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## Cavs

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half of the inning.

The Jackets broke through for three runs in the fifth with an RBI double by Matt Wieters, an RBI groundout from Wally Crancer and an RBI double by Tony Plagman and took a 5-3 lead.

Tech had an opportunity to break the game wide open with the bases loaded in the sixth inning, but had to settle for a single run and a 6-3 lead.

The Cavaliers gained some momentum in the seventh inning when the first two hitters reached on a single and a hit by pitch. However, Brad Rulon came on to hold Virginia to just one run and end the threat.

Tech seemingly had the game in hand in the last of the ninth with their closer, Payne, on the mound.

Payne had no trouble with the first two batters, striking out the leadoff hitter Miclat on three pitches and getting Marsh to pop out.

Reigning ACC player of the year, junior Sean Doolittle, worked the count against Payne and drew a 3-2 walk to keep the inning alive. Brandon Guyer was plunked on the very next pitch.

This set the table for Adams with runners on first and second and two out. Adams took a 2-1 delivery from Payne which was low and inside and deposited it into the newly-installed bleachers beyond the left field wall to give Virginia a 7-6 victory and salvage a series split with Tech.

The final game of the series was cancelled due to rain and ACC travel rules.

The Jackets will be back in action today for the start of a three-game series against the Wolfpack of North Carolina State. First pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m. today and tomorrow. Sunday is scheduled to have a 1 p.m. first pitch.

The team will play in-state rival Georgia Tuesday at Turner Field. First pitch for that game is scheduled for 7 p.m.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The baseball team enters this weekend's series against North Carolina State third in the Coastal Division of the ACC behind North Carolina and Virginia. Tech has a record of 10-7 in conference play this season.

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## UGA

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on three hits.

Tech returns to the diamond tonight as they open up a three-game series against North Carolina State at Russ Chandler Stadium at 7 p.m.

The series continues on Saturday at 7 p.m. and concludes on Sunday at 1 p.m. Tech and Georgia will play again on Tuesday at 7 p.m. from Turner Field in the annual Spring Baseball Classic. All proceeds from the game will benefit Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.



By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**On Track:** The men's and women's track teams will compete for the ACC Track and Field Championship this weekend in Maryland.

# Men end season on high note

By Hahnming Lee  
Assistant Sports Editor

Tech men's tennis team won its first match in over a month with a close victory over Maryland at College Park this past weekend.

The Jackets, No. 52 in the nation, took the lead early against the No. 57 Terrapins team. Despite Tech's No. 1 doubles team, made up of David North and George Gvelesiani losing in doubles play, the Jackets were still able to capture the doubles point to go ahead 1-0 with victories from the teams of Eric Molnar and Luke Raasow-Kantor and Zach Rath and Scott Blackmon.

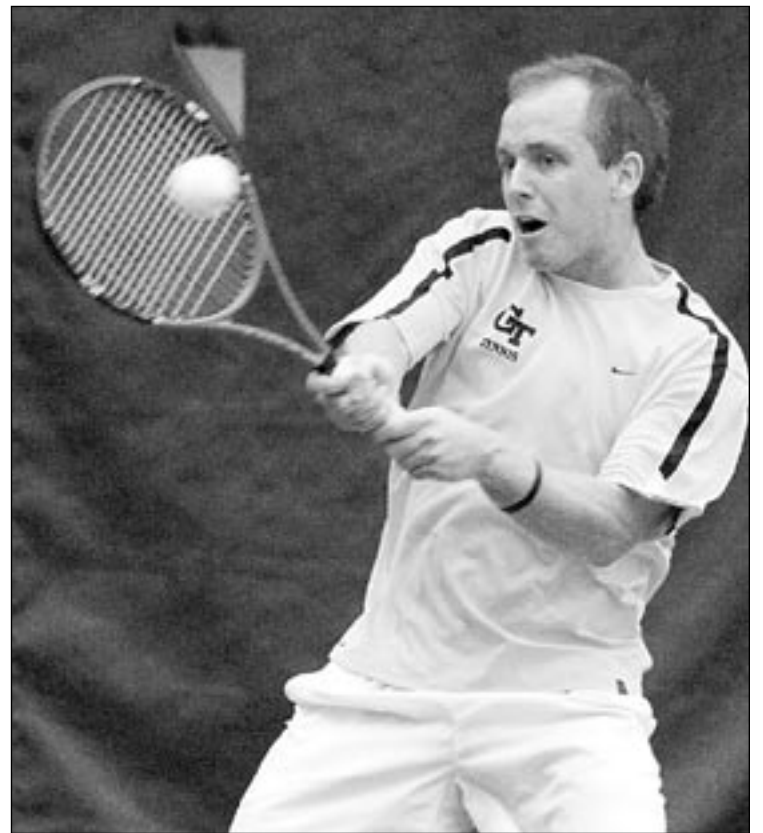
The two teams exchanged the lead for much of the game until Maryland pulled ahead to 3-2 after Jose Muguruza fell to Maryland's Nicholas Frayssinoux, 2-6, 6-0, 7-6 (7-3).

Despite facing the possibility of their tenth straight loss, the Jackets pulled off two come-from-behind victories to pull ahead and capture just its third ACC win for the season.

Molnar, Raasow-Kantor and Rath also scored victories in singles to capture Tech's three singles points.

The 4-3 victory ended Tech's woeful nine-game losing streak that stretched back to a March 7th match against Clemson. During the skid, the team lost three matches 6-1 and were shut out twice.

The Jackets pulled off their second straight victory to close out the regular season, beating the Boston College Golden Eagles 4-3 in Boston last weekend.



By Eric Turner/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**The men's tennis team ended a nine match losing streak this weekend with 4-3 wins on the road against Maryland and Boston College.**

The Jackets fell behind after failing to capture the doubles point. They responded with three straight singles victory to put them in position for a win.

The same three players that captured Tech's three points in the victory over Maryland, Rath, Raasow-Kantor and Molnar were also the winners here.

The matchup saw two of the Atlantic Coast Conference's lowest

teams facing off against each other, with just four ACC victories and 11 total wins between the two teams.

The Jackets will next travel to Cary, N.C. to play in the ACC Tournament. They are ranked as a nine seed and will take on the Miami Hurricanes. Earlier in the season, Miami routed Tech in Miami, beating the Jackets 7-0 and handing the team their second shutout of the season.

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# Softball sweeps Maryland, Kennesaw State

By William Bretherton  
Senior Staff Writer

Over this past weekend, the Jackets No. 22 ranked softball team took on the Maryland Terrapins in College Park. In the weather-shortened series, the Jackets were able to win the only two games that were played by the final scores of 7-3 and 7-2. In Wednesday's games against the Kennesaw State Owls back at historic Glenn Field, the Jackets blanked the Owls 5-0 and 8-0 in the doubleheader.

In Saturday's doubleheader, Tech starter Whitney Humphreys set the stage for the Jackets victory in game one by hurling a complete game

from the circle. She allowed two earned runs, six hits, while striking out three and allowing one walk. At the plate, catcher Savannah Brown and third baseman Brittany Barnes contributed by each hitting a home run and driving in four of the Jackets' seven runs in their 7-3 victory.

In game two, Tech received another complete game performance, coming from Sarah Wood this time. In those seven innings that she tossed, the Terps were only allowed two earned runs, seven hits and four walks, while Wood fanned five. Her performance allowed the Jackets to win 7-2 and guarantee that Tech would win the series, and ultimately sweep due to weather conditions.

Catcher Savannah Brown knocked out a grand slam in the top of the fifth to give her two home runs for the day, and six runs driven in.

Brown may have been helped by having first baseman Whitney Haller on base in front of her, who had walked three times in game two.

In Wednesday's twin bill, the Jackets saw pitchers Whitney Humphreys, Tiffany Johnson, Sarah Wood and Lacey Richardson combine to shut out the Owls over the twelve innings in two games that they pitched.

In game one's 5-0 win, Tech got two more home runs from Kristina Hull and Brittany Barnes. They combined for three RBI's, and it was all the offensive support that the Jackets would need.

In game two's 8-0 victory, the Jackets also saw third baseman Brittany Barnes and second baseman Jennifer Yee have a home run each. First baseman Whitney Haller also went 3-for-3 at the plate with two RBI. Most of the damage done in the game came when Tech put up a six spot on the scoreboard in the bottom half of the third.

With the four victories, the Jackets record moves to 41-13 for the season and 8-6 in ACC play. Wednesday's games against Kennesaw State were their last at home for the season. Tomorrow, the Jackets will go on the road to play Boston College for a three game set before returning home to play at Georgia



By Robert Combiel/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**On Senior Day, the softball team swept Kennesaw State 5-0 and 8-0. The team ends their home slate with a record of 16-5 at Glenn Field.**

State next Wednesday.

Entering the final two weeks of ACC play, Tech will need to play well against the bottom two teams in the conference, Boston College and Virginia, on the road.

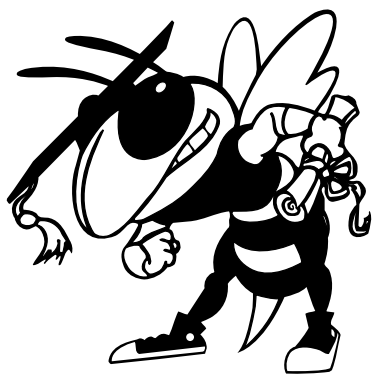
With the seemingly weak scheduled for the stretch run, the team will be able to improve on their seeding for the ACC Tournament. The team is currently tied with Florida State for fourth place in the conference.



By Scott Medway/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**The softball team swept Maryland over the weekend in a rain-shortened series. The team is currently fourth in the ACC with an 8-6 record.**

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# Women end season 2nd in ACC

By Hahnming Lee  
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's tennis team won their 12th straight match to wrap up the regular season, defeating the Virginia Cavaliers 5-2 in Charlottesville, Va. last weekend.

With the win, the Jackets clinched at least a share of the regular season ACC Championship for the third straight year.

Playing singles matches first, the Jackets took a 3-0 lead heading into doubles play.

Kristi Miller, Alison Silverio and

Amanda McDowell easily won their singles matches in straight sets to help give the Jackets the early lead.

The Jackets, on the verge of winning match point, saw its chances for a clean sweep of all the matches fall away with Taryn Rudman's loss to Carolina Hammond.

Amanda Craddock took the fourth singles match and the match point with her win over Kristen McVitty, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

With the match already decided, Tech still won two of three in doubles play. Tech's No. 1 team, Craddock and Silverio took down their oppo-

nent 8-5. Miller and Striplin added to Tech's large margin of victory with a 8-4 win.

The day before saw Georgia Tech dominate Virginia Tech, easily winning 7-0 over the Hokies in Blacksburg.

The team, in both doubles and singles matches, did not drop a single match. The whole day was highlighted by Craddock's performance, dominating Virginia Tech's Ashley James and cruising to a straight sets victory. Craddock dropped only four games on the day and did not lose a single one in her singles match.

The closest the Hokies came to even stealing a set was in Tarryn Rudman's match, where Virginia Tech's Natalie Kretzer pushed Rudman in the second set of the match after Rudman had won the first 6-1. Rudman eventually went on to win the set, 7-5.

After winning the ITA National Team Indoors Championship to start off the season, the Jackets have had arguably their most successful season ever.

They reached No. 1 for the first time in the school's history. Tech climbed to the top of the rankings shortly after capturing the national championship.

The Jackets lost just four matches this year, all to ranked teams. While they lost to some of the lower ranked teams, they also defeated numerous ranked teams, including top-10 teams Northwestern and Auburn earlier in the season.

The team is currently ranked No. 5 in the nation and has been among the nation's elite teams.

The team has finished second in the ACC conference. Tech and Clemson shared identical 10-1 records, but Clemson held the tiebreaker as the squad had defeated Tech in Tech's first ACC match of the season. It was Tech's only ACC loss of the season.



By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech will visit Indiana next season for the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. The Hoosiers join UCONN and Vanderbilt as early season road trips for Tech.

## Tech visits Indiana for ACC/Big Ten Challenge

By Michael Clarke  
Sports Editor

Tech head coach Paul Hewitt's men's basketball team will visit Kelvin Sampson's Indiana for the Big10/ACC Challenge on Nov. 27.

The Jackets are 4-4 in the previous eight Big Ten/ACC Challenges. Tech's only road win in the Challenge was a 73-53 win at Ohio State in 2003. The team has lost on the road at 88-86 in 2005 at Michigan State, 64-63 at Minnesota in 2002

and 85-67 at Iowa in 2000.

Tech's only meeting with Indiana ended in an 87-65 loss at the Pauley Pavilion in Los Angeles at the Bruin Classic on Dec. 29, 1969.

The ACC has won all eight of the previous challenges and hold a 48-27 record in the games.

In other match ups that will highlight the three day event, Wisconsin will visit Cameron Indoor to take on Duke, Illinois will visit Maryland and North Carolina will play at Ohio State.



By Jon Drews/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The women's tennis team ended the season tied with Clemson as co-regular season champions of the conference with 10-1 records.

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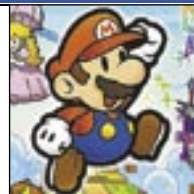
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In Nintendo's most recent release of the Mario franchise, Peach weds Bowser in *Super Paper Mario*. Page 21



# Baseball splits rain-shortened series with Cavs

By Asif Heerji  
Senior Staff Writer

The Jackets split two games in an abbreviated conference series with the Virginia Cavaliers. The series finale was canceled due to rain, wet field conditions and a Tech travel curfew.

The opener of the three-game series on paper looked to be a stellar pitching match up and the game lived up to the billing.

In a battle of sophomore sensations, Virginia's right-hander Jacob Thompson through the first seven innings while Tech's southpaw David Duncan allowed just one run through seven innings.

With the Jackets trailing 1-0 in the eighth, sophomore Chris House led off the top half of the inning with a strikeout on a pitch from Thompson that was in the dirt and trickled away from catcher Beau Seabury, allowing House to reach first.

After a strikeout, House moved to second base on a Danny Payne groundout and came around to touch the plate on a RBI single up the middle by junior Michael Fisher, tying the game 1-1.

The bullpen matched zeros up until the 11th inning when Coach Danny Hall made a gutsy call.

Patrick Long reached on a bloop hit down the left field line for Tech and legged out a double when left



By Jason Ossey/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Michael Fisher (above) went 3-for-5 with a RBI in Friday's 11 inning marathon over Virginia. The Jackets won the game 2-1, but lost 7-6 in Saturday's contest. Sunday's rubber match was suspended due to rain.**

fielder Brandon Guyer was slow to field the ball. Chris House followed with a single, putting runners on the corners with one out.

This set the table for freshman second baseman Jeff Ussery. On an 0-1 pitch, Ussery took a pitch that was high and away and executed

a suicide squeeze bunt allowing Long, who was charging down the third base line, to score the eventual winning run.

"I had it on my mind on the first pitch and when I saw him almost foul out I said, 'What the heck. I am going to try it,'" said Coach Hall

as reported by the Charlottesville *Daily Progress*.

"To Jeff Ussery's credit, he did a great job of getting the ball down and it ended up being the winning run. I just kind of felt like it was a situation that we needed to try something."

"When I saw the sign, my heart started pumping a little bit and I was just thinking get the bat on the ball," Ussery said. "It was the first time I squeezed in a game, I think. It was certainly exciting."

Red-shirt senior Jared Hyatt pitched four scoreless and hitless innings in relief of Duncan to pick up his sixth win on the year without a loss.

Fisher paced the offense for Tech, collecting three singles on the evening.

The second game of the series proved to be even more exciting than the first, but not for Tech fans.

Virginia's sophomore David Adams delivered a walk-off three run home run in the bottom of the ninth to propel the Cavaliers to a 7-6 victory over the Jackets.

Brandon Marsh gave Virginia a 1-0 lead in the first inning with a solo home run in the second inning.

Tech responded with two runs in the third inning to take a 2-1 lead.

Brad Feltes led off the inning with a triple into the right center field gap and scored on a Fisher RBI single.

Fisher scored on a throwing error by first baseman Greg Miclat.

Virginia wasted no time in reclaiming a 3-2 lead on a sacrifice fly and an RBI single in the bottom

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By Robert Combier/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Golf competes for ACC Championship:** The Jackets will attempt to win the ACC Title outright after finishing tied for first in last year's event.

## Jackets beat rival Georgia

By Asif Heerji  
Senior Staff Writer

In the 339th meeting between bitter rivals, Tech came out on top over Georgia 8-2 on the diamond on Wednesday night.

Senior Ryan Turner made the start for the Jackets to lead a staff pitching evening and threw two scoreless innings while inducing two ground ball double plays. Turner was scheduled to pitch last Sunday against Virginia but the game was rained out.

Turner was named as one of 30 candidates for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, which honors a senior baseball player that excels both on and off the baseball field and has chosen to remain in school for his senior season, earlier in the week.

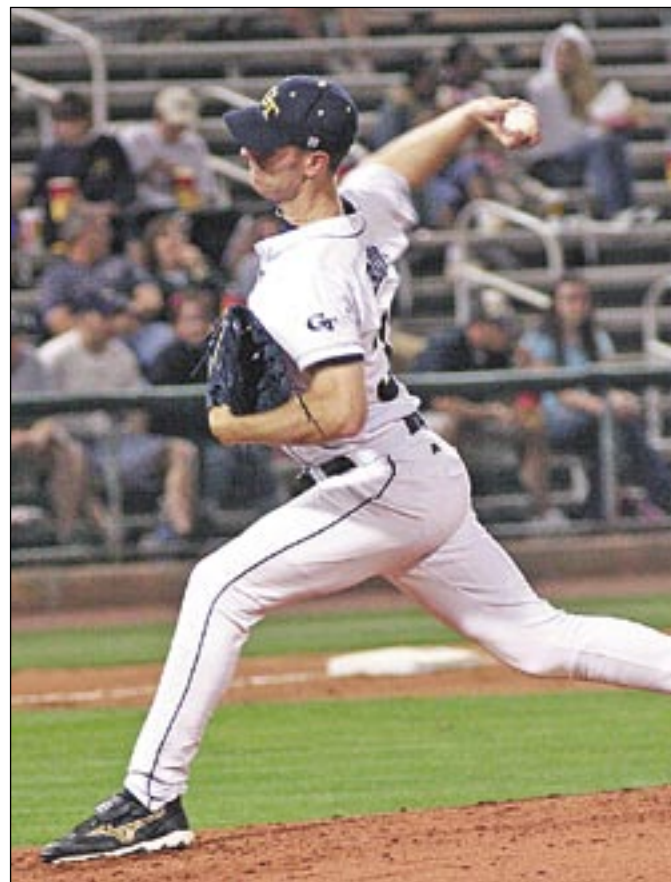
Tech started off the scoring in the third inning when freshman Jeff Ussery led off with a walk, Payne moved to second on a Danny Payne single and scored on an RBI single from Michael Fisher.

Matt Wieters followed with a sacrifice fly, scoring Payne from third and giving Tech a 2-0 lead after three innings.

Fisher extended his team and season-high hitting streak to 15 games with the base hit.

Tech added four more runs in the fourth inning, three of which scored on two Georgia fielding errors.

Freshman Andrew Robinson pitched the third, fourth and fifth innings and allowed no runs on



By Jason Ossey/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Tech beat in-state rival Georgia 8-2 on Wednesday night in the first of three regular season games against the Bulldogs.**

one hit while walking one and striking out two to pick up his first career win.

Luke Murton added his sixth homerun on the season to give Tech a 7-2 lead to begin the seventh inning and Patrick Long singled home Tony Plagman to make the score 8-2.

The Jackets used six pitchers who combined to give up just six hits.

Michael Hutts, Jared Hyatt, Elliot Ogawa and Chris Hicks combined to pitch the final four innings and allowed two runs

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