

Morgan swims ACC's fastest mile



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Rising Senior Sam Morgan huddles with teammates after a swim meet. Morgan is a two-time All-American in the mile.

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In his first year at Tech, Sam Morgan was the first freshman to compete at the NCAA Championships in swimming. The rising senior and two-time All-American in the mile continued to blaze a path when he broke the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center pool record in the 1650 freestyle at the ACC Championship this past season.

Morgan is very proud of holding the top time in the ACC for the mile.

"Winning the mile at ACC was my biggest highlight this year. I

didn't expect it. I knew I was going to do well. I did better than I thought I would and everyone else did worse than I thought they would," Morgan said.

Morgan acknowledges that many people contribute to his continued success, in particular former graduate assistant coach Shilo Ayalon.

"Shilo Ayalon was a big influence. He was a senior when I came in and stayed to continue swimming. He was an awesome swimming partner. He was a constant force showing me how to be consistent and not to complain," Morgan said.

Morgan recognizes the contri-

bution of his team and coach to his performance.

"The rest of my team is certainly an influence. If I was just doing it for me I probably wouldn't swim as fast," Morgan said, "My coach has been a great motivator, also."

Morgan's strong performance for Tech came after being Georgia state champion in the 200 and 500 free as a sophomore at Gainesville High School and a twelve-year Georgia swimming all-star.

"In high school I never really had any expectations. I knew I was a good swimmer and that I wanted to come to Tech. The thought of not doing it never came into my mind, but I never thought about what it would be like," Morgan said.

Morgan looks forward to the upcoming season. Stuart Wilson, an assistant coach for the last three years, will be taking over as head coach for men's and women's swimming and diving.

"I know Stuart plans on doing some things differently. I think next year the team will be much more positive as a whole. There will be more camaraderie," Morgan said.

Morgan predicts a strong season led by seven returning seniors and a hard-working group of sophomores.

"I expect we'll see fast swims from the sophomore team. They've worked hard and I think that will show," Morgan said, "The senior class is big, so I expect fast swims there, too."



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Playground Rules: Tech's summer intramural kickball league wrapped up yesterday. Team KCL was ranked first in the league with a 12-point rating score advantage over team CHBE.

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Tech stands tall in Director's Cup

Tech sports matched their previous-best showing in the Director's Cup, placing No. 31 in the nation.

The Director's Cup awards points to schools in 10 men's sports and 10 women's sports. Tech sponsors 17 total sports, but only 15 that are involved in the Director's Cup.

Tech athletics saw 14 of its 17 teams make postseason play in the previous year.

Tech is the only school in the NCAA that achieved a win in a football bowl game, a men's basketball tournament game and a men's baseball tournament game.

Stanford won the Director's Cup for the 11th consecutive year.

Hoops recruits go to Global Games

Incoming freshmen Alade Aminu, D'Andre Bell and Lewis Clinch have all been selected to the U.S. team that will play in the sixth annual Global Games in Frisco, Texas.

The event begins on July 24 and continues through the medal round on July 30.

Chris Bosh and Jarrett Jack previously participated in the event that will showcase the Tech signees.

This year's field includes junior national teams from the USA, Lithuania, Nigeria, Slovenia and Ukraine. Team Africa and the Texas/U.S. Select team will also participate in the competition.

Baseball sends pair to play for USA

Tech baseball is once again sending players to the USA Baseball National Team.

Third baseman Wes Hodges and utility player Matt Wieters have been named to the roster for this year's team.

Tech has sent 17 players to the national team since 1984—the second-greatest number of selections for any program in the country behind Stanford, which has produced 24 players for the team.

Stanford had placed a member on the team each year since 1986 until this summer, which will be their first in 18 years without a representative.

Watch lists include Tech football trio

Running back P.J. Daniels has been named to the 2005 watch list for the Maxwell Award for Collegiate Player of the Year.

Defensive end Eric Henderson and linebacker Gerris Wilkinson have been named to the watch list for the Chuck Bednarik Award for the Defensive Player of the Year in college football.

Athletes get ahead with summer classes



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Linebacker Eric Henderson has taken summer classes every semester while at Tech to stay on track for his graduation this fall.

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Student athletes face both the demands of a grueling training schedule and season as well as a full load of classes during the fall and spring semesters.

Many athletes choose to take summer courses to either keep them on track for graduation or to alleviate stress during the season. There are approximately seventy student

athletes currently enrolled in summer classes.

"The importance of summer classes to student athletes and all students is the focus they can give to a difficult course," said associate director of Athletics for Academic Services Phyllis LaBaw.

"It gives you a chance to get long classes out of the way if you take short term. You can also get professors that may not offer classes in fall and spring," said fifth-year

Management major and defensive end Eric Henderson.

Henderson has taken summer classes every year while at Tech and is currently taking 10 hours of summer courses. He is scheduled to graduate this fall.

"Summer classes are very important when you want to graduate, especially if you want to graduate before your eligibility is up," Henderson said.

Summer classes may also be convenient for student athletes who will already be on campus training and working out.

"I'd still have a semester and a half left if I hadn't taken classes. Since you are working out at the same time, you might as well take classes," Henderson said.

"It is a great time to get ahead, but also to stay on track as far as working out," LeBaw said.

Summer classes also provide athletes additional chances to gain hours to retain eligibility.

"It is a true opportunity to maintain eligibility requirements and with the changing standards that becomes very important at a school like Tech," LeBaw said. "Athletes can focus without contending with the time management of practices."

Despite the obvious advantages,

some student athletes choose to take the summers off.

"I've not taken any summer classes," said fourth-year management major and swimming team member Sam Morgan.

Athletes may find it difficult to pursue other interests or graduate in four years if they opt out of summer classes.

"I've taken twelve hours a semester. If you are on a five year plan or don't mind not having

any free time then summer classes aren't that important," Morgan said.

Even without taking courses Morgan recognizes the advantage that summer classes provide.

"I might take classes when my eligibility is up because I won't finish in four years," Morgan said, "It is a good option if you don't want to be too busy during the school year."

Both Morgan and Henderson recognize the constant balance required between their sports and academics in any semester.

"There is a fine line between swimming and classes," Morgan said.

"It can be stressful at times. Just being a student athlete

itself is stressful," Henderson said, "In the fall you are involved in the season, so summer classes can be a stress reliever."

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Four basketball alumni sign free-agent contracts

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Four seniors from the 2004 national runner up team are hoping summer leagues help them move onto NBA rosters for the upcoming season.

Guard Will Bynum signed a free agent contract with the Boston Celtics, center Luke Schenscher signed with the Denver Nuggets and Isma'il Muhammad signed with the Dallas Mavericks.

All three were supposed to be playing in the NBA's Reebok Vegas Summer League (RVSL), which started this week in Las Vegas. Exposure in the league will hopefully propel them onto an NBA roster for the regular season.

The RVSL features sixteen teams and includes forty-three games in its ten day schedule. The teams are composed of top draft picks, current NBA players and free agent roster

players.

The Nuggets have split their four games so far this season. Schenscher has played an average of 15 minutes per game. He is averaging three rebounds and 4.5 points per game.

The Celtics have won three of their four games. Bynum has logged 19 minutes per game. He is averaging 2.3 assists and 3.5 points per game.

Muhammad has yet to play with the Mavericks in their first four games.

B.J. Elder was invited to compete in the Rocky Mountain Revue in Salt Lake City. Elder will be playing on the summer league team for the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs.

Jarrett Jack is already working toward a professional career with the Portland Trail Blazers.

Jack was drafted in the first round by the Denver Nuggets who then traded him to the Blazers.



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Former Tech center Luke Schenscher is playing as a free agent in the NBA's Reebok Vegas Summer League with the Denver Nuggets.