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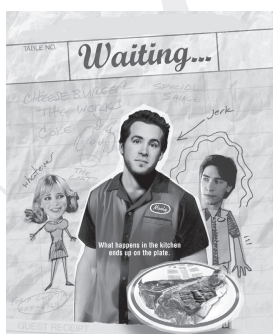
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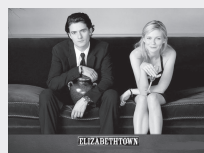
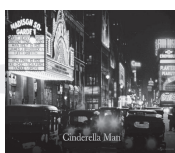
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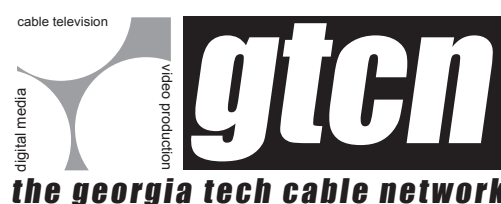
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"We had problems in the first game, but picked it up in the second one. We've been kind of in a rut lately in hitting, pitching and everything else," Amy Hosier said.

Wednesday's second game also had an unusual ending. The Jackets dominated the third inning with five runs. Haller, Hull and Brown each had a pair of RBIs as the Jackets held a six-run lead. Haller's 19th home run came in the fourth inning, giving the Jackets two more runs.

Sheridan responded to a Furman three-run inning with a double and two runs batted in.

"Today, we really got the bats together," Sheridan said. "Everyone was kind of in a divot." Sheridan was hit by a pitch in the sixth inning with bases loaded, allowing for the game-winning run to score.

Haller was amused by the game's ending. "It was a long game, long day. We all wanted it to end somehow, that was a weird way to end it, but whatever works." The Jackets won 11-3 with 10 hits in six innings.

On Tuesday, the Jackets defeated the Georgia Southern Eagles at Glenn Field by a score of 8-0. Wood and Lacey Richardson pitched for five combined shut out innings and held the Eagles to only three hits.

"That was a good win for us," Haller said. "[In] games like that, we can't take anybody lightly. [We have to] come out here and play our game, and if we do that we can post scores and numbers like that."

Brown hit her ninth home run of the season.

Morales's fourth-inning double

opened the way for two more runs by the Jackets, who dominated the fourth inning with five runs and four hits. Freshman Blair Shimandle, and sophomores Kristina Hull and Stephanie Butler also drove in runs for Tech.

Hosier labeled Tuesday's game against Georgia Southern as a "good win."

"We needed to bring our spirits up after the past games against N.C. State. [Tuesday] brought up our spirits a little bit. We hit the ball well," Hosier said.

The softball team played a three-game series against ACC rival N.C. State last weekend. On Saturday, the Jackets were defeated by the Wolfpack 9-1. Junior Caitlin Lever, Sheridan and Haller each earned a hit for the Jackets.

"As a team, we really needed to break out hitting during last weekend. 'See the ball, hit the ball.' Pitching just needs to keep us in games," Haller said.

In the fifth inning, Hosier earned her sixth home run. The Jackets came close to scoring again with the bases loaded. However, a force out at home and a double play prevented the Jackets from scoring again.

"We didn't hit as much we are capable. Plus, we got jammed a lot. We had fundamental and mental issues," said Haller, who identified the major problem of last weekend as pitching. "We struggled early in the game, but we also needed to pick it up for hitting. So, they both went hand in hand."

Pitchers Whitney Humphreys and Richardson had a combined three strike outs on Saturday.

Wood only allowed one run on Sunday's first game. Richardson



By Ethan Trehwitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech vs. Tech: The Georgia Tech lacrosse team hosted MIT on March 30. The Jackets downed the Beavers 11-3. On April 1 the Lacrosse team travelled to Knoxville to take on the Tennessee team, and again the Jackets were victorious. This time it was by a score of 10-2. Last Saturday the lacrosse team traveled to North Carolina to take on the N.C. State Wolfpack, who downed Tech 7-8. Tomorrow the team will face Georgia in a game played at the Chattahoochee High School Stadium. The game begins at 12:30 p.m.

earned her second save of the season. Brown hit the game-winning two-run homer as the Jackets won 4-3.

Morales's fourth inning double led to two runs scored, and Brown's two-run homer increased the Jacket lead to 4-1. Sheridan said that the most significant factor for Sunday's win was "facing one of their other pitchers. It was a long day and emotional win in the first game."

After relieving Haller in the sixth inning, Richardson earned a strike out and helped the Jackets ease out of a bases-loaded jam. Richardson also earned the save, as the Jackets won 4-3.

Freshman Blair Shimandle hit

a three-run homer and three RBIs during Sunday's nightcap.

Sheridan said that the team "had to dig deep to get more runs to tie [the second game]."

"When one thing is not going all right it seems to affect other things. It's hard to identify one thing. For example, when you're not hitting you tend to do badly on defense, and it all kinda snowballs. We need somebody to step up and be a spark plug and get some key defensive plays and hits. We need to get some wins back," Sheridan said.

"That was a rough weekend and a low point of a slump. The last game was a heartbreaker. They came

back and scored. ACC is a tough conference."

Haller labeled the series against N.C. State as a "learning weekend."

"The past weekend didn't hurt us too bad, but we have to pick it up for the conference series coming up," Haller said.

The Jackets will play all of next week's games at Glenn Field. Haller looks forward to playing at home. "It's nice. Traveling is tiring. We've been away for a while. We like playing on our field that we know so well and having our fans come. To have our fan base come here, it's a game changer."

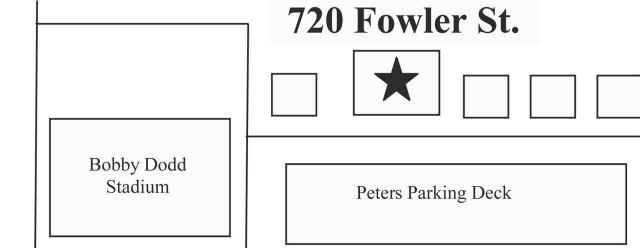
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Golf ends regular season

Barbosa takes fourth at final meet; team prepares for ACC and NCAA competition

By Michael Warwick
Contributing Writer

The Tech golf team is back on the upswing headed into the post-season. After starting the semester strong with a victory in Hawaii, the Jackets posted three lackluster performances.

In the last of these, the Morris Williams Intercollegiate Championship, Tech golfers could only muster a tie for 10th place. One bright spot for the Jackets, who faced nine of the top 25 teams in the nation, was the eighth place finish for freshman standout Cameron Tringale.

The Jackets most recently hosted the United States Collegiate Championship in nearby Alpharetta, Ga. on April 10 and 11. This tournament made only its third appearance in the Atlanta area since 2000. The golf team sought to live up to its billing as the No. 4 team in the nation on the course that will be the site of next year's NCAA East Regional.

"We hope one day we can get the NCAA Championship here, and this was a small step towards doing that," Head Coach Bruce Heppler said, as reported by ramblinwreck.com "We host the NCAA East Regional here

next year, so it was great to get our feet wet knowing what hole locations we can use, which ones we can't, and how it will play. A year from now, we'll be ready for it."

The Jackets opened the 36-hole first day with a solid round of 290 [2-over-par/+2] that put them in third place. After falling back with a second round of 298 [10-over-par/+10], the team improved on the third day and shot a 288 [even-par/E], which was the second-best final round in the tournament. Tech finished in a tie for fourth out of the 13-team field.

Mike Barbosa led the Jackets with a final round 268 (-3) on Tuesday to move into a tie for fourth. His performance, the low round of the day, left him two shots out of first place for the tournament.

Freshman Taylor Hall and classmate Tringale finished tied for 26th after both shot final rounds of 73 (+1). Juniors Roberto Castro and Kevin Larson finished tied for 31st after their final round 74 (+2)

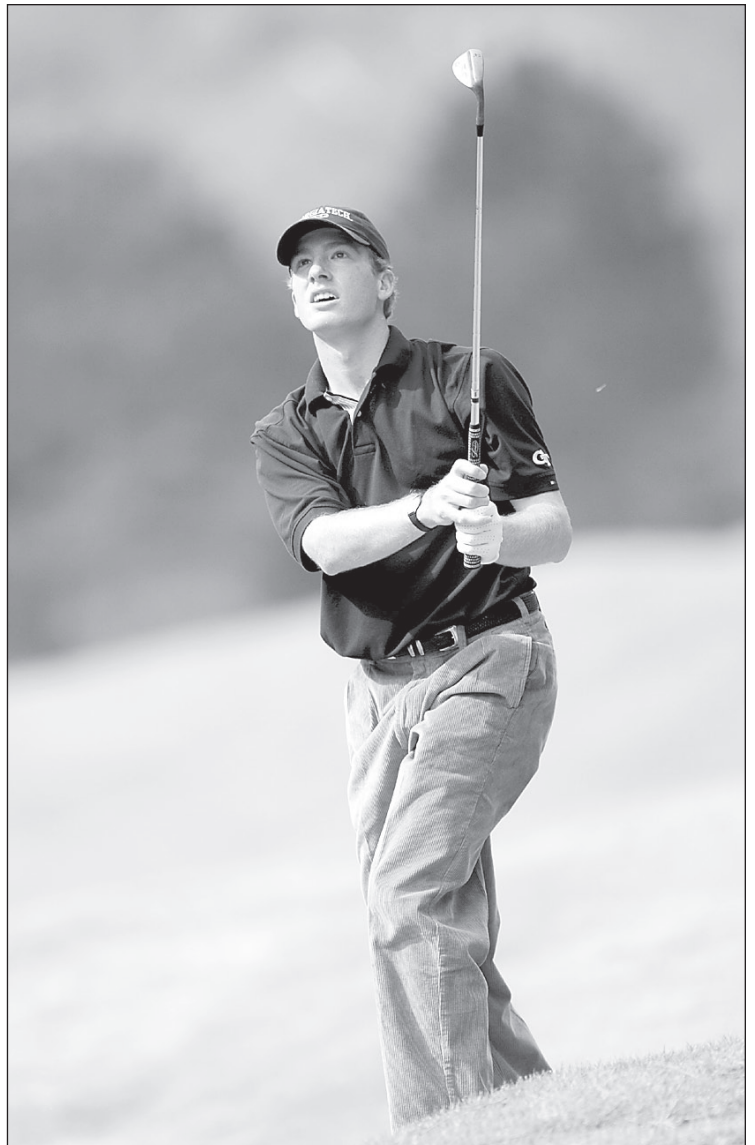
The Jackets begin post-season play April 21 with the ACC Championship in New London, N.C. Tech is a virtual lock based on national reputation and high performance this year to be selected to NCAA

regional play, from which the top 10 teams advance to the NCAA championship. The championship will be conducted in Sunriver, Ore. at the Crosswater Golf Club, a course with positive memories for the Jackets who placed second there in the GolfWeek Preview Invitational in September.

The Tech golf team has a long tradition of excellence on the links. Over the history of the program, the Jackets have collected eight ACC championships and four second place finishes in the national championship on the stellar play of more than 25 All-Americans. This year's team, built on the veteran leadership of such players as Castro and Larsen combined with plenty of young talent, will be looking to add to the lore of the Tech golf program.

Individual Leaders

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T2	B. Todd (Georgia)	-4
T4	M. Barbosa (Tech)	-3
T4	M. Every (Florida)	-3
6	C. McCartin (Wake)	-1
T7	J. Bell (Texas)	E
T7	R. Davies (E. TN. St.)	E
T7	B. Horschel (Florida)	E



By Christopher Gooley/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Junior Roberto Castro shot eight over par (224) at the U.S. Collegiate Championship. The team next competes at the ACC tournament.

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Four Jackets take first in track and field events

By Matthew Winkler
Contributing Writer

The men's and women's track and field teams competed at the Spec Invitational over the weekend in Athens. Four Jackets placed first in their respective events.

Jerome Miller posted a mark of 7 feet, 0.25 inches in the men's high jump to take first place. The mark was a season best as well as an NCAA region mark. He also placed a mark of 46 feet, 0.25 inches in the triple jump to record a fourth-place finish.

In the hammer throw, senior

Eric Massey had a career day. He set a personal record as well as an NCAA qualifying mark of 199 feet, 3 inches, to take first place in the competition.

In the men's 1500m, junior David Herren placed first with a time of 3:54.32.

Andriane Lapsley finished first in the women's 100m dash with a time of 11.48. She also finished 6th place in the 100m hurdles and 5th place in the triple jump to post her third top-five finish of the meet.

This weekend the track team travels to Knoxville, Tenn. to compete in the Sea Ray Relays.

Top 8 Finishes from the Spec Invitational

Charles Rohling (8th)	Men's hammer throw	175' 10"
Kimery Hern (6th)	Women's hammer throw	167' 4"
Alana Cooten (8th)	Women's hammer throw	163' 8"
Ashlee Kidd	Women's 400-meter (2nd)	53.82
	Women's 200-meter (6th)	24.67
Tenisha Griggs	Women's 100m hurdles (7th)	13.89
	Women's 200-meter (7th)	24.78
	Women's 100-meter (7th)	12.22
Shantia Moss	Women's 100m hurdles (2nd)	13.44
	Women's 200-meter (8th)	24.79
Fatmata Fofanah (3rd)	Women's 100-meter hurdles	13.69
Andy Powlen (2nd)	Men's shot put	56' 9.25"
Nico Shaner (2nd)	Men's javelin	191' 7"
Juan Cave (3rd)	Men's high jump	6' 8"
Nazar Trilisky (5th)	Men's 1500-meter	4:01.69
Nigel Orr (5th)	Men's triple jump	46' 3.25"
Paul Specht (6th)	Men's 5000-meters	16:07.93
E.C. Gibbs (6th)	Men's 1500-meters	4:01.49
Matt DiDia (6th)	Men's 400-meter	49.50
Derek Hoye (6th)	Men's 800-meters	1:57.10
Antoinetta McKay (6th)	Women's 100-meter	12.15
Elena Linn (7th)	Women's 1500-meter	4:40.58
Nisha Kurian (8th)	Women's 1500-meter	4:41.09
April Phillips (7th)	Women's shot put	42' 9.5"
Jewel Welch (8th)	Women's shot put	41' 6"
Kimery Hern (8th)	Women's discus	151'

Jackets win two close matches

By Matthew Winkler
Contributing Writer

The men's tennis team picked up two victories over N.C. State and Wake Forest this past week as they moved up to No. 27 in the nation. The Jackets are currently on a three-match winning streak.

Against Wake Forest on Sunday the Jackets overcame a 2-0 deficit to upset the No. 26 team in the nation. Four Jackets won singles matches to help propel the Jackets to a 4-3 victory.

Wake Forest started out strong by winning all three doubles positions to take the doubles point. The Demon Deacons then took the next singles point as No. 13 Todd Paul defeated Marko Rajevac 6-4, 6-3.

The Jackets responded by winning the next four singles points. David North upset No. 94 Andrew Hammar, 2-6, 6-0, 6-4. Zachary Rath, Jordan Delass and Scott Blackmon also claimed their singles matches to help propel the Jackets to a 4-2 lead. George Gvelesiani dropped his singles match in three sets, but the Jackets had already claimed the victory.

Against N.C. State, the Jackets picked up the doubles point by winning all three doubles matches. The Wolfpack responded by winning the next two singles matches to take a 2-1 lead.

North then tied the score at 2-2 by winning his match in two sets 6-1, 6-1. N.C. State then regained the lead after Rath dropped his match in three sets.

The Jackets, trailing 3-2, needed the next two matches to take the victory. Blackmon won his match, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, tying the score at 3-3. Marko Rajevac then had a dramatic finish by winning his match, 6-7, 6-3, 7-5, to claim the victory for the Jackets.



By Staff Photographer/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sophomore Scott Blackmon won both of his singles matches in competition last weekend. The team downed both opponents 4-3.

With the two wins over the weekend, the Jackets move to 9-8 overall and 3-6 in ACC play.

The Jackets had a match yesterday against Boston College, but the results were unavailable at press time. The Jackets face Maryland today at 3 p.m., at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. This marks the 27th meeting between the Jackets and Terrapins, with Tech leading the series 20-6.

Today's match also marks the last home match for senior Marko Rajevac.

The Jackets will compete in the ACC championship April 20-24 in Cary, N.C.

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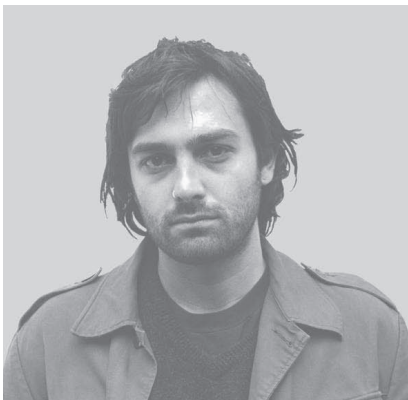
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MASSIS Andre, São Paulo, BR

Was lured away from a pretty young thing and into a heated game of 'Foos' by his good friend Carl—more commonly known as "The Mayor of No Women's Land." While Andre made several attempts to step away and put himself back into contention with the said female, Carl's relentless pursuit for all things that don't involve getting some, was ultimately too much for the young Andre. He quickly found himself sweating it out over the air hockey table, from where he would catch a glimpse of his young beauty heading out the door with another suitor. Andre's game will be remembered by many, just not her.



NIEVES Fernando, New York, NY

His game was alive and well on its way to a ten digit exchange with a hottie known as Britney, but was suddenly bushwhacked by a classic Gamekiller, The Drama Queen. She ran into the scene, tears streaming, and sobbed a story of having seen her ex from four years ago. "I, I, I just can't be alone tonight, Brit." Still a retrievable situation had Fernando kept his cool. But he didn't. "Four years seems like a long time ago," he said in all innocence. By the time The Drama Queen was done flipping the script, Fernando was re-cast in the role of "the villain" in front of a crowd of horrified on-lookers. No one hooks up with an insensitive pig. Rest in peace Fernando, but you sleep alone.

DANIELSON Zack, Atlanta, GA

It was early in the evening yesterday when Zack's game left us, and while it didn't go without a fight, Zack did have

his arse unceremoniously handed to him. Upon returning from the bathroom, Zack found the girl he was seeing had been surrounded by a beefy mesomorph, Early Man, who tried to use his abundant muscle to strong-arm him out of the picture. Zack did not keep his cool and accused his young lady friend of flirting with the first guy who came along. His girl, no doubt disgusted by Zack's over-the-top bravado, fled the scene when his far from attractive jealousy escalated into Zack throwing a punch, which was caught in mid-air by something that looked like a hand, but felt like a 20lb vice. By the time Zack regained consciousness, he was home alone and unable to console himself with his dominant hand.



SHIEH Hanwey, Los Angeles, CA

Hanwey was chatting up a Latin diva at an apartment complex barbecue and his game was hot enough to pose a fire hazard, that is until his friend and cocoon of horror known as The Mess entered the picture and snatched Hanwey up like a flash flood of distraction. Somewhat of a loose cannon, The Mess immediately engaged Hanwey in the age-old male bonding tradition of lighting one's own farts. Sure, there's little more enticing than the ignition of one's own combustible human gasses, but much like riding an electric scooter, you don't look that cool doing it. When the laughter subsided, Hanwey was left with nothing but a good laugh and the faint smell of old eggs, while his lady was snared by a new suitor. Man, talk about blowing it.



KUMAR Bharat, Jacksonville, FL

After kicking his game to a leggy redhead at a dorm mixer, Bharat was interrupted by

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Trevor, a.k.a. British Accent Guy. Women are drawn to men with British accents, so all it took was a single "pardon" to make his girl raise an eyebrow toward this game killing Redcoat. This prompted Bharat to get riled by calling out the guy's busted grill of yellowing bad teeth and comparing the merits of baseball over cricket. The British Accent Guy smiled and opened his mouth only to offer small bits of non-confrontational banter, allowing his accent to seep into the girl's brain like a piece of brilliant propaganda. In the end, the Brit would invade on Bharat's territory with ease, taking the girl, and leaving Bharat's game strewn on the road as a piece of collateral damage.

SMITH Eric, Washington, DC

His game came to its demise in the most unlikely of circumstances. While engaging in two of his most pleasurable pastimes: talking about boats, with his other passion, a beautiful girl who seemed genuinely interested. They were even planning to go out in his 15-foot dinghy, only to hit unseen rocks in the form of The One Upper, the classic Gamekiller who lives by the motto "Anything you can do I can do better." Sure enough, The One Upper claimed to not only know boats, but he also boasted of captaining his own 40-foot vessel. Eric tried to navigate to the calmer waters of car talk but was run over again by The One Upper's supposed vintage German roadster. The tension quickly mounted, and soon the two were engaged in a ruthless game of one-upmanship. On and on they went, seeing what the other guy just said and raising him. When the smoke cleared, Eric had won the gloat-fest, but the girl was nowhere to be found. No one likes a braggart. Eric's game was last seen drifting away towards the vast sea of loneliness in an undersized boat.



FOX Jon, London, UK

Jon's game, beloved to many a cheerleader and facilitator of the ménage of 2003, was fairing well at a Gold Coast club with a delightful pair of sisters. That is until the playboy predator and full time Gamekiller simply known as Kash Munni entered the picture. A well-endowed socialite famous for trashing 5-star hotel rooms, Kash had traveled in from oil rich lands wearing expensive Italian loafers and

Game Killed

indoor sunglasses. Drinks were bought for willing and unwilling recipients alike with his family's fortune, which he shamelessly flaunted in the form of an array of high status plastic. This caused Jon to suddenly lose his cool and go on the defensive by opening a tab of his own. On his debit card. After three rounds, Jon's account was maxed. Shortly after he was dropped off alone would Jon learn the hard way that a woman's affection should never be for sale, and that many a man has gone broke trying to prove otherwise.



UTSCH Chad, New Brunswick, NJ

His game was faring nicely at the local coffee shop with a seemingly receptive latte drinker called Rita and he seemed well on his way to a little afternoon delight, that is until the corduroy-clad Gamekiller known as "IQ" entered picture. This pompous scholastic scavenger, famous for luring men into heated debates on subjects of which they know nothing, over-heard the conversation turning to art and pounced. Immediately he steered the dialogue into an area known as Out Of Chad's Depth where he would dish out ever increasing portions of intellectual emasculation. Chad reacted as anyone with a 20 point IQ deficit facing "IQ" would: the wrong way. No, the answer to "When do you feel Picasso peaked?" isn't to shove the questioner in the chest. Rita was left to apologize emphatically for Chad's actions and asked if she could make up for it in some way. Chad tried to recover, but it was too late. He had lost his cool, and his game would retire home, where it would begin its own blue period.

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Kindel and Payne. Kindel went 3-4 at the plate, and scored twice. Payne went 2-5, scoring twice and driving in two. Payne hit his seventh home run of the season in this game.

On Sunday, the Jackets played a doubleheader that started at 11 a.m. This game started off much the same fashion, as the Hokies were able to get out to an early 5-1 lead against Tech starter Lee Hyde.

Wieters hit a three run home run to bring the game back to 5-4. This started an offensive explosion for the Jacket bats as they would go on to score 17 runs on the way to a 17-11 victory.

The game included an eight-run sixth inning that saw ten Jackets hitters come to the plate and included a three-run home run by Wes Hodges. Wieters had a career-high seven RBIs in a game where he went 3-6 at the plate and scored a run as well.

The Jackets won the rubber match of the series with a score of 5-3. Junior Jared Hyatt started his first game of his career at Tech, and it was a good one. Hyatt threw 6.1 innings, striking out eight, walking three and only surrendering three earned runs.

On the offensive side, Murton had the best day going 2-4 at the plate, with a walk and two RBIs. Wieters had another solid performance at the plate going 2-4 as well, with a walk and a run scored.

Wieters also came in to pitch the ninth inning for the Jackets. He picked up his third save of the season. Wieters did not allow anyone to get on base and struck out two.

The Jackets start a big three-game series tonight at 7 p.m. against the No. 5 Clemson Tigers. The Tigers are currently 9-3 in ACC play, putting them in second place in the Atlantic division. Overall, the Tigers are 25-8. The Jackets and Tigers have played each other 180 times in school history, with each school winning 90 times.

Women drop first two ACC matches

By Asif Heerji
Assistant Sports Editor

Winning 16 of their last 18 matches, including an unbeaten 7-0 record against ACC foes, the Tech women's tennis team faced their toughest stretch of opponents last weekend as they traveled to North Carolina to take on the No. 5 North Carolina Tar Heels and the No. 14 Duke Blue Devils.

Last Saturday Tech's doubles duo of Kristi Miller and Lyndsay Shosho, ranked No. 16 overall in the nation, upset the No. 7 team of Sara Anundsen and Jenna Long of North Carolina to tie the doubles point. The first doubles match went to the Tar Heels as Meg Fanjoy and Austin Smith defeated Kacie Anson and Alison Silverio 8-2.

In the final doubles, which would determine the doubles point, Kelly Anderson and Whitney McCray led 6-4 when play had to be moved indoors. Once the match moved indoors, UNC's tandem of Caitlin Collins and Tanja Markovic rallied to win the doubles point from Tech, 8-6.

Top ranked singles player, Miller, led off the singles scoring as she defeated UNC's top singles player, Collins, in straight sets to take the first point and tie the match 1-1. UNC made their run as Smith, Long and Anundsen all won their singles matches against No. 71 Tarryn Rudman, No. 52 Shosho and No. 62 Silverio, to give UNC a 4-1 and clinching the victory over.

No. 94 Anderson and McCray both won their singles matches to bring the final score to 4-3, but this did not change the decision as the Heels had already wrapped up the victory.

The Jackets then traveled over to Durham to face the No. 14 Blue Devils. After dropping the two doubles matches against UNC and



By Scott Medway/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sophomore Whitney McCray split her singles and doubles matches in the state of North Carolina this past weekend. The Jackets fell to North Carolina and Duke for their first back-to-back losses in two years.

losing the doubles point, Tech came out firing against the Devils.

Tech's teams of Anderson and McCray along with Anson and Silverio each bounced back to get victories in doubles play while Miller and Shosho won their match in a tiebreak to sweep Duke in doubles play.

Miller started Tech off on the right foot in singles play, earning the first point and giving the Jackets a commanding 2-0 lead.

However, the rest of the team did not follow as Duke took the next four singles matches to clinch the victory. The Devils also took the

final singles point to win the match by a final margin of 5-2.

Shosho and Striplin were both defeated in straight sets, each being defeated by a higher ranked opponent.

Silverio, Anderson and McCray each put up strong fights but fell in three sets, with two of the three players falling to higher ranked opponents.

The Devils had five singles players ranked overall while Tech has four players ranked.

Tech dropped two matches for the first time in two years. With the losses, the Jackets record now

stands at 16-5 overall and 7-2 in the ACC.

Despite the two losses, Tech maintained its No. 12 overall ranking in the latest FILA Collegiate Tennis Rankings.

The women's tennis team will wrap up the regular season this weekend with two home matches against Wake Forest and N.C. State.

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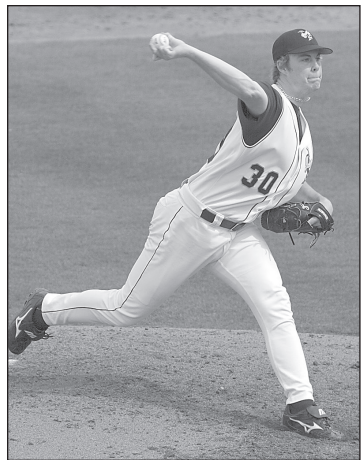
be our starter. I thought he pitched great at Virginia Tech and has been a valuable player for us all year long," Head Coach Danny Hall said.

So far this season, Berken is 4-2 with a 1.69 ERA and a 1.36 WHIP.

On the final game of the series, freshman David Duncan will start for the Jackets against Clemson's Stephen Faris. This season Duncan is 2-1 with a 5.57 ERA and a 1.61 WHIP. Faris has a 4-0 record with a 1.75 ERA and a 0.88 WHIP.

This game may have special meaning for Matt Wieters, a native from Goose Creek, S.C.

"Clemson is always a great team. It's a special series for me because they are a hometown team. They were recruiting me a little bit coming out of high school. We'll have a few people here rooting for me, but I don't know if they will be rooting for Tech," Wieters said.



By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Wood will help Tech take the all-time series lead with Clemson.

Students organize racquetball tournament, Swing into Spring

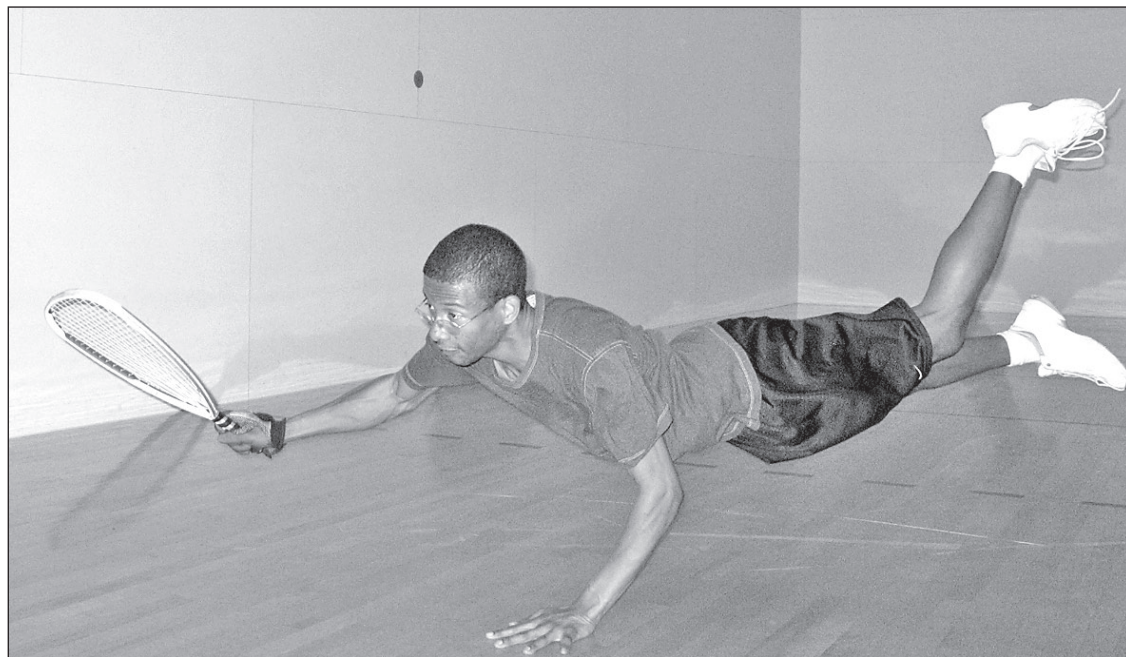


Photo courtesy of Brett Bartel

Julian Dawson (above) partnered with Jessica Sladky (not pictured) to win the mixed doubles competition of the "Swing into Spring" tournament, which was organized by some student racquetball players.

By Patrick Odneal
Sports Editor

With the end of phase I intramural competition, a few campus racquetball players decided to organize a campus tournament to continue competitive play. Thus the "Swing into Spring" tournament was created, and hundred of students expressed interest in competing in the event. The tournament featured a handful of players who are ranked in the state of Georgia

Men's 'A' Singles

1st	Matt Rahn
2nd	Aaron Luque
Consolation	Brett Bartel

Men's 'B' Singles

1st	Patrick Lynn
2nd	Brian Kestner
Consolation	Ben Taylor

Women's Singles

1st	Rachel Harris
2nd	Jessica Bartel

Men's 'C' Singles

1st	Kyle Mueller
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Men's 'A' Doubles

Paul Brown and Patrick Lynn

Men's 'B' Doubles

Matt Kolaski and Ben Taylor

Women's Doubles

Jessica Sladky and Rachel Harris

Mixed Doubles

Jessica Sladky and Julian Dawson

by the numbers 0

The number of errors that the Tech baseball team had against No. 24 Georgia on Wednesday. This is the second consecutive error-less game for the Jackets who defeated the Bulldogs 8-2. The two in-state rivals will face each other again April 26 in Athens.

19

The number of home runs hit by freshman first baseman Whitney Haller this season. This number is in the top three in the NCAA for home runs this season.

2003

The last year that Tech's women's tennis team dropped two consecutive matches. They lost this past weekend to North Carolina and Duke.

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night, they were unable to get the ball rolling early.

It was a back and forth struggle with many lead changes. In the end, the Jackets fell 8-6. The Jackets dug themselves in a hole early as they gave up four first-inning runs.

Starter Blake Wood did strike out a season-high nine hitters, but also surrendered six earned runs on

eight hits. While his effort did not shut down the Hokies, they were able to stay in the game. Tech was able to tie the game twice, but was never able to take the lead.

Hokie reliever Josh Canova picked up the win by pitching 5.1 innings and allowed only two runs on three hits.

Among the leaders for the Tech bats in this game were outfielders Jeff

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By Ethan Trewitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Freshman pitcher David Duncan pitched only three innings Wednesday against Georgia in order to save his arm for this weekend.

Haller continues early success

By Randy Darnowsky
Contributing Writer

It's been quite a break out season for Whitney Haller, the freshman from Marietta, Ga. who holds the single season home run record in the ACC with 19 (and counting), plays first base and also acts as a relief pitcher.

Haller became the first Jacket ever to be voted as one of the top 25 finalists for the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award. She is one of just two freshmen on this year's list.

"It's unbelievable and a tremendous honor to be in a list with all of those players [who are] nationally renowned," Haller said. "I really don't have words to describe how much of an honor it really is."

Haller currently has 59 RBIs, a .867 slugging percentage and a .422 batting average. She is also in the top five in the nation in RBI, is about to break the ACC single-season record for RBI and holds the school record for runs scored in a season.

Haller mentioned that the team is more important than individual records.

"It's...exciting to help the team so much and that is what is most important," Haller said.

Haller is currently tied for second in the nation with the most home runs this season. When asked if she will become the nation's leader in home runs, Haller could only manage to laugh in an attempt not to blush.

"There are so many good people in the nation. I am probably not [going to finish on top.]"



By Julia Bunch / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Freshman Whitney Haller picked up her 19th home run on Wednesday. Haller plays first base and also sees time as a relief pitcher.

Haller's first year in college did not start off for the best. She shattered her ring finger knuckle last summer playing softball and was forced to sit out for fall training.

"I was out for a good month. Plus, I had to get into the swing of things when everybody had already played. It was hard, but I made it work," she said. "I think [the injury] made me work harder. I hate being benched; I want to be in action. That just makes you want it harder, and you know what it feels like when you come out here and you can't have it."

Haller is an all-around player. She's a power hitter, a first baseman and a relief pitcher. From the pitcher's circle, she currently has six saves and 19 strike outs in 41 innings pitched.

"I will probably close a couple

games this weekend, and may get a save at the end of one of the games. It's a thrill for me."

The Jackets have two weeks left in the regular season play before the ACC tournament and NCAA competition begins.

"This is the season that you dream about, and I hope that it keeps going the way it is now," Haller said.

Haller mentioned that post-season play is something that's in the back of the players' minds.

"It's always on your mind [as] you go through conference games, like this weekend. We have to win the series, so it puts us in a good position to prepare for the end-of-the-season tournament. We're playing the teams that we're going to play in the tournament, so we're scouting and seeing what we're up against," Haller said.

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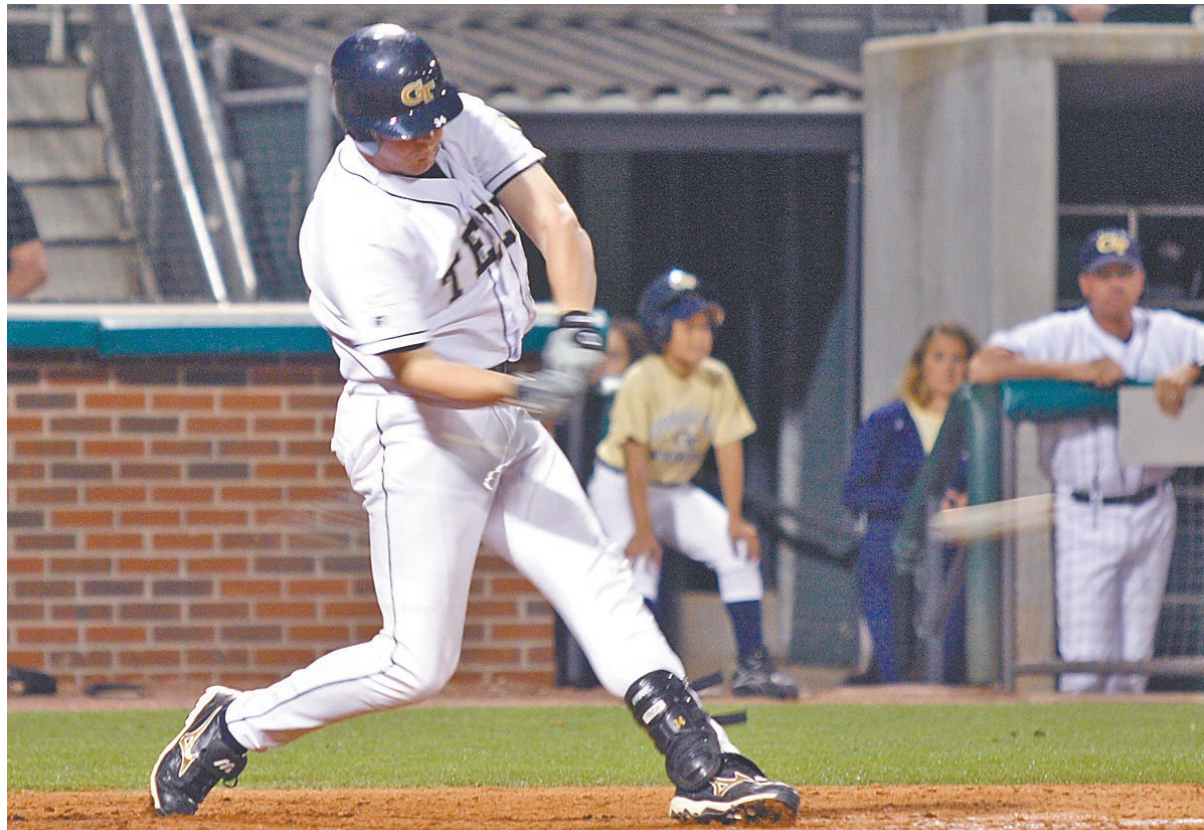
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HALLER HITS TWO MORE

Freshman Whitney Haller hit two home runs Wednesday to bring her season total up to 19, an ACC record. **Page 35**A MOVIE CALLED *BRICK*Joseph Gordon-Levitt plays a teenage loner who must investigate the disappearance of his girlfriend. **Page 21**

Hot bats and no errors help Tech down UGA 8-2



By Ethan Trewitt/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Freshman first baseman Luke Murton had two hits and drove in two runs in Wednesday night's game against the Georgia Bulldogs. Murton also drove in two runs against the Virginia Tech Hokies Sunday in Blacksburg, Va.

By William Bretherton
Staff Writer

This past week the No. 9 Jackets baseball team took two out of three against the Hokies of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. On Wednesday, Tech defeated rival Georgia 8-2. They went into this game ranked No. 24 in the country.

"I have a little more of a rivalry with Georgia because my brother went to UGA. It's good to get some bragging rights against him because he is always in my ear talking about Georgia," senior left fielder Steven Blackwood said.

The Jacket bats started the game with success, as sophomore

Danny Payne led off the first inning with a double. Blackwood put Tech on the board by driving in Payne with an RBI single. Freshman Luke Murton kept up the big inning by driving in two runs with a two-out single to give the Jackets a 3-0 lead after the first inning.

Georgia responded in the second inning with a two-run double by freshman shortstop Gordon Beckham to bring the game to 3-2. Freshman starting pitcher David Duncan was pulled out of the game after working three innings so that he can be rested for the Clemson series this week.

"[Duncan will] pitch on Sunday against Clemson, so we pretty much made our mind up that he was only going to pitch three innings," Head Coach Danny Hall said.

In his three innings of work, Duncan allowed two runs, three hits and a walk and also struck out three.

Tech picked up another run in the second inning, and that

would be the last for either team until the sixth inning when Tech picked up two more. Matt Wieters drove in two with a double to the gap to take the game to 6-2. Wieters added two more RBIs in the eighth by hitting an opposite field home run to left center field to make the game 8-2.

The Bulldogs had no answer for the Jacket relief pitching combo of Brad Rulon, Tim Ladd and Chris Hicks. Rulon would be credited with the win as he threw three scoreless innings.

In the game, Blackwood and Wieters were key to the Jacket victory. They combined to hit 6-10 at the plate with six RBIs between the two of them.

"Baseball is a streaky game. If someone could figure out when you're hot, and when you're cold, and what's doing it, they would make a lot of money," Wieters said.

The Jackets will face the Bulldogs twice

more this season—on April 26 at Athens and on May 10 at Turner Field.

The Virginia Tech series started off poorly for the Jackets. However, it had nothing to do with on-field performance, as heavy rains stormed the Blacksburg area.

"Danny Payne saw two pitches and then there was a lightning bolt behind home plate off in the distance. I'd never seen so much rain before. I think that it hailed about six times while we were sitting in the dugout waiting. Their tarp ended up ripping in half," Blackwood said.

The first game of the series was postponed until Sunday as they were unable to play two games on Saturday. When the Jackets finally took the field on Saturday

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Baseball hosts No. 5 Clemson this weekend

By William Bretherton
Staff Writer

The Jacket baseball team plays a decisive series against the No. 5 Clemson Tigers this weekend, starting today. Tech is currently 8-7 in ACC play, and is only 3-3 in their last six games in the conference.

In the all time series against Clemson, the Jackets and Tigers have split the series 90-90. In the last two seasons against the Tigers, the Jackets have won six out the last seven games.

The pitching match-ups are keys for both the Jackets and the Tigers. For Tech, the season has been a story of inconsistency. The pitching has shown signs of brilliance and at other times mediocrity.

Against Clemson, Tech's pitching

staff will need to give a similar effort to the one they gave in the series against North Carolina earlier this season where the Tar Heels scored only three runs in three games.

Today junior Blake Wood will make the start. This season, Wood has a 6-3 record, a 4.47 ERA and a 1.59 WHIP. The Tigers will throw their senior starter, Josh Cribb. Cribb is 6-0 with a 1.98 ERA and a 0.95 WHIP this season.

The probable starters for Saturday's game are Jared Hyatt for Tech, and junior Jason Berken for Clemson. Hyatt made his first start of his career against Virginia Tech last week.

"[Hyatt's] going to start Saturday. With Gustafson out, he's going to

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Junior Pitcher Blake Wood will get the start today against the Tigers. The native of Suwanee, Ga. will pitch the first game of the three-game series.

Softball picks up three wins against non-ACC schools

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The Jackets swept the Furman Paladins during a doubleheader at Glenn Field Wednesday. Tech set school records for most stolen bases in a game and most runs scored and RBIs in a season.

Freshman Whitney Haller hit another pair of homeruns. As of Wednesday Haller is tied for second in the nation with 19 home runs.

"It feels good. I've been in a hitting slump lately, and it was nice to hit the ball hard," Haller said. "Last weekend was unbelievable, and I tried to hit the ball hard and out of the fence. At the same time, I was doing whatever I could to help my team."

Junior pitcher Sarah Wood threw for nine innings on Wednesday, three innings in the first game and six innings in the second game.

"To throw that many innings is incredible. Sarah Wood did an awesome job," said Haller, who is a pitcher herself. "The week went well, and our pitching staff is getting better and better. That's what you want to see as the season progresses. We want to reach a peak going into the post-season. Our major strength for today was stamina."

Senior Christine Sheridan, who hit 6-7, combined with sophomore Savannah Brown for six of the Jacket RBIs.

"This was a great day for me," Sheridan said. "I broke up a slump and was trying to keep up my defense

and offense. It really boosted up my confidence."

In the first game Wednesday, sophomores Stephanie Butler and Aileen Morales each blasted a two-run homer, and Haller hit a solo home run. In the fourth inning, Butler hit another two-run home blast.

The game was tied at 5-5 after six innings. The seventh and eighth innings and the top half of the ninth inning all saw no scoring. To start the bottom of the ninth inning, Sheridan was placed on second base, in accordance with the international tie breaker rule. Sheridan scored the game-winning run on a wild pitch. The Jackets earned six runs and eight hits.

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