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developed as a solid setup man for the team.

“You’ve got Tim Gustafson who has done a tremendous job for us as a setup guy,” Hall said. “[Matt] Wieters has been a great closer. Jordan Crews and Rulon are both coming on. Tim Ladd has really emerged and we have to figure out a way to get the ball into his hands some more.”

One of the biggest injuries to hit the team is the loss of Ryan Self. Self has been sidelined with sore shoulder, but the team is looking to get him back to add increased depth to the bullpen.

“He’s had a sore shoulder and been on the shelf for about a month,” Hall said. “We’re hoping in the next few weeks that we can get him back in the mix.”

After having surgery at the start of his senior campaign at Lassiter High School in Marietta, John Michael Vidic has come on strong for the Jackets in the few opportunities that he’s had on the mound. As his elbow continues to strengthen, look for Vidic to see increased time on the mound.

“He’s been in a few times and has pitched really well,” Hall said. “He had Tommy John [elbow] surgery 14 to 15 months ago, and he’s just now getting to the point where his elbow is feeling really strong. He’ll be getting in there more and more as the season progresses.”

Another freshman standout for the Jackets has been the surprising play of Matt Wieters. The highly touted Wieters has come into Atlanta

and is poised to leave his name in the record books. A little over halfway into the season, he already has been named ACC Player of the Week on two separate occasions.

“He’s a great baseball player,” Hall said. “I think for a freshman to come in and do everything that we’re asking him to do is almost unheard of. He can catch and we’ve played him a lot at first base. He’s hit great and he’s pitched great. A lot of time if you ask a guy as a junior or

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Danny Hall
Baseball head coach

senior to do all that, he would have a hard time handling it. Matt has great baseball intelligence and he’s a great competitor.”

“I thought that he would contribute, but to contribute at the level that he’s been able to is beyond everybody’s expectations,” Hall said. “I give him a lot of credit. He’s been a major impact guy on our team.”

Another standout for the Jackets has been center fielder Danny Payne. There was never a doubt as to how much playing time that he would get as he was slated as a starter almost

from the moment that he arrived on campus, and Payne has lived up to the hype.

“Number one he’s been a great lead-off hitter for us,” Hall said. “He gets on base with regularity, he’s been a great center fielder. I think the catch at Auburn was a game-saver. He’s producing and doing what we thought he could do when we recruited him. He’s a great competitor and will continue to get better.”

After being a consistently good pitcher for the Jackets last season, Lee Hyde was asked to change a few of his mechanics to help him live up to his potential. The changes showed early in the season as Hyde struggled to grow comfortable with his new mechanics on the mound. As of late Hyde has found his stride on the hill.

“Three of his last four starts have been dominating starts,” Hall said. “He’s changed the mechanics of his delivery, and it’s really helped him attack hitters. It’s given him a more consistent delivery to where he can throw strikes. He’s always been a great competitor, but now he’s combined that with his mechanics and he’s been able to do a tremendous job for us.”

After a strong start to the season, Jason Neighborgall has seen some of the control issues begin to resurface. In the past three starts of the season, Neighborgall has found himself behind in the count, and he has not been able to work out of the jams. Hopefully the junior will find the confidence that lead him to being the dominant ace at the beginning of the season.

“He battles himself sometimes,” Hall said. “Like a lot of pitchers, it’s a confidence issue with him. I expect before not too long that he will be locked in again. He’s got to get to where he’s confident in what he’s doing and go out and basically let his ability take over.”

The quiet hero of the pitching staff has been Blake Wood. Wood is 6-0 and hasn’t allowed more than four earned runs in his first eight appearances of the year.

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Danny Hall
Baseball head coach

“He’s done a great job,” Hall said. “Every start that he’s had he’s given us a chance to win. He’s had the best start of his career on Sunday.”

It’s not a surprise that the Jackets are one of the top hitting teams in the nation, but it is a surprise as to how good this team really is. Tech has averaged around 11 runs a game, and has consistently hit the ball well, no matter how good the opposition. The Jackets have five out of the top 10 in hits and four of the top 10 in batting average in the ACC. Tech also leads the ACC in home runs

and virtually every other statistical category despite playing as many or fewer games than seven of the 11 teams.

“It says a lot about our lineup,” Hall said. “We have some guys that have played very well and are contributing very well. Josh Holliday has done a great job in working with the hitters and getting them very confident in what they are doing at the plate. He’s done a tremendous job of developing these guys, and the guys have been working very hard.”

Jeff Kindel made the transformation from the bullpen to the field at the end of last season to try and make something of his senior year.

“I think that he’s one of the unsung heroes of our club,” Hall said. “Here’s a guy for two or three years he really struggled with the pitching end of it. We decided late last year to convert him to a position player. He’s worked extremely hard and has competed really well. He’s gotten some awfully big hits for us. I think that a lot of the time he gets our team going because of just how competitive that he is day in and day out.”

The Jackets took two of three over the weekend against the Winthrop Eagles, dropping Saturday’s game despite a furious comeback against the Eagles and suffering a 12-9 loss. Hyde and Wood picked up wins with strong pitching performances on Friday and Sunday.

The Jackets will be in action this weekend hosting No. 20 Florida State, and then they will be hosting rival Georgia on Wednesday. The next week, Tech plays Georgia in its annual contest at Turner Field.

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said. "We have a lot of new players this year who have stepped up and done a great job filling in for our seniors that we lost last year. I think the difference this year compared to my past years has to be our speed. We have about five or six players with good speed that can steal the bases well, and it has made a huge difference."

Hosier is part of a geographically diverse team, which boasts 13 out-of-state members. Upon graduation from high school, Hosier saw Tech as an opportunity to be on her own and meet new people.

"I decided to choose Tech because I knew it was a great academics school, and I had an opportunity to play for a good softball program. I also thought it was a great opportunity to get out on my own and meet some new people. It did help knowing that there were people from other states as far as California, and I figured if they could be that far away from home that I could, too," the left-fielder said.

Last year, then-freshman Kristina Hull joined Hosier as the second representative on the team from the state of Colorado.

"I had never met Kristina until she came here, but we did play each other one time," Hosier said.

"It's nice to have someone else from Colorado on the team because they know where you are coming from, and we can relate to each other," she said.

Hosier knows she's improved substantially since last season, and she does not doubt that any one of her young teammates would be able to make the same kind of strides in the future.

"I think that anyone on our team has the ability to step up as a leader on and off the field. I know that our upperclassmen will step up and take their role as leaders, just as our seniors right now have done," Hosier said.

Women's lax aspires to win championship

By Patrick Odneal
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's lacrosse team has won seven games in a row and enters their postseason tournament ranked No. 2. Tomorrow at 11 a.m. Tech will play the winner of today's UGA-Emory game in the Southwestern Women's Lacrosse League (SWLL) championship, an event that is hosted by Emory.

After dropping the first two games of the season in mid-February, the team has been perfect ever since. The team most recently beat Central Florida 8-7 this past Wednesday in a game that determined the Jackets' post-season fate.

"If we won the game we would go to the championship seeded number two. If we lost we are out of the tournament. So it was a huge, huge game for us, and we won 8-7," said Jen Crews, president of the women's lacrosse club.

The Golden Knights took an early 2-0 lead, but Tech rebounded and ended the first half leading 6-4. The Jackets were able to hold on to the lead for the rest of the game to win 8-7.

Crews led the Jackets with three goals. Christina Wilson scored two goals, and Kelsea Adams, Malory Hunter and Erika Via each had one.

"Four teams ended 6-2 [in the conference]. Florida is undefeated, so they are ranked first. Four teams were 6-2, and Emory gets an automatic bid because they are hosting

the championships. So if we lost and had a 5-3 record, we would be out," Crews said.

The tie-breaker for the four teams that finished with a 6-2 record was determined by fewest points allowed in the season, and the Jackets finished best in this category to earn the No. 2 ranking.

"Kim [Williamson], the goalie, is doing an amazing job this season. She's definitely one of our star players," Crews said. "She's done a great job this season in keeping the goals low, and that's a big part of the reason we are [ranked so highly]."

Florida is ranked No. 1, and they are undefeated in the conference. UGA is ranked No. 3 followed by Florida State and Miami. Emory is the No. 6 seed.

If the bracket results stay true to the rankings, Tech would play Florida for the championship game. Florida beat Tech earlier

this season, 17-6.

"I think we have a really good chance to go to the championship, seeing how we have played our last seven games undefeated," Crews said. "Our team has really come a long way since the beginning of the season and everybody is working together so well."

But the Florida team is certainly the favorite according to the numbers. "Florida is a really strong team. They've gone [to the championship] for three years in a row and they also have 38 people on their roster," Crews said. "They have the resources to sub in and sub out and always keep



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech goalie Kim Williamson defends a shot from an opposing team. Williamson is a major reason for Tech's successful season.

fresh legs on the field. But I think we definitely have a good chance to beat them."

The winner of the SWLL regional tournament earns a spot in the national tournament May 10-14 in Blaine, Minn. The national tournament is composed of the top teams from 12 regional conferences and of the independent play.

In just its fourth season of competitive play, the women's team has made immense progress and has finished its most successful regular season. Perhaps what is most exciting is that the team has so much young talent. Of the 20 women on

the roster, 11 are freshmen and four are sophomores.

The youth has not only helped lead Tech to its impressive rank this season, but also it is a sure sign that Tech will have the foundation to carry a strong program well into the future.

The rising underclassmen group is something Crews mentioned as a strong point of the team, and they, along with the rest of the team, will have a chance to prove themselves at the SWLL tournament this weekend. "We're excited about the championship, and we hope to get to nationals," Crews said.

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After watching it enough, I wonder what would be more difficult for Inuyasha: Tech or a TB Kagome?

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Intramural nationals arrive

By Patrick Odneal
Assistant Sports Editor

Tech plays host to the National Intramural Basketball Championship (NIBC) this weekend, where 60 of the best men’s and women’s intramural teams from around the country will compete for the national title. The event starts today at 1 p.m. in the CRC and will last all weekend.

For this reason, the basketball courts at the CRC will be closed this weekend, and the game room and auxiliary gym will also be occupied by the event. The rest of the CRC will remain open as normal. The basketball courts should be open by 2 p.m. on Sunday, according to Dan Hazlett, director of intramurals.

This is the third annual NIBC, a tournament for the member schools of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA). The NIBC is an open tournament, meaning that any team could enter without having to win qualifying events, although the winners of the eight regional tournaments were guaranteed spots for nationals.

Tech’s men’s and women’s school champions will be playing in the event. Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) will represent Tech in the 35-team men’s field, and Phi Mu will be playing in the 25-team women’s competition.

Both Tech teams play at 8 p.m. tonight, with ATO on court three and Phi Mu on court six. Tomorrow’s games for both squads are at 11 a.m.

on the same courts.

Pool play is today and tomorrow morning, and then the single elimination bracket starts on Saturday at 3 p.m. The best 22 men’s teams and 16 women’s teams advance out of pool play and into the bracket.

“I would think that there is stuff for everybody. There is some unbelievable talent coming to town.”

Dan Hazlett
Director of intramurals

The men’s and women’s championship games will be played in Alexander Memorial Coliseum, with award ceremonies to follow. An all-tournament team will be crowned, and awards for MVP and team sportsmanship will also be given, in addition to announcing an All-American intramural team.

Fans will have much to watch this weekend. In addition to more than 100 basketball games, there will be a dunk competition and a three-point contest, which begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

“I would think that there is stuff for everybody,” Hazlett said, referring to what spectators will be able to watch this weekend. “There

is some unbelievable talent coming to town.”

Members of the men’s basketball team will make their appearance as judges for the dunk competition. Mario West, Theodis Tarver and Jeremis Smith will all be critiquing the aerobatic displays.

Bleachers will be set up around the courts, and spectators will also be allowed to watch from the fifth-floor track, giving fans the opportunity to have some amazing views of the games.

The event is more than just a showcase for the players. The referees are also the best student officials in the country, and they compete to earn the honor to work at the national tournament.

Hazlett mentioned that NCAA Division I officials come to this tournament to serve as clinicians for the student officials. These clinicians serve a couple of purposes. They offer pointers to the student officials, and they also evaluate them to determine the All-American officials.

“We have 30 officials coming from around the country, and we have probably 40 volunteer professional staff members coming from around the country. Some serve as clinicians to help with training and evaluating to make them a better official than when they got here,” Hazlett said.

Hazlett also said that some of last year’s NIBC officials are now officiating on the NCAA level.

The NIBC tournament will also return to Tech next year.

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is really proud of those milestones because it’s really hard to win 505 games here when you have the bull’s-eye on your back and everyone wants to beat you.”

Tyler Greene was a second-round draft pick by his hometown team, the Atlanta Braves, coming out of high school. Greene turned down a sizeable bonus to sign with the club, deciding it would be better to enter the collegiate ranks instead.

“I think the main factor [in my decision] is that he’s coached the only two major league shortstops that went through college: Barry Larkin and Nomar,” Greene said. “That’s a big statement in itself and shows that he knows what he’s talking about.”

“He works really hard and he cares a lot about us,” Greene said. “He does a lot of stuff for us, and it’s good to see that he has the all-time record here at Tech, and that he’s finally getting some support for the work that he’s done here.”

Freshman Matt Wieters has had the distinction of seeing the milestones fall up close and personal this season. Wieters picked up the win against Georgia Southern and followed that up with being on the mound at the end of the 500th win against Wake Forest. Wieters picked up the save against Miami to finish off the trifecta.

“Whatever situation coach hall puts me in I figure that he knows best,” Wieters said. “Coach Hall’s milestones have been plenty and plentiful this year. It seems that

he’s reaching a milestone every other game.”

The longest-tenured coach on Hall’s staff is fourth year Associate Head Coach Bobby Moranda.

“It’s really nice to have a guy that gets after it as a head coach,” Moranda said. “Coach Hall is the hardest-working head coach that I’ve ever been around in almost 20 years of coaching. I’ve been on the field with a bunch of good programs. He knows so many things. He has a lot of expertise in a lot of different areas where he’s able to stick his hands.”

As can be expected from a coach, Hall constantly refocuses the attention off of himself and back onto his players, and not surprisingly, after talking about the milestones all season he’s ready to get down to the business at hand.

“I’m ready for [the talk to cease],” said Hall. “I appreciate everything that everybody has said, written or done for me. Now it’s time to move past that and keep concentrating on what we’re trying to do.”

The only milestone left for the Jackets this year is the goal every team strives for—a national championship. The Jackets have come close to winning it all under Coach Hall, but have fallen just short on a few occasions. Could this be the year that Tech finally gets over the hump?

“I think that it’s huge for anybody and what you always strive for,” Hall said. “You always want to climb that mountaintop and have the team climb the mountaintop. The journey there is what you have to take care of, and right now we’re halfway through that journey.”

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whole team-bonding experience.”

Tournament time holds some great memories for Thompson. In his first year with Tech, the golf team won the ACC Championship, and it will be something that he will never forget.

“I won the All-American, and I won the Jones Cup, but that is not what I will remember the most in my mind,” Thompson said. “I will remember the ACCs my freshman year.”

As the team approached the last hole of the tournament, Tech was down by one to Clemson. The first four players for Tech then went par-par-birdie-eagle, and Thompson finished it all in dramatic fashion with an eagle of his own.

“It was one of the most amazing things ever. That is one thing I will definitely take from college. That will be my top memory,” Thompson said. “I guess a National Championship this year would beat it, but just how dramatic it was [at the time was special].”

After the ACC Championship the team will head to the NCAA regionals, which determine the teams who will make it to the NCAA Championship. Every year since Thompson has been at Tech, the golf team has made it to the NCAA Championship match, but regionals are still something he does not take lightly.

“Regionals are more of a grind because there are 27 teams, and only the top 10 make it to Nationals. It is really hard, especially in the East Region because teams are so strong over here,” Thompson said. “You have got to play some golf. It is the one week out of the year that you are required to play some good golf, otherwise you are not making Nationals.”

“In any tournament there are 10 to 15 teams that can win. They just might have their week. Like my freshman year, Minnesota had

their week; they beat us by three,” Thompson said. “In golf terminology it’s essentially how they ‘Ham-and-egg’ it. Four guys played well and one guy stunk.”

In a golf tournament five players compete in each round, but at the end of each round one score is thrown out and only four are counted for the total.

“It’s like you build a bond of brotherhood. Even though me, Mike

“[Winning the ACC Championship] was one of the most amazing things ever. That is one thing I will definitely take from college.”

Nicholas Thompson
Senior golfer

and Chan were really good friends prior to coming to college, it just got stronger and it’s like more and more people come into that, like now we have nine,” Thompson said.

To Thompson the team is what makes them each better. Though they are friends in life, when they get out on the links, golf is their top priority.

“You guys are there for each other and you’re getting each other’s back, while there is still a sense of competitiveness and you still want to beat each other,” Thompson said. “[They] have got that competitive fire in them, but it is on the golf course and you kind of leave it there. You get beat by someone, you shake it off in an hour or so, and you go eat dinner.”

Individually, Thompson has been named a semifinalist for the Ben Hogan Award, an award presented annually to the top men’s NCAA golfer.

“It’s great that it’s there, and I am a semifinalist. However, I don’t overly worry about the awards that much. I just let them come or go,” Thompson said. “But it’s a tremendous honor to make the top-10 for it and it would be a tremendous honor to make the top three.”

Thompson is also just beginning to make plans for what he will do after his stay at Tech.

“I haven’t decided on when I am going to turn professional,” Thompson said. “I am either going to turn professional after Nationals or after the summer, and then I will be playing in some professional tournaments.”

While going professional may seem like a big change to some people, Thompson takes it all in stride.

“There is no more pressure on me, in my mind, in college or in professional or in junior or in amateur,” Thompson said. “I just got to go out there and play. Give it my best and hopefully that is good enough.”

And while this will be the end of Thompson’s career at Tech, it will not be the end of his love for Tech golf.

“I would love to see them keep on winning, get better and just keep the tradition of doing the right things, playing good golf and being a good group of guys. I think that is really important,” Thompson said. “Not only do you flourish as a golfer here [at Tech], but as a person you grow up by being around the guys that are on the team.”

But really it will be Tech that misses him the most.

“There have only been two guys in the history of the program that have been four-time All-Americans and he would be the third one, so that pretty much says it all. Nick has just played well ever since he got here,” Head Golf Coach Bruce Hepler said. “He has been a major contributor since the day he walked in here, and I just don’t know what more you can say about him. We will miss him a bunch.”

Baseball continues strong performance



By Julia Bunch / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

First baseman Whit Robbins takes a cut for the Jackets. Impressive freshman Matt Wieters has also spent time at first base for Tech.

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

The Jackets have come out of the gates with the eye of the tiger and haven’t let up as the season has progressed. The No. 4 Jackets sit atop the ACC with a 13-2 record in the conference and a 26-7 record overall.

The Jackets only had a few questions coming into the season, and they have been answered in a resounding fashion. The freshmen have come in and made a big impact on the team from the start of the season, and haven’t let up. The freshmen have anchored a bullpen that was loaded with question marks

and has turned it into a solid area for the team.

“We’ve had Tim Ladd in there quite a bit, and Brad Rulon looks like he’s coming on,” Head Coach Danny Hall said. “The rest of the pitchers are guys that are going to contribute some this year but will contribute a lot down the road. I’m very pleased with that freshman class.”

Jordan Crews and Tim Gustafson have come out of the bullpen and done a solid job to take up the slack left by the freshman standouts. Gustafson has been Hall’s go-to-guy when he has needed some innings chewed up, and Crews has really

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Danny Hall congratulates a player on a home run. Hall now holds the record for the most wins for a Tech baseball coach in history.

Hall soars into record books

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

The Jackets have started off the season at a torrid pace and have been knocking down milestones almost as fast. Baseball Head Coach Danny Hall has led the Jackets to setting a new ACC record with 25 consecutive regular season wins, but he has also reached several career milestones along the way.

Hall picked up his 700th career win in a 9-1 victory on March 1 over Georgia Southern. He followed up by recording his 500th victory eight games later in a 16-5 win in the series finale against Wake Forest at home on March 13. He then beat the former record holder to become the man on top of the list as the Jackets took two out of the three against the Miami Hurricanes. Hall defeated former all-time win leader Jim Morris in an 11-10 win on March

27 to pick up his 505th win.

After competing at shortstop for four years under Hall at Tech, Victor Menocal has returned to the Jackets as a volunteer assistant coach.

“Even the guys that don’t make it to the big leagues, it’s really important for [Hall] to see those guys graduate.”

Victor Menocal
Baseball volunteer coach

Menocal was able to offer a bit of an insight into what it meant for Coach Hall to achieve the milestones as well as having the perspective of a player

and coaching alongside Hall.

“The thing that I really respect about him is that when I was a player he really cared a lot about his players, and now that I’m on the coaching side I really get to see how much he wants his players to excel. Not only at this level, but the next level. He keeps in contact with guys like [Mark] Teixeira, Nomar [Garciparra] and [Jason] Varitek. Even the guys that don’t make it to the big leagues, it’s really important for him to see those guys graduate. He lets us come back and get our scholarship and work here, so that we can get ourselves a new career in the future.”

“He’s really proud of those [milestones],” Menocal said. “Coach Morris was a great coach when he was coaching here. He had a bunch of great players. I know that Coach

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Richard out for entire fall season

Sophomore Darryl Richard, a defensive tackle for the football team, will likely miss the 2005 season because of an injury he sustained to his right knee in last Saturday's scrimmage. He tore his anterior cruciate ligament.

Richard was projected to start on the defensive line this upcoming season. He played in all 12 games last season, and he was a starter for four of those. He collected 14 tackles, including four quarterback sacks.

Redshirt freshman Elris Anyaibe is expected to fill Richard's spot.

The defensive line has seen two other injuries. Starting defensive end Travis Parker sustained a shoulder injury and redshirt freshman backup defensive tackle David Brown is out with mononucleosis.

Tomorrow the football team hosts their spring scrimmage at 10:30 a.m.

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Tech's lone win in the doubles series was the work of the duo of Anderson and freshman Whitney McCray, who won handily against the Lady Hurricanes' Patricia Starzyk and Caren Seenauth. Miami would quickly come back to take the doubles point with close victories. Miami's No. 1 duo of Melissa Applebaum and Audrey Banada won their match, while the Lady Hurricanes' other dominating duo of Megan Bradley and Stevens defeated Potapova and Shosho.

Miami won the first two singles matches. The first match to be completed saw the defeat of McCray at the hands of Banada 6-0, 6-3 at the No. 6 slot. Miami went up two games to none in the singles arena and pushed their overall lead to 3-0 when the nation's top-ranked singles player, Megan Bradley, defeated Kristi Miller, the No. 14 player in the country, 6-4, 6-2.

With no more room to lose, Tech

began its momentous comeback, winning four straight matches to conclude the contest and win 4-3 against Miami. Perhaps the most amazing feat is that three of the four points came as upsets.

The first Tech point came with Shosho's upset at the No. 5 singles slot over No. 84 Emily Mowery 6-3, 6-3. Tech closed the gap 3-2 with Silverio's 6-4, 6-3 upset over No. 107 Starzyk in the No. 4 match. The game-tying win came as a result of the racket of Anderson, who upset No. 124 Applebaum 7-5, 6-4. Despite losing her first set and being down 4-3 in the final set, the lone senior on the team, Potapova, rallied to clinch the win for the Lady Jackets with the win over Stevens 5-7, 6-0, 7-6 (3). Tech now enters its final weekend of the regular season with tough conference matchups against No. 16 Duke and No. 13 North Carolina, both at home. They will square off with Duke Saturday at 12 p.m. and against UNC Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Bill Moore Tennis Center.



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Alison Silverio celebrates a point in doubles. Silverio has helped lead the Jackets to a perfect record in ACC competition this season.

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Fredrick seeks transfer from Tech

Freshman basketball player Zam Fredrick has asked for and received a release to seek a transfer to another school, according to Head Coach Paul Hewitt.

Fredrick is a 6'0" guard from St. Matthews, S.C. and played in 19 games this season. He was back-up to Jarrett Jack and Will Bynum at the point guard position throughout the year.

Track competes at Clemson Invite

Chaunte Howard won her 24th consecutive women's collegiate high jump with a leap of 6'2.25".

She also ran a season-best time of 11.87 in the 100-meter dash and finished second. In the long jump, Howard's 19'6.75" mark gave her third place.

Junior Andriane Lapsley finished first in the women's 100 with a time of 11.57.

Freshman Shantia Moss won the 100-meter high hurdles with a time of 13.53.

Senior Brian Ford performed well for the men's teams. He ran a NCAA Region qualifying time of 21.18 in the 200-meter dash and finished second.

Softball slides past N.C. State



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Kristina Hull slides into second base for the Jackets against N.C. State. The softball team swept a three-game weekend series against the Wolfpack and have now won 12 of their last 14 games.

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With a strong showing against N.C. State last weekend, the Lady Jackets are poised to make a strong run at the College World Series in Oklahoma City this June.

Sitting atop the ACC, the softball squad has built a four-game winning streak with their last loss coming in early April against Virginia at

Charlottesville.

Over their last 14 games, the ladies are 12-2. They have already set two team records so far this season: stolen bases in a series this past weekend with 17 and stolen bases in a single game with 7. They have also tied a school record with 13 straight wins to open the season.

There is no denying that the softball team is performing at a high level this season, nor is there any

doubt that junior Amy Hosier is at the top of her game as well.

The Lakewood, Colo. native has improved every year, and now, in her third year at Tech, she has the second-best batting average on the team while leading the team in runs batted in.

"This is the best team that I have played for over the years," Hosier

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The number of first-place finishes for the badminton team in a recent tournament.

The Badminton Club dominated at the tournament with players from Emory, UGA and the Birmingham Badminton Club, held at Emory April 10.

The club sent 13 players to participate in five events: men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles.

The team won all of these events, and in fact all of the finals except men's doubles saw Tech players facing each other in the championship game. The schools agreed to make the tournament an annual event.

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The number of U.S. golfers that are selected for the Palmer Cup team. Roberto Castro of Tech has been named to the elite squad. They will compete against the top eight European college golfers in a Ryder Cup style format.

The Palmer Cup will be June 8 and 9 at Whistling Straits near Kohler, Wisc. Team USA leads the series 4-3-1.

Tennis excels in ACC matches



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Men's tennis team member Jose Muguruza hits a forehand. Muguruza has thrived this season, becoming Tech's No. 1 singles player.

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The men's tennis team split a pair of matches over the weekend in ACC play. The team blanked Maryland 7-0 and fell to Florida State 5-2 during tough road matches in conference play.

The outcome of the Maryland match was never in doubt as Tech dominated the Terrapins. All team members put in strong performances en route to sealing the win without losing a single set in College Park.

Jose Luis Muguruza and George Gvelesiani earned wins for the Jackets in their match against Florida State

in Tallahassee. Zachary Rath also took a set for the Jackets, but he was unable to secure a victory. In doubles action, David North and Marko Rajevac were able to earn a victory for the Jackets, but the team was unable to get the point, dropping the other two doubles contests.

The men play a home match today at 2:30 p.m. against N.C. State. Their final regular-season match is Sunday against UNC at the Bill Moore Tennis Center.

In women's action the Lady Jackets remained undefeated in the ACC by topping Florida State and Miami over the weekend. The Miami contest turned out to be a thriller.

In what Coach Bryan Shelton said was the most exhilarating match he has ever participated in or seen, the women's tennis team staged a momentous comeback with no room for error.

Tech was down 3-0 after Miami took the doubles point by winning two games to one and added to their lead with singles wins with victories in the No. 6 and No. 1 matches. Junior Kelly Anderson, sophomore Alison Silverio and junior Lyndsay Shosho won consecutive matches to knot the series up at three. Then, senior Dasha Potapova turned the tables in Tech's favor with a three-set victory in the No. 2 match against Staci Stevens 5-7, 6-0, 7-6.

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With success on links, golfer sets sights on big wins, turning professional

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Ten years from now when people talk about the greats of Tech golf like David Duvall, Larry Mize, Bryce Molder and Bobby Jones, there's a good chance they will talk about Nicholas Thompson in the same breath.

A four-time All-American, two-time All-ACC player of the Year, the current No. 5 player in the country in the amateur rankings and a semifinalist for the Ben Hogan award, Thompson is among the best athletes Tech has today, but there is something he still has left to accomplish.

"I want ACCs, Regionals and [a] National Championship. I want all three. I want to cover all three," Thompson said in an interview on Monday. "We just missed it by a hair my freshman year, and I want to do it this year. This is what we have been working for."

Now the end of the season is finally here and tournament time has begun. The golf team begins it all with a trip to the ACC Championship today, and Thompson is ready for the journey to begin.



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Tech senior golfer Nicholas Thompson is currently ranked No. 5 in the country.

"We are playing good enough to where we can win this event, no doubt, and I think a lot of our guys are moving in the right direction, towards winning this event," Thompson said. "We are all looking forward to it. It is relaxing because it is out in the middle of nowhere. It is like a

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