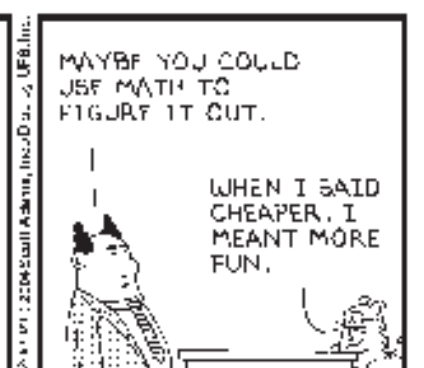
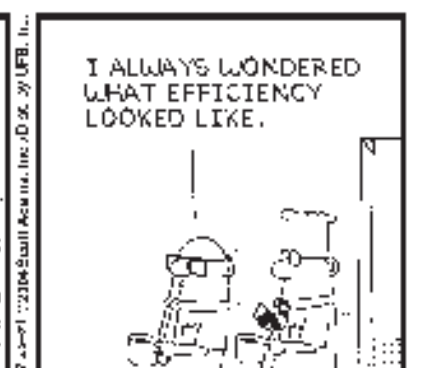
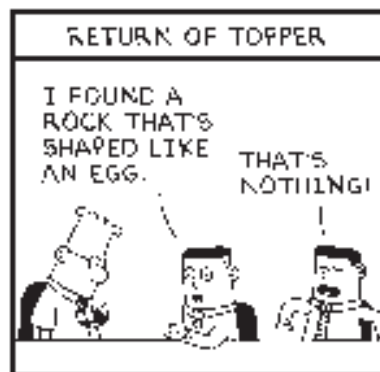
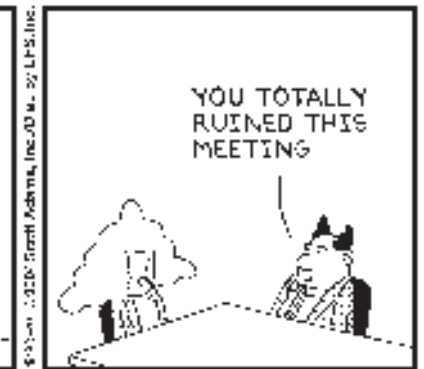


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by the numbers
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The number of ACC schools who have a winning record against Miami coming into this season. Tech is one of these two schools, holding a 6-3 advantage in the overall series. The University of North Carolina is the other ACC school with a winning record against the Hurricanes.

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The number of women's cross country teams ranked in the top-30 that will be competing in the Notre Dame Invitational in South Bend, Ind. along with Tech on Oct. 1. There are also seven nationally ranked men's teams in the event as well.

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The yards per game No. 4 Miami's defense has allowed so far this season, the third fewest in the nation. The Hurricanes have only allowed 23 points in three games, with one resulting from a fumble return.

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The number of possible matchups of undefeated teams in ACC volleyball action after the Jackets take on Virginia Tech this Sunday. The Jackets and Hokies are currently the only two teams who are still undefeated in league play. Virginia Tech must defeat Clemson on Friday to keep their unblemished ACC record.

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this year that I don't think there is any team out there that can touch us. This has been the best team that Georgia Tech has seen in anybody's memory."

The soccer club also fields another less competitive B-team for games during the year. The B-team travels with and participates in all of the same tournaments as the A-team during the year and has had wins over teams such as Valdosta State.

In the spring the club will travel to the University of Florida, Clemson and Vanderbilt for tournaments, and the team will be holding tryouts at the beginning of the semester.

"I would like to see more distributive production," Dement said. "We have one guy, Dominik Schmid, who has been scoring goal after goal for us. If a team catches on, then we might be in some trouble. If we see that, we'll key in on it and use him more as a decoy."

It seemed proper that Tech faced Auburn in its first road game of the season this year. Auburn finished No. 5 in the nation at the end of last fall and was responsible for ending Tech's run in last year's Southeastern Collegiate Soccer League Tournament. Ever since that time Tech has been looking for redemption against the Tigers.

It seems that fate has once again brought these two teams at odds and the road to nationals will be through Auburn when the Jackets go to Tupelo, Miss. at the end of Oct. for the region tournament.

The team has high expectations for this year and has set its goal on a first-place finish National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Tournament.

If you are interested in playing for the Tech men's soccer club or attending any of their games, check out www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/soccer for schedules, rosters, pictures and results.

FRESHMAN
faces in the crowd

CALVIN JOHNSON
Freshman
Football

Johnson, a freshman wide receiver, has already proven that he has the ability to come up big in pressure situations. He caught eight passes for 127 yards and three touchdowns, including the game-winner in Tech's comeback win over Clemson.

At 6'4", Johnson is the prototype tall, play-making wide receiver and is one of the most highly touted recruits Tech has signed in recent years. He was a high school first-team all-state selection by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* last year, catching 40 passes for 736 yards in his senior season at Sandy Creek High School in Tyrone, Ga.



LINDSEY GRAY
Freshman
Volleyball

Gray is a talented outside hitter from Lenexa, Kan. She is a very intelligent player, who has an extremely good court presence. Gray received many awards for her outstanding play for Olathe East high school, setting a school record in kills and receiving all-state honors for her performance in 2002 and 2003.

This season Gray is learning the outside hitter position from two of the best, Lauren Sauer and Lynnette Moster. Gray played extremely well when she stepped in for the injured Abby Showers against Tennessee Tech on September 11, recording nine digs in the match.



ONUR URAS
Freshman
Swimming

Onur Uras has made quite an impression, even before his first collegiate competition. He gave Tech fans a preview of his swimming skills when he competed for Turkey in the 100-meter butterfly in the Olympics.

Uras is a four-time Turkish national champion, and he has been very successful in competitions in Europe, winning the 200-meter butterfly at the Grand Prix Meet in Belgium this year. Uras is expected to compete in the freestyle, butterfly and individual medley events for Tech this year.



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After this week of play, Laband leads the ACC in assists per game with 14.27. She is also a major reason Tech leads the conference in hitting percentage (.227), kills per game (17.38) and assists (16.10).

The Jackets take their game to Blacksburg on Oct. 3 in a showdown with Virginia Tech to determine who will take sole possession of first place in the conference. They then travel to Wake Forest and Duke before returning home the weekend of Oct. 15 to face-off against Virginia and Maryland.

“Our ACC schedule is going to be pretty tough,” Gergen said. “There are a lot of teams, like Maryland, UNC, Duke and Florida State that played some great competition in their preseasons and that are ready to go. I am really excited to play some new teams like Miami and Virginia Tech, who we have never played before and going out there. I mean, it is going to be a lot of fun.”

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before losing to eventual champion Greg Oulette of Florida. In doubles play, freshman team David North and Scott Blackmon advanced to the semifinals before losing to a No. 3 ranked team from the University of South Alabama.

Both the men’s and the women’s teams will be playing in tournaments until the latter part of January when dual matches begin. These early tournaments are good practice for the players, and they give the coaches the opportunity to find the right pairing for doubles.

“That’s why we have these fall tournaments — because you play

with different combinations so coach sees who’s good [together],” said sophomore men’s player Zach Rath. “Doubles is all about chemistry.”

From January to April the tennis teams play in dual matches. Tech’s tennis schedule is highlighted by great competition.

In addition to playing every team in the ACC, the men’s team will also face UGA, Princeton and Auburn, among others while the women’s team will compete against the likes of UGA, Rice, Harvard and Vanderbilt.

But the highlight of the season may be the ACC championships. Winning the ACC is a goal both teams have in mind.

“[We’re] working as hard as we

can to win the ACC championships. That’s our goal every year,” Rath said. The ACC championships start April 21 of next year.

For the women’s team, Silverio mentioned the ACC championships as a goal in addition to finishing in the top 16 nationally.

There are four ACC teams ranked in the top 25 nationally in both the men’s and the women’s divisions. The Tech men’s team is currently ranked No. 32 while the women are ranked No. 40.

Local fans will have many opportunities to see Yellow Jacket tennis this season. The men’s and women’s tennis teams will host a total of 18 dual matches here on campus at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. While Silverio noted that the support is already very good for home matches.

“We’re always trying to get more people to come out,” Silverio said.

Student admission is free, and a complete schedule of the tennis matches can be found on **Ramblin-Wreck.com**.

sports shorts

Baron to coach U.S. at Maccabiah

Men’s and women’s Swimming and Diving Coach Seth Baron was named the U.S. head coach for the World Maccabiah Games. The competition, held July 11-21 in Israel, showcases the top Jewish athletes in the world.

Golf runner-up at Ping/Golfweek

The golf team started off their fall season with a runner-up finish at the Ping/Golfweek Preview. The Jackets finished four shots behind Oklahoma State.

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Men’s club soccer team ranked No. 1 in region



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The men’s soccer club played at home this weekend against Mercer. The club team plays at the Tucker Youth Soccer Association fields, 15 minutes off campus. Directions can be found at www.tysa.com.

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

The Tech soccer club blew past Mercer 8-0 Sunday in the only home game of the fall season. The Jackets improved their overall season record to 5-1-2 and currently sit undefeated just a few points behind Auburn in region play.

“With our win we are ranked No. 1 now in our region and we are

looking to stay undefeated against Samford and Georgia College and State University before the Southeastern Conference Soccer League Tournament in Tupelo, Mississippi,” club scheduler Jason Daley said.

The Jackets started off slow with two goals in the first half but ran circles around the Mercer defense in the second half of the game scoring six more. On the other side of the ball, the Jackets’ defense did not give

up a shot on goal for the entire 80 minutes of play.

“We finally started putting away our chances,” Daley said on the difference between the first and second halves of the game. “Guys were taking too many touches and playing a little slow.”

“We’ve been a second half team this entire year,” President Brandon Dement said on the second half scoring spree. “Every game so far

this year, teams have stuck with us the first half, but in the second half we’ve managed to pull away. It’s our better ball movement and we just tire teams out. Other teams just can’t keep up with the running.”

The soccer club team began their season with a 1-1 tie against Auburn but turned things around when they traveled to Gainesville for a tournament hosted by the University of Florida. There they gathered wins against Georgia Southern, the University of Miami, the University of Florida (Blue) and the University of Florida (Orange).

However, the Jackets were defeated in the finals by Vanderbilt and took second place in the end. Tech was also unable to defeat old foe Auburn and ended their rematch in the tournament with another 1-1 tie. Throughout this season the soccer club’s leaders have guided their club, in its wins and losses, with outstanding play.

Dominik “The German Machine” Schmid has become this year’s star for the soccer club. In the eight games this season, Schmid has 12 of the team’s 26 goals on the year. The 23-year-old German graduate

student has helped lead the team to a 5-1-2 record so far, and an undefeated record in the region.

“We have Dominik who scored 12 goals already this season,” Daley said. “Any time he’s on the field we dominate the game. We pass the ball to him and he gets by the defenders and scores.”

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Jason Daley
Junior club soccer

Despite the strong performance against Mercer, the team has had little time to devote to their physical prowess. This is something that could be holding them back from a stronger performance.

“We need to work on fitness,” Daley said. The guys came in a

couple weeks in [to the semester] and getting [them] into top shape in a little over a month is tough thing to do.”

The Jackets will face off against Samford today. The game was moved up a day because of the Miami football game on Saturday and will be the second road game of the season for the soccer club.

“I don’t know much about them, but I’m not worried about them,” Dement said. “Our team is so strong

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Water polo makes splash in tournament play

By Andy Holt
Contributing Writer

The water polo team got off to an impressive start this weekend, and according to them being the top team in their region and No. 11 in the country is just the beginning.

Acting as host to the first of two Southern Region qualifying tournaments, Tech went 5-0, winning over such region rivals as Florida, Florida State and Auburn. The tournament this past weekend was a round-robin

style bracket, where every team played each other and the team with the best record was determined to be the winner.

"It was a qualifying tournament, so we basically got more points than anybody else to qualify for the SE championships," Tech coach Garrett Freeman said. "We're the number one team so far, but we've got to keep earning points."

The Jackets were looking to put on a show for their home crowd. Their play this weekend also brought them a win over Florida, which was the first defeat for the Gators in five years of league play.

"It was a qualifying tournament, so we basically got more points than anybody else to qualify for the SE championships."

Garrett Freeman
Water polo head coach



"I used to play for Florida in college and never lost to Tech," Freeman said. "And I come up here and we've been 2-0 against them, once in spring in like an out of season game, and then in the league game this past weekend. And we were 5-0 this weekend, which is nice."

The water polo team has thus accumulated the most qualifying points in the region, putting them in prime position to achieve their goals for the year; goals that are certainly not small, even for a team as primed as this one.

"This is the year... We're more organized. We've had talent in the past, [but] I expect this to be the best season ever in Georgia Tech water polo," said team president Rick Bourgault.

In the past the water polo team has been a widely recognized team with perennial trips to national tournaments and major wins over highly ranked teams.

This year the team has set their aim high and hopes to impress their fans.

Both Freeman and Bourgault agreed that a top-four performance at the national tournament is the goal for the year, an accomplishment that would be unprecedented for the club.

"This is my first year coach-

ing them, so they're learning new things but at the same time they're already at the level where if they grasp it early enough we can move with it and go," Freeman said. "Our goal is to go top 4 at nationals."

Backing up that expectation of success are several talented players. Team captain Christopher George is the spiritual leader of the squad, and Logan McLeod leads the team in scoring. The team has also been lucky to have several freshmen and newcomers contribute immediately.

"They're learning new things, but at the same time, they're already at the level that if they get it quick enough we can go with it," Freeman said.

The team now heads off to Miami of Ohio to test themselves against the country's best. Top-ten teams Michigan and Cal-Poly both have games against the Jackets in the tournament this weekend.

While the games will be a good test for the team, they are not region games, so Tech's status at the top of the regional heap will not change until the second qualifying tournament.

"You've got to get to the semifinals [at nationals] and then go from there," Freeman said. "Our goal is the semifinals and as soon as we get that goal, we're going for finals."

The next opportunity to see the team in action will be at Emory University Nov. 6 and 7 for the Southern Region Championships.

The performance of the team there will dictate their seeding in the national tournament, where once they arrive, their aim will be, as it has been, in the words of Bourgault, "to win it all."



The Water polo team makes its moves towards national superiority. The team is headlined by a number of returning players and some fresh faces. This year is one of great expectations.



By Michael Kraus
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Gooley/STUDENT
PUBLICATIONS

Volleyball wins ACC opener, faces VTech Sunday

By John Scaduto
Contributing Writer

After a rough start to the season Yellow Jacket volleyball has righted ship for the time being—defeating three conference opponents in the past week. After decisive wins over North Carolina, North Carolina State and Clemson, Tech remains atop the ACC with an 8-5 (3-0) record.

The Jackets opened up conference play on Friday night in O'Keefe gymnasium against the Tar Heels. A school record 1,452 fans showed up, and the Lady Jackets did not disappoint. Outhitting Carolina .255 to .186, Tech cruised to an easy 3-0 win: 34-32, 30-26, 30-26.

"Our goal is to sell out on Friday night," senior Jayme Gergen said in the week before the game. "I want to have as many people in the seats as we possibly can. I mean, it is a great environment. It is going to be a lot of fun. UNC is a really great team. I want it to be so loud that we can't hear each other talk. That's what I want on Friday."

Returning All-American Lynnette Moster led the charge with 25 kills, 15 digs, and a dominating .429 hit percentage. Her teammate on the opposite side of the court, Lauren Sauer, threw down with

16 kills, as Laura Kuhn and Jayme Gergen chipped in with 11 and seven respectively.

"[UNC] is a lot like us. They run a pretty fast offense and play a pretty scrappy defense," said Gergen in the week before the game. "It is going to be a lot of fun."

All of this action kept junior setter Lindsey Laband busy with 58 assists and 10 digs. Tech cemented this offensive performance with a stellar defensive effort behind senior

Marisa Aston, posting 73 digs and six blocks. Aston also had 16 digs while Abby Showers had 12.

"We wanted to make a big statement tonight in our opening conference match, and our team played inspired," Head

Coach Bond Shymansky said as reported by Ramblinwreck.com.

Saturday's match against NC State brought much of the same. The Lady Jackets continued their inspired play, smoking the Wolfpack 30-24, 30-18, 30-19. Once more Moster led Tech with 16 kills, reasserting herself as a premier hitter in the ACC and the country.

"Lynnette Moster continues to show why she is an All-American. She was simply unstoppable," Shymansky said as reported by Ramblinwreck.com.

Sauer once again provided her complement of power with 11 kills



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Uli Stegemann and Lindsey Laband go for the block as Tech played UNC last Friday. Tech will go on the road this week to play one of their toughest opponents yet, Virginia Tech, on Sunday. Volleyball will be only the second Tech program to play one of the expansion teams in an ACC contest.

of her own. Moster also led the team with nine digs, followed by Aston with eight and Laband with seven. Laband also tossed up 39 assists in the quick match.

Tech dominated NC State, outhitting them .317 to .175. State also committed 11 service errors and 17 attack errors. Junior Katie Mohs stepped into the third game and posted three straight service aces.

"We got some good support from our freshman tonight.. [as well as] Katie Mohs and Jacqui Beebe stepped

in and kept the momentum for our team as we closed out the night," Shymansky said as reported by Ramblinwreck.com.

In the third victory at Clemson, Tech lost a close first match 30-32 but held fast and closed out the win in three straight matches, 30-23, 30-26 and 30-27.

The thunder-and-lightning duo of Sauer and Moster dropped 48 kills, 24 a piece, as the Jackets outhit Clemson .360 to .331. Moster also followed Aston's 15 digs with 12 of

her own, and Laband represented with 70 assists, a new career high.

This was an impressive week for Tech volleyball, as a group and individually. Not surprisingly, Moster was named ACC Volleyball Player of the week—the sixth time in her career she has earned such distinction.

The Jackets new setter Lindsey Laband continues to shine as the centerpiece of this lively offense.

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Tech prepares to face off against its toughest opponent yet

Miami

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"Miami brings all the attention and the media attention," Butler said. "Miami is one of the best teams in the nation and of course this brings a lot of tradition of winning and just a big game atmosphere to Atlanta."

Saturday is Tech's second ACC game but the first against a new expansion member. Some thought the ACC would be the strongest conference this season with the addition of Miami and Virginia Tech, but conference members have struggled out of the conference so far, most recently with North Carolina losing to Louisville and Clemson losing to Texas A&M the week before.

The expansion has bolstered Tech's strength of schedule and recruiting efforts. The Yellow Jackets were able to win over some big time recruits last spring, including Daryl Richard, because of the new ACC schedule. Richard has seen a lot of playing time at defensive tackle after choosing Tech over Miami and LSU.

Among the few players on the team with connections to Miami is senior wide receiver Nate Curry. Curry is a native of Miami and was recruited as a running back for them out of high school but chose to go to Tech instead.

"My family, they were all University of Miami fans before I came to Tech, so growing up all you saw down there was University of Miami and Florida State and University of Florida [fans]—Florida schools—and for me to come out of Florida and come to a Georgia school was a big surprise to everyone," Curry said. "I don't regret the choices I made [because] Tech is the place for me."

This week has been a gauntlet for Curry on and off the field. As the game towards Miami has

drawn closer, Curry has received more attention from friends and family.

"I haven't called home this weekend. You know a lot of people have been calling me," Curry said. "I had to start screening my calls through the week, so I haven't said too much to anyone yet."

This week Tech is looking for redemption after a sub-par performance against UNC. The team knows what a game like Miami means for the program.

"I think the guys are ready to get out there on the field and prove themselves," Butler said. "After a loss you are ready to get out there and play, and after a long bye-week that loss sticks in your mind. So [you] just [have to] forget about the loss and

just go out there and redeem ourselves."

Expect Tech to come out with a lot of emotion trying to get the crowd involved. Facing top competition is nothing new for Tech. The Jackets have faced both Georgia and Florida State for the past 12 seasons.

"I think they enjoy the challenge of games like this," Gailey said. "I know I do. I think most anybody does that is a competitor."

Miami had 43 players on opening day rosters in the NFL, the most for any school in the league. Many thought this season might be a down year for the Hurricanes after losing six first round draft picks to the NFL and joining the tougher

ACC, but so far the 'Canes have impressed.

"You obviously can look at their talent level," Gailey said. "They have great depth and can rotate people in at almost every position and still have really good football players walking on the field."

Tech must focus on playing their game while minimizing mistakes and capitalizing on Miami's to win. Tech must utilize all of its most powerful weapons to take this giant down. P.J. Daniels, now listed as doubtful for the Miami game because of a leg injury sustained against UNC, would be critical to the Jacket's game plan.

However, Chris Woods was able to come in and run well for

Four Key Questions

• Will Miami's run offense be as successful as UNC's?

The Tar Heels racked-up 284 yards of rushing against Tech. The Hurricanes offense has a potent, but not outstanding, running attack. Frank Gore and Tyrone Moss lead Miami's running game, averaging 155 yards per game. The return of Eric Henderson should help some, but Tech needs to play their individual assignments better than they have. Miami's offensive line is very good and Tech will struggle getting penetration, so safety support from Dawan Landry may be needed.

• Who will win the match-up between Tech's wide receiver Calvin Johnson and Miami's corner back Antrel Rolle?

Johnson has played very well in his freshman season, already catching three touchdown passes. Rolle is a highly touted cornerback who at 6'2" has the size to match up with the 6'4" Johnson. Miami likes to use Rolle a lot in its blitz packages so this is where Tech must take advantage of Johnson's height against a smaller corner. Rolle nearly shut down first round pick Larry Fitzgerald in Miami's game against Pittsburgh last season and has already handled some of Florida State's receivers well. Tech fans have seen Johnson make some outstanding plays, but this is his toughest test so far.

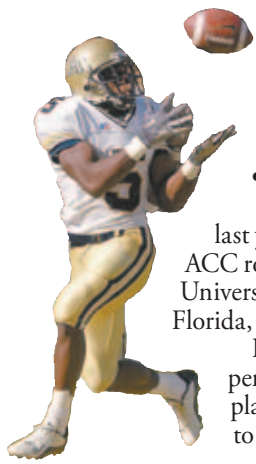
• Can Tech capitalize if Brock Berlin makes mistakes?

The Yellow Jackets have one of the best secondaries in the ACC even after losing cornerback Dennis Davis to a medical red-shirt for the season. Landry and All-American candidate James Butler are two outstanding safeties both in run and pass situations. Tech was only able to get two field goals out of two early turnovers from UNC last week. Miami receivers have also had a propensity for dropped balls this season. Berlin's shortcomings are partly his fault along with having to follow Ken Dorsey. Yet despite all of this, the senior has amassed a 14-2 record as a starter—better than NFL Hall of Famer Jim Kelly and Bernie Kosar.

• Will Miami intimidate Tech?

Tech has a history of playing to the level of its competition, as seen in last year's games versus Auburn and Florida State. Miami is facing its first ACC road game in a sold out Bobby Dodd Stadium after playing against the University of Houston and Louisiana Tech. Tech has a number of players from Florida, including a few from the Miami area.

Reggie Ball is known to love facing top competition and has typically performed well against good teams. The crowd will be primed for good play from Tech after a disappointing display in Chapel Hill. Expect Tech to feed off the crowd early on.



Team profiles



The Yellow Jackets are coming off an embarrassing loss to North Carolina two weeks ago. Tech's offense turned the ball over five times en route to a 34-13 loss.

All-ACC defensive end Eric Henderson returns from injury this week after missing the first three games of the season. His presence should give new life to a defense currently allowing 366 yards per game and only managing two sacks. The offense has shown bright spots, but their turnovers have curtailed their scoring totals. Tech had last week off, allowing time for some injuries to heal and extra preparation by coaches and players.



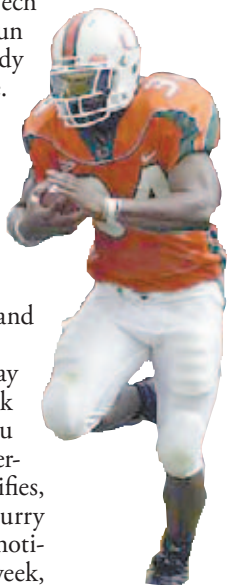
The Hurricanes started their season off with a come-from-behind victory over Florida State 16-10 in overtime. Miami

then rolled over Louisiana Tech and played well enough to beat Houston 38-13. Miami's quarterback, Brock Berlin, has continued to struggle this season throwing only two touchdown passes in three games. The defense and special teams have picked up the slack though. Miami is allowing less than eight points and a little over 200 yards per game. Last week the Miami defense scooped up a fumble against Houston and returned it for a touchdown. Punt returner Devin Hester is also a threat and already has two returns for touchdowns.

Spread: Miami by 17

the Jackets last Saturday. Tech will need a good balance of run and pass to keep the speedy 'Canes defense off balance. This season Miami has allowed less than 100 yards per game on the ground and not much more through the air. An unknown for Tech is the play of redshirt freshman Rashaun Grant. He will need to step up and perform on Saturday.

"You know we try to play practice at the same level week end and week out, but you know, understand that different teams—the level intensifies, it intensifies in practice," Curry said. "We have been more motivated this week, this past week, in practices."



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GETTIN' HIGH

Freshmen take a flight over the city of Atlanta with the aid of their peer leader and freshman partner. Page 13

HOTTEST MOVIE IN THEATERS

John Travolta and Joaquin Phoenix headline the recently in theaters *Ladder 49*, and the *Nique* takes a look. Page 19



HURRICANE WARNING

By Clark Nelson
Staff Writer

Saturday's game may prove to be one of the most noteworthy in Tech's young season. The Miami Hurricanes pose a formidable challenge, one that will push the team to its limits. But the Yellow Jackets have proven themselves to be giant-killers in years past, with wins over Clemson and Auburn, and a near upset of Florida State University in Tallahassee.

"Playing Auburn last year was a good experience for us. We get excited for every team, we just try to take one game at a time," cornerback James Butler said. "Miami is just another challenge for us. We are confident in what we can do and we have enough talent on this team to play against anybody in the country and we will find out how good we are this weekend."

Miami was the first game to sell out on the home slate, and many fans have been looking forward to this date since the schedule was announced. Tech and Miami play for the first time since the 1999 Gator Bowl, a 28-13 Miami victory. The game was the last for Joe Hamilton and a coming-out party for Hurricanes players Clinton Portis and Ken Dorsey.

Miami last visited Atlanta in 1978 when both schools were independents, and this game will be the 10th meeting between the schools with Tech holding a 6-3 advantage.

"All spring and all summer people talked about this game," Head Football Coach Chan Gailey said. "Everyone was talking about the new ACC and the shot at playing Miami and Virginia Tech at home."

Miami has won six national titles since 1983 and has been in two of the last three national championship games. This year the Hurricanes come into Atlanta ranked fourth in the nation by both the coaches' poll and AP poll.

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football
forecast

Each week during the football season, the *Technique* will pick a list of college matchups to be played that weekend. The person who submits the list with the most correctly projected winners receives a prize. In the event of a tie, the winner is determined by the person who most accurately predicts the score of Tech's game. To submit your picks, go to www.nique.net/footballforecast. This week's games are:

- Tech vs. Miami
- Wake Forest vs. NC State
- West Virginia vs. Virginia Tech
- North Carolina vs. FSU
- The Citadel vs. Duke
- UMass. vs. Boston College
- Michigan State vs. Iowa
- Iowa State vs. Oklahoma State
- Illinois vs. Wisconsin
- Purdue vs. Notre Dame
- LSU vs. Georgia
- Auburn vs. Tennessee

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Last week's winner:
Jessica Wing-See Li

Tennis begins play with strong start



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Scott Blackmon and Marco Rejavac double up to play for the Jackets. Tennis brings a stronger team to the courts this year.

By Patrick Odneal
Contributing Writer

Both the men's and women's tennis teams started the fall portion of their long schedule by competing in one tournament each this month.

The women's team had an amazing run at the Baylor Invitational and the men played among some of the best in the country at the Southern Intercollegiate this past week at UGA.

For the women's team, freshman Kristi Miller went 6-0 to capture the single's title. In doubles competition she teamed with sophomore Alison Silverio and also won the doubles title. Four wins in the doubles bracket added to her six individual victories gave Miller a total of 10 wins and no losses to start her college career.

In the doubles championship, Miller and Silverio actually faced Tech teammates Kacie Anson and Dasha Potapova in a match that would please Tech fans regardless

of the outcome.

"It was great to be able to play our teammates in the finals," Silverio said.

That championship match was played here on campus at the Bill Moore Tennis Center due to the time constraints of Miller playing in the singles championship.

Dasha Potapova also won the Green Back Draw singles title, and Lindsey Stauss finished runner-up in that same bracket. In addition Kelly Anderson and partner Stephanie Balzert won the doubles consolation title.

The men's team played in the Southern Intercollegiate, a tournament that hosted 15 nationally ranked teams out of a total of 27. Sophomore Jose Luis Muguruza advanced to the quarterfinals of singles play. He defeated Nathan Sachs of Vanderbilt in two sets, Angel Diakov of Virginia Tech in three sets and Nate Enge of Kentucky

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