

# Track team excels at Duke Invitational; looks ahead to ACC Championships

By Prezre Lease  
*A graduating senior*

Georgia Tech's Sara Pardue finished fourth in the 800 meters and Ayana Grant placed seventh in the 100-meter hurdles, both surpassing NCAA provisional standards, and Malcolm Leason placed third in the triple jump to lead the Georgia Tech track teams at the Duke Invitational in Durham, N.C. last weekend.

Pardue covered the 800 meters in 2:06.61 to place fourth overall and first among collegians. Grant ran 13.62 to finish seventh in the finals of the 100-meter hurdles after winning her heat in 13.82. Leason leaped a season-best 50 feet-6.75 inches in the triple jump.

Bryan Swarn finished fifth in the 400 meters (46.52) and second

among collegians. Brendon Mahoney placed 10th in the 800 meters (1:49.79), Aaron Sink 12th in the 400-meter hurdles (52.45), Clayton Porter seventh in the long jump (24 feet-5.5 inches) and Chris Sinotte seventh in the javelin (20-4 feet-three inches).

The meet was a precursor to the ACC Championships, which will take place next weekend. Both teams wanted to use the meets as a way of preparing for the Championships.

Before the meet began, women's head coach, Alan Drosky, said, "this will be our last meet prior to the conference championships so we're looking for a very competitive meet with most of the ACC schools there."

Men's head coach Grover Hinsdale echoed the sentiment.

"This is a high quality meet, and more importantly, it gives us a chance to compete at the facility that will hold the ACC and national championship meets," said Hinsdale. "We're looking for some very good individual performances as we build toward the ACC's."

Senior Becky Megesi, along with Pardue, are two of the standouts for the women. They will be expected to excel next weekend at the ACC Championships. Megesi specializes in the 1,500 meter. She is a two-time outdoor champion in that event.

For the men, Swarn is expected to lead the team to success next weekend. Swarn has run the top two 400-meter times in the ACC this season, including a season-best 46.07. Mahoney should also be instrumental to Tech's success.



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The men's and women's track teams did well at the Duke Invitational last weekend. They hope to do well at the ACC Championships next week.

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# Tennis teams anticipate final weekend

*By Thomas VanWagenen  
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The extremes between women's and men's tennis continued in last week's action, as the men dropped their two matches against North Carolina and Wake Forest, while the women defeated Florida State. Both teams will host their final matches of the season this weekend, but they each have very different outlooks.

The women have already achieved their highest victory total since 1990 (13-5, 4-3 ACC), and will conclude their season by hosting 29th ranked Clemson tomorrow at 10 a.m. The 43rd ranked Yellow Jackets have won three straight matches.

A win over Clemson would establish a Tech record for ACC victories in a season.

Jamie Wong and Mysti Morris

have been instrumental in the women's success this season. In Tech's win last Saturday over FSU, Wong won her singles match in straight sets and teamed with Morris for the clinching victory at No. 2 doubles. Laura Ozolins, who plays the No. 5 and 6 singles flights, has also contributed to the success of the team, with a dual match record of 15-3. She leads her teammates with six wins in ACC play.

The men, on the other hand, hope to improve in their final two matches of the regular season. They will be facing two tough opponents this weekend, as 17th ranked Miami and 47th ranked Florida State will be coming into town. The 10-10, 4-3 ACC Jackets will take on Miami on Saturday at 1 p.m., and will face Florida State on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Miami, with a record of 15-3, is

the highest-ranked opponent for the Jackets since they played at No. 3 Duke in early March. The Hurricanes featured the 38th ranked doubles team of Peter Hoffman and Tomas Smid. Florida State has a record of 11-9 overall, 3-4 in the ACC, after losing its last three matches.

The Jackets dropped a pair of tough matches over the weekend at No. 19 North Carolina and at Wake Forest.

Junior Romain Coirault won both singles matches over the weekend, improving his record in dual match play to 9-7. He defeated Chad Riley of North Carolina to get the only win for the Jackets in Saturday's loss.

Freshman Roger Anderson rebounded from a loss on Saturday to post victories at No. 2 singles and No. 2 doubles against Wake Forest.



By Dale Russell /STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The women's tennis team is riding a three-match winning streak into this week's action, while the men hope to close with their first win in a while.

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another three run shot to make the score 13-1. That would easily be all the run support that Jeff Watchko would need, as he picked up the victory by pitching five innings and allowing five runs. Not to be outdone, Mercers Brent Magouirk also hit two home runs while driving in four runs. Tech added six runs in the fourth inning, as the first six batters all came around to score in that inning. Brad Busbin worked two scoreless innings to close out the 19-6 victory in a seven inning contest. Teixeira had seven RBI on the day, and Lewis went 4-4 and scored four runs.

Tech returned home to play the Citadel on Wednesday. The Tech offense continued its strong performance, and Ben Sheeter picked up his first victory of the season after pitching seven innings. Prince, Basil, and Lewis each drove in three runs on the day, as Tech tallied 13 runs on 19 hits. Brad Stockton added his third home run of the season in the seventh to cap the Tech scoring. Cameron and Mitchell each pitched a scoreless inning and Tech won by a final score of 13-3.

The hitting display shown by the Jackets has been incredible this

season. Richard Lewis now has a 26 game hitting streak, and he leads the ACC in batting at a .497 clip.

“The hitting streak that Richard Lewis has going in outstanding. He really sets the table for us to get on base and have some people knock him in,” said Hall.

Lewis, who stepped into his role as a leadoff man after Matthew Boggs

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**Richard Lewis**  
ACC leading hitter

went down in the fall, has found his success surprising.

“I didn’t really expect to do this well at all,” said Lewis. “I set my goal at the beginning of the year to hit .400. When I’m batting I try not to think too much about the at bat before or the next at bat, but instead try to do whatever I can each time at the plate.”

Mark Teixeira has driven in 45 runs this season on 11 homers, while

batting a cool .451.

The pitching hasn’t been too shabby of late, either. After a big weekend at N.C. State, Coach Hall was afraid that the team would suffer a letdown, but anything but that has happened.

“I give our guys credit,” he said. “They took matters into their own hands and got the job done.”

This team will face tough opposition late in the season, with series against ranked teams like Miami, Florida State and Wake Forest. With the way that the pitching and hitting has dominated, look for the Jackets to hit the 40 win plateau and to reach the NCAA tourney following last year’s absence.

“Everybody remembers last year, and that’s just extra incentive to do well this year,” said Lewis. “Right now we’re just trying to get to 40 wins and then see what happens from there.”

This weekend’s victim will be Virginia, in a key ACC series. Vance will take the mound in the first game of the series on Friday. Parrott and Kelly will get the nod on Saturday and Sunday.

“I’m very pleased with where our team is right now,” said Hall. “I think that if we can play well against Virginia then we are really set up well for the rest of the season.”



By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Catcher Bryan Prince exploded for four hits and three RBI in the Jackets’ 13-3 slaughter of the Citadel which took place on Wednesday afternoon.

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broadcast on WREK (91.1FM).

# Golf team grabs fourth title of season

*By David Carl*  
*The most prolific writer*

Just two years ago, Matt Kuchar was the posterchild for Georgia Tech when he participated in the Masters as the U.S. Amateur Champion. He returned to Augusta last year, too, as the result of his strong performance as a sophomore. This year was different, as no one was representing Tech in Augusta.

However, that didn't rain on the Jackets' parade, as they had a very good weekend. David Duval, a Tech graduate, finished second in the Masters, but that's only the beginning.

The Jackets posted a 13-under par score of 275 on Sunday afternoon to earn a 14-stroke victory at the Compaq U.S. Collegiate Championships at the Eldorado Golf Club in Los Cabos, Mexico.

Tech, ranked first in the nation, posted the top team score of the day, for the second straight day, expanding a one-shot lead into a commanding 14-stroke victory.

The tournament title was the fourth for the Jackets this season, who posted an aggregate team score of 838 (26-under) for the weekend.

Clemson, ranked second nationally, finished a distant second with a total of 852 (12-under), while fifth-ranked Oklahoma State finished third at 855 (9-under).

Each of the five Tech golfers finished in the top 14 in the individual competition, led by sophomore Troy Matteson, whose score of 70 on Sunday left him tied for fifth at seven-under par, 207.

Senior Matt Kuchar posted Tech's best round on Sunday, five-under par 67, while finishing in a tie for seventh at five-under par 211.

Senior Carlton Forrester and junior Bryce Molder posted scores of 68 and 70 respectively on Sunday, while finishing the tournament tied for 10th, with a score of 212 (4-under).

Sophomore Matt Weibring posted a 73 on Sunday, finishing tied for 14th in the tournament at 215.

Edward Loar of Oklahoma State captured the individual title by a stroke, after using a three-under par score of 69 on Sunday to post a score of 203 (13-under). Sunday's play was highlighted by the third course record to be set in as many days, as Northwestern senior Jess Daley shot a 10-under score of 62 on the 7,028 yard-par 72 layout, to finish third.

Georgia Tech will return to action on April 21, as they compete in the ACC Championships in Uwharrie Point, N.C.



By Dale Russell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**The golf team was in fine form last weekend, when they captured their fourth title of the season at the Compaq U.S. Collegiate Championships.**

# Competition for quarterback spot heated up at Springfest

*1,500 fans turned out in the nasty weather to watch as Godsey and Hall strutted their stuff in the competition for quarterback*

*By Mindy Wiggins  
Doing her duty*

Although last season ended on a sad note, with Tech losing the Gator Bowl in a humdrum game against Miami and Joe Hamilton making his last appearance in white and gold on the same day, it also had a plethora of exciting moments. The fumble during the UGA game, the come-from-behind effort against UNC, and the many Hamilton milestones are but a few of them. Maybe that explains why 1,500 fans braved the nasty weather at Bobby Dodd Stadium last Saturday to watch their beloved team take part in Springfest.

This Yellow Jacket scrimmage was all about quarterbacks and receivers, although the defense had its moment, also. It was evident that there was a battle for the quarterback position, as the frontrunners battled tooth and nail during the event. Junior George Godsey completed seven of ten passes for 69 yards on the day, with one touchdown.

“Godsey is not making any mistakes. He’s not going to get you in a bad situation,” said head coach George O’Leary.

Redshirt freshman Andy Hall didn’t give a shabby showing, ei-

ther. He completed his first six passes and finished nine-for-16 with 228 yards on the day and two touchdowns.

“Hall showed today that he has the ability to take a bad play and make it a good play, which is the key to being a good quarterback,” commented O’Leary.

The decision has not been made yet as to who will fill Hamilton’s shoes this season. According to

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**George O’Leary**  
Head Football Coach

O’Leary, however, it will be either Godsey or Hall.

“We’ll get a good look at today’s film and then hopefully make a decision. We want to solidify the timing, especially with some of the things we’re running,” said O’Leary.

On the receiving end of the spectrum, junior All-America candidate Kelly Campbell lit up the crowd

with an 80-yard touchdown catch on the fifth play of the scrimmage. He finished with three catches for 146 yards on the day. Senior Jon Muyres did extremely well, also. He caught five passes for 104 yards, including a 39-yard touchdown from Hall.

“The quarterbacks found the open guy and they made good catches,” said O’Leary. “That’s the name of the game. We have receivers with big play potential, and they made big plays today.”

The defense, which was the Achilles heel for the Jackets last season, has shown signs of improvement this spring, and they were obvious at Springfest, with Tech’s ends making some big plays. Junior Nick Rogers had two fumble recoveries and one sack, while senior Felipe Claybrooks had two tackles. Sophomore Fred Wright also contributed two sacks.

“I’ve seen the defense really mature,” asserted O’Leary. “They’re still making some mistakes we’d like to correct, but they’re maturing. I see them making a lot more plays upfront, which is the key to good defense.”

The defensive end position is one that has improved a great deal since last season, according to O’Leary. Greg Gathers is Tech’s



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Split-end Jon Muyres, a rising senior, was one of the standouts from this spring. Last season, he was the Yellow Jackets’ fifth leading receiver.**

top returnee on the defensive line, after earning Freshman All-America honors last fall with seven sacks and 18 tackles. Merrix Watson has also been steady, along with Claybrooks, Rogers, and Kryszon.

Spring practice concluded earlier this week, with workouts on Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon. The Jackets will open the 2000 campaign on August 27 at Virginia Tech in the BCA Bowl.

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for the Pirates as she entered the game in relief in the bottom of the fourth. She allowed two runs on four hits and struck out one.

Sunday’s game was the eighth game that the Jackets have won in the last at bat this season.

“I’m very pleased with the way our team has fought in every game we’ve had this season,” said head coach Kate Madden. “I think it shows that we have a great deal of pride, and definitely believe that no matter who we are playing, we have a chance.”

That same tendency to fight was evident in Tuesday’s matchup against Auburn, during which the Jackets scored in the bottom half of the seventh and the eighth to put away their 4-3 win over the Tigers.

Lindsay Wood blasted a lead-off home run in the bottom of the seventh, and Anne Knobbe hit the game-winning RBI in the bottom of the eighth to defeat Auburn (26-23, 4-14). The game became the ninth last-at-bat win for the Jackets.

Erin Hawley gave the Yellow Jackets an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first as she scored on an error by second baseman Jennifer Hammock. The Tigers would put a run on the board in the top of the third

as Mary Petrie drove in Marcella Passarelli to tie the game at one apiece.

In the top of the fifth Auburn would extend their lead to 3-1 as they added two runs in the top of the fifth. Ashley Moore doubled to lead off the inning and later scored on a wild pitch and Jan Kraemer hit a solo-shot to center field for the

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Head Softball Coach

Tigers’ second run.

The Jackets scored a run in the bottom of the sixth and seventh as leftfielder Heather Sumrow began the sixth with a single and scored on a one-out single by rightfielder Kori Jacobson, and Wood homered in the bottom of the seventh.

With the game in extra innings, Auburn had runners on second and third with one out, but the Jackets defense did not allow a ball out of

the infield and held the Tigers scoreless.

In the bottom of the eighth, Schwartz was placed on second, and Sumrow reached first-base on a walk, followed by a Hawley infield single to load the bases for Knobbe. Knobbe drove in her 47th RBI on the season to lead the Jackets to victory.

Smith received the win for Tech as she entered the game in the top of the third and pitched six innings. She allowed two runs on four hits and struck out two as her record improves to 13-10.

The Jackets’ record now stands at 23-23, and 3-3 in the ACC.

The Jackets will face a big ACC game this weekend, as they will host Virginia (18-30, 0-2) in a double-header that kicks off at 1 p.m. on Saturday. They will enter the doubleheader after facing Troy State in Troy, Alabama, for a two-game stint on Thursday evening.

Virginia leads the all-time series with the Jackets, 18-7. They have also won the last three meetings with Tech.

“Virginia’s record right now does not show how good they really are,” commented Madden. “They have played a tough schedule and have lost some very close games this year to great teams. We will have to be prepared to play well and continue to have a strong mental approach in



By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech’s softball team will face a crucial ACC series against Virginia this weekend. They hope to continue their winning ways of the past week.

order to win.”

Madden will be relying on players such as Jamie Smith for success this weekend. The fifth-year pitcher has battled through injuries to put together a strong season this year. Her current record stands at 12-10, with an ERA of 3.36. She has won her last three starts.

Madden is also impressed with Schwartz and Sumrow, and will be counting on contributions from them this weekend, as well.

“I think those two hitters have done a remarkable job for us this season,” she said. “Hopefully they will continue to be a weapon for us this week.”

Parting words...  
from the outgoing  
Sports Editor  
Mindy Wiggins

This is not Football Forecast, but Six Point is making a brief appearance nevertheless. It is returning for the sole purpose of allowing me to give thanks to everyone who has made my experience with the *Technique* over the course of four years a pleasant one. If I’ve left anyone out, please forgive me...First, I would like to thank Mark Moore for taking me in and later providing me with plenty of slacker support in the STAC department, Kim Wilson for letting me listen to “Pure Moods” in the middle of the night, Skippy for never complaining about staying up all night helping me when I was a rookie, and Genay for always being there for support. I would like to thank Simit for entertaining me with his endless short jokes and his absurdity, and Dacus for always giving me someone to laugh at, and the fearlessness with which he recycled bad jokes. I would like to thank Scott for the endless hours of

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## Tennis

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## Track

Teams get ready for upcoming ACC Championships.  
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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Second baseman Richard Lewis leads his teammates, as well as the ACC, with a batting average of .497 and 65 hits; such great stats have helped the streak grow.

By Seth Andrews  
On the prowl

Domination: The one word that sums up the play of the Georgia Tech baseball team. Tech has won 10 in a row coming into tonight's contest against Virginia, and 19 of the last 21. During those last 21 games the team has averaged a shade over nine runs a game, and given up a shade under four per game. This outstanding effort of late has lifted their record to 28-8 overall, with a 10-2 mark in the ACC.

"It's been a great team effort over the last few weeks," commented Tech head coach Danny Hall. "We have a lot of different guys contributing to drive in runs, and that is great to see."

Tech mowed down another ACC opponent last weekend, sweeping the Maryland Terrapins on their own turf. Pitching ace Cory Vance took the mound in the opener, and pitched his second straight complete game, scattering six hits and allowing three runs. Tech got together its offense in the first inning, as Richard Lewis and Victor Menocal came around to score. After Maryland scored a run on a Vance wild pitch, Tech added to their lead in the fourth on a two run homer from Bryan Prince, and a solo shot from Jason Basil. Mark Teixeira then drove in a run on a sacrifice and hit a solo homer to plate a total of seven runs for the

game. Vance gave up a homer in the bottom of the ninth to make the final score 7-3.

In the second game of the series Rhett Parrot took the mound. Parrot dominated in his seven innings of work, allowing only one runner past second base, and he did not surrender and earned run. Derek Goffena and Lewis drove each drove in a run on singles in the first and third innings respectively. Tech then put four on the board in the

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Head Baseball Coach

fourth, behind the strength of a Tyler Parker three run homer that brought around Basil and Menocal. Brad Stockton then drove in Lewis to make the score 6-0 in favor of the visiting Jackets. In the seventh, Parker drove in another run and scored on a single from Wes Rynders to make the score 8-0. Kevin Cameron gave up four runs in the bottom of the ninth, but Andy Mitchell slammed the door on the Terps, earning his third save of the season in an 8-5 victory.

The final game of the series saw another strong pitching per-

formance by a Tech starter and offensive explosions in the first and fifth innings. Steve Kelly improved his record to 5-1 after pitching six innings and allowing three runs. Lewis, Menocal, and Teixeira all singled to lead off the game, and all came around to score after a Terrapin error that allowed Basil to reach. Tech scored another four run in the fifth on an RBI single by Goffena and a three run shot from Basil, his fourth of the season. Freshman Phillip Perry pitched three scoreless innings to close out the game and earn his first career save. Tech added two in the seventh on singles from Goffena and Parker to make the final score 10-3 in favor of the Jackets.

Following their third sweep of an ACC team this season, Tech to Georgia to play Mercer in Macon. The Tech offense really hammered the Mercer pitching staff. Tech scored five in the first inning, keyed by a three run homer from Basil. After Mercer managed a run in the bottom of the first, Teixeira took one deep for another three run shot in the second inning. Tech then scored another five runs in the third inning on an RBI triple from Wes Rynders, followed by a single by Lewis that drove in another run. Teixeira then came to the plate and blasted

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## Come-from-behind softball team looks to post wins against Virginia

By Mindy Wiggins  
Du idiot!

Last week at this time, the Yellow Jacket softball team was sporting a much-needed four-game winning streak, and their record was above .500 for the first time in a while. However, that streak came to an end on Saturday afternoon when the Jackets were shut out by 24th ranked East Carolina. Fear not, though. The loss on Saturday was a minor slip-up, and the Jackets were back in form in Sunday's game. They have remained in top form for most of the week, winning 2 of 3 games in anticipation of facing Troy State and Virginia at the end of this week.

The East Carolina shutout can be attributed more to an offensive attack on the part of the Pirates, rather than a collapse on the part of the Jackets. The Pirates managed 11 runs on 11 hits in their 11-0 stomping of the Jackets. They scored in every inning, including five runs in the top of the fifth to put the game out of reach for Tech.

East Carolina centerfielder was the heroine for the game, going 4 for 4 on the afternoon and driving in three RBI. The

lone bright spot for Tech was centerfielder Lauren Schwartz, who had two of the five Yellow Jacket hits.

Freshman Tiffany Goodman was hit by the loss, as she allowed four runs on five hits while walking two.

Tech didn't collapse after the loss. They bounced back quickly, as a matter of fact, by hand-

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Head Softball Coach

ing the Pirates a come-from-behind win on Sunday afternoon. Sophomore first-baseman Erin Hawley hit a one-out single and had the game-winning RBI when the Jackets scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh come from behind and win the game by a score of 3-2.

The Yellow Jackets began the bottom of the seventh with a

pinch-hit single by Lacey Schanz. She then advanced to second on a sacrifice hit by Jamie Frost. Schwartz followed with an infield single, leaving runners at first and second for Tech. Heather Sumrow then had a sacrifice bunt and reached first on a throwing error by the pitcher, which allowed Schanz to score the tying run. Hawley then laced a shot to left field and Schwartz scored the winning run.

The Pirates scored a run in the top of the third as Jessica Critcher and Keisha Shepperson connected on back-to-back doubles with no outs. East Carolina would also add another run in the top of the fourth when Beth Bridger blasted a lead-off home-run.

The Jackets scored their first run in the bottom of the fourth as Anne Knobbe led off the inning with a double to right field and Lindsay Wood hit a one-out single to left field scoring pinch-runner Jennifer Biggers.

Jamie Smith pitched seven strong innings for Georgia Tech allowing two runs on seven hits and striking out three. Senior Denise Reagan received the loss

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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

George Godsey is one of the front runners for next season's quarterback spot. In Springfest, he completed seven of ten for 69 total yards.