

# Swimming cruises past Louisiana-Monroe

By Joseph Jeong  
*Knows swimming like the fish*

Georgia Tech’s Men’s swimming team wrapped up their preparations for the ACC season with a swim meet against University of Louisiana-Monroe (ULM) on October 20 2000 at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center. They posted a convincing and impressive 163-66 victory over the Indians.

The meet was opened unofficially by a Tech diver jumping into the diving pool with a Georgia Tech flag. This was greeted with a hearty round of applause from the crowd and the meet was officially started.

The tone was set for the day with the very first event, the 400 Medley Relay. Tech’s A team set a new pool record with an impressive time of 3:27.87, eclipsing the old pool record by nearly 3 seconds. Tech’s B team came in second and ULM’s A team

nudged out the C team to take third. Tech’s A team was anchored by sophomore Josh Hersko. Fellow sophomores Jorge Oliver and Tomonori Tsuji and junior David Laitala completed the record setting team.

The first individual event was the 1000 Freestyle. Reigning ACC Swimmer of the Week, sophomore Shilo Ayalon, continued his string of strong performances by winning this event easily with a time of 9:38.03, beating runner up Tech’s James Salazar by over 10 seconds. Junior Hank Longmire came in third to give the Yellow Jackets a sweep in this event.

ULM won their first event in the 200 Freestyle as senior Raul Arismendi edged out Tech’s Ayalon with a time of 1:41.81. Junior David Silver came in third for the Yellow Jackets, but Tech took over the match from there.

After a short 15 minutes inter-

mission, Tech roared to yet another convincing win. This time young blood beat the old guard as freshman Itai Eden ousted junior Brady Skaggs in the 200 Butterfly. ULM’s Juan Guerrara came in third.

Tech’s dominance continued in the 200 Backstroke as sophomore Scott Lenyk nudged out Jorge Oliver for first. ULM’s sophomore Josh Pigott prevented another sweep for Tech by coming in third.

Tech got their last sweep in the penultimate event, 200 breastroke. Tomonori Tsuji won the event with a time of 2:08.68. Chris Biedrzycki was second and freshman Jordan Parker completed the sweep for the Yellow Jackets.

Tech’s only diver, senior David Thorn, won both his events. Thorn won the one-meter competition with a score of 200.10, and then captured the three-meter competition with a score of 213.23.

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mat for the post season. With playoffs, we still needed the rank-playoffs, we still needed the rankings to determine who gets into the playoffs, hence the controversy is shifted down to lower in the rankings (e.g. why the current number nine or ten team should be ranked seven or eight instead.) but not eliminated.

Some argue it is better because you get to see certain matchups in the playoffs that you otherwise won’t be able to see in the current bowl system. I concede this point because I too am tired of seeing the Big 10 champion beat up on some hapless Pac-10 team that’s pass happy but can’t even play defense against a high school team.

However, in most cases the bowls do create good matchups that are worth viewing. Also, most of the time, it is just Athletic Directors of big name schools not willing to take

a risk and play a tough opponent.

Just look at this year’s Black Coach’s Association Classic. A lot of “good” schools turned down the chance to play Virginia Tech before we took up the offer. In a way it’s understandable why they would turn down such an invite. The rant about the stupidity of having a 12th game in the schedule and yellow-hearted Ads around the nation will be reserved for another day.

One could argue that you cannot simulate the intensity of the playoff atmosphere but I disagree. With the current system, almost every game is like a playoff game. Top teams know that every loss counts and one loss might dwindle the chances of a national championship and two losses practically eliminates it.

In the end, it’s the team that manages to maintain this intensity and show consistency that comes out on top. There is plenty of intensity in college football; it doesn’t need a playoff for that.

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Clemson had a touchdown lead, and all of the momentum. However, Godsey and Joe Burns would key a seven play, 71-yard drive, led by a 51-yard pass to Burns that moved Tech to the Clemson 13-yard line. The drive would stall there, and sure-footed Luke Manget would put it in from 27 yards to make the score 7-3.

Three possessions later it was Clemson 14, Tech 3.

However, at 7:47 in the second quarter, Tech fans started to believe, and Clemson fans started to get quiet. At this point, Godsey completed the first of many crucial third down plays, this one on a third and seventeen from the Clemson 33, this one for Watkins' first touchdown catch of the game.

On Clemson's next possession, the second spooky incident occurred. Clemson's best receiver, sure-handed Rod Gardner, who had been averaging over 18 yards a catch, took a hit from strong safety Chris Young, and Tech's Daryl Smith recovered the ball at the Clemson 42-yard line. The Jackets would get a field goal, and the point margin was down to one, 14-13.

Clemson's Dantzler would take over for the final Clemson drive of the first half, Dantzler's final drive of the game. Tech's defense would continue to hammer Dantzler as defensive end Greg Gathers would record his second sack of the game, the third on Dantzler, and Tech would then motor a quick 36 yards downfield to put the Jackets in the lead for the first time, 16-14.

Tech's dominance would continue in the second half. They continued to deny the Tigers any offensive consistency, albeit for the final Clemson drive of the game. Changing quarterbacks wouldn't do it, Willie Simmons came in for Dantzler, but most people in the stadium didn't even notice. Dantzler,



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Receiver Kelly Campbell breaks away from a Clemson defender on his way to a touchdown that put Tech ahead 24-21 with 6:35 on the clock.

who had been slowed by an injury in the previous week against North Carolina, was limping slightly in the first half, but the insertion of Simmons may have not been because of the slight limp. The true freshman threw four touchdown passes against the Tar Heels in relief of the injured Dantzler, and Tigers coach Terry Bowden may have been looking for a spark.

He didn't get it. All Bowden could see were the

marches downfield by the Jackets, with Godsey directing a short passing game to perfection. Tech knew they could tear apart Clemson with their passing game.

"We knew before we got to the stadium," Watkins told the AJC.

At the end of the third quarter, the Jackets were in a familiar situation. Clemson's Brian Mance returned a Dan Dyke punt 88 yards for a touchdown to put Clemson in front 21-16. Again, Tech was close

to a top team, like they were against FSU and NC State, and again there were down late in the game.

Maybe it was the fact that the game was played on the weekend before Halloween, but like when I do calculus, things just didn't add up.

"When you block a punt and return one for a touchdown, you should win the game," Bowden said. But the lessons learned by Tech against playing top teams paid dividends against a Clemson team that had played only one quality opponent in NC State. This game was a repeat of the Tech-FSU game, but with the jerseys switched. Like FSU, Tech seemed to be in control, making the crucial third down plays, making the big third down stops, and piling up yardage on offense, but Clemson seemed to hang on. Like an extreme roller blader in Seattle grasping on to a car entering a freeway, Clemson hung on for a while, but in the end they ate pavement.

Tech would take the lead again in the fourth quarter on a 9 play, 80 yard drive led by Godsey, who completed 6 of 7 passes including two crucial third down. Tech now had a 24-21 lead, and the stage was set for a final Clemson attempt.

Clemson started with great field position on the Tech 42 yard line. All Simmons - who was 9-18 for 131 yards on the day - would need would be 20 yards. He got that and more.

With the ball on the 18-yard line, Simmons dropped back to pass. The Tech pass rush again tore through the Clemson line and sent Simmons scrambling. Simmons launched a prayer to the end zone with several Tech defenders chasing after him, and it would fall into the hands of Rod Gardner. Clemson 28, Georgia Tech 24. It should have been the game.

"I know it's corny," Friedgen said in the AJC, "but that's a lesson you learn in football. You keep com-

ing back. . . . The kid didn't stay down. That's what I'm most proud of. He got up and made a great play."

Tech should have, just like against FSU and NC State, gotten complements from the opposing head coach, and left the field with their heads held high. But Godsey, who is starting to make a name for himself with his fourth quarter success, would not lose another close game.

So Tech went onto the field, minus star flanker Kelly Campbell, who was sidelined by cramps after his 48 yard TD catch put the Jackets ahead 24-21 earlier in the fourth quarter.

Tech started with the ball at their own 20, 1:52 left, and heading into the end zone of the fabled Howard's Rock. The Goose Godsey would lead Tech downfield to the Clemson 13 using the same precision passing game that had worked all day. The moment was set.

As I looked to my right in the press box, I saw an elderly gentleman in an orange polo shirt put his pen down for the first time in the game. He stood up from his chair and started to pace. He stepped back a bit, sat in another chair and put his face in his hands. I could see his hands were sweating. I knew for the first time this season this man knew his Tigers wouldn't pull out a victory.

Godsey dropped back to pass and threw to the end zone, incomplete. The orange defenders were all over Watkins; it looked like an obvious pass interference call. But no sign from the officials. Would the game end like the other two losses this season, with nothing but a what if?

But the Goose wouldn't let it end this way, he would prove he wasn't just a George Selkirk, Babe Ruth's replacement in New York.

Watkins wouldn't let it end this way; he wouldn't let the fans remember his earlier mistake.

It was about redemption.



I haven't seen lines like that since I hung out with Darryl Strawberry.

Basketball

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though he is tall. Combine that with a wingspan that is over nine feet and the brains to not go for pump fakes and you have what he is, a defensive beast. Jones is seventh all time on the ACC's career list for shots blocked at 324 and holds Tech's record.

What Hewitt needs him to do is to perfect the 12 foot baseline jumper he put up last year. Also, Jones needs to work on catching the ball in the post without fumbling and making a smooth move to the basket all in one motion. That is easy to say for most of us but at close to seven feet, no easy task. However, in order to become the full weapon that we all know he can be this is what he must do. Has a big heart and does not like to lose which fits right into Hewitt's ambitions. He will definitely be a top ten pick in next year's draft regardless.

Ready for his breakout year at small forward is Clarence Moore(6-4, 225pds, SO). Straight from the NO, Louisiana's Class 5-A Player of the Year has had a big setback already this year fracturing his foot a few months ago. Fortunately, "Mo" will be ready December 1 only missing one major game which is against Iowa. Moore is a tweener, as his height dictates a guard but his playing style is all forward. Still, his extreme jumps and strength make up for his height.

He also possesses a very soft jumper and shoots lefthanded which always throws opponents off. A baller's baller he should thrive in the uptempo style of Hewitt as he operates very well in the open court where he can create or just straight up dunk off an alley. Does not do very well in a slow down post up

offense although his jumper and rebounding make him competent.

Rounding out the starting five at small forward will probably be Jon Babul(6-7, 232pds, SR). Unfortunately, Babul's career has been marred by injuries including ones to his back and foot. Even so he is a scrapper who can be counted on to mix it up down low. The Massachusetts native came to Tech with a reputation for being a great leaper but those injuries have limited him a little. Even so, this is probably the healthiest he has been in a while and he may bring back flashes of those same hops that will allow him to improve in his rebounding. Jumper is also solid.

The biggest problem Coach Hewitt will face this year is size and depth. The rest of the team is mainly guard oriented and very inexperienced. That is why Hewitt, at least for this year will stress the same style he played at Siena: uptempo, pressurized defense, with a lot shooting in hopes of scoring. Sienna finished third in the nation in scoring last year and that is what we will have to do in hopes of wearing out opponents.

A defensive set that you might see is a full court matchup zone press which Hewitt used heavily at Siena. The set is diagrammed as accurately as possible here and is not exactly what Hewitt uses. Also diagrammed is the rest of the team including their stats, weaknesses, and strengths. Of special note is freshman Marvin Lewis who was a top 50 player in the nation last year. The Germantown, MD native figures to be very pivotal in Tech's fortunes this year as he can fill in at the point, shooting guard, and small forward spot. His long range shooting at the Nike Peach Jam Basketball Tournament here in Georgia really

put him on the map, and he did not disappoint playing well throughout his senior year. Exciting to watch.

Also making waves will be senior Daryl Labarrie who can play all three of the above positions also. Fearless, Labarrie can be counted on to not lose the ball and knows the game of basketball very well. Cerebral with the rock. Lastly, T.J. Vines enters his senior year hoping to shoot the ball more. Vines has sacrificed his scoring to help the team, but when he does shoot he usually makes them including some clutch threes.

Thus, Tech enters its season not really knowing what is going to happen. Undersized, but full of energy and optimism for turning over a new leaf, they cannot be overlooked. Even so, until Coach Hewitt gets a full crop of talent at every position fans can only expect so much. A target goal of third place in the ACC would be nice although they may exceed that if the ball bounces the right way. Hewitt had this to say at ACC Media Day, "There are spots we still have to smooth out. The players are learning an entirely new system, so every day they're getting something new thrown at them. The thing that I will continue to look at is the intensity level and the energy level. We also need to take care of the ball better".

This is very true as Tech must not beat themselves with the situation they are in. Catch a glimpse of the new look Jackets as they play tomorrow, November 4 in the Scottish Rites Scrimmage at Alexander. It is an intrasquad scrimmage that starts at 5 P.M. and also features the women's team. Tech then plays an exhibition against California All-Stars at the Georgia Dome at 7:30 on Monday. Call the AA for ticket information.

# Sports briefs

## Cross Country falter in ACC Championships

The Men's and Women's Cross country teams took flight in Raleigh, North Carolina last week as they placed eighth and seventh respectively in the ACC Championships. Senior Brent Williams placed highest of the Tech men, in 35th place with a time of 26:44:10. Sohphomore Amy Dock led the ladies, placing 15th at 19:06:10. Nine ACC teams participated in the tournament.

## Soccer heads to championships as first seed

Georgia Tech Men's Soccer is 1 of 16 teams throughout the country selected to participate in the Championship Division of the 2000 NIRSA Collegiate Soccer Sport Club Championships held at the University of Texas at Austin on November 15-18, 2000. This tournament is collegiate club soccer's version of the "NCAA Tournament" and the winner

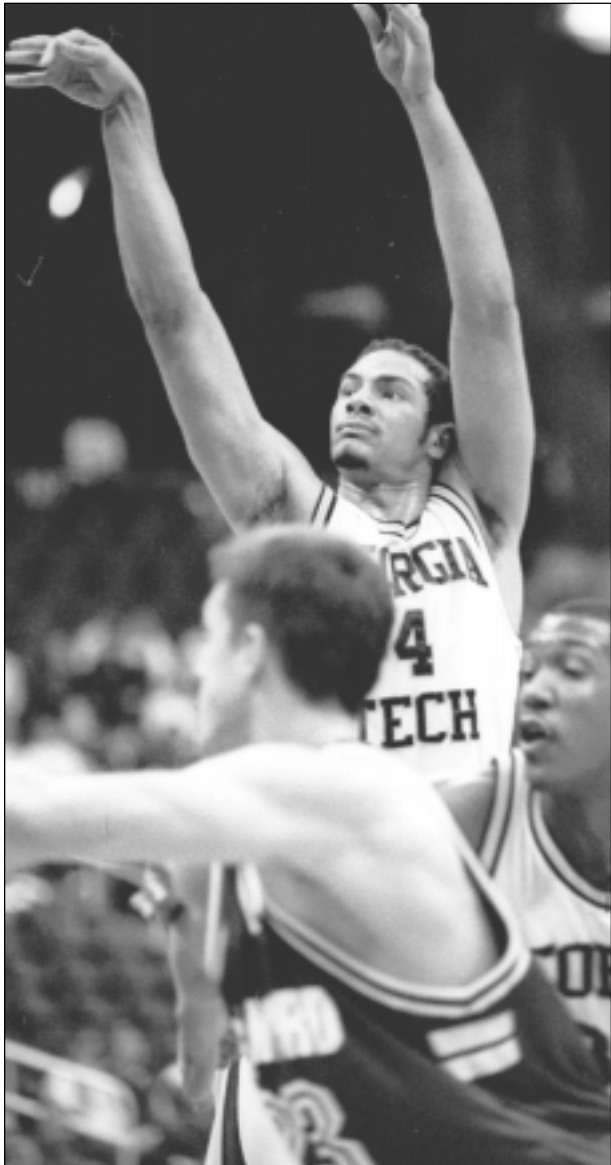
The "A" squad for Georgia Tech was selected as one of two teams from the Southeast region; the other was the University of Alabama. The "A" squad's record of 7 1 and wins over ranked teams such as Florida, Clemson, Tennessee and Georgia led to its invitation from NIRSA.

Both Alabama and Georgia Tech are proud members of the Southeast ern Collegiate Soccer League (SCSL). More information on the SCSL may be found at [www.soccersouth.com](http://www.soccersouth.com).

## Swimming and Diving Falls to Florida State

In a meet that was still in doubt entering the final event, the Georgia Tech swimming & diving team turned in a strong performance before falling to Florida State by a 136-105 score in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams.

The Yellow Jackets (2-1, 0-1 ACC) turned in one of their top outings against the Seminoles (3-0, 1-0 ACC), after losing a year ago by a 210-88 score. The Jackets will return to action Saturday, as they step outside the ACC and face Davidson on the road in a dual meet beginning at 12 noon.



By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Alvin Jones returns to the lineup as the team’s master of screaming slam dunks and blocking the ball into the stands.

# Basketball

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NCAA tournament and winning their league twice. He then moved on to Villanova as an assistant where they won the NIT, and made the NCAA Tournament three years in a row. When he finally garnered a job as head coach at Siena in upstate New York, he did not disappoint compiling a 66-27 (.721) record in three years, making an NCAA Tournament appearance in 1999 and the NIT last year. So the man knows how to win given just an inkling of talent.

What kind of talent does Hewitt have to work with in his inaugural season? First of all the starting backcourt from last year which includes point guard Tony Akins(5-11, 182pds.,JR). The point guard is a crucial extension of the coach and is often called the “floor general” i.e. the leader on the floor where Hewitt is powerless. Akins has a lot of weight on his shoulders as statistics show that as he goes so does the team.

Take for instance his freshman year tallying up his stats in all of Tech’s victories he had 87 assists and committed 59 turnovers while averaging 14.3 points and shooting 37.6 percent from the field. In Tech’s losses he had a total of 61 assists with 79 turn-

overs while averaging 8.4 points and shooting just 25.3 percent from the field. The former Mr. Basketball for Georgia seems to be trying to find the right balance between being a flat out scorer(which he was in high school) and being a point guard(pass first, shoot second).

He has been at both extremes for Tech with dismal results as if his shooting is not on then his scorer mentality hurts the team. If he lays back too much as he did at times last year he underutilizes his talent. Akins does want the ball at crunch time and is a natural leader. If Hewitt can devise schemes which allow him to spot up for jumpers without having to create off the dribble then he can be devastating. Just ask Florida State whom he lit up for 33 points.

Joining Akins at the two will be sharpshooter Shaun Fein(6-3, 205pds, SR). Fein no longer needs to wear the label of transfer(which he was from DIII Stonehill in Massachusetts). He has had a year at the D-1 level and has proven he can play averaging 30.1 minutes a game, and shooting close to 40 percent from field. He also scored 10.6 points a game.

Fein has a very quick re-

lease and textbook form on his stroke and that is no exaggeration. His best attribute is his ability to come off a screen and shoot all in one motion, a lost art in today’s game. If Hewitt can find plays that capitalize on this and Fein gets it going he can easily average 15 per. A gymrat, he lacks a little defense although he does try hard. Still, he is very much crucial to the success of the program.

Drop kicking weak layups in the paint will be Alvin Jones(6-11, 265, SR.). Ev-

eryone around Tech breathed a sigh of relief when Jones opted to stay one more year at the Flats instead of entering the NBA draft. He had every right to go with Crem-ins leaving and him being pretty much a lock to go late in the first round. Instead he has stayed to add to what he does best, defense, and to work on what he does worst, offense. Jones is a very gifted shot blocker who can really jump(35 inch vert) even

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By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Jon Babul will seek to overcome career injuries to clean up under the rim. His banging under the rim is a huge strength.

Football  
Forecast

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	Kischuk (13-2) 96-28	Freyman (13-2) 93-31	Shaw (12-3) 91-33	Guest (McDonald) (12-3) 89-35	Baucom (13-2) 89-35	Dykes (12-3) 86-38	Graybeal (12-3) 85-39	Uhlig (12-3) 84-40	Hinkel (13-2) 83-41	Cutri-Kohart (12-3) 77-47	Flagg (11-4) 75-49
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<i>UNC at Pittsburgh</i>	PITT	PITT	PITT	PITT	PITT	UNC	PITT	UNC	UNC	PITT	UNC
<i>Clemson at Florida State</i>	F\$U	F\$U	F\$U	F\$U	F\$U	F\$U	CLEM	F\$U	CLEM	F\$U	CLEM
<i>Michigan at Northwestern</i>	MICH	MICH	MICH	NW	MICH	MICH	MICH	MICH	MICH	NW	NW
<i>Virginia Tech at Miami</i>	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	VT	MIA	MIA
<i>Louisville at Southern Miss.</i>	USM	USM	USM	USM	USM	USM	USM	USM	USM	USM	LOU
<i>Alabama at LSU</i>	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
<i>TCU at San Jose St.</i>	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU
<i>UNLV at Utah</i>	UNLV	UTAH	UNLV	UNLV	UNLV	UNLV	UNLV	UNLV	UTAH	UNLV	UTAH
<i>Ga. Southern at Furman</i>	FURM	GSU	GSU	GSU	GSU	GSU	GSU	GSU	FURM	GSU	FURM
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<i>Morehouse at Albany St.</i>	MORE	ASU	ASU	MORE	MORE	MORE	MORE	MORE	MORE	MORE	ASU
<i>Carnegie Mellon at Grove City</i>	GROV	CMU	CMU	GROV	GROV	CMU	CMU	GROV	CMU	GROV	CMU

Welcome to random game week. After having a glut of good games last issue, with two weeks of fine football to cover, the move back to only one week’s worth of games has left me feeling sad and empty inside. Oh wait, that’s midterms. I’m glad those are over too. Classes suck. So I’m registered for classes for next semester. 50+ hours of RRWL 9050, Reality of Real World Life in the workplace. Kinda scary, huh? No overloads, no permits, and no drops. Weird. It’s funny how spending over five years here will warp your mind. Not that my mind wasn’t warped before or anything... right. Like I’m listening to the Pittsburgh Steelers Polka right now... not that I enjoy it all that much—it’s more of a curiosity. I also just listened to the Sauerkraut Polka. I’ve actually heard better polkas about sauerkraut, if you can imagine that. As you can see from above, I’m STILL on top, thank goodness. This week’s guest is Danielle McDonald. She’s pretty cool, and encouraged me after I (correctly) picked the upset win of Miami over Florida State. She’s a Miami fan herself, so I figured I’d give her the chance to pick the “upset” of Virginia Tech by the Hurricanes. Football is all a mess this year. Maybe we can have the Orange Bowl just stay empty and auction the Heisman Trophy on Ebay. It might all turn out better that way. Kind of like if the city of New York had been bombed during the (cursed) Subway Series, with the New York Knickerbockers in box seats at the game. Maybe it’s not too late. I was really happy during Godzilla when they had to blow Madison Square Garden up to rid the world of the big lizard threat. It was an inspiring moment. Napster’s great... the Pittsburgh Polka led me to want to listen to the Super Bowl Shuffle. It’s playing right now. The only shuffling the Bears are doing these days is with their feet as they gaze groundward. I’m going to the Falcons game this weekend to pull against them. I’m usually anti-Falcons (ever since the Super Bowl they didn’t earn), but particularly because they’re playing against my one and only Tampa Bay Buccaneers.



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# Virginia awaits on ESPN Thursday

By Gary Bridges  
Super Sports Assistant

The 6-2 Yellow Jackets take on the 5-3 Virginia Cavaliers this Thursday night. Coming off a 31-28 upset over fourth ranked Clemson, Tech hopes to use its momentum to roll over Virginia live on ESPN.

Tech should not have very much trouble flattening the Cavaliers, especially if the Jackets play like they did last weekend. George Godsey, the golden goose, had a golden game, setting a school record by throwing for an astounding 454 yards and completing 35 of 57 passes including a 16-yard, game-winning touchdown that Kelly Campbell reeled in one-handed.

Besides ending Clemson's National Championship hopes with his impressive last-second catch, Campbell dominated the Tiger's corners all night long. He caught 14 passes for 206 yards and stepped up for big play after big play.

Virginia has not proven itself a particularly strong team, winning against teams with an overall record of 13-26 (6-2 of that tally from a Division II team). Their three losses came to BYU in overtime, 38-35, to Clemson, 31-10, and to Florida State, 37-3.

One area that the Jackets need

major improvement is on special teams. Last Saturday, a blocked punt in the first quarter at Tech's one-yard line gave the Tigers a seven-point gift.

In the third quarter, the defense allowed Clemson back into the game when Brian Mance returned a punt 88-yards for a touchdown to put Clemson in the lead, 21-16.

That's 14 points that special

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teams gave up. Without those two big plays, the gut-wrenching win, would have been a sound 31-14 beating. The Jackets will undoubtedly use their off week to tune up the special teams.

Virginia's offense averages 369 yards a game and is led by Running Back Antwoine Womack, who is turning in just over 100 yards every four quarters.

Cavalier quarterback Dan Ellis

is averaging 215 yards per game and has thrown for 1506 yards this season.

However, Tech's strong defense should have little trouble shutting Virginia's offense down.

The Yellow Jacket offense will likely tear up the Cavaliers' defense, especially if the offensive line gives Godsey the incredible protection he received in the Clemson game. With time to throw, he should be able to pick apart the Virginia secondary that has given up an average of 228 passing yards this season.

The Cavaliers are coming off a 17-6 win over 3-5 North Carolina. The Jackets will need to be on their toes, as Virginia ran several trick plays last Saturday, including a reverse for a touchdown set up by a 22-yard pass by halfback Tyree Foreman.

A win this Thursday could push the Yellow Jackets into the coaches' top twenty-five for the first time this season. They received 82 votes to get into the top of the poll, but were beat out by Texas A&M, with 151 votes, after their upset over formerly eighth-ranked Kansas State.

Anyway, #24 ranked Northwestern takes on #12 ranked Michigan this Saturday, so they will likely fall out of the polls before the weekend is over.

A solid performance should warrant a top twenty-five ranking by next Sunday.

## George Godsey Prime Time Player



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Quarterback George Godsey hands the ball off to Sidney Ford against Clemson. His 454 passing yards set a new Georgia Tech single-game record.

# Volleyball shatters competition, extends winning streak to eleven

By Kevin Lovering  
Still loves the volleyball team

Yellow Jacket Volleyball (20-4, 10-1) continued to put a stranglehold on the rest of the ACC the past couple of weekends with victories over Wake Forest, Duke, and Clemson. On Friday, October 20, the Jackets entertained Wake Forest (13-7, 4-5).  
The Jackets hung on to defeat the Demon Deacons in four games, 15-9, 10-15, 21-19, and 15-10. Junior Eida Mabry paced the Jackets with a career-high 30 kills. Freshmen Amanda Hess and Kele Eveland also set new career-highs with 31 digs and 84 assists, respectively. Eveland also contributed strong serves

when Tech fell behind during the match. The Jackets also got clutch performances from juniors Maja Pachale who recorded 28 kills and 17 digs, Ky Bell notched 17 kills, 14 digs, and five blocks. Senior Teryl Townsend contributed 15 kills, eight digs, and six blocks.  
Bell summed up the night, “Game three lasted forever, and it was good accomplishment for us to win that game. I was really proud of the way that everyone hung in. It was a good match.”  
Saturday night the Jackets battled back from a two games to one deficit against Duke (15-9, 4-6) to win in five games. The match started out with Duke going on an 11-1 streak to start game one. Kele Eve-

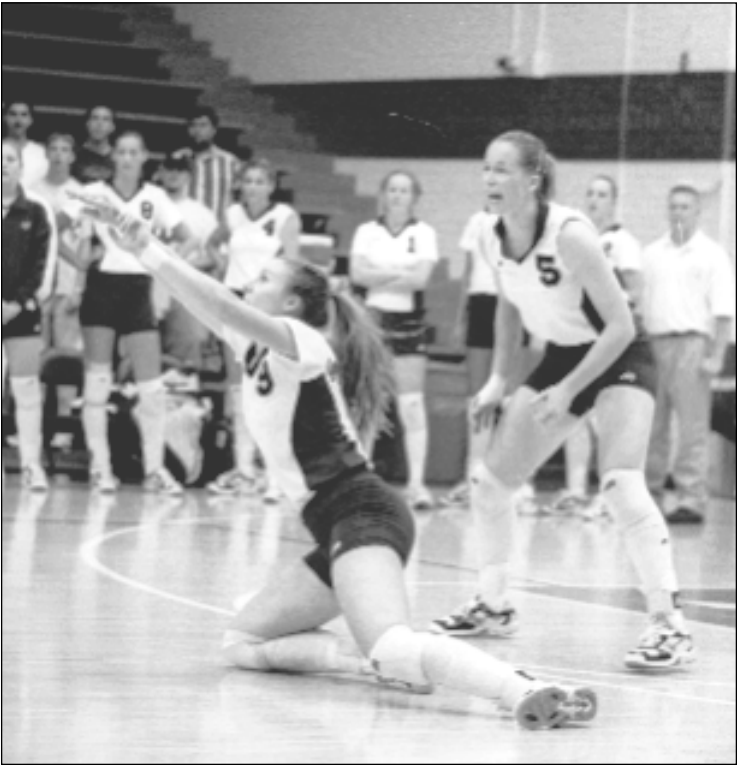
land led the Jackets back with strong serves, but Tech fell in the end, 13-15. Game two saw Tech record 27 kills to take the game, 15-10.  
The Blue Devils held Tech to a .068 hitting percentage in game three; however, the Jackets jumped out to a 5-2 lead but couldn’t hang on as Duke won, 6-15. Game four nearly saw the Jackets winning streak end as Tech fell behind 1-7 before Eveland ripped off eight straight points with a little help from Townsend to take the lead at 9-7. Eida Mabry clinched game four by serving the final five points of the game.

Game five saw Amanda Hess lead the Jackets to victory after a 10-10 tie. Mabry led Tech with 18 kills, while Townsend posted 16 kills and 11 digs. Eveland recorded 51 assists, 11 kills, and three blocks. Ky Bell echoed the sentiments of the Tech volleyball team after two tough matches with Wake and Duke, “We didn’t play the best games in those matches, but we did what we had to do to win.”

Eida Mabry earned a share of ACC Player of the Week with Deanna Zwarich of UVA for her work against Wake Forest and Duke. Furthermore, Kele Eveland earned a share of her fifth ACC Rookie of the Week award for her work against Wake and Duke. Eveland shared the award with Paige Davis of UVA.

On October 27, the Yellow Jackets traveled to Clemson (10-14, 4-7) to face the Tigers. Game one saw Clemson jump out to a 5-1 lead with three kills and a little help from the Jackets. Bell and Pachale led the Jackets back into contention, and Tech was down only 8-7. Pachale and Townsend notched a couple of kills and Tech got some help from the Tigers, and the lead was 11-7.

The teams traded points until a Clemson error gave Tech the game, 15-12. Strong serves in game two catapulted Tech to an 8-0 lead and led to two kills from Townsend and Mabry, an ace from Eveland, and three error from Clemson. Jacket mistakes nearly let the Tigers back into the game as the score was 14-



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Senior middle blocker Teryl Townsend gets down on the floor for an incredible dig. She has 190 digs this year, the fifth highest on the team.

10, but a triple block from Hess, Bell, and Eida sealed the game 15-10. Tech fell behind 3-5 game three, but strong serves from Townsend allowed the Jackets to take the lead, 7-6.

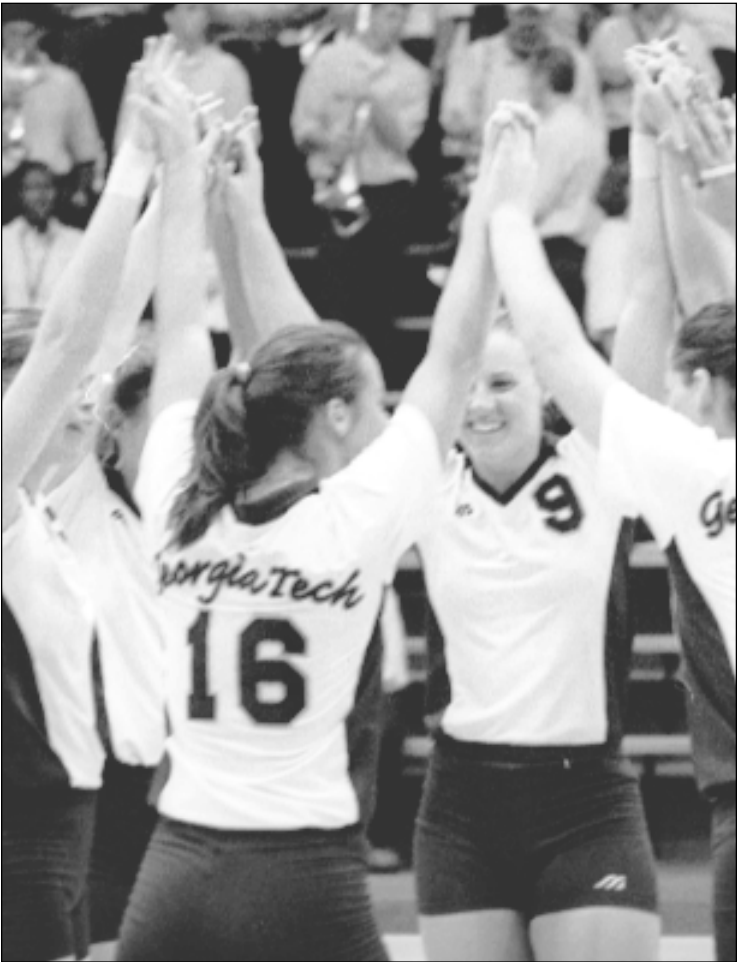
Kills from Townsend and Pachale, along with a block from Mabry and another from Townsend allowed Tech to take a 13-9 lead. The Jackets won the game thanks to an ace from freshman Geeske Banck and a Clemson error by the score of 15-10. Eveland and Bell paced Tech’s defense with 13 digs apiece while Eveland collected 40

assists. Mabry led the squad with 12 kills, Pachale added 11, and Bell chipped in with 10 of her own. The win was the first sweep of Clemson by Yellow Jacket volleyball in four years.

The Jackets return to the court Friday night at 7 pm in College Park against the University of Maryland. Tech comes home for three matches on November 7, 10, and 11 against NC State, FSU, and UNC. If the Jackets can continue their winning ways, the UNC match may have ACC Championship implications.

“Game three (against Wake Forest) lasted forever, and it was good accomplishment for us to win that game. I was really proud of the way that everyone hung in. It was a good match”

**Ky Bell**  
Volleyball Middle Blocker



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The lady netters celebrate as a team after winning a match. You’d celebrate too, the team has rattled off 11 straight wins, ten in conference.





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# Watkins' heroics clinch victory over Clemson, AP Top 25 spot

By Derek Haynes

*Was there for the madness*

During the timeout, Kerry Watkins knew he had the chance to redeem himself.

The same play would be run that was run in the closing moments in the loss at NC State, the same play that Watkins dropped for a sure touchdown.

So with 13 seconds left, Watkins lined up on the left side and watched as quarterback George Godsey, having the game of his life, barked out the signals.

He could only watch Godsey - the crowd in Death Valley was deafening. Finally the play started, Watkins stumbled, dove, and caught the ball.

This time with one hand.

Redemption.

This time Clemson (8-1, 6-1 ACC) won't win the national championship.

And so the lead changed for the third time in the last seven minutes, but this time there would be no time left for Clemson's superstar-in-waiting Willie Simmons to cause another lead change.

For one game, in the foothills of the mountains in South Carolina, Tech (6-2, 4-2 ACC) came alive. There was Godsey, throwing for a school record 454 yards, completing 35 of 57 passes, launching 3 touchdown passes, and not throwing an interception.

There was flanker Kelly Campbell, hauling in a school-record 14 passes for 209 yards.

There was the Jackets defense, limiting the nation's third-best offensive team to 354 total yards, allowing scores on only two of 14 possessions, sacking, hitting, pestering, and maybe even eventually ruining Clemson QB Woodrow Dantzler's Heisman hopes.

But it wasn't just the stats that made this game what will surely be the most exciting of the season. Steven



By Bill Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Greg Gathers brings down Clemson QB Woodrow Dantzler for one of his two sacks on the day, and bringing his season total to eleven sacks.**

Spielberg could not have scripted a better game. The game had a surreal atmosphere - everything that should have happened didn't.

On the Yellow Jackets' opening three-and-out possession, Godsey threw two terrible passes. Tech's punt unit stepped onto the field, which usually means a 40-yard punt and little return yards. But John Heisman wanted to see something

different between two of his former teams, and it meant a blocked punt by Clemson's Toure Francis and a return to the one-yard line. Woodrow Dantzler punched it in from there.

One play. One yard. Three Seconds. One touchdown.

The game started again, but now

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## Basketball set to start the Hewitt era

By David Williams

*Gets deep into the game*

The time has finally come for the 2000-2001 Men's Basketball Season, and it seems just like yesterday last year's disappointing season had come to an end. Those who are very inattentive may look towards the sideline at the first game of the year and still expect to see the legendary Bobby Cremins holding up ten fingers in an effort to run a play that came from the depths of his silver haired dome. But alas, there is a new sheriff in town and his name is Paul Hewitt, the newly hired Head Coach who hopes to lead Tech back to the days of NCAA and ACC glory. However,

there is a lot he has to overcome to better the 13-17, 5-11 ACC record Cremins went out with. Also there is the amazing stat that the team did not win a single game on the road barring two games they won at neutral sites.

Winning starts with the coach so first a little on Hewitt. The 6'6, 36 year old father of three is married to Dawnette Hewitt. Hewitt played ball at St. John Fisher in Rochester, New York graduating in four years before moving on to coaching. He is certainly no stranger to winning as he was an assistant coach when Fordham came in to prominence in the early 90's making the

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By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Guard Shaun Fein should return to the hardwood as a starter and one of Tech's premier finesse shooters.**

## Sports Commentary

## Playoffs not the only way to end the college football season satisfied

By Joseph Jeong

*Down with Florida State*

College football is probably the most prominent sport in the US that doesn't have a playoff system of any sort. Well that's not entirely true, to be more accurate Division I-A College Football is the most prominent sport in the US that doesn't have a playoff system.

Perhaps it is for this very reason, appealing to the innate xenophobia that exists in most people, that the current system (Bowl Championship Series) and the older system (Coaches' and AP polls) were viewed with such apprehension and distaste, overlooking the merits that existed within the system.

Without even examining or analyzing the current system, people and even some touted "experts" have already proclaimed playoffs as the only way of saving college football. Saving football from what, you ask? I don't think anyone can quite answer the question yet, but it needs to be "saved" for some apparent reason.

Playoff protagonists claim that by implementing a playoff system, college football will be fairer (by whose standards, I'm not sure) and better (again, by whose standards?). The key issue that is not addressed is the feasibility of such a system. Let's address this issue of feasibility before going on to more subjective issues like "fairness" and "better".

Tradition and history are two things that are so deeply intertwined with college football that one cannot consider it without mentioning them. Only baseball can claim to have a much richer and longer history than college football.

Hence, it makes perfect sense to start our analysis of a playoff system by looking at the tradition and history of college football. The post-season in football has always meant going to bowl games. If a program racks up six wins (or seven wins if a 12 game schedule is played), then it becomes bowl eligible and may be invited to a bowl game.

To do away with bowl games altogether to accommodate a playoff would be too drastic of a change and there would be too much inertia and opposition to that idea that it would not be in anyway practical.

The next best thing that could be done to accommodate playoffs would be to implement playoffs using the bowl games. For instance, currently the Bowl Alliance is made up of four bowls - the Orange Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Fiesta Bowl and the granddaddy of them all, the Rose Bowl. It would be easy to implement an eight-team playoff with these four bowls. All of them

will get to host at least one game and two or three bowls will get selected every year to host the semis and the finals. Aside from these four bowls, the bowl system will remain pretty much the same. All other bowls will continue to fulfill their contractual agreements with their respective conferences and such. This is the most reasonable and practical of all the suggestions that has come out of the playoff supporting camp and on paper it seems like it will work well.

If we dig a little deeper, even with this reasonable compromise of playoffs and bowls, several questions need to be answered. First and foremost, the most important question is will the fans travel to all the games?

In the current system, bowl games aren't just a "reward" for having a winning season for most fans, it also signifies the end of the football season, and there is a definite finality associated with it. Hence, people are willingly to shell out the money and travel all the way across the country to root for their time for one last time for the season.

Will fans continue their generosity if they knew they might have to travel from Miami, then to New Orleans the following week and then maybe to Pasadena? Who knows? And if the bottom line starts hurting these major bowls, no matter how attractive it sounds, it just will not happen. I would say not many fans will be able to afford the time and money associated with traversing the country in three successive weekends.

Then there is always the controversial decision of deciding which teams make the playoffs. Are we going to pick the top eight teams? If so, the top eight from which poll or ranking? Playoff proponents like to say that only with a playoff can we have Cinderella teams like they do in other sports, most notably NCAA Men's basketball.

What guarantee is there that smaller undefeated teams like TCU this year and Marshall last year will end up being ranked in the top eight and hence making the playoffs? This so-called fairness that comes with the playoff system wouldn't always work.

The "unfairness" that is usually perceived with college football is the rankings. A very good example is the current BCS standings, both Miami and FSU have one loss each, but FSU has lost to Miami but still remains ranked ahead of Miami. Most would not argue that this is not very fair.

To eliminate this kind of controversy, we have to eliminate the rankings and polls, it doesn't disappear just because we introduce an eight (or sixteen) playoff for-

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