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Sports Moments

NASCAR happenings and a look at how to dunk a coach with Gatorade—all summed up in Beyond the White and Gold. Page 30.

Hewitt's Boys

Tech's young team stomped on the Southeast Atlanta All-Stars. Check out the wrap of this season's exhibition game. Page 31.

by the numbers
20

Number of seconds left in the game when Stanford Samuels picked off A.J. Suggs' pass to win as the 17th-ranked Seminoles held off the Jackets last Saturday.

110

Points scored by the Yellow Jacket's men's basketball team at its exhibition game Sunday afternoon against the Southeastern Atlanta All Stars. The Jackets won the game with a score of 110 - 73.

.484

Average that Alexandra Preiss hit against Clemson, with 17 kills on 31 attempts. She also added four blocks in the match against the Tigers.

15

Number of points that senior center Sonja Mallory had in the women's basketball team's exhibition game. Mallory also led the Jackets with 11 rebounds in their 72-64 loss to the Premier Players.

atlanta thrashers number challenge

hint: Sonja Mallory

11

Here's the number...what does it represent?

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on deck

Event	Date
WBB vs. Charlotte	11/15
S at Purdue	11/15-16
VB vs. Wake Forest	11/15
FB vs. Duke	11/16
CC at NCAA South Reg. Chmps	11/16
VB vs. Duke	11/16
WBB vs. PreSeason WNIT-2 Rd.	11/17
WBB- Women's Basketball, FB- Football	
S- Men's and Women's Swimming	
CC- Men's and Women's Cross Country	
VB- Women's Volleyball	

Thompson proving rookie season no fluke



By Steve Ritter / PHOTO COURTESY GT SPORTS INFORMATION
Sophomore Nick Thompson has been a leading scorer for the Tech golf team in all its tournaments this year.

By Al Przygocki
Senior Staff Writer

After losing two players from last year's NCAA runner-up team, Georgia Tech is looking to reload as it develops some younger players. Senior Troy Matteson is leading the team, both in scoring and in experience, but returning sophomore Nicholas Thompson is nipping at Troy's heels for scoring leadership.

The teams as a whole has struggled with comparisons with last year's team and with a demanding schedule this fall. So far, the team has only one finish in the top three after five tournaments. The bright spots for the team

so far are Troy Matteson and Nicholas Thompson.

Thompson has already matched his career-best finish with a second place finish at the Nelson Invitational at the Stanford Golf Club, which was aided by a career-best opening round of 66. He is also second on the team in scoring average, with a 71.63 scoring average. Thompson has been Tech's first or second place scorer in each of their tournaments thus far.

Last season, Thompson earned GCAA honorable-mention honors with three top-ten finishes and five top-20 outings. His second place finish at the ACC tourna-

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Seminoles hit Jackets hard

Tech suffers a frustrating 21-13 defeat to No. 17 FSU in 11th consecutive loss to the team from Tallahassee

By David Rottman
Contributing Writer

It was a game of turnovers and big plays. With Tech driving downfield for a chance to tie the game, A.J. Suggs threw an interception to Stanford Samuels in the end zone with 20 seconds left to seal the victory for the 17th ranked Seminoles, 21-13. The pick was Suggs' third of

their lead in the second quarter to 14-7 with a 72-yard touchdown bomb from Adrian McPherson to Craphonso Thorpe. The Yellow Jackets responded with two Luke Manget field goals to bring the game to 14-13 heading into the half.

Near the end of the third quarter, Adrian McPherson hit Anquan Boldin on a 32-yard score where he took advantage of two key blocks to

get to the endzone.

McPherson was erratic and unimpressive with the exception of the two touchdown plays, going only 8-24 for 139 yards. Because of the lackluster quarterback play, the Seminoles relied on senior tailback Nick Maddox, who tied his career-high with 122 yards—59 of which came

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"They always seem to make more plays than we do."

Daryl Smith
Middle Linebacker

the day. The victory moved Florida State to 7-3 (6-0 ACC) and extends their winning streak to eleven against the Yellow Jackets. Likewise, the Jackets fell to 6-4 (3-4 ACC) with the loss.

Florida State managed to beat the Jackets even though they were out-gained 396-279 in yards of total offense and lost the time of possession battle by 11:08. The Seminoles' victory can be attributed to two big pass plays and three Yellow Jacket turnovers.

"Every year I've been here, we've played them pretty hard," Georgia Tech middle linebacker Daryl Smith said. "They always seem to make more plays than we do."

Samuels had the play of the game in the second quarter when he returned a Suggs interception 82 yards for a touchdown to even the score at 7-7, turning the momentum to the Seminoles.

Georgia Tech struck first when A.J. Suggs hit Levon Thomas for a 20-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter. The Seminoles extended



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sophomore wide receiver Levon Thomas crosses the goal line against FSU. The College Park native has become a contributor this season.

ACC ranked as toughest football conference

The ACC is the toughest Division 1-A football conference, according to The CFC Scale published at www.College-Football-Champions.com.

The ACC's strength ranking was listed as 15.78, followed by the SEC with 13.93 and the BIG 10 with 13.51. The CFC Scale is based on a study of the correlation between regular season events and bowl game results. The study suggested road wins were the strongest predictor of bowl game success.

Preiss named as ACC Player of the Week for Tech

Junior Alexandra Preiss was named Atlantic Coast Conference Volleyball Player of the Week after leading No. 23 Georgia Tech to three wins, including two conference victories.

Against Clemson, the middle blocker hit .484, with 17 kills on 31 attempts. She also added four blocks in their match against the Tigers. The Berlin, Germany native, hit an impressive .565 versus the Florida State Seminoles with 15 kills on 23 attempts. Preiss had only four errors in 54 attempts in conference play last week.

JacketHeads hit Georgia Tech

Foamheads recently inked agreements with the NFL and the Collegiate Licensing Company enabling them to design, create and sell products for all member teams and institutions.

Co-Founder Ken Saunders and his partner, Jim Bell— a former San Francisco 49er, created the first Foamhead, the Seattle HawkHead, in 1999. They created the Dawg-Head for University of Washington fans and now, with the imprimatur of the NFL and NCAA, Foamheads are appearing all over the nation, including being spotted on a recent ESPN telecast of Tech games. JacketHeads purchased at www.foamheads.com.

football forecast

Georgia Tech vs. Duke
Alabama vs. LSU
Maryland vs. Clemson
VMI vs. The Citadel
Georgia vs. Auburn
Texas vs. Texas Tech
NC State vs. Virginia
Princeton vs. Yale

Syracuse vs. Boston College

Arizona State vs. USC

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Hewitt's young team tackles All-Stars

By Clark Nelson
Contributing Writer

The Georgia Tech Men's Basketball team tipped off its season in fine fashion Sunday as the Jackets routed the Southeast Atlanta All-Stars 110-73 in their first exhibition game. Tech had seven players in double-figure scoring, with guard Marvin Lewis leading the way with 19 points, including 5-for-7 shooting beyond the arc.

Sophomore B.J. Elder, coming off a strong finish to last season, also added 15 points and 7 rebounds from his starting guard position. The highly touted freshmen class did not disappoint either, with Jarrett Jack starting at point guard and all four seeing significant action.

Freshman forward Chris Bosh poured in 18 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in only 21 minutes. On the inside, Luke Schenscher had 13 points and seven boards while Ed Nelson powered his way to 12 points and seven boards. Schenscher and Bosh created a twin towers effect during portions of the game, blocking four shots between them.

Tech pushed the ball for much of the first half, which led to a 31-11 run at the end of the half giving the Jackets a 59-36 lead at the break. Head Coach Paul Hewitt was pleased with the effort on defense as he looks for it to be the strength of this years' squad.

The second half was run-n-gun as well, with the Yellow Jackets hitting 6-for-10 from three point range

and outscoring their opponents 51-37. The All-Stars were hounded all day by Tech's swarming defense that created 13 turnovers and only allowed 29 percent shooting from the field.

"I thought there were moments where we rotated well and put good pressure on the ball," said Tech head coach Paul Hewitt.

"Chris Bosh has a chance to be a big time force in the lane. He and

"The strength of this team has to be on the defensive end of the floor. The strength has to be defending and rebounding the ball."

Paul Hewitt
Men's Head Coach

Luke really established themselves tonight. The more they go out and do this, the more confidence that our guys will have."

The Jackets had 17 turnovers themselves, but countered with 24 assists, including five each from Jack and Sophomore Isma'il Muhammed. Leading the way for the visitors was former UGA player Adrian Jones with 18 points and Georgia State alumnus, Shernard Long, with 15. Tech shot a little over 50 percent

from the field, including 9-for-22 from the three-point line. The glass was also dominated by the Yellow Jackets as they out rebounded the All-Stars, 67-40.

"The strength of this team has to be on the defensive end of the floor," Hewitt said.

"We are a good shooting team—not quite what we had the last two years. The strength has to be defending and rebounding the ball."

Preseason publications have Georgia Tech finishing third or fourth in the ACC this year. The Jackets return four starters from last year's 15-16 squad that went 7-9 in conference play. The ACC should be wide open this season with only one player returning from the All-ACC first or second teams a year ago.

No player from Tech was voted onto the first or second preseason team this year by the ACC media, which leads fans to believe that the scoring will come by committee. At times, Hewitt has questioned the leadership of this team that will definitely be tested as Tech enters the ACC schedule. Juniors Marvin Lewis and Robert Brooks will have to lead a squad that has no seniors and nine players that are either freshmen or sophomores.

Georgia Tech will next face Nike-Marathon on November 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the final exhibition game of the preseason.

Tech opens its regular season Arkansas Pine-Bluff on November 23. Both games are at Alexander Memorial Coliseum.



By The Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

B.J. Elder, a sophomore guard, was one of the seven Tech players to score in double digits against the South Eastern Atlanta All-Stars.

Beyond the White and Gold

Spotlighting with a jet isn't a good idea, Stewart decides

By John Parsons
Senior Staff Writer

The weirdest moment in sports from this past week comes from the NASCAR circuit. No, there weren't any right turns on the track. That would've been too much. Instead, Winston Cup points leader Tony Stewart survived a plane wreck in his private plane during takeoff...with a deer. The plane was damaged severely enough that Stewart had to switch planes to continue his trip and his plane will be out of service for several weeks.

Said Stewart, "I was in the back and I heard a thump when there wasn't supposed to be a thump. I went up front to ask what the thump was."

Maybe sometime he could share with me when there *was* supposed to be thumps during takeoff. It sounds

like his pilots pulled a fast one on him earlier. "No, really, Tony, that thumping sound is completely normal. It's the, uh... wing flaps moving. Yeah, that's it."

So far, there haven't been any conspiracy theories about how this deer was the work of second place Mark Martin, but in a "sport" (I personally think it's debatable whether NASCAR is a sport, hence the quotation marks. This can spark religious wars, so I won't go into that here.) where conspiracy theories come up all the time, I think it's only a matter of time. Maybe someone will come forward with a strange mechanical device that they claim is the remnants of the robotic deer.

"No, really, Tony, that thumping sound is completely normal."

Or maybe someone will leak that an animal trainer is on Martin's payroll. The possibilities are endless.

Fortunately NASCAR fans aren't that creative. After all, they like watching cars drive in circles.

However you look at it, it's definitely not good

for a "sport" that is trying to shake the image of just being a redneck pastime. At least there are no reports of Stewart's plane being equipped with a gun rack and a spotlight. It's only a matter of time before some redneck realizes what the intake of an airplane engine can do to a deer, then a much messier style of deer hunting could sweep the countryside, at least among sport

hunters that don't want the deer meat. Then again, it would save time if you like using deer meat for stews.

I'll close with a warning from the football gods. Never, under any circumstances, should a team dunk the coach with Gatorade while the other team still has even a one in a million shot at coming back to win. If you don't realize what I'm talking about, you obviously don't follow college football very much. I am, of course, alluding to LSU's miracle against Kentucky. LSU completed a 74-yard TD pass on the last play of the game, with Kentucky students already beginning to tear down the field goal post in the opposite end zone. It actually took a few minutes for the students to realize what had happened, making for some priceless video footage. So let this be a warning to all of you. Yogi Berra was right.

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ment helped the Jackets take the conference crown.

"You take the freshman year that these two kids [Thompson and Wongluekiet] have had and it'll match up with anybody," said Head Coach Bruce Heppler.

This year the team has another outstanding freshman—Thomas Jordan. Jordan turned in a number of solid rounds during the fall and should contribute in spring.

Although the team is missing their past superstars Bryce Molder and Matt Kuchar, the team is positive about its outlook.

"The difference this year is that, top to bottom, we've got a better team," said Kris Mikkelsen.

The Yellow Jackets have now completed their fall schedule and will return to action in the spring. The team travels to Hawai'i on Feb. 12-14 when they travel to compete in the Taylor Made/Waikoloa Intercollegiate.

FSU

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in the fourth quarter.

With Florida State playing conservatively in the fourth quarter, Suggs had a chance to lead the Yellow Jackets into overtime when Tech got the ball back on their own 43 with 1:27 left on the clock. Suggs led the Jackets 48 yards on nine plays before surrendering the game ending interception.

"There wasn't much room to work in," Suggs said. "There were 22 bodies packed into 20 yards of real estate."

Suggs finished with respectable numbers, save the interceptions, going 22-44 for 211 yards and one touchdown.

Tech got solid play from their running attack, led by senior Gordon Clinkscale who gained 89 yards on only ten carries.

Again, Georgia Tech was able to play the Seminoles close, but could not make the plays needed to gain their third straight victory and second straight against a Top 25 team.

"A close second doesn't get it done in our business," said Georgia Tech head coach Chan Gailey. "It doesn't get it done in most businesses."

Lady Jackets kick off against Premier Players



By Chris Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Lady Yellow Jackets made their final public appearance prior to the start of the regular season by taking part in the annual HoopsFest activities last Friday night at Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

By Finny Turner
Contributing Writer

The Lady Jackets opened their 2002-2003 season in the Georgia Dome playing their only exhibition game against the Premier Players. Tech dropped the game 72-64, but still had some outstanding performances.

Senior Sonja Mallory led the team with 15 points, 11 rebounds and two blocked shots. Freshmen Megan Harpring and Mallorie Winn both posted nine points apiece.

Harpring, a hometown freshman from Marist, was strongest for the Jackets at the end of the game, netting seven of her nine points in the final four minutes of play, includ-

ing one three pointer. Winn, a freshman guard from San Diego, CA, also posted 11 rebounds in the first game of the season.

The first half of the game saw the Premier Players jump out to a 4-0 lead by taking advantage of six-straight turnovers by the Yellow Jackets to open the half. Tech then got things going as the lead sawed between the teams for the remainder of the period, with nine lead changes.

Led with seven points from senior Sonja Mallory, the Jackets were able to pull ahead and take a 29-24 lead into the intermission. Though the Jackets had the lead at halftime, the Premier Players came back with an 11-5 run, and kept the lead

throughout the duration of the match.

Six points was as close as Tech would get to the Premier Players when a three-pointer from freshman Megan Harpring and a layup by junior Fallon Stokes cut the lead to 59-53 with 2:58 to play.

The exhibition game saw the entrance of three new coaching staff members for the Lady Jackets. The new staff consists of MaChelle Joseph, a former Auburn basketball recruiter; Jeffrey Williams, a former assistant at Howard University and head coach of the Atlanta Justice in the Women's Basketball League; and Kisha Ford, a former Tech and WNBA basketball player.

"These three new coaches are very passionate, very emotional about basketball, Georgia Tech and winning," Berenato said in a earlier interview. "They are so much fun to be around. I've never laughed so much in my life."

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Agnus Berenato
Head Coach of Women's Basketball

Georgia Tech will open the 2002-03 regular season tonight at 8 p.m., when the Lady Jackets host Charlotte in the first round of the Pre-season WNIT at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Student tickets for the game are \$3 and can be bought at the outside gates.

Ice Games Hockey continues winning ways



By Scott Meuleners/ STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Georgia Tech hockey team scored a big victory against Duke University at Philips Arena. The team's next games are tonight and tomorrow night in Indianapolis, Indidana.

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2002 - 2003 Season Schedule		
Nov. 15	9:00 p.m.	Purdue, Indianapolis, IN
Nov. 16	12:00 p.m.	Purdue, Indianapolis, IN
Nov. 22	6:45 p.m.	Florida, Southlake Rink
Nov. 23	6:15 p.m.	Florida, Southlake Rink
Dec. 1	6:00 p.m.	U(sic) GA at Philips Arena
Jan. 10	9:30 p.m.	Louisville, Louisville, KY
Jan. 11	Midnight	Kentucky, Lexington, KY
Jan. 17	6:00 p.m.	FSU in Savannah, GA
Jan. 18	8:00 p.m.	UGA in Savannah, GA
Jan. 24	8:00 p.m.	Louisville, Southlake Rink
Jan. 25	6:15 p.m.	Citadel, Southlake Rink
Feb. 1	6:15 p.m.	Clinic, Southlake Rink
Feb. 14	6:45 p.m.	Tennessee, Southlake Rink
Feb. 15	6:15 p.m.	Tennessee, Southlake Rink
Feb. 21	9:15 p.m.	S. Illinois, Southlake Rink
Feb. 22	6:15 p.m.	S. Illinois, Southlake Rink
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Mar 28	10:00 p.m.	U(sic)GA, Philips Arena

Crossword Solutions

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Crosswords written weekly by Joey Katzen

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Point Tech Preiss takes charge



By Peter Jensen/ STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Alexandra Preiss, a middle blocker from Berlin, was named ACC
Player of the Week for leading Tech to three wins this week.