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What's WEEK OF 9.30 - 10.6 On?

fri. 9.30	12:00	The U Network
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	7:00	Guess Who
	9:00	The Persuaders
	10:30	The Chan Gailey Show
	11:00	Buzz Videos
	12:00	The Wedding Date

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	8:00	National Lampoon
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sun. 10.2	12:00	Miss Congeniality 2
	2:00	Zilo Network
	10:00	National Lampoon
	12:00	GTCN Late Movie: The Longest Yard

mon. 10.3	12:00	Alexander
	3:00	WTF Wrestling
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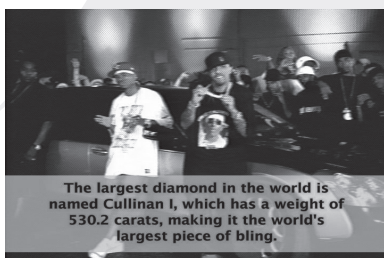
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	11:00	X Corps TV
	11:30	The Damn Show

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Hokies from page 28

"We were backed up the whole time," Gailey said. "You have to be smart about what you do backed up out there. That's our fault for being backed up."

After the first touchdown by Virginia Tech, the Jackets started at their own 20-yard line, but a holding penalty on the first running play pushed them back to the 10. Ball found Johnson for a 19-yard reception. P.J. Daniels broke the next play for a 29-yard run to put the Jackets inside Hokie territory for one of the few times that game.

Ball completed a 14-yard pass on fourth down to put the Jackets into field goal range, but the drive would stall out at the Virginia Tech 18. Travis Bell lined up for a 35-yard field goal, but it was blocked by Jeff King and returned 78 yards for a touchdown.

With the touchdown the momentum totally shifted against the Jackets as a probable score of 7-3

quickly became 14-0 and the offense never rebounded.

"There wasn't a letdown, but [the blocked field goal] sure made the loss tougher," Ball said. "You turn your head for a second and it's 14-0."

"I think our guys were mad and upset [about the blocked field goal], but I have to get them better prepared to handle stuff like that," Gailey said.

To set up the lone touchdown for the Jackets, Johnson caught a 59-yard pass to move the Jackets into the red zone. This play and the touchdown pass were the only successful third down conversions for the Jackets for the whole game.

Virginia Tech All-American corner Jimmy Williams was covering

Johnson on both catches on the drive. Johnson finished the game with five receptions for 123 yards.

Ball completed 11 of 27 passes for 143 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions.

Daniels was the leading rusher for the Jackets. He picked up 48 yards on 10 rushes. Tashard Choice followed with 29 yards on nine runs.

The Hokies were led by quarterback Marcus Vick, who made almost no mistakes the entire

game. He completed 13 of 18 passes and racked up 223 passing yards, including one touchdown and no interceptions. The Jackets sacked Vick just two times in the contest.

Vick and the Hokies had a bal-

anced passing attack, with a total of six receivers being used. David Clowney and Jeff King led in catches with three each.

Virginia Tech moved up to No. 3 in the nation, behind USC and Texas, as the Jackets slipped to the No. 25 in the AP poll.

Despite the many negatives that can be taken out of a blowout loss, the biggest positive that can be taken from the game is that despite the score, the Jackets continued to fight and gave a solid effort in a game that was out of reach by the end of the first half.

With the win, the Hokies move to 3-0 in the ACC and remain on top of the Coastal Division. Virginia also remains undefeated, although they have only played one conference game.

The Jackets continue their ACC schedule with a home game this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. against N.C. State. The Wolfpack had an off week last week and are 1-2 this season, after losing to UNC last game. The game will be broadcast on ESPN.

ACC from page 28

fensive effort tonight and the performance by Jennifer for her inspired play for her teammates and her home crowd," Shymansky said.

After beating Wake Forest the night before, Tech lost to Duke last Saturday. Despite great play from Kellogg and Randall, the Jackets lost in four games. The Jackets opened strong by winning the first game 30-25 but then dropped three in a row 30-32, 26-30, 26-30 to end the match.

Kellogg posted a new career-high 18 kills while Randall recorded a career-high 33 digs.

It was Tech's first ACC loss since the 2003 season and the first conference loss in O'Keefe Gymnasium since 2002.

The Jackets, who have a 4-6 record overall, hope to improve on their 2-1 conference record as they play Florida State tonight at 7 p.m. in Tallahassee. On Sunday the Jackets will play at Miami at 1 p.m.

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You say "poh-tay-to," I say "Vawd-kah."

My beef jerky gave Kurt hives.

Armstrong saved my Saturday night.

it puts the joe dirt in the hole my cure cd didn't transfer to my ipod correctly.

Stacey's bringing in her CD of ska bands covering new wave! Yes! Reel Big Fish doing "take on me"!!

Is it too late to ask Matt to start doing the ed cartoons again? Did he graduate and get a job?

Out of food. Time to go to Costco. Oh wait, it

6.40 on a Sunday afternoon. Gonna have to brave Pubix.

Yes, I spelled it "Pubix". And my apostrophe key should not be so close to the enter key.

Who says the wrestling club needs new uniforms? Let 'em do it greek style. Hotcha.

\$1000 to anyone who wants to steal my Audi then total it. Seriously.

I am out of shampoo. To Pubix it is!

i've a junior who missed his statics exam just because the MRL

VA Tech game = bad, except for many camera shots of Taylor without helmet. Viewing his sexy self helped ease the pain for this girl. Oh yeah!

How does Queen have the perfect song for every situation?

My roommate caught me picking my nose.

He laughed at me, so I flicked the booger at him.

My sliver got printed last week!!! The first time I submitted one ha!

Or burning to a CD. I miss Napster. The illegal version.

Why don't the police ever wave back?

GENERIC MAN STRIKES AGAIN! MWAH HA

Does hot chick bagpiper give private concerts?

GLH you are the hottest tech girl ever, will you be my gf/???

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N.C. STATE (1-2) VS. GEORGIA TECH (3-1)

By Neil Paine
Contributing Writer



N.C. State's strength is its defense, which gave them a chance to upset Virginia Tech in week one, but last game against UNC it failed to come up with crucial stops as the Wolfpack lost 31-24.

On offense the Wolfpack is led by senior quarterback Jay Davis who last week threw for 257 yards by completing 21 of 35 passes. Against the Tar Heels, the running game was nearly non-existent, racking up just 13 yards rushing for the entire contest.

In order for the Wolfpack to win this Thursday, it needs to have an improved running game and a defense that doesn't give up big plays.

"These kids are resilient and are good kids. They're excited about playing whoever it is the next week."

Coach Chuck Amato

Speaking about being 0-2 in the ACC and playing in Bobby Dodd Stadium, where the Wolfpack hasn't won since 1988



Four Key Questions

• Can the Jackets regain their confidence after the tough 51-7 loss at Virginia Tech last week?

Last game may be one of those where you throw away the game film and look forward to the next contest. Virginia Tech may be the best team in the nation east of USC, and the Jackets were in one of college football's most hostile environments with their star quarterback at less than full health. This week the Jackets get to rebound against N.C. State, a team that is 0-2 in the ACC. Tech needs to use this game to regain confidence and momentum.

• Can Tech move the ball against the N.C. State defense?

N.C. State linebacker Stephen Tulloch made 19 tackles including one sack last game against UNC. Defensive ends Mario Williams and Manny Lawson have also been known to make life difficult for opposing quarterbacks, combining for 13 sacks a year ago. The Wolfpack defense held a potent Virginia Tech offense to just 232 total yards in the season opener.

But Tech's offense has many things working in their favor. P.J. Daniels may well be the best back that N.C. State has faced this season, and a healthier Reggie Ball will connect with a strong Jacket receiving corps.

• Will Tech's special teams rebound?

One could argue that poor special teams play set the stage for Virginia Tech's big win over the Jackets: blocked field goals, missed field goals, botched punt returns and poor field position all worked against Tech. Excluding the blocked kick, Travis Bell is 5-7, although his two misses were both 43-yard attempts. The Jackets can improve on returns and kickoffs. Like Virginia Tech, N.C. State traditionally blocks a lot of punts, but Jacket punter Ben Arndt has not had a punt blocked this season.

• Can the Jacket defense disrupt quarterback Jay Davis?

In the season's first three games, Tech's defense forced 10 interceptions and picked up eight sacks. Last week was the first game that the defense did not have an interception. N.C. State's offensive line is not as good as Virginia Tech's, however. The Wolfpack has given up eight sacks in three games, but Davis is the most experienced quarterback Tech has faced this season.

If given time to throw, Davis has shown he can be successful on almost any secondary. The key for the Jackets will be to keep pressure on him to force him to make the mistakes that plagued his 2004 season. Last year, for example, he threw five interceptions in a loss to Clemson and three more interceptions against the Jackets.

The Jackets haven't lost to the Wolfpack since the 2000 season, and look to regain momentum after their 51-7 loss against Virginia Tech.

Tech's defense should have no problem with the Wolfpack's offense, especially if they shut down N.C. State's running game like they did a year ago, holding them to just 1.7 yards per carry. In addition the Jacket defense is currently tied for first in the NCAA in interceptions.

With quarterback Reggie Ball coming off 11 days of rest, Tech's offense can continue their recent winning streak against N.C. State.

"In general our guys in the past have been very resilient, and I would expect our focus to be where it needs to be for this next ball game."

Coach Chan Gailey

Speaking on recovering from the Virginia Tech loss



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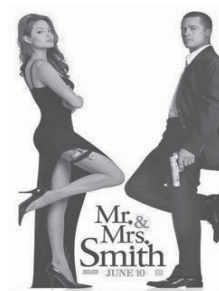


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By Ed Chyau / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Continuing the legacy: The club hockey team has been a part of Tech life since 1973. Last weekend the club began the 2005 season with two games in Nashville. On Friday Tech beat Vanderbilt 8-4 but then lost to Tennessee the next day 3-2. Club president Mike Zaucha is a returning senior.

Women's lacrosse starts fall season at CNU tournament in Virginia

The women's club lacrosse team begins its fall play this weekend at a tournament hosted by Christopher Newport University in Danville, Va. With seven matches scheduled for Sunday, the team will face off against Greenville, UNC, Elon, North Carolina Wesleyan, Averett, Presbyterian and CNU.

Although the team's official season does not begin until the spring, the fall season is an opportunity to see some new competition. The CNU Lady Captains, for example, are an NCAA Division III team.

Katie Buckler, a sophomore defender, is optimistic about the upcoming season. "We were third in our conference last year behind Florida and Georgia, and we have a lot of good freshmen coming in so we are hoping to up our standards," she said.

With the exception of senior

Christina Moy and junior Katie Meyer, the team is composed entirely of sophomores and freshmen.

The club team competes in the Southeastern Women's Lacrosse League (SWLL). Last year seniors Jen Crews and Kim Williamson were named to the All-SWLL team.

As goalie Williamson was an integral part of the team's success. Katrina Kumm, a sophomore from Fargo N.D., takes over at goalie this season.

Head Coach Will Oakley was named SWLL Coach of the Year. The former All-American from the men's lacrosse team takes over his second season as head coach of the women's team.

The team meets four times a week, with practices on Mondays and Thursdays 4-6 p.m. and workout sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 5-6 p.m.

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Yesterday the CDC announced that they are expecting an epidemic of TBS this winter here at Tech. For vaccinations, please come to Center Street Apartments Room 205.

Bad News Freshman, the TBS incubation period is about over, which means Tech returns to being all male again.

Arrggghhh.....Talk Like A Pirate Day is the Greatest Day of the Year

50 car pillup near VPI after the game Saturday....good thing there are no major roads near Blacksburg, their traffic would be worse than ours

Who thinks Bush being a dumbass is the biggest Constitutional problem we face today.....only a parrot would say such a thing

TBS at an all-time high this year....I hope the Hill is happy now!

Why are we celebrating a day for something that our country is not even using....

8am classes zombiefy students....ya right, I mean they have to stay up an extra hour after that gaming session with their friends in Japan

when is FEMA going to come relieve us of our TBS epidemic

we should have tried to use Reggie as a weapon....are we sure that if he had eaten dinner with the VPI football team they all would not have gotten Meningitis too

no trip to VPI for the Silver Bullet this year, maybe next time....

Who wants to take a ride in the Silver Bullet to South Beach next month

I toast the guy who wrote the Tech Bitch Song...you are my idol

Feds mandate Constitution Day.....irony anyone?

Who thinks that Will guy who writes about the gour-team(sic) matches needs to learn to spell

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by the numbers

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The number of events, out of a possible 22, in which members of the Tech Swim Club beat their UGA counterparts at the GCSU Invitational on Sept. 24. The swim club won first place in men's, women's and overall competition, facing off against Florida, Georgia College and State, Miami of Ohio and UGA.

378

The number of receiving yards that sophomore receiver Calvin Johnson has this season. Johnson ranks No. 1 in the ACC and No. 13 in all of NCAA Division I-A football. Mike Hass, a senior at Oregon State, leads the nation with 670 yards.

13

The number of days until the Tech swimming and diving fall schedule begins. The men's team hosts Tennessee on Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. Both the men's and women's team compete against Georgia on Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. Both meets will be in the Tech Aquatic Center

61,949

The average attendance at Tech's first four football games. The season opener at Auburn was played in front of a sell-out crowd of 87,451. This past weekend 65,115 watched in Blacksburg, Va. At Bobby Dodd Stadium this season the average attendance is 47,615.

Backup Bennett steps up when called upon

By William Bretherton
Contributing Writer

Ever since Taylor Bennett made the short-notice start against Connecticut in week three, he has become a common name on campus. Previous to Bennett's start, Reggie Ball had started 27 consecutive games and was becoming the standard name as Jacket quarterback.

After the Jackets beat the Huskies 28-13, fans were shown that Ball isn't the only one who can lead the offense.

The St. Louis native spent most of his high school career as backup to Josh Mathews, a three-year starter at Lafayette High School.

While this may have discouraged many of the top programs in the country from giving Bennett scholarship offers, it did not keep him from looking at them. During the summer of his junior year, he visited many Nike summer camps, including visits to Stanford and Texas A&M.

"My Mom and I would travel to different schools to visit college campuses and get my name out there," Bennett said.

Before looking at Tech Bennett was first given a scholarship offer by Boise State. Other offers came from Indiana, Rice, Baylor and Illinois, which was his mom's alma mater.

Bennett wanted to go to a top-tier school, though. So he and his mother continued to send out game tapes on Friday nights after his games.

"When I came to Atlanta, I really loved Tech and the tradition and

prestige surrounding the program," Bennett said.

Bennett graduated from high school in December 2003, which gave him an early start to life on campus. After graduation he immediately started working out with the Jackets as they were preparing to make the trip to Boise, Idaho for the Humanitarian Bowl. He was able to travel with the team to Boise and stand on the sidelines to watch his future teammates.

Bennett noticed early on, like most new Tech students, that there was huge jump between high school and college, both on and off of the football field.

His studies required more self-discipline as classes got harder, and on the field, the speed of the game became faster. In addition Bennett had to learn new blitz schemes and coverage packages that opposing defenses would throw at him.

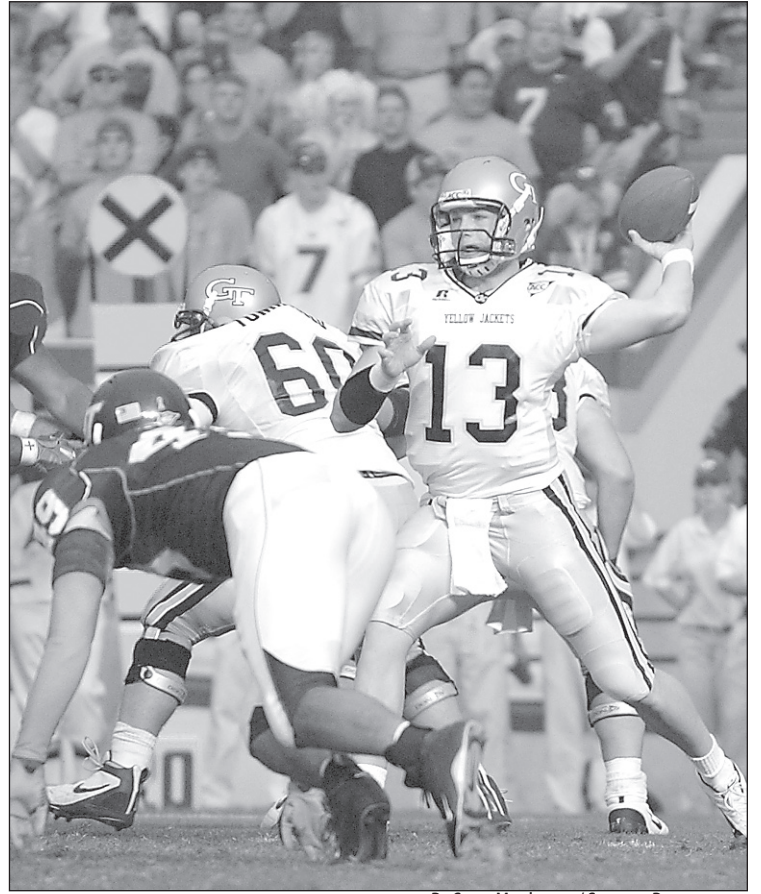
Until this season, Bennett

saw no game action, which is why he is a red-shirt freshman this year. Had Ball remained healthy, Bennett may not have gotten his first start until two seasons from now, but that all changed against Connecticut on Sept. 17, just five days after his 20th birthday.

Bennett found out that he was going to start just two hours before the game. Naturally, his family didn't know either. As the team made the pre-game walk down Yellow Jacket Alley en route to the locker room, Bennett went to his mother and whispered the good news to her.

"If [Ball] goes down in the game, I have to be ready to come in as the back-up. It's what they tell us to do everyday. That's what we do."

Taylor Bennett
Backup quarterback



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Redshirt freshman Taylor Bennett started against Connecticut and then saw action at the end of last week's Virginia Tech game.

"I don't think I was that nervous. I was less nervous than I thought I would be. I thought I would be a whack-job, but I treated it as a back-up thing. If he goes down in the game, I have to be ready to come in as the back-up. It's what they tell us to do everyday. That's what we do," Bennett said.

Bennett's first play of his college career was a 42-yard touchdown completion to fellow second-year Calvin Johnson.

"It was a check. The first play was a check. If the pass was there he's supposed to take the pass and if the run was there he's supposed to call

the run. They gave him the pass, and he took it," said Head Coach Chan Gailey after the game.

Bennett finished the game completing 11 of 30 passes with 142 yards and no interceptions. Bennett also saw limited action at the end of the Virginia Tech game.

After college Bennett would like to continue playing football for as long as possible. When his football days are over, he would like to pursue a career in the public sector as a CIA agent or work for another government intelligence agency. He also has always wanted to travel to Russia as well.

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The Redwalls' second album is no star. Read the review of this American group who tries to sound like a 1960s British band. **Page 13**



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Countdown to the school championship: The MEGA All Stars play the Assorted Nuts Wednesday night in the graduate division of flag football. Flag football and other Phase I intramural sports are nearing the end of their regular seasons. In the next two weeks, post-season playoffs begin. This year a single school championship team will be crowned in each sport.

The captain's meeting for Phase II sports is this Monday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. in the First Center. Online registration begins at 8 a.m. on Oct. 4. The sports for Phase II are soccer, volleyball, bowling and billiards. Soccer and volleyball cost \$40 per team while billiards costs \$43 and bowling is \$135. The first day of competition is October 23.

Jackets split ACC matches



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sophomore hitter Ulrike Stegemann attacks the Wake Forest defense in last Friday's game. Stegemann had 12 kills and a .429 hitting percentage as the Jackets beat the ACC foe.

By Melissa Gegenheimer
Contributing Writer

The Tech volleyball team began ACC play this past weekend against Wake Forest and Duke. Tech matched up against Wake Forest Friday night in the ACC opener. After dropping the first game to the Demon Deacons 25-30, Tech rallied back to win the next three 30-27, 30-25, 30-26.

Led by the offensive play of Talisa Kellogg and the defensive play of Jennifer Randall, the Jackets improved their overall record to 4-5.

"We had a gritty win tonight and it was rewarding to watch our team with their sweat on the court to grind out a victory," said Head Coach Bond Shymansky. "Our offense is finally starting to click as players are solidifying their spots in our lineup and on our team."

The notable difference between the play of the Jackets and the Demon Deacons was the offense. Tech hit a season-high .278, whereas Wake Forest hit .227. With a career high 16 kills, Kellogg greatly contributed to Tech's outstanding offense.

There were four other Tech players with double-digit kills. Callie Miller and Nikki Kaminskis each posted 13 kills while Ulrike Stegemann had 12 and Laura DeMichelis had 11. Tech's offense was run by Lindsey Laband who recorded a season-high mark of 60 assists.

In addition to Tech's impressive offensive play, the Jacket defense came alive as Randall tied her career record with 23 digs on the night.

"I'm most proud of our de-

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Football suffers tough loss to Hokies, drops to 3-1

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

After an impressive 3-0 start, including a road-victory over Auburn and a gritty win over Connecticut with starting quarterback Reggie Ball out of the lineup, the football team dropped its first game of the season with a 51-7 defeat at the hands of the Virginia Tech Hokies.

"I think that they're the best football team I've seen since I've been in the ACC," said Head Coach Chan Gailey. "I said that earlier in the week, and I didn't change my mind tonight."

"It was an old-fashioned beat down," P.J. Daniels said.

Virginia Tech Head Coach Frank Beamer displayed his "Beamer Ball" as the Hokies scored three non-offensive touchdowns.

A blocked field goal and two interceptions were returned for touchdowns. Since 1999 only Miami, with 53 touchdowns, has more than the 49 non-offensive touchdowns posted by the Hokies.

Ben Arndt avoided having any punts blocked and the Jackets had the best performance to date punting the football. Arndt had 11 punts at

an average of 42 yards with several of those coming in the face of a solid Hokie rush.

Arndt punted four times in the second half and none of them were returned for more than a yard.

Ball managed to start just five days after being released from the

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Reggie Ball
Quarterback

hospital with viral meningitis. He saw limited practice time in the days leading up to the game.

Ball's only touchdown pass came in the third quarter off an 11-yard connection with Calvin Johnson. In that same quarter, the Virginia Tech secondary ran back two interceptions within 26 seconds of each other, as

the game was put out of reach for the Jackets.

While the interceptions look good on the stat sheet for the Virginia Tech defense, they fail to capture the game. The Hokies won the game with superb special teams and an impressive defensive front that was able to keep pressure on Ball the entire game. This allowed the linebackers the opportunity to drop back into coverage by the midway point of the second quarter.

"Their defensive line is probably the best that I've ever seen," Ball said. "It was tough and they did bring a lot of pressure."

The story of the game, for the Jackets, can be told by their starting field positions. The best starting field position for the Jackets was their own 34-yard line, and the average starting position was on the 20-yard line.

Virginia Tech punter Nic Schmitt netted 47 yards on six punts including dropping a 61-yard punt inside the one-yard line at the start of the second quarter. Five of the seven kickoffs resulted in touchbacks or were kicked through the back of the end zone.



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Senior P.J. Daniels rushed for 48 yards on 10 carries against the Hokies. The Jackets only gained 74 rushing yards in the 51-7 loss.

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