

Sports briefs

Golf team selected to compete in November Rolex Intercollegiate Match Play Team Championship

Hot off a second place finish in the NCAA Tournament, the Tech golf team claimed yet another accolade when they were named the top team in the Mastercard men's golf final rankings. As if that weren't enough amongst the myriad of individual and team honors, the team was also selected as one of eight teams to participate in Rolex's fall match play tournament.

The selections were made by the Collegiate Golf Foundation, and the tournament will be held at the West Bay Club in Estero, FL, November 10-12. There, Tech will join Houston, Georgia, Northwestern, Arizona, UNLV, Texas, and Clemson for the tournament, where Tech is expected to be the top seed. Each match will consist of five singles matches against an opponent school, with the winner advancing and the loser sent to a consolation bracket, and with each team guaranteed at least three matches.

Preparation begins immediately for the promising upcoming season, which begins September 24, with the Ping/Golfweek Preview Invitational at the Duke Golf Club.

Lewis, Teixeira selected to U.S. National Team

Underclassmen Richard Lewis and Mark Teixeira were recently selected from a finalist pool of 35 players to the 22-man final roster. The USA Baseball National Team held their tryouts in Tucson, Arizona at the U.S. WEST Sports Complex at Hi Corbett Field. Both received numerous honors throughout the season and played pivotal roles in Tech's strong post-season effort where they advanced to the NCAA Super Regionals before finally being defeated by the University of Southern California. These two will be reunited with several of their former foes from this NCAA series, USC's head coach Mike Gillespie and pitching ace Mark Prior. Additionally, USC pitcher Anthony Reyes will join the roster for additional firepower. This team is not the team that will represent the U.S. in the Sydney Olympic Games, but they will play roughly 30 games this summer across the globe.

Swim team welcomes new assistant, Kit Raulerson

The swim team continued to build their rising program by hiring on a talented and tested assistant from the University of Michigan, which is known for consistently being a highly ranked program. Raulerson has worked with swimmers at all levels, having coached Big 10 champions, U.S. National competition qualifiers, and even Olympians. Raulerson also helped with a broad variety of the coaching responsibilities at Michigan. Not only was he involved in the usual practices and competitions, he also went above and beyond, helping with travel preparations and alumni relations. Still, one of the most promising areas that Kit helped with that could certainly be useful to Tech is in the recruiting department. Hopefully, with his many talents, Kit Raulerson can help the growing program in their continued success.

Jason Collier Rocket-to-be



By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Jason Collier dominates the lane with his rebounding power during one of many outstanding performances as a Yellow Jacket.

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and gold were Clayton Porter who finished fourteenth in the long jump with a leap of 23' 9". That mark didn't allow him to advance but he did win All-American honors at the Indoor Championships.

Brendan Mahoney failed to qualify in the 800 meters, with the same fate happening to women's team members Sara Pardue and Becky Megesi, although they were present to compete in the earlier rounds.

Big ups to the whole track team for making it to nationals, and furthermore doing well while there. This was no easy feat as there were thousands of others who were letting their Air Maxes dry out from not qualifying while Tech's tracksters ran their hearts out, making a name for themselves and for Tech. If this and other recent accomplishments are any sign of the future, then things look bright as Tech races towards the 2001 season.

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against new teammate Steve Francis, 1999, on the baseline at Tech) or where bigger players beat him on the boards. Still, he is not that vulnerable as his offense and experience will shore those holes up soon. He also wants to win and is not afraid to take the big shot.

Collier had this to say on draft night, "I'm very excited and very happy. This is all so unbelievable. I figured I would go around this point, but I didn't know to whom. I'm very happy that Milwaukee selected me, and then happy that Houston traded for me. Milwaukee didn't tell me that they were going to trade me, but I had gotten a hint from my agent Richard Howell. Houston is a great organization. They won back-to-back NBA championships in the 90's. I know all about Steve Francis after playing against him last year. The more I can play next to or behind Hakeem Olajuwon, and the more I can learn from him, the better off I will be. And I know I will learn a lot from Coach Tomjanovich. I talked to him, and he's a great guy and a great coach. I'm really looking forward to playing for him and for the Houston Rockets."

Hats off and good luck to Collier in his career. Also hoping to make a move to the big leagues is 6'6" swingman Jason Floyd. Floyd, an outstanding leaper and shooter has worked out in several camps and continues to fine-tune his game in hopes of making the league.

When you think Floyd you have to think Steve Smith, a big guard who can shoot the lights out. Floyd has added good muscle weight while here at Tech, has an incomparable work ethic, and is a nice pickup for any squad. At press time, it was not certain whether he was drafted this night. Thanks for the memories and good luck to these two standouts in the future.

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Collier drafted, traded away to Houston

By David Williams
Quickly becoming a regular

The 2000 NBA Draft was a dream come true for a lot of young men whose lifelong aspiration was to make it to the NBA. One of these players is someone we are all familiar with on North Avenue, Jason Collier, who was selected 15th overall in the first round by the Milwaukee Bucks. Collier was then traded to Houston for Joel Przybilla and a future first round pick.

It was the end of a long trip for Collier, who transferred from Indiana to become a Yellow Jacket, where he flourished under Coach Bobby Cremins. Collier joins a select group of Yellow Jackets, as Tech has had 12 players selected in the first round since 1983. Tech also now has 12 players currently in the NBA (New York natives Stephon Marbury and Kenny Anderson, John Barry, Drew Barry, Tom Hammonds, Matt Harpring, John Salley, Dennis Scott, Fred Vinson, Matt Geiger and "the glove", Dion Glover).

Collier, who is listed at 7 feet tall and weighs in at 250 pounds, aver-

aged 17.1 points per game and 8.3 rebounds in his 55 games at Tech. How will he play in the NBA, fans might ask? Very well is the reply. Collier possesses a nice touch from the outside and is a very serious threat from beyond the arc. This

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Future Houston Rocket

will enable him to bring bigger and slower defenders out of the paint where he can either drive by them or create lanes for cutting teammates like Steve Francis and Cutino Mobley Robinson. Add in the fact that Collier is left-handed and

can finish around the basket on a consistent basis, and you have a nice addition to anybody's team. Collier might have been a better fit with the Bucks as they are young, run well, and have some skilled players who get well-structured shots off. Houston is a little more wide open and volatile with Steve "WonderKid" Francis, but playing with Hakeem Olajuwon never hurt anybody. If Collier develops his shot and gains his teammates' confidence, he may become the third option on the team, with the advent of Barkley's retirement. He will be surrounded by familiar names like Walt Williams of Maryland fame, the monster rebounder Kelvin Cato, and slasher Shandon Andersen.

What does Collier lack, the haters might ask? First, he needs to add good solid muscle mass, which will be tough as he has a hard time maintaining weight on his seven-foot tall frame. Collier can be a little suspect defensively, exemplified by the games here where smaller players went over him all too easily (witness "the dunk",

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By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Center Jason Collier proved his prowess in basketball here at Tech. Now, he will take it to the next level wearing the uniform of the Houston Rockets.

NCAA outdoor championships give Tech one more chance to shine

By David Williams
Owns the front page

Tech was represented very well this year at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, which were held May 31-June 3 at Duke's Wallace Wade Stadium in Durham, North Carolina. Tech sent a total of nine athletes in six events with representatives for both the men and the women. While both teams did not improve upon their best finishes ever at the meet (4th and 29th respectively), there were some outstanding individual performances, starting with rising star Bryan Swarn.

Swarn, a sophomore from Denver, Colorado, came on strong at the end of the year after battling many minor but troublesome injuries. He started off by earning an automatic bid to the tournament by running a 45.36 second time in the 400 meters in a qualifying meet. Automatic bids in track mean that the time is low enough that you will automatically be invited. Provisional times or marks mean that you may be invited. Swarn didn't have to worry, as this was a sign of things to come. He registered a time of 45.38 seconds to make it to the finals of the NCAA Championship where he finally met his match putting in a time of 45.72 to finish seventh. Still, his effort garnered him All-American honors, nothing to sneeze at. Swarn should do nothing but get better next year as he attempts to prevent the injuries that slowed him down this year.

The 4x400 team flourished with the help of Swarn as they made it to the finals of the Cham-

pionship finishing sixth. The team entered the competition with the fourth fastest qualifying time in the nation but could not duplicate the feat. Rounding out the quartet was Michael Johnson, Aaron Sink, and Sharif Azim. Johnson, a senior who is also from Colorado, had a terrific season, posting a few wins and taking Tech deep into the Championships, a feat most probably didn't think was possible with amateur-turned-professional Angelo Taylor. Hats off to Johnson and the rest of the squad.

Also competing was graduate student and Delaware native Malcolm Leason. Leason was red-shirted one year and thus was finishing his last year of eligibil-

ity this season. Tech coaches probably wished he had one more year, as he did an outstanding job winning the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship and the Jesse Owens Meet. Just making it to the NCAA Outdoors was a goal for Leason, and he finally made it in his last chance. The mechanical engineering student finished with honors in his undergraduate pursuits and has done well in grad school. What else could top it off? How about All America Honors after finishing eighth in the finals of the triple jump with a leap of 52 feet 6 inches. Props to Leason for doing it on and off the field.

Others competing for the blue

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By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Nine Tech athletes qualified for the rights to compete in six different events at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Tech Hall of Fame

Scott, Swilling top the list of six athletes selected as new members

By Rob Kischuk
Sports Editor

This month, a new class of six former Georgia Tech athletes was announced for fall induction into the Georgia Tech Athletic Hall of Fame. The class features both familiar names and unsung heroes, and spans six different sports. The new blood will be inducted on September 8, 2000, at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta.

Heading this class is a face that has been no stranger to Tech fans since his departure. Former Tech basketball player Dennis Scott was an all out all-star in his time here. As a member of the 1990 "Lethal Weapon 3" team, Scott scored an ACC single season record 970 points en route to a conference record 28 wins and the ACC championship. These efforts earned him not only first-team all-American status, but also the Naismith National Player of the Year award, the top award attainable by a college player, named for the inventor of the game, Jim Naismith.

Dennis Scott's successes did not end with his departure from Tech. Taken as a lottery pick in the 1990 NBA draft, he enjoyed several strong seasons with the Orlando Magic, where he played alongside the likes of Penny Hardaway and Shaquille O'Neal. His professional career recently started a new chapter, with the 10 year league veteran now playing for the Vancouver Grizzlies.

Ken Swilling, though not as much of a household name, was a part of even prouder moments for Tech athletics. Swilling started at free safety for the 1990 UPI National Champion football team, and still holds the Tech record for tackles by a defensive back. Another first team all-Ameri-

can, he played for three seasons in the NFL and now resides in Toccoa, Georgia.

Golfer Bill Ploeger (1960-62) was a team captain and an honorable mention all-American. Now retired, he has met with great success in amateur golf events throughout his life. These culminated recently with his selection as the 1999 Senior Player of the Year by the Georgia State Golf Association.

Diver Haskew Brantley was selected for his consistent success harkening back to Tech's membership in the SEC. He was a vital part of Tech's 1942 and 1948 championship teams. He never lost a single competition during his four year stay at Tech.

All-American triple jumper Rich Thompson (1987-91) set Tech records in the indoor and outdoor triple jump which remain intact to this day. He was a three year letter winner and was named to all-American honors seven times over. He continued on to place seventh in the 1996 Olympic triple jump trials, and participated in the 1995 Pan American Games.

Doug Creek (1988-91) pitched for the Jackets for four years without attaining any conference or national honors. Still, the southpaw has fared better than many such honored players in keeping a sport for himself in professional baseball. During his college career, he set a Tech record with 41 wins, a mark that still ranks second in ACC history. He is still active in the pros, currently on the roster for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Tickets for the Georgia Tech Hall of Fame Banquet are available at \$65 each and may be purchased by contacting Barb Dockweiler in the Alexander-Tharpe Fun Office at 404-894-6124