	#17 Xavier#	4 p.m. ET

All Times Eastern

* - SEC Match

! - SEC Tournament (Pensacola, Fla.)

- NCAA Tournament

INSIDE THE SERIES

Record vs. Arkansas	14-7-1
Home	6-5-0
Away	7-2-1
Neutral	1-0-0
Last meeting	9/15/24
Result	L, 3-1



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2024 QUICK FACTS

GENERAL UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location	Knoxville, Tennessee
Founded	1794
Enrollment	36,304
Conference	Southeastern (SEC)
Nickname	Volunteers (Vols)
Colors	Orange (PMS 151) and White
Mascot	Smokey (Bluetick Coonhound)
UT President	Randy Boyd
Chancellor	Donde Plowman
Director of Athletics	Dr. Daniel J. White
Faculty Athletics Representative	Dr. Matt Harris

SOCCER HISTORY

First Year of Soccer	1996
All-Time Overall Record	335-193-55 (.622)
All-Time SEC Record	154-91-26 (.616)
SEC Regular-Season Championships (Last)	3 (2005)
Eastern Division Championships (Last)*	7 (2022)
SEC Tournament Championships (Last)	5 (2021)
SEC Tournament Appearances (Last)	24 (2023)
NCAA Tournament Appearances (Last)	15 (2023)

* SEC East & West Division standings did not exist from 2013-18

TEAM INFORMATION

2023 Record	9-7-4
Home / Away	4-3-2 / 5-3-2
2023 SEC Record (Finish)	3-4-3 (2nd Eastern Division, 9th in SEC)
Home / Away	1-3-1 / 2-1-2
Final National Rankings	
RPI	31
United Soccer Coaches	N/A
Starters Returning/Lost	5/6
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	13/15
Newcomers	17

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility (Opened)	Regal Soccer Stadium (1996)
Capacity	3,000
Record at Regal	187-65-14 (.729)

COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach	Joe Kirt (3rd as head coach/16th at Tennessee)
Career Record	20-13-6 (.590)
Record at Tennessee	20-13-6 (.590)
SEC Record	10-6-4 (.600)

Associate Head Coach	Jonathan Morgan (3rd as Assoc. H.C./8th at Tennessee)
Assistant Coach	Becky Edwards (3rd Year at Tennessee)
Assistant Coach	Marty Baker (2nd as Asst. Coach/4th at Tennessee)
Director of Operations	Macaulay Soto (3rd Year at Tennessee)

Athletic Trainer	Greg Mytyk (12th Year)
Sports Performance	Ryan Metzger (3rd Year)
Sports Nutrition	Victoria Ip (2nd Year)
Academic Counselor	Vanessa Gonzalez (5th Year)
Strategic Communications	Liz Kilpatrick (1st Year)

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2024 TENNESSEE SOCCER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time (ET)
Aug. 7	Wednesday	Virginia**	Charlottesville, Va.	7 p.m.
Aug. 11	Sunday	UNC Asheville**	Knoxville, Tenn.	1 p.m.
Aug. 15	Thursday	Indiana	Bloomington, Ind.	8 p.m.
Aug. 18	Sunday	Chattanooga	Knoxville, Tenn.	6 p.m.
Aug. 22	Sunday	ETSU	Johnson City, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Aug. 25	Sunday	Lipscomb	Knoxville, Tenn.	1 p.m.
Sept. 1	Sunday	Duke	Knoxville, Tenn.	6 p.m.
Sept. 5	Thursday	UCLA	Knoxville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	Sunday	Florida Atlantic	Knoxville, Tenn.	2 p.m.
Sept. 12	Thursday	Memphis	Knoxville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Thursday	Ole Miss*	Knoxville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	Sunday	Alabama*	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	Thursday	Florida*	Gainesville, Fla.	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	Sunday	Vanderbilt*	Knoxville, Tenn.	4 p.m.
Oct. 4	Friday	Missouri*	Knoxville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Thursday	Arkansas*	Fayetteville, Ark.	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Sunday	Auburn*	Knoxville, Tenn.	2 p.m.
Oct. 18	Friday	Georgia*	Athens, Ga.	6:30 p.m.

*denotes SEC match | ** denotes exhibition
bold = home match

RETURNERS

No.	Name	Class	Pos.	Hometown / Previous School
2	Jaida Thomas	R-Sr.	F	Dallas, Texas / Bishop Lynch
5	Jenna Stayart	R-Jr.	M	Cary, Ill. / Cary-Grove Community
7	Kate Runyon	So.	F	Westminster, Colo. / Jefferson Academy HS
13	Keaton Mitchell	So.	M	Franklin, Tenn. / Battle Ground Academy
15	Kennedy Price	So.	D	Franklin, Tenn. / Battle Ground Academy
16	Sarah Greiner	So.	F	Braselton, Ga. / Flowery Branch
17	Jenna Chatterton	Sr.	M	Noblesville, Ind. / Noblesville
18	Ally Brown	Jr.	D	College Grove, Tenn. / Ravenwood
20	Mac Midgley	Jr.	M	Wolverine Lake, Mich. / Walled Lake West
21	Leah Klurman	Jr.	D	Scotch Plains, N.J. / Scotch Plains-Fanwood
23	Dakota Brown	Jr.	M	Culpeper, Va. / Eastern View
27	Nolyn Bartholomew	Sr.	F	Brentwood, Tenn. / Brentwood Academy
32	Ally Zazzara	R-So.	GK	Woodstock, Ga. / Etowah

NEWCOMERS

No.	Name	Class	Pos.	Hometown / Previous School
0	Addie Yelton	So.	GK	Johnson City, Tenn. / Ole Miss
1	Cayden Norris	Fr.	GK	Johnson City, Tenn. / Science Hill HS
3	Sammi Woods	Gr.	F	Saline, Mich. / Michigan
4	Hayley Howard	Sr.	M	Brentwood, Tenn. / Louisville
6	Sarah Bridenstine	Gr.	D	Rochester, Mich. / Michigan
8	Luciana Latino	R-So.	M	Norwood, N.J. / Penn State
12	Reese Mattern	Fr.	F	Charlottesville, Va. / Western Albemarle
19	Kameran Bluette	Fr.	F	Fenton, Mo. / Webster Groves HS
24	Jasmine Boggs	Fr.	D/M	Ashburn, Va. / Independence HS
25	Skyler Miller	Fr.	M/F	Virginia Beach, Va. / First Colonial
26	Sarah Kate Rath	Sr.	F/D	Brentwood, Tenn. / Cincinnati
28	Alivia Stott	Fr.	F	Knoxville, Tenn. / Bearden
29	Sydney Miller	Fr.	D	Virginia Beach, Va. / First Colonial
33	Nyla Blue	Fr.	D	Knoxville, Tenn. / Bearden
34	Bella Smith	Fr.	M	Wichita, Kan. / Eisenhower High School
37	Devin Davis	Fr.	F/D	Frisco, Texas / Greenhill School

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS FROM 2023

Category	Stat	Leader
Matches Started	19	Mac Midgley
Minutes Played	1,489	Ally Brown
Goals	4	Kate Runyon
Assists	5	Ally Brown
Points	9	Kate Runyon
Shots	30	Kate Runyon
Shot % (min. 10 shots)	.133	Kate Runyon
Shots on Goal	15	Kate Runyon
Shots on Goal % (min. 5 SOG)	.500	Kate Runyon
Game-winning goals	1	Bartholomew / Midgley
PKs (PK-PK Att)	--	--
Goalie minutes played	1074:25	Ally Zazzara
Goals Against Average	1.59	Ally Zazzara
Saves	54	Ally Zazzara
Save %	.740	Ally Zazzara
Shutouts (shared)	2	Ally Zazzara

BY THE NUMBERS

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Tennessee tabbed to finish sixth in the SEC as voted on by the league's coaches.

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The Lady Vols welcomed 10 newcomers in the form of 10 freshmen and seven transfers with multiple years of experience.

TEAM NOTES

2024 HONORS & AWARDS

KATE RUNYON

SEC Preseason Watchlist

JAIDA THOMAS

SEC Preseason Watch List

MAC MIDGLEY

SEC Preseason Watch List
SEC Offensive Player of the Week (9/16)

SAMMI WOODS

SEC Preseason Watch List

REESE MATTERN

SEC Freshman of the Week (8/26)

ALLY ZAZZARA

TopDrawerSoccer.com's Team of the Week (9/9)
SEC Defensive Player of the Week (9/16)

ALOZIE AT THE OLYMPICS

- Tennessee Soccer alum Michelle Alozie was named to the Nigerian Women's National Team roster for the 2024 Paris Olympics,
- In addition to her Olympics debut, Alozie has experience with the Nigerian Women's National Team after participating in the 2023 World Cup, 2022 Cup of Nations and three various friendlies from 2021 through 2023.
- Alozie started all three matches in Group Stage play at the Olympics, earning three more international caps.
- The LVFL was a mainstay for the Super Falcons, playing 252 minutes across three matches in her Olympic debut

NEW FACES ON ROCKY TOP

- UT welcomed the 17 newcomers in the offseason.
- 15 are versatile field players as two are goalkeepers. 10 are enrolling as freshmen and seven are arriving as transfers with multiple years of collegiate experience.

BACK AGAIN

- The Lady Vols return 13 letterwinners from the 2023 squad that advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

- Four Lady Vols were named to the 2024 SEC Preseason Watchlist, as announced by the conference Wednesday. Jaida Thomas, Mac Midgley, Sammi Woods and Kate Runyon were all tabbed as players to watch this season.
- Thomas, who enters her final season on Rocky Top, currently ranks second on Tennessee's all-time goals list with 39 and sits just four back of Kylee Rossi's program-best 43. The three-time All-SEC player and 2021 All-American appeared in just two matches last season before suffering a season-ending injury. During the 2022 season, Thomas scored 13 goals and posted the best goals-per-game average in the SEC at .68
- Midgley is coming off a sophomore season in which she appeared in 20 matches while starting in 19 of those contests. The Wolverine Lake, Michigan, native concluded the 2023 season as a consistent contributor after finishing with three assists and two goals to rank fifth on the team in points with seven. Additionally, Midgley tied for third on the

team in minutes played with 1,444 and netted a crucial game-winner during UT's 3-2 victory at Missouri last year.

- Woods comes to UT as a graduate transfer after four seasons at Michigan. In 2023, Woods led Michigan with eight goals and 17 points while also producing a team-high 34 shots. The Saline, Michigan, native also led the Wolverines with two-multi goal matches and started in all 18 contests. Following her performance on the pitch last year, Woods earned Third Team All-Big Ten honors.
- Tennessee freshman forward Reese Mattern has made a sudden impact on Rocky Top in her maiden season. The Charlottesville, Virginia, native scored the game-winner over ETSU and has started in all four matches.
- Runyon is coming on the heels of a solid first-year campaign in which she garnered SEC All-Freshman Team honors. The Westminster, Colorado, native appeared in 15 contests and started nine before missing time due to injury. Despite her limited time on the pitch last year, Runyon finished fourth on the team in goals (4) and points (9). Additionally, Runyon earned SEC Freshman of the Week honors after scoring in back-to-back games against Florida and South Carolina.

PRO LADY VOLS

- Michelle Alozie-Houston Dash United States
- Carlyn Baldwin-SC Uniao Torreense Portugal
- Katie Cousins-Valur Reykjavik Iceland
- Nayeli Diaz-CF Pachuca Mexico
- Mackenzie George-Brooklyn FC United States
- Linette Hofmann-VfB Stuttgart Germany
- Danielle Marcano-FC Nantes France
- Sonia Ouchène-Montpellier HSC France
- Khadija Bunny Shaw-Manchester City England
- Amalie Thestrup-Bristol City England
- Hannah Tillet-Sundsvalls DFF Sweden
- Mary Alice Vignola-Angel City FC United States
- Shae Yáñez-Crystal Palace England

Currently Without A Club

- Maya Neal
- Hannah Wilkinson

IN AWE OF SHAW

LVFL and current Manchester City forward Bunny Shaw has won the PFA Player of the Year award, the organization announced.

Shaw posted an incredible 2023-24 WSL campaign and ended the season as the league's top scorer with 21 goals—including three hat tricks and three assists in just 18 appearances.



OUR RECORD WHEN...

	Overall	SEC
LOCATION		
Home	6-0-2	2-0-1
Away	1-1-1	0-0-1
Neutral	---	---
RANKING		
vs. Ranked Opponent (Coaches)	1-0-1	---
AT THE HALF...		
UT Leading	2-0	1-0
UT Trailing	---	---
UT Tied	5-1-2	1-0-2
In 1-0 Games	2-1	--
STATISTICAL LEADERS		
UT takes more shots	5-0-0	1-0-0
UT takes fewer shots	1-1-3	0-0-2
Same number of shots	1-0-0	1-0-0
UT takes more corner kicks	5-1-0	1-0-1
UT takes fewer corner kicks	2-1-2	1-0-1
Same number of corner kicks	0-0-0	--
UT has more saves	1-0-1	1-0-1
UT has fewer saves	6-1-2	1-0-1
Same number of saves	---	---
MONTH		
August	3-1-0	--
September	3-0-3	1-0-2
October	1-0-0	1-0-0
November	---	--
DAY		
Sunday	3-0-2	0-0-2
Monday	--	--
Tuesday	--	--
Wednesday	--	--
Thursday	3-1-1	1-0-0
Friday	1-0-0	1-0-0
Saturday	---	--
TIME		
Day	2-0-1	0-0-1
Night	5-1-2	2-0-1
JERSEY COLOR		
White	2-0-0	---
Orange	1-1-1	---
Checkerboard	2-0-1	0-0-1
Pink	1-0-0	1-0-0
Blue	1-0-0	1-0-0

2024 SEC STANDINGS

	Conference				Overall						
	W-L-T	Pts	Home	Away	W-L-T	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	Str	
Mississippi State	4-0-0	12	3-0-0	1-0-0	10-1-0	.909	8-0-0	2-1-0	0-0-0	W7	
Arkansas	4-1-0	12	3-0-0	1-1-0	9-1-1	.864	8-0-0	1-1-1	0-0-0	L1	
Auburn	3-1-1	10	2-0-1	1-1-0	11-1-1	.885	8-0-1	3-1-0	0-0-0	W2	
Texas A&M	3-2-0	9	1-1-0	2-1-0	8-5-0	.615	4-2-0	4-3-0	0-0-0	W1	
Georgia	2-1-2	8	0-1-1	2-0-1	6-3-4	.615	4-1-2	2-2-2	0-0-0	W1	
Tennessee	2-0-2	8	2-0-1	0-0-1	7-1-3	.773	6-0-2	1-1-1	0-0-0	W1	
South Carolina	2-1-1	7	1-0-0	1-1-1	5-1-5	.682	3-0-2	2-1-3	0-0-0	T1	
Texas	2-2-1	7	1-0-1	1-2-0	9-2-2	.769	7-0-2	2-2-0	0-0-0	L1	
Kentucky	1-1-3	6	0-0-2	1-1-1	9-1-3	.808	7-0-2	2-1-1	0-0-0	W1	
LSU	2-3-0	6	2-1-0	0-2-0	7-5-1	.577	3-2-1	4-3-0	0-0-0	L2	
Alabama	0-1-4	4	0-1-2	0-0-2	7-3-4	.643	4-1-2	3-2-2	0-0-0	L1	
Florida	1-2-1	4	1-0-0	0-2-1	4-3-5	.542	3-1-1	1-2-4	0-0-0	W1	
Missouri	1-3-1	4	1-1-0	0-2-1	3-7-2	.333	3-3-0	0-4-2	0-0-0	L1	
Oklahoma	1-3-1	4	0-2-1	1-1-0	8-4-1	.654	5-2-1	3-2-0	0-0-0	L1	
Vanderbilt	0-2-3	3	0-1-1	0-0-2	5-2-5	.625	5-2-2	0-0-3	0-0-0	T2	
Ole Miss	0-5-0	0	0-2-0	0-3-0	5-9-0	.357	4-4-0	1-5-0	0-0-0	L6	

UNITED SOCCER COACHES TOP 25

Oct. 8

Rank	Team	Prev.	'24 Record
1	Duke	2	9-1-0
2	North Carolina	3	12-1-0
3	Wake Forest	4	9-2-2
4	Mississippi State	7	10-1-0
5	Michigan State	5	9-0-4
6	Arkansas	1	9-1-1
7	Stanford	9	11-1-1
9	Iowa	11	10-0-3
10	Santa Clara	10	8-2-1
11	Utah State	12	12-0-2
12	TCU	23	9-2-2
13	Notre Dame	17	8-1-2
14	Auburn	16	11-1-1
15	Pepperdine	13	8-2-2
16	Memphis	15	8-1-1
17	California	18	10-1-2
18	Georgetown	20	8-1-4
19	Southern California	21	9-1-2
20	Penn State	19	9-3-2
21	Virginia Tech	NR	9-3-2
22	Florida State	6	7-2-2
23	South Carolina	24	5-1-5
24	Texas Tech	RV	10-2-1
25	Virginia	25	8-4-0

Teams in bold are on UT's 2024 schedule

AROUND THE SEC

Friday, Oct. 4

#4 Mississippi St. at Georgia | SECN+ | 6:30 pm

Alabama at #14 Auburn | SEC Network | 7:00 pm

Florida at #23 South Carolina | SECN+ | 7:00 pm

Tennessee at #6 Arkansas | SECN+ | 7:30 pm

LSU at Kentucky | SECN+ | 7:30 pm

Ole Miss at Missouri | SECN+ | 8:00 pm

Vanderbilt at Texas A&M | SECN+ | 8:00 pm

Oklahoma at Texas | SEC Network | 9:00 pm



JOE KIRT

THE KIRT FILE

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2023-present: Tennessee, Women's Soccer Head Coach
- 2007-2021: Tennessee, Women's Soccer Assistant Coach
- 2005-2007: Challenge Soccer Club, Director of Goalkeeping
- 2000-2005: Houston, Women's Soccer Assistant Coach

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Helped lead UT to eight NCAA Tournament appearances (2007, 08, 11, 12, 17, 18, 21, 22)
- Helped lead UT to first-ever NCAA Quarterfinal (2018)
- Helped lead UT to two SEC Tournament Championships (2008 & 2021)
- Helped lead UT to three straight SEC East Divisional titles (2020, 21, 22)
- Helped lead UT to highest ranking in program history (No. 6, 2007 & 2021)
- Jaimel Johnson became first UT goalkeeper to earn All-America status (2007)
- UT goalkeepers Jaimel Johnson (2007 & 2008) & Julie Eckel (2015) earned All-SEC status three times under Kirt's guidance
- Johnson (2005-08), Molly Baird (2006-10), Eckel (2011-15), Shae Yanez (2015-18) and Lindsey Romig (2019) have combined to set 10 goalkeeper program records during Kirt's tenure
- Challenge won 14 Texas State Championships during his tenure Challenge were ranked No. 14 in the nation in 2005 Soccer America club rankings

PLAYING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Three-time letterwinner at Wisconsin-Oshkosh
- Served as Wisconsin-Oshkosh team captain in 1997
- Helped lead Wisconsin-Oshkosh to a 13-5-1 record in 1997
- Named a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Coaches Association first-team selection in 1997

COACHING NOTES

BIOGRAPHY

Joe Kirt, a mainstay on the Tennessee sideline since 2007, was named UT's soccer head coach by Vice Chancellor/Director of Athletics Danny White on April 29, 2022.

During his 16 seasons on Rocky Top, Kirt has helped guide the Lady Vols to two SEC Tournament championships, three SEC Eastern Division championships and eight NCAA Tournament appearances. As an assistant at Tennessee, Kirt played vital roles in goalkeeper development, technical and functional development for field players as well as constructing and implementing the program's game model. Tennessee has produced 10 All-Americans and 36 All-SEC selections during his tenure on staff.

In his first year at the helm, Kirt led the Lady Vols to their third straight SEC East Division Championship, tying South Carolina for the title with 15 points in divisional play while finishing second overall in the league with 22 points. The 2022 squad posted 10 shutouts on the season, including a streak of five in a row during conference play that began with a 1-0 victory at #13 Ole Miss. For the first time in program history, Tennessee went undefeated on the road in SEC matches, giving up just two goals over five contests. Sitting at #24 in the RPI following the SEC Tournament, UT made its second straight and 14th overall NCAA Tournament appearance, entering as a No. 6 Seed.

Kirt was instrumental in helping guide UT to its second straight SEC Eastern Division championship in 2021. The Vols went on to defeat top-seeded Arkansas 3-0 in the final of the SEC Tournament, bringing the trophy home for the first time since 2008 before advancing in the NCAA Tournament to the Round of 16. With a record of 20-3-0, it was the winningest team in program history.

The 2021 squad was stout defensively, posting a program-best 13 shutouts and setting a new UT shutout streak record of 633:53. Following the season, Tennessee's coaching staff was named Southeast Region Staff of the Year by United Soccer Coaches.

In 2020, Kirt helped lead Tennessee to an SEC East title, going 4-1-1 in divisional play and 4-3-1 overall in conference play. In the spring, the Big Orange recorded four more wins, three of which were shutouts, to finish the season with an 8-6-1 record and the program's the sixth-straight winning season.

Kirt mentored then-freshman goalkeeper Lindsey Romig to a record-breaking rookie campaign in 2019, as the Midlothian, Virginia, native finished the season with a 0.58 goals-against average—lowering the all-time program record set by Shae Yanez the previous season. Tennessee posted its fifth-straight winning season with a 9-6-3 record overall, and the Vols went 8-2 at Regal Soccer Stadium with shutout wins over SEC East rivals Florida, Georgia and Kentucky.

Tennessee's defensive unit saw one of the program's most successful seasons in 2018, as the Vols made their first-ever appearance in the NCAA quarterfinals. UT limited opponents to a program-best 15 goals on the season, while the Vols' 12 shutouts tied a then-Tennessee-record set in 2003.

Kirt guided Yanez to one of the program's greatest goalkeeping campaigns from a statistical standpoint in 2018, setting program records for the lowest goals-against average (0.66), highest save percent-

age (.856) and highest win percentage (.795) in a single season. The Downingtown, Pennsylvania, native broke UT's career record for save percentage (.820) and finished third on UT's all-time list with 21 solo shutouts, including 10 in her final year on Rocky Top.

In 2017, the Lady Vols returned to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in five years behind a defense that recorded 10 shutouts. UT conceded less than 20 goals for the third consecutive season, logging a 0.88 goals-against average as a team, with 19 goals allowed.

Kirt helped lead Tennessee to its eighth-straight NCAA Tournament appearance and its fourth SEC Tournament title in 2008. The Big Orange posted six shutouts and recorded a 1.23 goals against average during Kirt's second year on staff.

The 2007 season saw Kirt coach Johnson and the UT defense to 11 shutouts, a 0.88 goals-against average and a new program-record 457-minute shutout streak. The Lady Vol defense became a nearly immovable force at home, giving up just three goals in nine matches and shutting out the final six opponents it faced at Regal Stadium in 2007, including two NCAA Tournament matches.

In his first year in Knoxville, Kirt helped steer the Lady Vols to their seventh consecutive NCAA Tournament and fifth NCAA Round of 16 appearance. Tennessee that Fall also reached its highest NSCAA ranking in program history (No. 6).

Kirt joined the Tennessee soccer staff in July 2007 after spending three years as the Director of Goalkeeping for the Texas Soccer Club's Challenge, a youth soccer organization comprised of 29 girls' soccer teams in Houston, Texas. During his tenure, the Challenge won a total of 14 state championships and earned a No. 14 national ranking from Soccer America magazine in 2005.

Prior to his time with the Challenge, Kirt was an assistant coach with the University of Houston from 2000-05.

Prior to joining the professional ranks, Kirt earned his degree in International Studies in 1998 from Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where he played both soccer and hockey. As a member of the Titans' soccer team, Kirt earned three varsity letters playing in goal. As a senior captain in 1997, he led the team to a 13-5-1 record, capping the season with a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Coaches Association first-team selection.

A native of Brookfield, Wisconsin, Kirt holds a National Soccer Coaches Association of America national goalkeeping diploma. Joe and his wife, Susan, an eighth-grade teacher, reside in Knoxville with their sons, Landon and Luke.

COACHING STAFF



JOE KIRT
Head Coach
3rd as Head Coach



JONATHAN MORGAN
Associate Head Coach
3rd Year as Associate H.C.



BECKY EDWARDS
Assistant Coach
3rd Year at Tennessee



MARTY BAKER
Assistant Coach
2nd in this role, 3rd total



MACAULAY SOTO
Director of Operations
3rd Year at Tennessee

TEAM BREAKDOWN

BY ELIGIBILITY YEAR

SENIORS/FIFTH (6)

Sammi Woods (Gr.), Sarah Bridenstine (Gr.), Jaida Thomas, Hayley Howard, Jenna Chatterton, Nolyn Bartholomew

JUNIORS (8)

Jenna Stayart, Muriel Kroflin, Ally Zazzara, Kennedy Price, Ally Brown, Mac Midgley, Dakota Brown, Sarah Kate Rath

SOPHOMORES (5)

Kate Runyon, Keaton Mitchell, Sarah Greiner, Addie Yelton, Leah Klurman

FRESHMEN (10)

Cayden Norris, Reese Mattern, Kameran Bluette, Jasmine Boggs, Skylar Miller, Alivia Stott, Sydney Miller, Nyla Blue, Bella Smith, Devin Davis

ACADEMIC MAJORS

0 Addie Yelton

Studio Art

2 Jaida Thomas

Management and Human Resources (master's)

3 Sammi Woods

Sport Psychology

4 Hayley Howard

Agriculture Leadership (master's)

5 Jenna Stayart

Marketing

6 Sarah Bridenstine

Communication & Information (master's)

7 Kate Runyon

Pre-Professional Program

8 Luciana Latino

Marketing

Reese Mattern

Supply Chain Management

13 Keaton Mitchell

Public Relations

15 Kennedy Price

Nursing

16 Sarah Greiner

Finance

17 Jenna Chatterton

Environmental and Soil Sciences

18 Ally Brown

Finance

19 Kameran Bluette

Pre-Professional Program

20 Macaira Midgley

Marketing

21 Leah Klurman

Communication Studies

22 Muriel Kroflin

Business Analytics (master's)

23 Dakota Brown

Psychology

24 Jasmine Boggs

Supply Chain Management

25 Skylar Miller

Supply Chain Management

26 Sarah Kate Rath

Communication Studies

27 Nolyn Bartholomew

Kinesiology

28 Alivia Stott

Kinesiology

29 Sydney Miller

Supply Chain Management

32 Ally Zazzara

Mechanical Engineering

33 Nyla Blue

Communication Studies

34 Bella Smith

Marketing

37 Devin Davis

Public Health



TENNESSEE ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Class	Hometown/Previous School(s)
0	Addie Yelton	GK	--	So.	Johnson City, Tenn. / Baylor / Ole Miss
1	Cayden Norris	GK	5-8	Fr.	Johnson City, Tenn. / Science Hill HS
2	Jaida Thomas	F	5-7	R-Sr.	Dallas, Texas / Bishop Lynch
3	Sammi Woods	F	5-6	Gr.	Saline, Mich. / Saline / Michigan
4	Hayley Howard	M	5-9	Sr.	Brentwood, Tenn. / Brentwood / Louisville
5	Jenna Stayart	M	5-3	R-Jr.	Cary, Ill. / Cary-Grove Community
6	Sarah Bridenstine	D	5-3	Gr.	Rochester, Mich. / Rochester Adams / Michigan
7	Kate Runyon	F	5-9	So.	Westminster, Colo. / Jefferson Academy
8	Luciana Latino	M	5-7	R-So.	Norwood, N.J. / Northern Valley Regional / Penn State
10	Sheridan Michel	D	5-8	Sr.	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada / Oklahoma
12	Reese Mattern	F	5-8	Fr.	Charlottesville, Va. / Western Albemarle
13	Keaton Mitchell	M	5-8	So.	Franklin, Tenn. / Battleground Academy
15	Kennedy Price	D	5-6	Jr.	Franklin, Tenn. / Battleground Academy
16	Sarah Greiner	F	5-9	So.	Braselton, Ga. / Flowery Branch
17	Jenna Chatterton	M	5-3	Sr.	Noblesville, Ind. / Noblesville
18	Ally Brown	D	5-7	Jr.	College Grove, Tenn. / Ravenwood High School
19	Kameran Bluette	F	5-7	Fr.	Fenton, Mo. / Webster Groves
20	Mac Midgley	M	5-1	Jr.	Wolverine Lake, Michigan / Walled Lake Western
21	Leah Klurman	D	5-6	R-So.	Scotch Plains, N.J. / Scotch Plains-Fanwood
22	Muriel Kroflin	D	5-6	R-Jr.	Langenargen, Germany
23	Dakota Brown	M	5-7	Jr.	Culpeper, Va. / Eastern View High School
24	Jasmine Boggs	D/M	5-8	Fr.	Ashburn, Va. / Independence
25	Skylar Miller	M/F	5-0	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va. / First Colonial
26	Sarah Kate Rath	F/D	5-9	Jr.	Brentwood, Tenn. / Ravenwood / Cincinnati
27	Nolyn Bartholomew	F	5-6	Sr.	Brentwood, Tenn. / Brentwood Academy
28	Alivia Stott	F	5-9	Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn. / Bearden
29	Sydney Miller	D	5-1	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va. / First Colonial
32	Ally Zazzara	GK	5-9	R-Jr.	Woodstock, Ga. / Etowah
33	Nyla Blue	D	5-7	Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn. / Bearden
34	Bella Smith	M	5-9	Fr.	Wichita, Kan. / Eisenhower High School
37	Devin Davis	F/D	5-9	Fr.	Frisco, Texas / Greenhill School

STAFF

Head Coach: Joe Kirt (3rd season/17th at Tennessee, Wisconsin-Oshkosh '98)

Associate Head Coach: Jonathan Morgan (3rd season/8th at Tennessee, Rowan '96)

Assistant Coach: Becky Edwards (3rd season, Florida State '10)

Assistant Coach: Marty Baker (2nd season / 3rd at Tennessee, Tennessee '14)

Director of Operations: Macaulay Soto (3rd season / Messiah College '16)

PRONUNCIATIONS

#2 Jaida Thomas - JAY-duh

#6 Sarah Bridenstine - BRY-den-stine

#8 Luciana Latino - LOO-CheeAwn-Uh Lah-TEE-No

#16 Sarah Greiner - GRY-nuhr

#22 Muriel Kroflin - MYOOR" + "ee" + "uhl

2024 University of Tennessee Soccer Overall Statistics (as of Oct 4, 2024)

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All Games	7-1-3	6-0-2	1-1-1	0-0
Conference	2-0-2	2-0-1	0-0-1	0-0
Non-Conference	5-1-1	4-0-1	1-1	0-0

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Att.	#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	YC-RC	GW	PK-ATT
08/15/2024	at Indiana	L	0-1	322	3	Woods, Sammi	11	4	1	9	20	0.200	10	0.500	1-0	1	0-1
08/18/2024	CHATTANOOGA	W	2-0	836		Midgley, Macaira	11	3	1	7	15	0.200	7	0.467	0-0	2	0-0
08/22/2024	at ETSU	W	1-0	130	7	Runyon, Kate	11	2	2	6	12	0.167	4	0.333	3-0	0	0-0
08/25/2024	LIPSCOMB	W	3-0	175	12	Mattern, Reese	11	1	3	5	16	0.063	9	0.563	3-0	1	0-0
				8	18	Brown, Ally	11	1	2	4	5	0.200	3	0.600	0-0	0	0-0
09/05/2024	UCLA	T	0-0	224		Team	2	2	0	4	0	0.000	0	0.000	0-0	2	0-0
				4	15	Price, Kennedy	11	1	1	3	2	0.500	1	0.500	0-0	0	0-0
09/08/2024	FLA. ATLANTIC	W	2-0	124	2	Thomas, Jaida	11	1	1	3	11	0.091	5	0.455	1-0	1	0-0
				6	6	Bridenstine, Sarah	11	0	1	1	1	0.000	1	1.000	1-0	0	0-0
09/12/2024	MEMPHIS	W	1-0	190	16	Greiner, Sarah	5	0	1	1	4	0.000	2	0.500	0-0	0	0-0
				4	8	Latino, Luciana	11	0	1	1	7	0.000	2	0.286	2-0	0	0-0
09/19/2024	OLE MISS	W	2-1	287	27	Bartholomew, Nolyn	7	0	0	0	2	0.000	1	0.500	0-0	0	0-0
				9	33	Blue, Nyla	4	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0-0	0	0-0
09/22/2024	at Alabama	T	2-2	167	19	Bluette, Kameran	4	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	2-0	0	0-0
				2	24	Boggs, Jasmine	7	0	0	0	2	0.000	1	0.500	0-0	0	0-0
09/29/2024	VANDERBILT	T	1-1	214	23	Brown, Dakota	11	0	0	0	1	0.000	0	0.000	0-0	0	0-0
				0	17	Chatterton, Jenna	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0-0	0	0-0
10/04/2024	MISSOURI	W	1-0	198	4	Howard, Hayley	9	0	0	0	3	0.000	0	0.000	0-0	0	0-0
				7	21	Klurman, Leah	11	0	0	0	4	0.000	2	0.500	1-0	0	0-0

Team Statistics	Tenn	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot Att.	15-125	5-105
Goals Per Game	1.36	0.45
Shot Pct.	0.120	0.048
Shots on Goal-Att.	58-125	39-105
SOG Pct.	0.464	0.371
Shots/Game	11.4	9.5
CORNER KICKS	66	44
PENALTY KICKS	0-1	0-1
PENALTIES		
Yellow Cards	16	13
Red Cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	14,994	3,295
Dates-Avg Per Date	8/1874	3/1098
Neutral Site #-Avg	0/	

22	Kroffin, Muriel	10	0	0	0	5	0.000	1	0.200	0-0	0	0-0
25	Miller, Skylar	3	0	0	0	1	0.000	1	1.000	0-0	0	0-0
29	Miller, Sydney	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0-0	0	0-0
13	Mitchell, Keaton	11	0	0	0	8	0.000	5	0.625	0-0	0	0-0
1	Norris, Cayden	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0-0	0	0-0
26	Rath, Sarah Kate	4	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	1-0	0	0-0
5	Stayart, Jenna	11	0	0	0	3	0.000	1	0.333	1-0	0	0-0
28	Stott, Alivia	2	0	0	0	3	0.000	2	0.667	0-0	0	0-0
32	Zazzara, Ally	11	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000	0-0	0	0-0
Total		11	15	14	44	125	0.120	58	0.464	16-0	7	0-1
Opponent		11	5	6	16	105	0.048	39	0.371	13-0	1	0-1

#	Goalie	GP	MIN	GA	GAA	SAVE	PCT	W-L-T	SHO
1	Norris, Cayden	1	21:33	0	0.00	1	1.000	0-0-0	0/1
32	Zazzara, Ally	11	968:27	5	0.46	32	0.865	7-1-3	6/1
Total		11	990:00	5	0.45	33	0.868	7-1-3	7
Opponents		11	990:00	15	1.36	42	0.737	--	2

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Tennessee	6	9	15
Opponents	2	3	5

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Tennessee	58	67	125
Opponents	48	57	105

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Tennessee	13	21	34
Opponents	20	25	45

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Tennessee	30	36	66
Opponents	24	20	44

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Tennessee	53	63	116
Opponents	48	51	99