

Beyond the White and Gold

0-16: NFL's Lions shouldn't be disappointed

By Derek Haynes  
Sports Editor

0-16.

It's got a certain ring to it. It's something that after careful consideration I would like to be a part of.

I know it sounds out there, but what can be more memorable than playing on the first NFL team to go through a season without a win? Would finishing 12-4 and making it to Superbowl before falling to the Rams be better? I don't think so. The only way people will remember you will be on the NFL Films St. Louis Rams Season-in-Review.

And yes, there are few sports specials that can turn a football season into a feature-length movie with a complete musical score like NFL Films can, but I want something I can talk to my grandchildren about.

I want my grandchild to come up to me, sit on my lap and tell me he failed his spelling quiz. I then will tell him that's nothing. I played

on a team that finished: 0-16.

I want to go through a mid-life crisis, then pause and reflect after I bought myself a silver Corvette with a black leather interior and realize that I can do anything. I was a part of team that finished: 0-16.

I want to write a sports column after I retire from the NFL where every week I somehow find a way to mention I was a part of a special team with players who never gave up losing. I want to say I played on team that finished: 0-16.

Honestly, I feel I could be a large part of a team's 0-16 season. The Detroit Lions, who are currently 0-10, have a quarterback who threw 7 interceptions in a game.

I once threw 5 interceptions in a game, I think in the NFL I would have no problem throwing a couple more.

I think I could also give some

very good quotes to the media. I know what they want. Below is one quote I thought up.

"This team doesn't give up. We're like an ant colony constantly building a hill in a driveway and being stepped on each morning by the kids leaving for school."

I can also get fluke injuries, a requirement to be a part of a 0-16 team. I would have no problems with slamming my hand in a car door or spraining an ankle after stepping on one of my children's toys. In short, I would be the consummate team player on a 0-16 team.

So, my words of advice to quarterback Charlie Batch, head coach Marty Mornhinweg, general manager Matt Millen, and the rest of the Detroit Lions is to not be afraid. Don't be afraid to go the distance and set a new standard. Life's about taking chances, doing your best — I mean leaving your mark

Leave a lasting legacy. An 0-16 legacy.

Intramural Notebook

with Jack B. Nimble

Pike has the skills to win bowling title

Listen. I don't have much time. I've got an 8 p.m. rez' at Dorsias that I can't miss. What follows are my playoff picks.

Fraternity Bowling: **Pike**. They are ranked first.

Women's Soccer: There's something about **Alpha XI**. I feel these girls, I mean women, can take powerhouse **AD Pi** this year.

A League Independent Soccer: Again, I'm at a loss. I'm just

going to go with the top-ranked independent team, **Carlsburg**.

That's all I've got brewing as far as picks. Friday night is the annual **One Night Stand** at the SAC . This pre-final tradition will bring lots of competitions and plenty of free food and it's a great way to pick up chicks.

Too bad they changed the logo, the one last year was better. Action begins at 9 p.m.

A League Soccer	
Rank	Team
1	FIJI
2	Carlsberg
3	Jason's Red Rockets
4	TKE
5	Lamda Chi Alpha
6	Beta Theta Pi
7	Pi Kappa Phi
8	Kappa Sigma
9	Kappa Alpha
10	Pike

Co-Rec Soccer	
Rank	Team
1	KS Co-Rec
2	LCA Co-Rec
3	FIJI Co-Rec
4	CEM
5	Buzz Monkeys
6	D Chi Co-Rec
7	Sig Ep Co-Rec
8	DU-AGD Co-Rec
9	Theta Chi
10	Amity

# Clemson and Wake on bowling fence

By Derick Stanger  
Assistant Sports Editor

The bowl picture is beginning to come into focus. The question is where will each team be invited to play or will they be asked at all? With the ACC having seven bowl eligible teams and only five bowls, someone is bound to be left at home.

### FedEx Orange Bowl

At the beginning of the year, many Tech fans believed that this BCS bowl would be a backup to what was deemed a possible championship season, and that the ACC title was theirs to lose. Tech managed just this and was surpassed by Maryland. The Fridge-led Terrapins also grabbed a hold of the first ACC title that is not shared by FSU since 1991, a feat Tech has been striving for during the last four years.

### Toyota Gator Bowl

During that time period the Jack-ets became regulars at this bowl, attending in both 1998 and 1999. This year Florida State showed some reluctance to go to the Gator Bowl and were leaning towards a visit to Atlanta for the Peach Bowl, since after all, who wants to go to Jack-sonville (No offense northern Flo-ridians, I'm sure your historical

landmarks are thrilling)? However the struggling Seminoles could not turn down the idea of a rematch of the 1998 championship game — not to mention the fact that the Gator Bowl has a January date.

### Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl

The third pick from the ACC belongs to the Peach Bowl. However, the locale of this bowl possesses a problem for the Yellow Jackets. A Peach Bowl game for the Wreck is the equivalent of a Hawaiian resi-dent winning an all expense paid trip to Honolulu. Even if Tech had beaten Virginia in that heartbreak-er, they would have inevitably passed on this bowl opportunity. Instead, the officials in Atlanta will most likely select a streaky UNC team that upset FSU and Clemson.

### Seattle Bowl

Thus, leading to the Seattle Bowl, formerly known as the Oahu Bowl. Aside from any BCS bowl this is the most appealing of the possible games. Tech, which accepted the invita-tion on Wednesday will be able to travel to the Pacific Northwest, which houses the second largest Georgia Tech alumni base. Tech should have a warm fan welcoming to the game against a Stanford opponent who will be BCS eligible but passed over.

### Visit Florida Tangerine Bowl

The final ACC bowl comes in the form of the Citrus Bowl, called the Tangerine Bowl until 1983. It also replaces Miami's Micronpc.com Bowl. It was said that if Tech would lose their last game against FSU, that the Tangerine Bowl would have no interest in the Jackets. Now that is not of concern, their officials will most likely select NC State, who became the first ACC team to beat FSU in Tallahassee.

### At-Large Bowls

Clemson becomes bowl eligible with a win this week against Duke, who has yet to win a game for the second consecutive season. Unfor-tunately there are not enough bowls to accommodate each school in the ACC. With the NCAA allowing victories against non I-A opponents to count towards eligibility, there are no conferences that cannot fill their allotted bowl spaces. Thus leav-ing only the Silicon Valley Bowl and the Humanitarian Bowl with non-BCS at-large slots available. Clemson, led by Woody Dantzler, will most likely take one of these spots and leave Wake Forest eligi-ble but home over the holidays. Luckily for Wake, they have bas-ketball to look forward.

Key Bowl Games						
Date	Bowl	Place	Matchup (Projected)			Time (ET) / TV
1/3	Rose Bowl	Pasadena, CA	(Miami)	vs.	(Florida)	8 p.m. / ABC
1/2	Orange Bowl	Miami, FL	(Maryland)	vs.	(Tennessee)	8 p.m. / ABC
1/1	Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, LA	(Illinois)	vs.	(Nebraska)	8:30 p.m. / ABC
1/1	Fiesta Bowl	Tempe, AZ	(Texas)	vs.	(Oregon)	4:30 p.m. / ABC
1/1 NBC	Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, FL	Florida St.	vs.	Virginia Tech	12:30 p.m. /
1/1	Outback Bowl	Tampa, FL	Ohio St.	vs.	(LSU)	11 a.m. / ESPN
1/1	Cotton Bowl	Dallas, TX	(Oklahoma)	vs.	(Auburn)	11 a.m. / FOX
1/1	Citrus Bowl	Orlando, FL	Michigan	vs.	(South Carolina)	1 p.m. / ABC
12/31	Peach Bowl	Atlanta, GA	(Georgia)	vs.	(North Carolina)	7:30 p.m. / ESPN
12/31	Silicon Valley Bowl	San Jose, CA	Fresno St.	vs.	(Clemson)	3 p.m. / FSN
12/27	Seattle Bowl	Seattle, WA	Stanford	vs.	Georgia Tech	4 p.m. / ESPN
12/20	Tangerine Bowl	Orlando, FL	(NC State)	vs.	(Pittsburgh)	7:30 p.m. / ESPN

# Sports Briefs



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Regina Tate was selected the ACC Player of the Week for the first time.**

## Regina Tate named ACC Women's Basketball Player of the Week

Senior forward Regina Tate was chosen ACC Women's Basketball Player of the Week after leading Tech to their fourth-straight Atlanta Marriot NW Classic title. Tate poured in a career-high 25 points in Tech's opening round victory over UNC-Asheville on 11-14 shooting while grabbing 12 rebounds. In the championship game 91-36 win over Eastern Washing-ton, Tate scored 22 points and had 8 rebounds.

## Spikers head to Louisville for the first round of the NCAA Tournament

The Tech volleyball team will make its second consecu-tive appearance in the NCAA tournament Friday at 8 p.m. against Louisville (25-6) at the Kentucky International Convention Center.

Jackets coach Shelton Collier is confident the Jackets will have a strong showing. "We had some notable successes this season, but because we came up short at the ACC Tournament, I believe we will be even more determined to make a statement for ourselves in the NCAA Tournament," said Collier.

## Baseball Coach Danny Hall inks three top-25 players in early signing period

Pitcher/first baseman Micah Owings, ranked as the 10th best prospect in the country by Team One Baseball, shortstop Tyler Greene, ranked by several publications as the top shortstop in the country, and pitcher Jason Neighborgall, ranked as the second-best product in the nation by The Perfect Game, highlight a list of 10 early baseball signees. All three are expected to be early MLB draft picks. Another recruit, Andy Hawranick, is considered as one of the top defensive catchers in the country.

Technique

Last issue of the semester.  
The spring se-  
mester will pop  
up January 18.

# Tech comes back from 20 to top Badgers in heated 61-60 contest

By Derick Stanger  
Assistant Sports Editor

Tech’s students got to watch their first big game from the floor Wednesday and they took full advantage of it, rushing the court after Tech’s dramatic come-from-behind victory over Wisconsin (1-4).

The Jackets (3-3) came back from a 20-point deficit with 16 minutes remaining to top the Badgers 61-60 in the ACC-Big 10 Challenge.

Halston Lane, who made several clutch shots last season to win close ball games, again came through as he made two free throws with 14 seconds left to give the final victory margin.

The Jackets were also down by 11 with 4:18 remaining but senior point guard Tony Akins poured in seven of his 20 points to get Tech within a point.

Freshman Isma’il Muhammad had a career-high 11 points for the Rambling Wreck.

The Jackets head down tobacco road Sunday for their first ACC game against North Carolina. Tech also has tough contests against Georgia and No. 10 Syracuse lined up for the following week.

## Tech Basketball Schedule

Event(TV)	Date
Florida A&M	W, 97-62
Pennsylvania	L, 74-79
vs. Eastern Illinois(Las Vegas)	W, 70-65
vs. Illinois(Las Vegas)	L, 66-105
vs. St. Louis	L, 54-67
Wisconsin	W, 62-61
at North Carolina(FSN)	12/2
at Georgia(FSNS)	12/9
No. 10 Syracuse(FSN)	12/16
at Davidson	12/19
Wofford	12/21
Tulane(FSN)	12/23
IUPUI(FSNS)	12/29
Cornell	1/2
Clemson(FSNS)	1/5
at No. 1 Duke(ESPN)	1/10
No. 4 Maryland(ESPN)	1/13
at NC State(JPS)	1/19
No. 8 UVA(ESPN2)	1/22
at No. 23 Wake Forest(JPS)	1/26
FSU(FSNS)	1/30
UNC(CBS)	2/2
at Clemson	2/6
No. 1 Duke(ABC)	2/9
at No. 4 Maryland(ESPN2)	2/13
at St. Louis(ABC)	2/16
NC State(JPS)	2/20
at No. 8 UVA(ESPN2)	2/23
No. 23 Wake Forest(ESPN2)	2/27
at FSU(FSNS)	3/2
at ACC Tournament	3/7

# Jackets head west for Seattle Bowl

Football squad will face 12th-ranked Stanford in first-time bowl

By Derek Haynes  
Sports Editor

The good news is Tech is heading west to play in a bowl game. The bad news is it isn’t the Rose Bowl that many Tech fans hoped for at the beginning of the season.

Tech accepted a bid to play in the Seattle Bowl against No. 12 Stanford on Dec. 27 at a press conference Wednesday. The game, scheduled for 4 p.m. EST, will be carried by ESPN.

“The fact that we’re in a bowl for the fifth straight year, a first since the 1950s, is very important to us, and we’re excited to be going,” said David Braine, Tech Athletic Director. “It’s a great award to our players and coaches who have worked hard and had a good season, despite some disappointments along the way.”

Tech will take home a minimum of \$750,000 for their appearance in the former Oahu Bowl, which was moved from Honolulu to Seattle because of poor attendance.

The Jackets began the season ranked as the No. 10 team in the country and were picked by several

football analysts to make it to the championship game. However, Tech’s season went downhill after a traumatizing 47-44 overtime loss to Clemson. Last week Tech’s chances at a New Year’s Day Bowl were trampled after the Jackets’ 31-17 loss to Georgia. Many thought Tech would have a chance at the Gator Bowl, which Florida State accepted a bid to earlier this week. The Jackets play at FSU to conclude their regular season Saturday.

While the season has been a disappointment to everyone on the football staff, Tech head coach George O’Leary is happy Tech is going somewhere for the holiday season.

“I’m pleased that we’re going to a fifth straight bowl game and happy for our seniors to be finishing their careers in a bowl,” said O’Leary, in his seventh year as head coach of the Jackets. “We look forward to playing what looks to be a very strong Stanford team.”

Stanford, whose only losses were to Washington and Washington State, is tied for second place in the PAC 10. The Cardinal, who defeated Notre Dame 17-13 last week, play their final game at San Jose

State Saturday. The bowl game should be a high-scoring affair as the Cardinal have the top-ranked scoring offense in the PAC 10, averaging 36.7 ppg and 449.1 ypg. Tech has the third-ranked offense in the ACC.



**Who:** Georgia Tech (7-4, 4-3 ACC) vs. No. 12 Stanford (8-2, 6-2 PAC 10)  
**When:** Thursday, Dec. 27, 4 p.m.  
**Where:** SAFECO Field (47,000)  
**TV/Radio:** ESPN/ AM 790  
**Last Meeting:** GT 18, SU 17 Dec. 25, 1991 (Aloha Bowl)  
**Series:** Tech leads 1-0  
**Tickets:** Tickets in the Tech sections are \$50. Call 888-TECH-TIX or visit Ramblinwreck.com to order.

# Georgia Tech (7-4, 4-3 ACC) at Florida State (6-4, 5-2 ACC)

### Coaches

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden is one of the best college coaches in history. He is third in all-time wins and prior to this season had 14 consecutive seasons finishing ranked within the top five in the nation. Meanwhile, alums of Tech are threatening to cancel their season tickets if coaching changes are not made.

### Quarterback

The Seminoles came into this season without Heisman winner Chris Weinke. They will end this season with Chris Rix. Meanwhile for Tech QB George Godsey, this is his last chance to top FSU. Both QB's stats are similar and Rix now has gotten rid of his freshman jitters.

### Running backs

From last year's three-pronged rushing attack emerged Joe Burns. This year the junior has amassed over 1300 all-purpose yards and has scored twelve times. FSU back Greg Jones has averaged 5.5 yards per carry but has only rushed for 612 yards and six touchdowns and Nick Maddox is a screen threat in the flat.

### Wide Receiver

The Seminoles wounded receiving corps has seen the emergence of Javon Walker and Talman Gardner have combined for 17 touchdowns. Tech's "Four Horsemen" are fantastic when not over or under thrown by Godsey.



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### Offensive Line

Each team has a first-team All-ACC player on their line, with Nole Brett Williams and Jacket Nat Dorsey. However, Florida State also has a second team All-ACC player.

### Defensive Unit

The FSU defense compares favorably to the Tech defense. They have given up almost the exact same number of rushing and passing yardage and give up a few more yards per game than Tech. However, Tech has not had to face powerhouses such as Miami or Florida and has only shut down The Citadel, Navy and Duke

### Special Teams

One good point of last week's game against UGA is that Luke Manget did not miss a field goal. However, the rest of the team did not perform well. Chris Morehouse shanked one punt and had another blocked while Kelley Rhino returned a punt for 0 yards. FSU's squad is comprised of players that had to compete for their starting jobs

### Forecast

Both teams have already accepted bowl bids with FSU going to the Gator Bowl and Tech accepted an invitation to the Seattle Bowl. With no bowl implications on the line, one could question the players motivation. Whoever plays with more will to win will do so.  
FSU 35,Tech 24.



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### Freshman lineman Nat Dorsey highlights Tech's All-ACC selections

Freshman offensive lineman Nat Dorsey, who started his first game against Clemson, highlighted a list of six Jacket first-team All-ACC selections. Dorsey is the first freshman to make the first-team since 1996. Dre Bly of UNC was the last to do it.

Other Jackets joining Dorsey on the first-team are wide receiver Kelly Campbell, junior running back Joe Burns, kicker Luke Manget, punt returner Kelley Rhino, and defensive end Greg Gathers.

Defensive end Nick Rogers and free safety Jeremy Muyres were selected to the second-team.

### Georgia Tech All ACC-Team

Kelly Campbell	Joe Burns
Luke Manget	Kelley Rhino
Greg Gathers	Nat Dorsey
Nick Rogers	Jeremy Muyres
First team in bold	



game XI upclose: No. 19 Georgia Bulldogs 31, No. 21 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets 17



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS  
Kerry Watkins is stopped by a pair of Georgia defenders in Tech's loss to Georgia. Tech had trouble passing due to a strong UGA pass rush.

# Dogs bark at Tech's chance for 4 in a row

## Jackets dominated in 31-17 defeat to arch-rival Georgia Bulldogs

By Joseph Jeong  
Staff Writer

Tech couldn't stop the run against Clemson, Tech couldn't take care of the ball against Maryland, and Tech couldn't defend the pass against Virginia. But the worst of them all, Tech couldn't do anything against Georgia. What happened last weekend against Georgia wasn't just a loss, it was a good old fashioned whipping by the boys from Athens.

Much like last year's game, the scoreline is deceiving. It didn't show just how lopsided this game actually was. If it wasn't for the comedy of errors and Georgia's ineptitude in the redzone, it would have been much uglier.

There wasn't a facet of the game that Tech did better in, not on defense, not on offense, not even on special teams.

Georgia beat the Jackets the old fashioned way, by playing smash-mouth football and dominating both sides of the ball. They ran at will against a Tech defense that had shown an ability to stop the run — except against Clemson. Even though they didn't light up the secondary like Virginia did, they still managed to get the big passing plays on third down when they needed it.

It wasn't just Verron Haynes' 207 yards rushing that won the game for the Dogs: Georgia's offensive line did a great job of run blocking and keeping penetration to a mini-

mum. Greg Gathers and Nick Rogers were both held in check for most of the game.

On the other end of the ball, both defensive ends for Georgia gave Nat Dorsey and Jason Kemble more than a handful. Their secondary also did a decent job of covering Tech's deep threats in the passing game. Then again, with the penetration they were getting with their defensive line, Godsey never really had

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the chance to challenge the secondary with the long bomb.

There were a couple of reasons the game was much closer than it should have been. First, there was the comedy of errors committed by Georgia. Most egregious was when Georgia's redshirt freshman QB David Greene called a timeout after spiking the ball, wasting either a down or timeout. Then there was the failed two point attempt that served no real purpose when Georgia was up 21-17. Of course, the 14 penalties

committed, including 2 personal fouls and 2 unsportsmanlike conduct calls, didn't help their cause either. Then there was a quick substitution play that didn't quite work out for UGA because they couldn't really count to 11 very well, and that resulted in a delay of game penalty.

The other factor, which Tech is also very familiar with, is the inability to put away scoring opportunities. If you exclude the last Georgia drive that ended the game and the brief Georgia possession where they fumbled the kickoff, Tech's defense only stopped Georgia from scoring two out of the 10 drives.

Despite being able to maintain a sustain drive 8 times, Georgia only managed to get two touchdowns.

This might indicate that Tech had a great redzone defense, but the performance thus far suggests that it was more the ineptitude of Georgia's offense than the prowess of Tech's goal line defense.

However, the errors by Georgia did not alleviate the pain of this loss. It implies that despite the host of errors that Georgia made, they still dominated the Jackets, showing how much more they wanted and deserved the win.

It showed on that night, Georgia was so much more superior that they could afford to screw up and still win convincingly.

And that hurts infinitely more than losing yet another close game.

Stephen Cranford 8 | Jody Shaw 8 | Ryan Lorio 8 | Martin Wiggins 8 | Chris Cornish 8 | Brian Smith 8 | Andrew Santelli 8

good week guys. but now it's time for me to go out with a bang - matthew bryan, editor-in-chief

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## SPORTS

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## Bowl picture clearing up

The 'Nique's Derick Stanger gives his bowl forecast and talks about which ACC teams won't be in the postseason. **Page 31**

## Gridders going bowling

Tech is heading west to the Seattle Bowl for their fifth-straight bowl appearance and will play No. 12 Stanford. **Page 33**

by  
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numbers

156.44

Quarterback efficiency rating for freshman Seminole starter Chris Rix, which is the best in the nation among freshman and leads the ACC. Godsey's rating, which led the nation at one point, is 144.77

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Points that the Yellow Jacket cagers trailed at one point to the Wisconsin Badgers. They later came back to win 62-61 after a 13-2 run. They were led by Tony Akins who produced 20 points and eight rebounds.

9-7-1

Tech's all-time record against ACC foe FSU. All of Tech's losses have come within the current seven year losing streak. Before this streak every game had been played within the city limits of Atlanta.

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Number of consecutive bowl appearances by Tech, the most since Tech had six from 1951-56.

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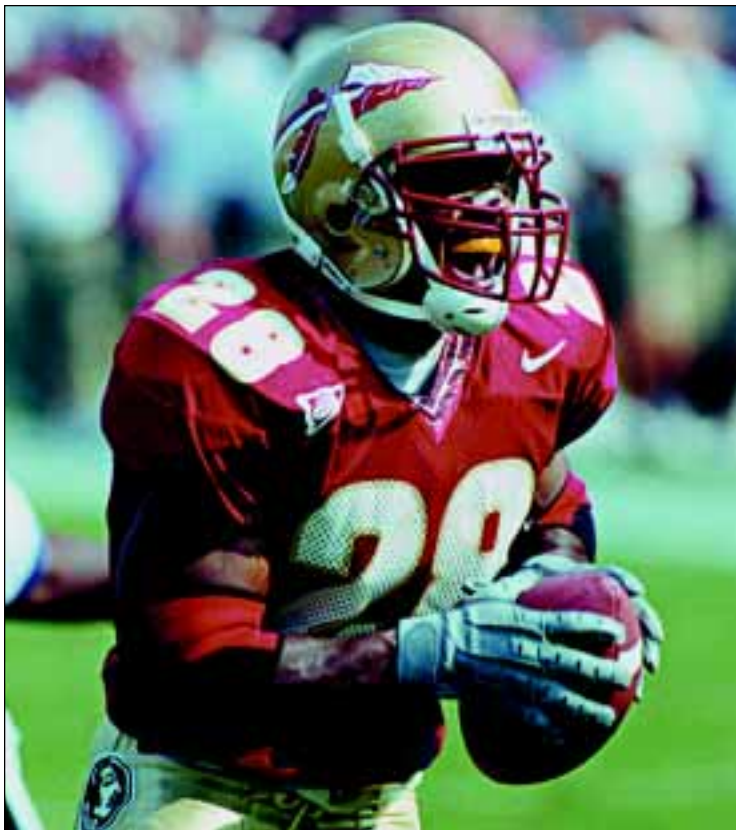
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Event	Date
SD at Georgia Fall Invit.	30
BW vs. Arkansas St.	1
FB at Florida State	1
BW vs. East Carolina/Southern	2
BM at North Carolina	2
BW vs. Florida State	5
TR at Wildcat Speed Meet	7

FB - Football BM - Men's Basketball BW - Women's Basketball SD - Swimming and Diving TR - Track and Field

## One more chance

*Georgia Tech has seen its BCS hopes fade in one of the most disappointing seasons in recent memory. Now the White and Gold look for one last chance for redemption at Florida State.*



Florida STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

**FSU free safety Chris Hope anchors a young Seminole defense that has had to face the high-octane offenses of Florida and Miami. Hope, an academic All-American last year, is a member of the All-ACC first team.**

By Derek Haynes  
Sports Editor

Georgia Tech will try to salvage their final regular season game Saturday at 3:30 p.m. against Florida State in what many will call a season gone wrong. The contest will be televised on ESPN.

Tech, which entered the season as a Cinderella national title candidate, faces a Florida State team that finds itself in unlikely territory: out of the top 25 polls. The Seminoles haven't finished out of the top 5 since 1986.

FSU has faced a rash of injuries and had to replace 12 senior starters, who were part of a senior class Seminole Head Coach Bobby Bowden called his best. FSU has struggled in their usual tough schedule, losing handily to in-state rivals

Miami and Florida and also falling to ACC conference foes NC State and North Carolina. Much of the problems have been attributed to freshman quarterback Chris Rix, a gifted athlete who struggled as expected early in the season as starter in the garnet and gold. However, Rix has become much steadier as of late and leads the ACC in passing efficiency, his 156.4 also places him seventh nationally, first among freshman quarterbacks.

"Offensively is where I think they've really grown. They're now using a lot of the packages that they used with Chris Weinke," said Tech Head Coach George O'Leary. "I can see them starting to gel."

Tech, on the other hand, seems to have few holes on paper with defensive and offensive units ranked third and second in the ACC, re-



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**The Bulldogs' Verron Haynes galloped for 207 yards on 39 carries in Georgia's 31-17 win over Tech. Haynes, who has been used primarily as a fullback during his career, but has excelled since moving to tailback.**

spectively. However, the statistical domination has not transferred to success on the field for the Yellow Jackets. Tech has lost two overtime contests, the first a high-scoring 47-44 loss to Clemson and the second a turnover-plagued 20-17 defeat to ACC champion Maryland. The Jackets also lost to the Virginia Cavaliers in the final minutes on the road in Charlottesville.

Senior Quarterback George Godsey will play his final regular season game for Tech and will go down as the most prolific two-year signal-caller in Tech history. Godsey, a third-team ACC selection this year, leads the conference with 255.5 yards passing per-game.

Look for an offensive battle as Tech's defense has struggled against Bowden-style offensive attacks in the 2001 campaign while FSU is

merely mediocre with a defense ranked fifth in the ACC. The Jackets will need to establish a running game; in losses to Virginia and Maryland senior running back Joe Burns rushed for only 67 and 57 yards respectively, far below his average of 102.4 yards per-game.

*The point-by-point matchup for the FSU game is located on page 34.*

## Tech at Florida State

**Who:** Georgia Tech (7-4, 4-3 ACC) vs. Florida State (6-4, 5-2 ACC)

**When:** Saturday, Dec. 1, 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** Doak Campbell Stadium (80,000)

**TV/Radio:** ESPN/AM 790

**Last Meeting:** FSU 26, GT 21 Sept. 9, 2000

**Series:** Tech leads 9-7-1

## Metivier finalist for top cross country award

*Renee Metivier, NCAA runner-up, is one of four finalists for the Honda Sports Award*

By Kevin Hartman  
Contributing Writer

A record-breaking season for Tech's women's cross country continued to make news this week as sophomore Renee Metivier, the NCAA runner-up at the 2001 NCAA Cross Country Championships, was named one of four finalists for the Honda Sports Award. The award is given to the top woman collegiate cross country runner in the nation.

Metivier, who moved up from fourth to second in the final half mile of the NCAA Championships, lost to Tara Chaplin of Arizona by only seven seconds at the Furman

University Golf Course. Metivier crossed the six-kilometer course in a time of 20:31.

"It was an awesome performance by Renee to get second-place at nationals, running against the best in the country," said Alan Drosky, Tech head coach. "We thought going into the race that she could finish in the top five, and she was in the top five for most of the race."

The sophomore dominated the NCAA South Regional, winning the meet by almost 35 seconds over second-place finisher Jenn Feenstra of Georgia State.

The award winner will be announced December 3. If Metivier

wins, she will also become a nominee for the Honda-Broderick Cup, given to the nation's outstanding woman athlete of the year. The Honda-Broderick Cup is given at the Woman Athlete of the Year Banquet in Dallas on June 17, 2002.

Thanks to her runner-up finish, Metivier becomes Tech's second All-American in women's cross country history. Metivier was also the ACC second-place finisher and the U.S. Track Coaches Association named her the South Region Women's Athlete of the Year. Beth Mallory is the other Tech cross country runner to garner All-American honors after her 25th-place finish at the

NCAA Championships in 1995.

As a team, Tech's cross country squad finished 26th at the NCAA Championships, their best-ever finish. Last season, Tech finished in 31st place at the national championships.

At this year's meet, sophomore Katie Griffin was the next Jacket to place, finishing in 104th place overall and 79th for scoring purposes. Senior Sara Pardue finished in 135th place and freshman Katie deVaux finished in 204th place. Tech totaled 583 points at the national meet, well behind national champion Brigham Young's 62 points. NC State finished second with 148 points.