

Beyond the White and Gold

I admit, I broke them

By Derek Haynes
Sports Editor

I'd compare it to walking on a tightrope over the Niagara Falls but without the whole fear of death thing.

"We respectfully request your help in maintaining proper decorum in press areas—absolutely no cheering is allowed in press areas and inappropriate attire (e.g. dress like a fan) will also result in expulsion."

Above is the text that comes with the FSU press passes, that text is nearly identical as the one for Tech. Most games it isn't a problem.

Last Saturday it was different.

I walked out of the press box after Clemson took a 41-38 lead and onto the field. I stood to the left of Tech's players and in front of the Rambling Wreck's recruiting prospects. I even tripped over some television cords. Some of the coaches' cords. Some cords connected to cords.

But it isn't just the cords that I'll remember. It's the feeling. The feeling in my stomach as

Tech marched down the field to tie the game at the end of regulation.

The feeling when Dantzler marched into the endzone.

Being a member of the media, I am supposed to be unbiased. Yes, I do not curse at the opposing team's players in the pressbox and I don't exchange high-fives with my neighbors, but I know who I want to win.

I'll remember Dantzler breaking through the line. I knew it was coming.

I'll remember a girl in Swarm crying as she leaned over the wall.

I'll remember the Clemson players and fans celebrating.

Most of all, I'll remember the giant inflatable Buzz being deflated around a sea of orange.

There was nothing more help-

less than watching that final run. I'll remember the feeling the instant Dantzler took off. I'd seen the play more often than reruns of Simpson episodes. The Dantzler runs, however, didn't make me laugh.

I'll miss Pasadena.

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Intramural Notebook

with Jack. B. Nimble

A League Flag FB Ranking

Rank	Team	LW
1	Backfield in Motion	1
2	Beta	4
3	Crackhead Armidillos	5
4	Pike	2
5	Fiji	3
6	Just Another Team	7
7	Old Heads	6
8	Sigma Chi	10
9	Pi Kappa Phi	NR
10	Theta Xi	8

A League Ultimate

Rank	Team
1	AE Pi
2	Beta
3	TKE
4	Lambda Chi
5	Sig Ep
6	IPST
7	Fiji Team Khaki
8	Kappa Sigma
9	Pike
10	Theta Xi

Sears Trophy

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We'll be on morning shows early in the morning and stay at nightly news shows till past midnight," explained Russell. "People think it wouldn't work well on radio since it's purely visual, but there are a lot of fun stories."

The pair makes all the promotional arrangements for the trophy. Usually that means calling media outlets in the area a week ahead of time to arrange meetings when the pair arrives.

So what is the pair's favorite venue to watch a college football game? Not Florida State, not Nebraska, not Wisconsin, not even Notre Dame, but Oregon. Yes the mighty Beavers, home to minuscule 46,000-capacity Autzen Stadium.

"Everybody was fired up when we were there. They knew our names from seeing us on television," said Russell. "They [the fans] told us to just leave the trophy there."

It's easy to get caught up in the adventures of college football's most well traveled team—the trophy trav-

eled 25,000 miles last season—and forget about the actual trophy itself. The jewel of the trophy is obviously the crystal ball on the top, a ball that takes an artisan in Waterford three months to handcraft. The black base and ball combination weighs 34 pounds and is 37 inches tall. The crystal football itself checks in with a playing weight of seven pounds.

The trophy is not passed from team to team like the NHL's Stanley Cup as a new one is awarded to the BCS winner each season. Since Sears began its affiliation with college football's national championship in 1993, the trophy has seen the national champion play every season. Along with the trophy, a 20,000 dollar scholarship is presented to the winning school. The scholarship can not be awarded to a student-athlete.

So who were Russell and Roach rooting for last weekend?

"Obviously, we're Tech fans," said Russell.

sports
briefs

Spikers thrash
Wolfpack, win 4th
ACC match in a row

Senior Kyleen Bell had 16 kills and eight digs as Tech defeated NC State 30-13, 30-13, 21-30, 30-17 to take their fourth ACC match in a row.

The Jackets (8-3, 4-1 ACC) were also helped by 5'10" freshman Lynnette Moster's seven digs as Tech had a .681 hitting percentage compared to the Wolfpack's .038.

The Rambling Wreck travels back up Tobacco Road this Sunday in a match against first place North Carolina (10-3, 4-0 ACC).

Golfers struggle in
opening tournament

Tech's men's golf team opened the season in disappointing fashion as the Jackets finished in tenth place at the Ping/Golfweek Preview in Columbus, Ohio.

Junior Troy Matteson led the Jackets in the 54-hole even on the campus of Ohio State University, placing 19th.

ACC Rival Clemson finished 28 strokes ahead of the Jackets as they took the tournament with a 288-283-291=862 score. The Rambling Wreck hosts their only home tournament this weekend in the Carpet Capital Collegiate in Rocky Face, Ga.

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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Junior tailback Sidney Ford had 10 carries for 69 yards and one touchdown last Saturday against the Clemson defense. Ford and senior starter Joe Burns each averaged over 5 yards per carry for the Jackets.

Duke Preview

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LINEBACKERS

The Duke linebacking corps will be juggling six different players to cover the four open slots. Ryan Fowler is the sole award winner in the group, making the Freshman All-American Team. Daryl Smith left the Clemson game in the first half with a dislocated elbow and is now listed as being sidelined for up to a month. Replacing him will be red shirt sophomore Anthony Lawston and junior Matthew Etheridge. Edge:



SECONDARY

Duke's secondary is their strongest group on the field. They return three of their four starters last year and have B.J. Hill, who was injured

last year, stepping in to replace Fred Harris. Tech allows only 170 yards a game passing and has only allowed two touchdowns so far this year. Edge:



SPECIAL TEAMS

Chris Douglas again appears as Duke's kick returner and averages 24 yards per return. Also, the Devils have been forced to trade the graduated All-ACC and All-American punter Brian Morton for freshman Trey McDonald who has averaged only 34 yards per punt. Kelley Rhino, Tech's punt returner, should have a field day and could break the most punt returns in a game record he set earlier this year.

While out of the headlines, Luke Manget continues to be automatic. Edge:

PREDICTION



After a tough defeat last week handed down from Clemson, Tech will march into Durham in what will be a must-win game. Even with the loss still on their minds, Tech can't lose to a team as bad as the Blue Devils. Don't count on this to be Duke's week to end their 16-game losing streak.

Final Score: Tech 52-7

game IV upclose: No. 25 Clemson 47, No. 9 Georgia Tech 44

Dantzler provides *Twilight Zone* moments against uninspired defense

Clemson QB Woodrow Dantzler does it with his feet and and his arm as he totals 418 yards in an upset victory

By Joseph Jeong
Staff Writer

Last year's matchup featured "The Catch" by Kerry Watkins. This year's game featured "The Draw" by Woodrow Dantzler.

It's hard to fault Clemson's uninspired playcalling when Tech was unable to stop two plays for practically the whole game. If it wasn't a quarterback draw by Dantzler then it was a sweep left or right to Travis Zachery that led to much of the yardage for the Clemson offense. It was surreal, like some bad *Twilight Zone* episode, where the same play is called over and over again and the same result happens over and over again—four wide outs, Dantzler from the shotgun, Dantzler runs for a gain of seven yards. A broken tape recorder would have been more unpredictable and less frustrating. It is poetically fitting that Clemson won the game in overtime with a draw by Dantzler, like it was right out of a Clemson fairy tale.

We could talk about the three week layoff, or the controversial defensive touchdown that was called back in the first quarter, or even the questionable two point attempts, but none had as much impact as the fact that Tech's defense couldn't stop Dantzler from the shotgun and Zachery's run to the outside.

Many would argue the crucial play was giving up the touchdown to Clemson right before the half. That gave Clemson momentum going into the locker room and turned what would have been a commanding lead at the half to anyone's game. However, the injury to Daryl Smith in the second quarter is as significant, if not more than, the touchdown before the half. Once Smith left the game, the middle was lost to Clemson. It wasn't because of a lack of effort from Matthew Etheridge,

a fifth year walk-on who replaced Smith, but Tech just couldn't plug the middle anymore and combined with Clemson's excellent downfield blocking, Dantzler had all the room he needed to dance downfield.

The play of the defensive line was also questionable. Yes, Greg Gathers and Nick Rogers are All-Conference players and Gathers is also an All-American talent, but when Tech's defensive line overpursues Dantzler and leaves the middle wide open, then the patience and discipline of the line comes into question. It seemed at times the defense was too intent on get-

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ting to Dantzler and not stopping the play. The defensive line did not control the line of scrimmage like they should have.

If anything was as uninspired as Clemson's offensive playcalling, then it would have to be Tech's defensive playcalling. There was hardly any changes to a defensive formation that was obviously not working against Dantzler. The few times that Dantzler was sacked or stopped by the defensive line, it seemed like that they would gain it all back and then some with the next down.

Despite putting up 44 points in the game, Tech's offense was not without its flaws. The most glaring weakness was the redzone offense. Tech scored more times (nine) than Clemson (seven), but Clemson made

every score count by getting a touchdown every time they marched downfield. Tech's offensive line seemed more comfortable protecting George Godsey than they did trying to make holes for Joe Burns and Sidney Ford, which could partially explain the lackluster redzone offense.

In spite of all these negatives, the most important fact is that although Tech's chances of a national championship have all but disappeared, a BCS bowl bid is still a very distinct possibility. Tech still has control over their post-season destiny. If Tech wins out the rest of the schedule, the worst they can do is repeat their 1998 performance and get a share of the ACC title. Should that happen, Tech will most likely be the highest ranked ACC team in the polls and BCS standings, which practically guarantees a BCS bowl bid. However, that is no simple feat, not with the recent play of teams like North Carolina and Maryland. Tech also needs to play FSU away in December, which gives them time to address their biggest weakness—inexperience. Anyone who overlooks FSU just because of their shocking loss to UNC will probably regret it.

Another lesson that can probably be taken from this heart-wrenching loss is the difficulty of going undefeated and winning a national championship in football. There is no room for mistakes or slip ups in this perennial race for gridiron perfection in college. Every game has the intensity and consequences of a single elimination playoff game.

More important than whether some of the issues raised above can be addressed by the team is the question of how well can this team bounce back from this loss. Will the will of winners and heart of champions shine or will the despair of disappointment and gloom of defeat cloud this team?



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Woodrow Dantzler, Clemson Quarterback, dominated the Tech defense throwing for 254 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 164 yards and a pair of touchdowns. He scored the winning touchdown in overtime.

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who topped editor matthew bryan?

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brian oxford	9
morgan crace	8
matthew winters	8
jason mccormick	8
matthew bryan	8

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SPORTS

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Where are they now?

The world of professional sports is full of prominent former Tech athletes. We'll take a look at some of the best. Next Week

Tiger prey

The Tech gridders hoped for a birth in the national title game. Joseph Jeong examines why that dream has ended. Page 27



by the numbers

600,000

Amount in dollars of the settlement that the Salt Lake Buzz, a Triple-A minor league baseball team now called the Stingers, agreed to pay Georgia Tech for infringing on Tech's trademarked name "Buzz."

84

Percent of total offense produced by Woodrow Dantzler, Clemson's Quarterback in their victory over Tech. Dantzler threw for 254 yards while running for 164.

17

Games since the Duke Football team has last won. Their last win came in November of 1999 when they outscored Wake Forest 48-35.

4

Number of Tech football games that have gone into overtime since overtime was established in 1996. Tech's record in these games, all of which have occurred since the 1999 season, is 2-2.

football forecast

Georgia Tech vs. Duke
Mississippi St. vs. Auburn
Hofstra vs. William & Mary
Oklahoma vs. Texas
Virginia vs. Maryland
Florida vs. LSU
Georgia vs. Tennessee
Northwestern vs. Ohio State
Pittsburgh vs. Notre Dame
Iowa vs. Purdue

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on deck

Event	Date
GF at Carpet Collegiate	5
TW at FSU/SC Fall Invite	5
FB at Duke, 1 p.m.	6
CC at Georgia Championships	6
VB at North Carolina	7
FB vs. Maryland 7:30 p.m.	11
VB vs. Maryland 7 p.m.	12

CC - Cross Country FB - Football VB - Volleyball
TW - Women's Tennis GF - Golf

game V - tech at duke - saturday - 1 p.m. - WQXI-AM (790) - No TV

Moving on: Tech puts Clemson in past

COACHES

The Duke Blue Devils are led by Carl Franks, returning for his third year as head coach. Last year's team finished 0-11 on the season. However this wasn't that much of a surprise as they had the 18th hardest schedule according to the Sagarin rankings. Meanwhile Coach O'Leary and the Jackets return to action after a close loss in overtime against No. 18 Clemson. O'Leary made some questionable calls last week on fourth downs and point after situations.

Edge:



Illustration by Alisa Hawkins photos by Alisa Hawkins and courtesy of The ACC
Duke quarterback D. Bryant leads the Blue Devils against Nick Rogers and the rest of the Jacket defense. Last week's loss against No. 25 Clemson saw many Tech fans sitting in Bobby Dodd Stadium after the game pondering a season that many thought could result in a Rose Bowl bid.

QUARTERBACK

D. Bryant took over the reigns of the Blue Devils in week five of last season. While not leading his team to victory he has put up respectable numbers and has amassed an efficiency rating of 102.75 so far this season. And while he is no Dantzler, he can be a running threat if forced out of the pocket. Jackets quarterback George Godsey will most likely play only the first half in this week's game, giving time to backups Andy Hall and Damarius Bilbo.

Edge:

RUNNING BACKS

Last year's backfield starters have graduated and behind them come two sophomores. Chris Douglas, the starting tailback, is Duke's most potent scoring threat, rushing for 300 yards and three touchdowns in 4 games. He is dangerous as a receiver and may give Tech's injured linebacker corps trouble. Tech now has a one-two threat with Joe Burns and Sidney Ford. Both backs average near five yards per carry.

Edge:

RECEIVERS

While Duke's tailback leads the team in receptions, there is a plethora of receivers for Bryant to throw to. Seniors Ben Erdeljac and Kyle Moore along with All-ACC tight end Mike Hart are all potential targets. However, Tech's roster is even deeper. Last week Will Glover returned from injury and joined fellow receivers Kelly Campbell, Kerry Watkins, and Jonathan Smith as well as tight ends Russell Matvay and John Paul Foschi.

Edge:

OFFENSIVE LINE

Young is the best way to describe Duke's line after losing two starters last season. Four of their five starters are either freshmen or sophomores. Senior tackle John Miller will have to serve as the line leader as well as the babysitter. Tech had a similar problem in losing two of their best linemen, however Hugh Reilly and Jason Kemble have held strong in their respective positions.

Edge:



DEFENSIVE LINE

The Blue Devils utilize a 3-4 defense. Two of last year's three starters have left but

will be replaced by experienced seniors Tyron Grissom and Charles Porter. They have allowed on average over 200 rushing yards a game and will need help from their linebackers to stop the Jacket rushing attack. Before the Clemson game Georgia Tech's line had held the opposing backs to only 80 yards per game.

Edge:



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Saving football's crown jewel from players and...oranges?

By Derek Haynes
Sports Editor

Just like any other college football fans, Drew Russell and Jeff Roach have their favorite teams.

Just like any other college football fans, they have their favorite places to watch a college football game.

Just like any other college football fans, they look at the schedule and highlight the game of the week.

The similarities stop there between Russell, Roach, and normal college football fans. Because, not only do they do all of the above, they are also on the sideline of the college football game of the week, every week. They are on television—both local and national. Roach was even on the stage during the Sears Trophy presentation to Oklahoma last season in the Orange Bowl.

Russell and Roach are the secret service to the commander-in-chief of college football trophies, the Sears Trophy.

The pair is the guardian of the

trophy given to the winner of the Bowl Championship Series, in other words, the winner of the college football national championship. This past week they ventured to Bobby Dodd Stadium for the Clemson-Tech clash. This was the trophy's first trip to the nation's oldest Division I stadium.

"It [the job] is one of the most sought after positions," said Roach. "I was in the right place at the right time."

The responsibilities of the job are obvious. Protect the 30,000 dollar trophy, which includes a Waterford Crystal football on the top, from the hands of drunken fans, out of control players, and—oranges?

"Last year when Miami played Virginia Tech, Miami was still in the hunt for the title," said Roach. "The Orange Bowl was the site of the national championship game and so the Miami students started throwing oranges. We had to form a human shield."

In the same game, current Atlanta Falcon Michael Vick almost

ran into the trophy but Roach was able to get the ball off the base in time.

"That was probably our closest call," said Roach.

They've also seen the trophy disappear for three days en route to Oklahoma, the case was heavily inspected at a shipping hub—including the wheels taken off—during the week of the WTC and Pentagon tragedy, and they've had to go and personally find the square black case at shipping hubs around the country several times. One thing the pair isn't particularly afraid of is someone stealing the trophy.

"It's not like you can sell it on eBay," said Russell.

It's obvious the pair puts protection first on the job—during the interview, whenever someone or some vehicle approached the trophy their eyes went immediately in that direction—but they are bigger college football promoters than security guards.

"We work a lot of long hours."

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Sears Trophy File



An artisan at Waterford Crystal in Ireland spends three months hand-crafting the sparkling football that sits atop the Sears Trophy, which is insured for \$30,000.

The trophy weighs 37 pounds and stands 34 inches tall. The crystal football itself weighs seven pounds. All eight teams to win the Sears Trophy have played at least one game with the trophy on the sidelines during their championship seasons.