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Tech's defense opened the game by forcing the Tar Heels to punt on each of their first three possessions. But the game turned in North Carolina's favor on their fourth possession, as Baker connected with a variety of receivers before taking the ball himself on a 10-yard touchdown run, cutting the lead to 14-7.

After a three-and-out by Tech on the following possession, Baker was at it again, this time finding Derrele Mitchell for a mammoth 88-yard touchdown, one made possible in part by missed tackles by Hall and cornerback Dennis Davis.

Travis Bell kicked two field goals to close the third quarter with a score of 20-14, but neither offense was clicking going into the final frame.

When Carolina stalled at their own 21 early in the fourth quarter, the Jackets gained good field position and started their drive on their own 45-yard line.

Ball quickly capitalized on the short field. After a 28-yard connection with Johnson and then an 11-yard completion to Chris Woods, Ball rushed for a touchdown to give Tech a 27-14 lead.

The Tar Heels found life with just over five minutes left in the game, as Baker led his team 52 yards in just six plays. When he hooked up with Jarwarski Pollock on a 17-yard touchdown pass, North Carolina pulled within a touchdown with 4:16 on the clock.

The Jackets gained just two yards and went three-and-out on the following possession. The Tar Heels took over on their 41-yard line after the Ben Arndt punt.

After the Davis interception,

the Jackets went to Daniels and gained nine yards on three rushes. For the fourth time in the game's final ten minutes, Arndt was forced to punt.

A solid punt put the Tar Heels on their own 19-yard line with 23 seconds remaining in the game.

On the first play of the drive, Gerris Wilkinson sacked Baker for a loss of 16 yards to move the Tar Heels back to the three-yard line.

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Calvin Johnson Sophomore Wide Receiver

"When it came down to the wire, just like Cox last week, we were able to force [Baker] to make some mistakes," Wilkinson said.

Baker's final mistake came on the next play when Dawan Landry effectively ended the game by pulling in his second interception in as many games.

Despite the never having a lead, the Tar Heels were never out of contention.

"As long as we [get the victory], I really can't complain. We would like to put them away and not have to come down to the wire like that. But as long as we make plays and

get off the field when it counts, you can't complain too much," Wilkinson said.

Once again the Tech defense stepped up when the opposing team got into scoring position.

"Big plays are the key. If you can keep teams from making the big plays, then you have a chance to keep them from scoring. They have a hard time going the length of the field on our defense," Gailey said.

On offense the Jackets once again put up a balanced attack.

"With the athletes and the type of quarterback we have, we can go from the passing game to the running game, to the quarterback running the ball," Bilbo said.

P.J. Daniels again eclipsed 100 yards again as he was responsible for 113 of Tech's 151 rushing yards.

Ball completed 24 of 47 passes for 320 yards with two touchdowns and one interception.

Bilbo caught eight passes for 131 yards and switched roles as he threw a 33-yard completion to Ball on a trick play in the third quarter. Johnson pulled in six passes for 114 yards.

For the second week in a row, the Jackets spread the passing game over many receivers.

"We have about six or seven receivers that can come in and play right now. That depth, in case somebody goes down, is going to help us out a lot down the road," Johnson said.

"We can substitute in and out during the game, and we can remain fresh the whole game. That's a big advantage for us, having a solid receiving corps this year."

The Jackets play a home game tomorrow at 6:45 p.m. against Big East foe Connecticut. The Huskies are 2-0.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Opening success at Mercer Meet: The women's cross country team finished first at the Mercer Atlanta Meet last Saturday. Senior Jenny Sims finished fourth overall with a time of 13:29.56 to help Tech finish four points ahead of Kennesaw State.

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cadence. It is especially important to make noise on third down before the opposing team enters the huddle to try and reek as much havoc as possible. Loud cheering leads to penalties against the opposition and premature timeouts being called. When coming to a game, make sure to know the fight songs, at a bare minimum. These are “Up with the White and Gold” and “The Ramblin’ Wreck.” In addition, consider learning “To Hell with Georgia” Tech’s parody on UGA’s rendition of “Glory, Glory Hallelujah.” The most important part of fan etiquette is to treat the opposition and their fans with class. Always take the high road and embrace the lessons of Bobby Dodd. With about 6:30 left in the fourth quarter this past game against UNC, several students pulled out their keys

from their pockets. While it’s always exciting when Tech is in the lead, the game is never over until the end. All you have to do is look to the last two years to see that, as Yogi Berra said, “It ain’t over till it’s over.” Tech gave up 25 points to Virginia Tech in the fourth quarter last year and also had a 13-point lead erased in five minutes against Florida State in 2003. Never forget last year against Clemson when Tech scored 21 points in the final eight minutes to win. Every school’s fans pull out their keys these days. Our fans should be more classy and consider keeping the keys in their pockets to show respect for the opposition. Being classy at games also means to watch your language and the obnoxious chants. My final recommendation is to stay for the entire game. It’s depressing to see an empty stadium midway through the fourth quarter as fans file for the exits. Support Tech through thick and thin, no matter what extremes that may be.

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A seven-member all-tournament team was chosen, and it featured three players from Western Kentucky, two players from Tech and one player each from Long Island and George Washington. Laband and Kaminskas represented the Jackets on the all-tournament team. Senior Caron Blotch of Western Kentucky was picked as the tournament MVP. The Jackets are now 3-3 going into this weekend’s Georgia Invitational Tournament in Athens. Tomorrow the Jackets will face off against Michigan, who has a season record of 4-3. The Wolverines are a tough Big 10 opponent who have some good big hitters in the middle and will require a good defensive effort from the Jackets. Michigan has won four

straight matches. All of those games were home matches played against Akron, Cleveland State, Illinois State and Eastern Michigan. On Sunday Tech will play against Georgia. The Bulldogs are coming off of a three-game losing streak from their tournament in Lubbock, Texas where they lost to Boise State, Texas Tech and San Diego State. The Jackets have not lost to the Bulldogs since 1998. “I want us to gain confidence and continue to develop as a team. We want to win 3-0 against Georgia,” Randall said. Tech’s next home game will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23 against Wake Forest. Fan support this past weekend was lower than normal, probably because of the home football game. “Come and experience volleyball because there is nothing like it. One more body or set of hands is so much more helpful to us,” Randall said.

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in color. The Jackets left the Southeastern Conference in January of 1964. According to Dodd in his book *Dodd’s Luck*, the SEC instituted a limit of 140 scholarships to be used between football and basketball. The schools were also allowed to sign 45 recruits a year. Dodd believed that a scholarship was a four-year commitment to a player and wouldn’t run a player off if he were hurt or unable to contribute on the field. Unfortunately, the other SEC schools didn’t feel this way. Before the January athletic director’s meeting, Dodd convinced five other ADs in the conference to follow suit. Before the meeting Bear Bryant said that he would have the Alabama AD vote with Dodd to change the rule, but when the votes came the Alabama AD didn’t vote with Tech. Following the meeting, Tech’s president Dr. Edwin Harrison announced that Tech would regretfully leave the SEC. The retirement of Dodd marked the end of continuity in the leadership of Tech’s football program. In the 14 years between Dodd’s retirement and Bill Curry’s hiring, Tech went through three coaches in Bud Carson, Bill Fulcher and Pepper Rodgers. During that time span, the Jackets only had one season with more than seven wins. Tech joined the ACC in 1978 and became a full member for the 1983 season. Curry returned to the flats in 1980 as coach after being a co-captain on

Dodd’s 1964 squad. Curry built the foundation needed for the future title run. In 1985 Tech entered the national scene after a 9-2-1 season. After the following season Curry left Tech for Alabama. Homer Rice was hired in 1980 as Director of Athletics and was charged with undertaking the complete rebuilding of the Tech athletic department. Ranked at the time as one of the worst programs in the ACC, Rice built the foundation for Tech to be competitive in many sports. Rice retired in 1997 after revitalizing the athletic program and leaving behind much improved facilities. Rice developed the “Total Person” concept plan that has since been emulated by nearly 200 schools and is the model for the NCAA “CHAMPS” program. Bobby Ross was hired away from Maryland to become the eighth head coach for the Jackets. After winning just five games in his first two seasons, Ross managed to turn the program around in his third year finishing 7-4. Under Ross Tech entered the 1990 season unranked in the national polls but then went undefeated that season. The only blemish on the 11-0-1 season was a 13-13 tie with North Carolina. Tech was awarded the co-national champions by a one-vote margin in the coaches’ poll after beating Ne-

braska 45-21 in the Citrus Bowl. Ross left after the 1991 season to coach the San Diego Chargers. Up-and-coming assistant Bill Lewis was hired to replace Ross as head coach, and it appeared to be a good fit through the first five games of the 1992 season when Lewis went 4-1. But in his next two and a half years, Lewis had a record of 7-18 before being replaced by George O’Leary after eight games of the 1994 season. After four years of being around .500 Tech again gained national esteem in 1998 when the team went 10-2 and claimed Tech’s second ACC title. Tech also finished second in the ACC in each of the following two seasons, and in 2001 George Godsey broke Hamilton’s single season passing mark by 25 yards for a total of 3,085 yards. During his career, Hamilton set virtually every Tech passing record. He finished second in the Heisman voting to Wisconsin’s Ron Dayne in 1999. After the 2001 season George O’Leary departed for the vacant Notre Dame position after six seasons at Tech. That’s when Chan Gailey took over the reigns of the program. Gailey is the first coach on the Flats to get to a bowl game in each of his first three seasons. Tech has played in bowl games for the last eight consecutive seasons. This season is the first without long-time radio announcer Kim King around the Tech program since the young left hander arrived on campus in 1963. King finished his career at Tech as the all-time leading passer.

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Football program builds on strong history

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

With four national championships, nine undefeated seasons, 15 conference championships and the best all-time bowl winning percentage, the tradition that is Tech football becomes all the more clear. While Tech has received accolades in basketball as of late, football has been the tradition-laden program for more than a century.

Tech first played football in the fall of 1892 and lost all three games. A year later, Army Lieutenant Leonard Wood came to Tech to help shape the program. Wood led Tech to a 28-6 victory over Georgia, the first victory in school history. Wood was also at the helm for the worst drubbing in school history when Auburn won 94-0 in Athletic Park in 1894.

John Heisman was hired in 1903 and became Tech's first paid coach. "The Wizard," as he was nicknamed, had an annual salary of \$2,250 and received 30 percent of the gate receipts. During his 16 years at Tech from 1904-1919, Heisman compiled a 102-29-7 record.

Heisman was not only a great coach, but also an innovator of the game itself. He championed the legalization of the forward pass as well as having his players call plays at the line instead of huddling.

In a game that did not see a single first down, the Golden Tornado scored 32 touchdowns and amassed 978 yards rushing. Despite the

game being only 45 minutes long, Tech defeated Cumberland 222-0 in what is the most lopsided victory in college football history.

The following season, Tech went 9-0 and Heisman was awarded the first national championship after three undefeated seasons. The Golden Tornado defeated their opponents that season with a combined mark of 491-20, including a 41-0 victory over Pennsylvania. Heisman's squad opened the season by defeating Furman and Wake Forest in the same day.

William "Aleck" Alexander was a backup on Heisman's 1906 and 1907 squads. He later joined the staff as an assistant coach and was ultimately selected to follow in his former coach's footsteps. Alexander compiled a 134-95-15 record from 1920-1944.

Alexander was the first coach to take a team to each of the original four major bowls: the Sugar, Cotton, Orange and Rose. Alexander won only three of four, but Bobby Dodd would later follow to make Tech the first school to win each of the four bowls at least once.

After retiring in 1944, Alexander stayed on as athletic director until his death in 1950.

In the 1928 undefeated season, Tech defeated Knute Rockne's Notre Dame squad 13-0 in Atlanta. The win was the first for Tech in six games against the Irish.

Later than season Tech suffered a scare against Alabama. The score

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By Derrick Ma / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Cheerleaders ride on the outside of the Ramblin' Wreck to lead the team onto the field before home football games. This tradition has been a part of Tech football for more than two generations.

was tied 13-13 at the end of the third quarter before Tech broke away to win 33-13. A Thanksgiving-day rout of Auburn and a win against Georgia precluded heading to the 1929 Rose Bowl, where Tech defeated California 8-7 to claim their second national championship and the first bowl win in school history.

Tech football has only one retired jersey number, the No. 19 of Clint Castleberry. Despite only playing one season as a freshman in 1942, the legend of Clint Castleberry remains strong. Even though he saw limited action against Georgia and then Texas in the Cotton Bowl because of a knee injury, Castleberry finished third in the Heisman Tro-

phy voting.

After the 1942 season, Castleberry joined the Army Air Corps. On Election Day 1944, Castleberry flew on a B-26 Marauder from Nigeria into Senegal, but the plane was never seen again.

After an extensive search, 16 days later on Nov. 23, 1944 the army officially changed the classification from "Missing In Action" to "Killed, No Body."

Robert Lee Dodd was selected to replace Alexander after serving for 13 years as an assistant on his staff. The hiring of Bobby Dodd led to what would later be referred to as the glory years for Tech football.

Between 1945 and 1966, Dodd

compiled a 165-64-8 record along with winning the 1952 National Championship. The 12-0 season was culminated by a 24-7 victory over Ole Miss in the Sugar Bowl.

In the 1951 through 1956 seasons, Tech won six bowls in a row under the helm of Dodd.

Even with all the accolades on the field, Dodd has been revered as an even better man off the field. The street and stadium named after him are only small tributes to such a great man.

On Sept. 17, 1955, Tech defeated Miami 14-6 in the first college football game to be nationally broadcast

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Opinions: From the sidelines

Tech fans should endeavor to have class, commitment

In my four years on campus, I’ve been impressed with the performances of the dedicated Tech sports fans, but I’ve come to realize that some Tech students, alumni and fans could use a little refresher course in how to become some of the best fans in the area.

It all starts with the pre-game festivities. While tailgating is fun, make it to the game early enough to cheer the team on during the pre-game warm-ups. Nothing can be more depressing than staring at an empty stadium 30 minutes before kickoff.

Consider attending the pre-game player walk that starts two and a half hours before the start of every home game. It’s something that all students should try to attend. This is held at Yellow Jacket Alley on Brittain Drive, which is on the north side of the stadium.

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Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

When going to a game, dress in school colors. These colors are not black, pink, brown, red or purple. They are gold and white and navy blue on rare occasions. Just because you bought your “cute” brown sweater with purple lettering from Barnes and Noble doesn’t mean that you should be wearing that at a football game.

On a side note, navy blue is not a primary color for Tech. It is a trim color and should be worn sparingly,

if at all.

On the way to the gate to enter the stadium, make some noise. I understand that being extroverted is not the forte of the stereotypical Tech student, but it’s amazing when people are pumped up just walking into the games. It can all start with just a simple “Hi” or “To Hell With Georgia.”

This next piece of advice is directed specifically to the students: When you are at a game, expect to

stand up for the duration of the game. While sitting down at your computer is acceptable, it is not acceptable to be sitting down on a crucial third-down play in the waning moments of the game.

The only widely accepted times to sit down are between quarters and at halftime. Occasionally, sitting down during a TV timeout is okay, but try to maintain a high-intensity atmosphere from start to finish.

Go to a game expecting to make noise rather than to socialize with friends. While it is fun to socialize, it also has its place, and that’s probably not during the game itself. Try to avoid chatting with your friends on third down, late in the fourth quarter or any time the opposing team has the ball.

It would be nice if alumni would follow suit, but it’s understandable that they’re not always able to adhere

to this.

The biggest pet peeve of an avid sports fan is seeing those around you cheering at inappropriate times. These times include any time that Tech is on offense and is either at the line of scrimmage or in the huddle. It is acceptable to cheer during and after a play, but not before it.

However it is highly encouraged for fans to cheer any time that the opposing team has the ball. This is especially true while the team is in the huddle and at the line of scrimmage.

Having fans in the stands creates an advantage for the home team because fans can drown out the signals coming from the sidelines. Fans also can make life difficult on a quarterback by drowning out both the quarterback’s audibles and his

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If someone wants to bring a beer to the 5th year in the skiles building, I’d appreciate it.

Camoflauge pants... who are you kidding? we can still see you and you don’t look any more tough.

Can we please replace these god awful desks in Skiles? if you’re over 5’8, you don’t fit.

Dear Parking office, thank you for the 50\$ ticket for washing my car.

I’ve decided a prerequisite for working for parking is being devoid of any common sense or reason.

Tongue rings are overrated, I’ve decided.

Play rugby, utilize that Y chromosome you’ve been neglecting.

LEEROY JENKINS!

If anyone found my flask at the game last weekend, please return it. It’s 16oz and plastic. Seen it?

I’m probably cooler than you are.

Unless you’re a pirate, piercings don’t make you tough. how am I the only MGT major in this LCC class?

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CONNECTICUT (2-0) VS. GEORGIA TECH (2-0)

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer



UConn has beaten its last two opponents, Buffalo and Liberty, by a combined score of 97-0, an impressive performance regardless of the competition. The Huskies will have to show improvement on the offensive line over the team that came into Atlanta last year or it will be a long day for Connecticut quarterback Matt Bonislawski. Bonislawski is a moderately mobile quarterback and is very accurate in the short to mid range passes. However, he lacks the arm strength to be a major threat to stretch out the defensive backs on a consistent basis.



Photo courtesy of UConn Athletic Communications

Junior quarterback Matt Bonislawski has a 67.4 passing percentage and has thrown for 338 yards and four touchdowns this season.

Four Key Questions

- **Will Tech overlook UConn in anticipation of next week's game against Virginia Tech?**

The up-and-coming Huskies are the perfect trap game for Tech, who has a major ACC showdown looming in Blacksburg next weekend. Tech has to overcome the temptation of overlooking teams and needs to play the disciplined football that has led to a great start to the 2005 season.

- **If Eric Henderson doesn't play, will the UConn running game be able to dominate the game?**

Connecticut is averaging 333 rushing yards per game, but Tech's run defense has limited opponents to just 50.5 yards per game on the ground. With Eric Henderson likely out for the game, the Tech defense will be tested. Last season, the Huskies only rushed the ball for just over 20 yards. What bodes well for Connecticut is that Tech's defense gave up nearly 170 yards per game without Henderson.

- **Which side will have the advantage on special teams?**

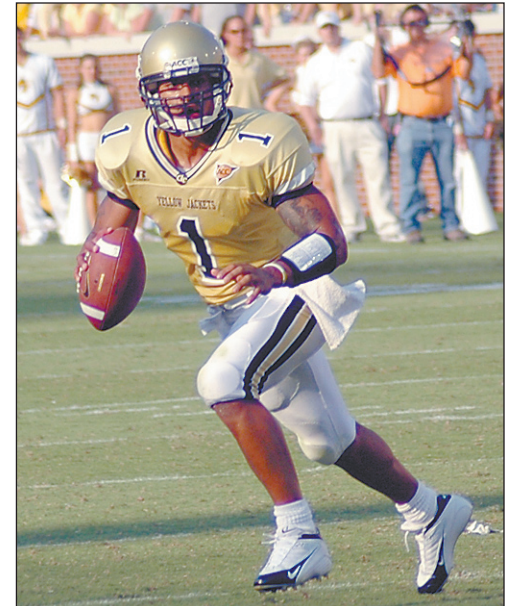
After the first two games, special teams play remains a major question mark for both teams. The Jackets have struggled in kick coverage, and the Connecticut punt protection has been a weak point on the Huskie special teams. In last year's game Tech managed to block two punts. The first of those was recovered in the end zone for a touchdown and the other resulted in a field goal.

- **Will the UConn defense have a third shutout performance?**

UConn hasn't allowed a score since the third quarter of the Motor City Bowl last year. They have defeated their first two opponents by a combined score of 97-0. The Huskies are the first team since Auburn in 1996 to shut out their first two opponents of the season. Granted that UConn's first two opponents were Buffalo and Liberty, two complete-game shutouts is impressive even on the practice squad. Meanwhile, Tech has scored on their first drive in each of the first two games this year.

Spread: Tech by 10

Tech is 2-0 against Connecticut since the Huskies made the leap to Division 1-A. Last year Tech won 30-10 in Atlanta. Eric Henderson is highly doubtful for the game with a sprained ankle and Rashaun Grant and Xavier McGuire are both going to be unavailable tomorrow. If Tech wins this game, it will be only the sixth time in the 39 years since Bobby Dodd was coach that the team starts the season 3-0. Tech's +7 turnover ratio is a major improvement from the -13 ratio last season. Tech's offense looks to break a UConn team that hasn't been scored on this season.



By Ayan Kishore / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Reggie Ball has thrown for 494 yards and three touchdowns in the first two games of the season. He has a 49.4 passing percentage.

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Jackets muscle past Heels for win

By Neil Paine
Contributing Writer

In 2004 North Carolina blindsided a Tech team coming off a huge upset win on the road the week before. This past Saturday they threatened to do the same, throwing a mightyscare into the No. 17 ranked Jackets' plan before bowing out in the game's final minutes.

Although the Jackets never trailed in the game, the Tar Heels were moving into scoring territory when senior cornerback Dennis Davis intercepted a Matt Baker pass on the Tech two-yard line.

Defense and special teams again led Tech to victory. "We're all out there together and we don't want them to score," linebacker KaMichael Hall said after the game. "You do everything in your power to keep them from scoring. Like I said, we're all out there together and you rely on your teammates and you have confidence in them that they are going to do their job."

Tech did its job on both sides of the ball early. After the defense stopped the Tar Heels on the first drive, the Jackets scored off a six-yard Reggie Ball screen pass to P.J. Daniels in the first quarter.

"We hit some balls outside deep, we hit some balls inside over the middle, we hit some short passes, we hit backs out of the backfield.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Senior receiver Damarius Bilbo stiff arms junior defensive back Kareen Taylor. Bilbo had a career game against the Tar Heels. He racked up 131 yards on eight receptions, including one touchdown.

We did some things that we have not done in a while, and I give Reggie a great deal of credit for making those reads and getting the ball to the right guys," Head Coach Chan Gailey said.

Tech extended its lead to 14 in the second quarter when Ball hooked up

with Damarius Bilbo for a 48-yard touchdown pass, one that saw Bilbo's helmet fly off and roll through the end zone.

With eight catches for 131 yards and a touchdown, Bilbo had a career game.

"It's a team effort. It's a building

process," Bilbo said of his breakout performance. "I have to keep the defense off Calvin [Johnson.] I have to give him an outlet, give Reggie an outlet to open up our running game and soften up their defense."

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sports shorts

Tennis teams start season today

The men's and women's tennis teams start their fall tournament season today. The women open at the Thomasville Collegiate Invitational played in Thomasville, Ga., while the men open at the Alabama Fall Invitational in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The doubles pairing of sophomore David North and senior Marko Rajevac is ranked No. 9 nationally in the pre-season ITA poll.

North and Rajevac earned All-American honors last year and also advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament before falling to eventual national champions John Isner and Antonio Ruiz of Georgia.

Alumnus Forrester reaches golf final

Former Tech All-American golfer Carlton Forrester advanced to the final match of the 25th U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship.

He won five consecutive match-play rounds before taking on Kevin Marsh in the 36-hole championship of the competition on Thursday, Sept. 15.

by the numbers

50

The number of years since the first national television broadcast in color of a college football game. On Sept. 17, 1955 Tech played Miami and won 14-6 in a game broadcast in color by NBC.

Several players from the 1955 team will be present at the UConn game tomorrow to commemorate the game, 50 years to the day after the broadcast.

Tomorrow's game with the Huskies will be broadcast nationally (in color) on ESPNU.

16

The football team's national ranking in the AP poll, up from No. 17 last week. But the Jackets only rank No. 18 according to the USA Today poll.

2

The number of goals the women's soccer club team scored against Auburn last Sunday. Tech won 2-0. Tech also faced Vanderbilt earlier that day and tied with a score of 1-1.

The women play this Sunday at 3:45 p.m. against Middle Tennessee State University in a game that will be played in Smyrna, Ga.

Volleyball falls short in championship

By William Bretherton
Contributing Writer

Last weekend the Jacket volleyball team hosted a four-team tournament, which featured George Washington, Long Island University and Western Kentucky.

The Jackets entered the friendly confines of O'Keefe Gymnasium with a 1-2 record, after suffering early road losses to Arizona and Northwestern, two top-20 teams, before beating Winthrop.

"We've never shied away from playing good volleyball teams. We want to come out after [difficult competition] right away," head coach Bond Shymansky said.

In the three-match home series, the Jackets beat George Washington and Long Island University in four games before losing to Western Kentucky Saturday night in three games.

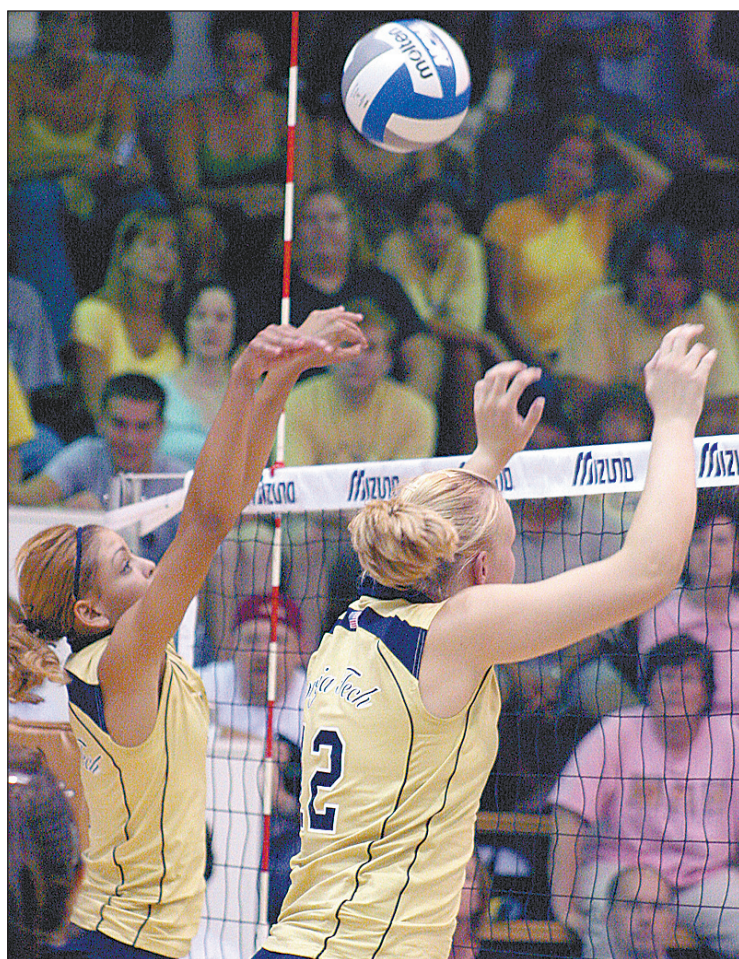
The young Jacket team now has a record of 3-3.

Tech started out with George Washington last Friday night. The Jackets defeated the Colonials 28-30, 30-27, 30-22, 30-28.

In the first game the Jacket offense had only a .125 attack average in their two-point loss, but then hit .244, .241 and .255 in the following games.

Junior Abby Showers led the team with her .312 attack average and also recorded seven kills with only two hitting errors.

Callie Miller and Talisa Kellogg led the Jackets with 12 kills each, and Laura DeMichelis and Ulrike



By Matt Emerick / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Freshman Laura DeMichelis and sophomore Ulrike Stegemann block the George Washington attack as the Jackets won the match 3-1.

Stegemann followed with 11 kills each.

For George Washington Lindsey Vernand had 12 kills and a .524 hitting percentage. Janine Brown followed with 11 kills for the Co-

lonials.

On Saturday the Jackets played a doubleheader. In the midday game Tech defeated the Long Island Blackbirds 30-23, 16-30, 30-24, 33-31.

DiMichelis led the Jackets with her 14 kills, while senior libero Jennifer Randall had 14 digs.

At the net sophomore Nikki Kaminskas had a career-high five blocks in the match, while Stegemann posted four block assists and Showers and Laband each had two block assists.

Freshman Talisa Kellogg recorded 13 kills and gained a .333 hitting percentage.

In the third match of the weekend, the Jackets faced Western Kentucky and lost in three games 30-12, 30-24, 30-27.

The Lady Toppers improved to 8-1 on the season as they ended Tech's 14-match home winning streak in O'Keefe Gymnasium. That streak dated back to Sept. 24 of last year when Tech beat North Carolina in three games.

Tech's offense never seemed in synch in a game where the Jackets had only a .106 hitting average. Western Kentucky on the other hand hit .402.

DeMichelis and Kaminskas were the only Jackets with double-digit kills. Both of them had 10 apiece.

"We learned the valuable lesson of consistent effort. Some of it comes from youth and intimidation. It was a tough setback for our team," Shymansky said.

"The key for us is building team chemistry. Our team motto is, 'Together we will.' We want to try and teach them to trust each other," Shymansky said.

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