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with a single advancing Styer to third. Pinch hitter Erin Hawley then drove in Styer for the first run on a fielder's choice to second base. Heather Sumrow reentered the game for Hawley and proceeded to steal second and then advance to third on an error by the shortstop on the throw, which allowed Frost to score. On the ensuing pitch, Sumrow scored on a wild pitch which bounced to the backstop.

Tech added an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth as Knobbe crushed her 15th home run on the season over the center field fence.

Jamie Smith earned the victory and pitched her second shut-out of the season. She allowed only five hits, struck-out one, and improved her record to 11-10 on the season. Jennifer Miller took the lossfor the Eagles allowing four runs on five hits and striking out four.

The Jackets will be in action again this weekend, as they take on the Pirates of East Carolina (40-6, 0-0) on Saturday and Sunday.

"East Carolina is an excellent program," boasted Madden. "I am glad they have joined the SASA. We will treat this just like an ACC game, and my hope is that our team plays with the same mental toughness we had last week. It will be a tough weekend, but if we have the

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right mental approach, I think we will have good results."

The fun didn't end for the Jackets with just sweeping two teams, either. Two team members received recognition for their contributions during the week. Both Kori Jacobson and Tiffany Goodman were

named the ACC Softball Player and Pitcher of the Week last week.

Jacobson, a sophomore from Chandler, Ariz., turned in a solid week at the plate for Georgia Tech, as she went 7-for-13 for a batting average of .538 last week. Her top performance came on Saturday as she went 2-for-4 at the plate with a triple, two runs scored and a pair of RBI as the Yellow Jackets picked up an 8-2 win over Florida State, to even their ACC record at 2-2. On the season, she is currently riding a career-high eight game hitting streak.

Goodman, a freshman from Pleasanton, Calif., turned in a solid week on the mound for the Yellow Jackets, as she picked up a pair of victories including a complete-game win in the first game of the double-header with Florida State. In that contest, the rookie hurler scattered five hits and allowed only one run while striking out three batters to claim the 2-1 victory.

Earlier in the week, Goodman tossed another complete game, as she allowed two runs on seven hits while also striking out three in a 6-2 victory over Southwest Missouri State. Goodman had an impressive 1.19 ERA for the week and has now won her last three starts.

women finished third behind Western Carolina and Clemson. The Tech men finished fourth behind Clemson, Kansas, and Western Carolina.

Becky Megesi has certainly been the standout for the women's team, and is expected to shine at the Duke Invitational this weekend, where she will return to her specialty of the 1,500 meters. In this particular event, she is a two-time outdoor conference champion.



By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

What's so cool about his photo that's making us run it as a feature? Check out where the ball is. That's power, my friend. Unfortunately, it didn't help the men win in last week's match.

Track

Ayana Grant finished second in the 100-meter hurdles (13.95), and in field events, Mishanta Reyes was second in the long jump (18 feet-8 inches), and Cassandra Worthy placed second in the shot put (40 feet-9 inches) and third in the discus (119feet-7 inches).

Swarn ran an NCAA provisional time in the 400 meters for the second straight week, winning with

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a time of 46.16, while Mahoney ran 3:51.00 to win the 800 meters.

Swarn also anchored a Tech victory in the 4x400 meter relay as the Jackets clocked 3:09.95 to easily defeat Kansas by nearly four seconds

Tech's Brent Johnson (1:52.96) and Joe Stegall (1:53.03) finished second and third in the 800 meters.

In the team scoring, the Tech

Softball team takes sudden winning outburst into weekend action

By Phil Orefice Gorilla Fish

Last week at this time, things were looking pretty bleak for the Georgia Tech Yellow Jacket softball team. They had lost ten straight games in the Atlantic Coast Conference, and had a record that was below the .500 mark, with only a month and a half left in the season. However, just when the Jackets seemed out of energy, they found some from somewhere, and went on a four-game winning streak, bumping their record to above .500.

It all started on April Fool's Day, ironically enough, against ACC rival Florida State. The Seminoles came into the contest with a record of (28-19, 0-2), while the Jackets held a record of (20-22, 2-2). Tech managed to defeat the 'Noles in both games of the doubleheader; the first score was finalized at 2-1, while the second ended at 8-2.

In game one, Florida State led off the first inning with a base hit and Brandi Stuart followed with a two-out RBI single to center field to drive in their only run. Florida State pitcher Leslie Malerich dominated the game as she did not allow a base runner until a single to Beth Warren in the top of the fifth inning.

However, Tech's offense would break through in their last at bat as the Yellow Jackets put together three hits and scored two runs to take the lead. After Kori Jacobson and Warren each reached base with singles to opposite fields, designated hitter Lacey Schanz hit a two run single to shallow left field.

Georgia Tech would hold the Seminoles in the bottom of the seventh to capture the victory, 2-1. Tiffany Goodman (10-12) earned the victory for the Jackets as she allowed one run on five hits and struck out three. Leslie Malerich (17-10) took the loss for Florida State, allowing two runs on four hits.

Georgia Tech won the second game of the doubleheader behind eight runs on nine hits and Florida State struggled as they commited a season-high seven errors.

"I felt like we deserved to win in each game, and that is what pleases me most."

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With the game tied at 1-1, the Yellow Jackets broke things open in the third inning with four runs off of four hits. Anne Knobbe drove in a run with a single to left field while Jacobson's triple to right field scored two runs. Georgia Tech would add three more runs in the fifth behind a base hit from Warren and an RBI single from Ellen Styer. The Seminoles recorded two errors in the inning, allowing two runs to score for

FSU scored one more run in the sixth ining as pitcher Leslie Maler-

ich, who relieved Robyn Gauger in the fifth, drove in Kelly Miller, who had reached on a walk.

Jamie Smith evened her record at 10-10 pitching all seven innings for the Jackets while White-Stokes got the loss and goes to 10-8 on the year.

Head coach Kate Madden was pleased with the wins.

"I am happy that we got our wins over Florida State and ended thelosing streak," said Madden. "But, I am more happy with the way that our team won those conference games. I felt like we deserved to win in each game, and that is what pleases me most. We have another busy week ahead of us, so our team will go about business as usual and look to extend our winning streak."

And that they did, on Wednesday against a (21-24, 2-2) Georgia Southern team. Again, Tech was able to walk away with a sweep. The first game in the doubleheader was won by a score of 2-1, while the second was put away by a 4-0 mark. Tech's defense was impressive in the game, as they turned two double plays and saw the Eagles leave 10 runners on base on the afternoon.

Game one saw the Jackets take an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first as Heather Sumrow reached on an error by the third baseman and then scored on a two-out RBI from Anne Knobbe. The Eagles later tied the game at one a piece in the top of the fourth on a lead-off homerun from designated hitter Jennifer Miller. Tech added the go-ahead run in the bottom of the fifth as



By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Pitcher Tiffany Goodman received the ACC Pitcher of the Week award for her strong performances last week, which earned her two victories.

Styer smashed a two-out double to left field and then score as third baseman Jamie Frost connected on an RBI single.

Goodman pitched seven strong innings for the Jackets earning the victory and improving her record to 11-12 on the season. Aimee Littlejohn received the loss for the Ea-

gles.

The Yellow Jackets scored runs in the bottom of the third to take a 3-0 advantage in game two. In the inning, Styer opened the inning with a single to right center and then stole second base. Frost followed

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By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Tech men's track team performed well at Clemson last weekend, and are looking for contributions from their standouts in this week's action.

Track team looks to outperform other ACC schools in weekend Invitational

By Thomas Van Wagenen Eating buffalo wings

In their final tuneup before the Atlantic Coast Conference Championships, the Georgia Tech track teams will compete this weekend aat the Duke Invitational at Duke's Wallace Wade Stadium, which will also be the site of the ACC and NCAA Championships. Competitions will take place today and tomorrow.

"This is a high quality meet, and more importantly, it gives us a chance to compete at the facility that will hold the ACC an national championship meets," said Tech men's head coach Grover Hinsdale.

"We're looking for some very good individual performances as we build toward the ACC's."

Women's head coach Alan Drosky said, "This will be our last met prior to the conference championships so we're looking for a very competitive meet with most

"We're looking for a very competitive meet with most of the ACC schools [at the meet]."

Alan Drosky Women's Head Coach

of the ACC schools there."

It shouldn't be tough for the Jackets to perform well this weekend, considering their effort at Clemson last week. Nicole Campbell

(1500 meters), Linda Lisska (3000 meters), Bryan Swarn (400 meters), Brendon Mahoney (800 meters) and the men's 4x400 meter relay team won events for the teams last Saturday at the Clemson Invitational.

In addition, Tech's Jessica De-Freitas (12.24) and Becky Megesi (2:09.17) were the top collegiate finishers in the 100 meters and 800 meters, respectively.

Lisska won the 3000 meters with a time of 10:07.35 as Tech captured the top four places in the event with Lisska followed by Kate Griffin (10:15.99), Amy Dock (10:17.33) and Carolyn Krieger (10:36.71). In the 1500 meters, Campbell, with a 4:35.51 clocking, edged teammate Sara Pardue, who ran 4:36.45. Tech's

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Jackets to partake in final scrimmage at Springfest 2000

By Brendan Koala
Does this look like the Holiday Inn?

Georgia Tech football fans will get a chance to catch their first glimpse of the 2000 squad tomorrow morning at the annual Springfest scrimmage. Festivities are set to begin at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Bobby Dodd Stadium and admission is free to everybody. The team will begin practicing at 10:30 and the scrimmage will start at 11. However, there will be several activities for fans to partake in before the scrimmage starts. These include interactive games and prizes, face painting, and a shoot around with the men's and women's basketball teams.

Springfest generally signals an end to the spring practice schedule. The Jackets will practice Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. and then will hold their final two practices of the spring next week. As the end of the spring schedule nears, coach George O'Leary is pleased with the progress his team has made.

"I've been pleased with spring so far," he stated. "We're getting better and we're identifying what kind

Springfest 2000

at Bobby Dodd Stadium

Practice begins at 10:30.

Scrimmage begins at 11:00.

Admission is free to everyone.

of team we have to be next fall in order to win. I see our chemistry improving, and all the groups are getting better."

Among the individual positions, O'Leary was most impressed with the performance of the defensive line.

"The defensive end position is really a very much improved position. We have better athletic ability and were getting more pressure on the quarterback. The inside people are all back, and there's no question that year of experience is making a difference."

Junior Nick Rogers, sophomore Greg Gathers, and senior Felipe Claybrooks have seen the most time at defensive end in the spring. Gathers is coming off a banner freshman season in which he led Tech with seven sacks and 18 tackles for loss on his way to being named a Freshman All-American. He started every game at defensive end last year but may see some time at defensive tackle this year. Claybrooks had a remarkable sophomore season two years ago leading Tech with 10 sacks before recording four sacks in last

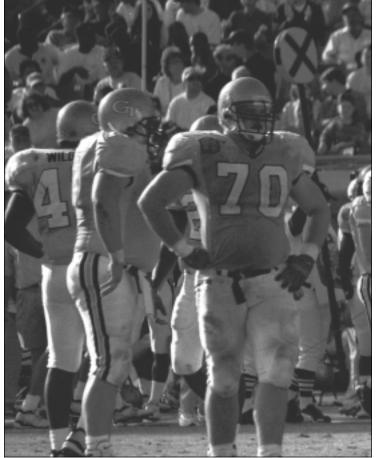
year's campaign. Rogers appears to be settled at defensive end after splitting time between there and linebacker last season. On the inside, the Jackets return junior starters Merrix Watson and Guenter Kryson who have 38 career starts between them. Watson recorded 50 tackles last year while Kryson added 31 tackles.

One of the key issues that was hoped to be resolved in the spring was to find a replacement for departed record-setting quarterback Joe Hamilton. A fierce competition has taken place in the spring as four different players have battled for the job. The players fighting for the unenviable task of replacing the most decorated player in Tech history are junior George Godsey, sophomore Jermaine Crenshaw, and redshirt freshmen Andy Hall and Brian Camp.

Each of them had their moments in last week's scrimmage. Godsey completed nine of 15 passes for 92 yards and rushed for two touchdowns. Hall completed nine passes for 87 yards with the day's only touchdown pass and a touchdown run. Crenshaw also ran for a touchdown and had a 37-yard run. Camp completed the longest pass of the day with a 39-yard strike to Jon Muyres.

O'Leary had planned to name a number one quarterback by the end of the spring, but he has still not named one and is not ready to so just yet. However, he does feel things are starting to settle themselves.

"I want the quarterback situation to start separating and I think



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Senior Guard Brent Key will be counted on heavily for leadership as he is one of only two returning starters on the Jackets' offensive line.

it is," he said. "As I watch film I see George Godsey making the right decisions and I see Andy Hall making more good decisions. Both Jermaine Crenshaw and Brian Camp are getting better too, but that sense of urgency in getting better is critiA lot of questions could be settled tomorrow in the final scrimmage of the spring. It is your last opportunity to see the Jackets play before the season starts. So come out and see if the Jackets have what it takes to topple Virginia Tech in August.

By Dale Russell / S TUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The men's tennis team wished that it could have experienced some of the success that the women, who won two matches on the week, attained.

Men look to top women's act on the road

By David CarlPleased with Splits candidate

The men's and women's tennis teams, from the looks of it, possess a special "winning stick," and only one squad per week gets possession. This week, it was the women.

The men's tennis team ended its five game winning streak last Sunday, losing to the No. 66 South Carolina Gamecocks 6-1. The Match was clinched for USC when No. 100 Robert Steckley defeated Jacket Jason Jeong in the No. 2 singles spot 6-4, 6-4.

The Gamecocks won the doubles point winning two of the three matches. The lone Jacket victory belonged to Roger Anderson and David Wright. The pair beat Juan Gamboa and David Nelson 8-4 in the No. 3 spot.

David Wright also picked up a win in the No. 4 singles spot, beat-

ing Gamecock Juan Gamboa 6-1, 3-6, 7-6.

On a brighter note, the women began the week by sweeping the singles matches and winning two of three doubles matches to beat Virginia 8-1 in their match last Saturday. The win improved the Jackets' record to 11-5 (2-3 ACC).

Jaime Wong got things started in singles play for the Jackets at the No. 4 spot. She beat Virginia's Leslie Cook 6-4,6-0. Sabrina Pardo fought hard to come back and beat Cavalier Amy O'Donnell 7-6 (5) 6-2 in the No. 1 position. Charlotte Pernet came up big in the #6 spot, beating Kelly Weaver 6-4, 6-0.

In doubles play, the Tech pair of Mysti Morris and Wong took a victory in the No. 2 spot beating Christine Kim and Amy O'Donnell 8-4. Sabrina Pardo and Bobbi Guthrie got the other doubles win over Leslie Cook and Christie Schweer

9-8 (5).

The momentum was maintained for the women, as they defeated the visiting Maryland Terrapins (6-7, 0-3 ACC) 7-2 last Sunday.

The second ACC victory on the weekend for the Jackets brought their record to 12-5 (3-3 ACC).

Pardo and Guthrie fought to come from behind and beat Virginia's Delila Causevic and Jessica Johnson 9-7 in the No. 1 doubles match to clinch the win.

In singles play, only one match was decided in two sets. Guthrie defeated StacyWalkowitz 6-1, 6-2 in the No. 3 spot. Jaime Wong came back after losing the first set to beat Terrapin Catherine Valantin 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Both the men and the women will return to action on the road this Saturday, as the women take on Florida State, while the men face off against North Carolina.

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4. Lewis was picked off first base to end the rally.

Sheeter was replaced in the fourth by Kevin Cameron, who allowed a run to score on a ground out. Tech added another run in the fifth when Prince grounded into a double play with a runner on third to cut the lead to 6-5.

Tech then took the lead for good in the sixth inning. Rynders drove in a run on a groundout, and then Menocal scored on a sacrifice fly by Lewis. Stockton then smacked a double to drive in the third run of the inning. Tech would add three more runs in the ninth. Cameron earned his third victory of the season in relief, and Jeff Watchko earned his second save of the season.

Tech started Steve Kelly in the third game of the series, and he responded in fine fashion. Tech jumped on the Wolfpack in the first inning on a two out RBI single by Goffena that scored Menocal. State responded in the bottom of the second on an unearned run from Dan Mooney.

State then added two more runs in the fourth inning on a two run double from Josh Schmitt. Tech came back to tie the game in the fifth inning. After singles by Menocal and Teixeira, Derik Goffena reached on an error that scored Menocal. Basil then drove in Teixera on a groundout to tie the score at three apiece.

Tech scored the eventual game winning run in the seventh inning, as Menocal singled and then came around to score on a sacrifice fly by Goffena. Four runs were all the Jacket pitching staff would need as Kelly pitched eight strong innings while striking out nine batters. Jeff Watchko earned his second consecutive save by pitching a scoreless ninth inning.

The Jackets are definitely rolling at this point in the season, and their next victim awaits in College Park. The Maryland Terrapins are having tough time this season, with and overall record of 8-19, winless thus far in ACC play.

The Terrapins will meet an offensive jurrernaut that has been bolstered by the emergence of the pitching staff. In the last 16 games, the Jackets' pitching staff has lowered their ERA to 3.76 from 4.89.

"Our starting pitching has been very good," said Head Coach Danny Hall. "It's very encouraging to me that heading into the second half our pitching has come around as a staff. Not only the starters, but the whole staff."

Cory Vance takes the hill again tonight, and Coach Hall will choose between Sheeter, Kelly, Parrott, and Watchko fpr the remaining games in the series. No matter who takes the hill, they Jackets will be in good hands, hoping to maintain their lead in the ACC standings.

Hewitt

talked of transferring before Hewitt's name even came up. Junior Alvin Jones is rumored to be mull-

"He totally rebuilt the

has a great deal of

to get the job done

here."

Dave Braine

Tech athletic director

Siena program, and he

confidence in his ability

ing going early to the NBA, where

it is speculated that he will go in the middle of the first round. Having a new coach is the perfect incentive for Jones to skip his final year and head to the pro ranks.

Success has followed Hewitt in every stop he has made in his coaching career.

He came to Siena from the Big East program at Villanova, where he spent five seasons (1992-97) as an assistant to head coach Steve Lappas. During his final season in Philadelphia, he was promoted to associate head coach. While there, Hewitt helped the Wildcats to four straight 20-win seasons in five years, three consecutive trips to the NCAA Tour-

nament, and an NIT Championship in 1994, when Villanova beat Siena in the semi-finals en route to the title.

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Hewitt, 36, appears to be a good match for the school. In becoming head coach, he becomes the first

African-American ever to be head coach at Tech.

Hopefully, the school and city will welcome him with open arms and be patient as he tries to lead Tech to a national championship.

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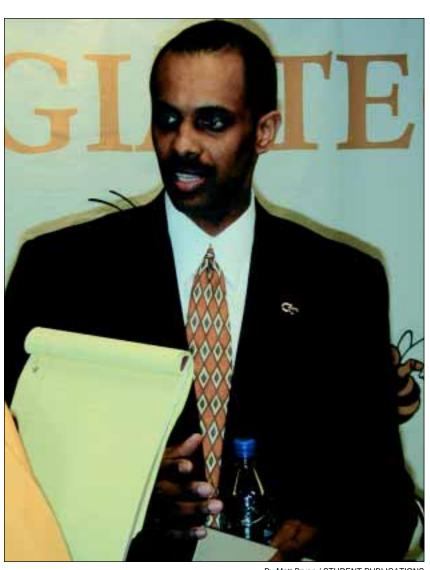
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Hewitt takes the stage as new head coach



By Matt Bryan / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Paul Hewitt will be coming to Tech from Siena College to replace Bobby Cremins as head coach. He brings with him a brief, yet impressive coaching career.

By David Williams
The only sane one

The Georgia Tech men's basketball program's search for a new coach is now over as Paul Hewitt, who has guided Siena College to an average of 22 wins and two post-season appearances in three seasons, has been named as the one who will replace Bobby Cremins.

Athletic Director Dave Braine was reportedly "blown away" by Hewitt after making the trip to visit him in Loudonville, New York, where Siena is located.

"We're bringing a good guy here. A lot of people think we're bringing in a no-name; he's used to that. I think in a couple of years, we'll realize that we made an excellent decision," said Braine.

Both Braine and Dr. G. Wayne Clough, President of Georgia Tech, indicated that the search for a new coach was an extensive one. However, they both agree that they made the right decision.

"He coaches an exciting brand of basketball, and he feels confident in being able to bring people back into our coliseum and recreate the Thrillerdome atmosphere of the 1980's and early '90's," continued Braine.

Hewitt admitted that he had considered coming to Tech for quite a while.

"A lot of us have dreams and

aspirations, and many times they don't come true. Today a dream has come true for me and my family," said Hewitt.

This move mirrors the move made by Tech nineteen years agowhen the school hired a young coach from New York named Bobby Cremins in an effort to rebuild a struggling program.

While it appears Hewitt was not the first choice of Braine, he brings a lot to the table. Braine was reportedly after Tommy Amaker of Seton Hall and Le-

"Today a dream has come true for me and my family."

Paul Hewitt Tech head basketball coach

onard Hamilton of Miami, Florida but both of those coaches declined after after making it the "Sweet 16" of the NCAA Tournament. Hewitt led Siena to the NCAA Tournament in 1999, his second year there, and the team's first appearance in ten years before that.

Sound familar? Cremins led Tech to the NCAA's three years after he got to the Flats and came back nine years in a row before falling on hard times. The Yellow Jacket's most recent appearance was in 1995 with Stephon Marbury, Matt Harpring, and Mike Maddox running the show. Overall, Hewitt led the Saints to a 71-27 record over three years, and a second round appearance in the NIT this year.

On February 13 against Manhatten, his 84th game, Hewitt cracked the 60-win mark, beocoming the second-fastest Saints coach to achieve that milestone.

Other postives for the coach are his ability to recruit excellent players with solid academic backgrounds, another requirement of Braine at an institution like Tech. Hewitt's most prolific recruit is Tim Thomas who is now in the NBA. Hewitt's coaching style has a running, up tempo flavor popular with most crowds as Siena led its conference with an average of 6,500 fans a game.

"I think the people here are going to enjoy our style of play. We try to press, we try to run. The system is important but I think what's more important is our efforts in player development," commented Hewitt on his coaching style.

And all of that happened in upstate New York where basketball is popular but wouldn't draw the fans an ACC powerhouse in the city of Atlanta would.

Hewitt's style will be of immediate importance as current point guard Tony Akins had

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SPORTS BUZZ

The Tech baseball team travels to Maryland this weekend, where they will try to continue winning against ACC teams. Today's game will take place at 3 p.m., Saturday's game will take place at 2 p.m., and Sunday's game will be at 1 p.m. All games will be broadcast on WREK (91.1 FM).

Tech softball will be in action against East Carolina at home on Saturday and Sunday. Both games start at 1 p.m.

For more information about up and coming sporting events, check out ramblinwreck.com.



Beesball struts its stuff against ACC teams

By Seth Andrews Mmm...essence of salad

The Tech baseball team swept North Carolina State Wolfpack last weekend to improve its record to 23-8 overall and 7-2 in the ACC. The Jackets have won 14 out of their last 16. The Jackets have moved into a tie for first place in the ACC with Florida

Tech garbered both ACC awards last week for excellent performances against Charleston Southern and N.C. State. Cory Vance was named the ACC pitcher of the week and Mark Teixeira was named ACC player of the week. Vance pitched a complete game and struck out eleven hapless Wolfpack to improve his record to 6-1. Teixeira scored opposing pitching for 14 hits in 21 at bats. He has at least two hits in each of the games, and had six RBI.

In the opener against N.C. State, Tech ace Cory Vance took the hill. The Tech offense put a run on the board in the first and then a Tyler Parker home run added to the lead in the second. The Wolfpack scored their only run in the second inning after a Dan Mooney single. Mooney came around to score on three wild pitches from Vance, who had four on the game. Tech then added two more runs in the third

inning on a sacrifice fly by Bryan Prince and a ground out RBI by Derik Goffena. The Jackets then decided to put the game away in the fourth inning. After a one out single by Wes Rynders, Tech rattled off three consecutive doubles by Brad Stockton, Richard Lewis and Victor Meno-

N.C. State then brought in pitcher Ryan Steadham who did not record an out. He walked Teixeira, Prince reached on an error, and Goffena walked to load the bases. Prince then cleared the bases with a double, giving the Jackets a 11-1 lead. Tech added another run in the inning on a Parker single after Steadham was all that the Jackets would need because of Vance's stellar pitching performance. He only allowed two hits and two walks in a complete game masterpiece. He struck out five out of the last six batters that he faced.

In the second game of the series the Wolfpack got off to a quick start. Brian Wright led off the bottom of the first with his fifth homer of the season. Tech starter Rhett Parrott was hit in his pitching hand in the second inning and was unable to continue. Sunday's scheduled starter, Ben Sheeter, was brought in the game and he got hit hard in the third inning.



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Third baseman Mark Teixeira garnered ACC Player of the Week honors last week, following his 14 for 21 show on the week.

Dan Mooney hit a two run homer to headline the four run outburst in that inning. With Tech trailing 5-0 in the top of the fourth, the offense mounted

a comeback. After two outs Parker and Lewis hit back to back two run singles to cut the lead to 5-

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