

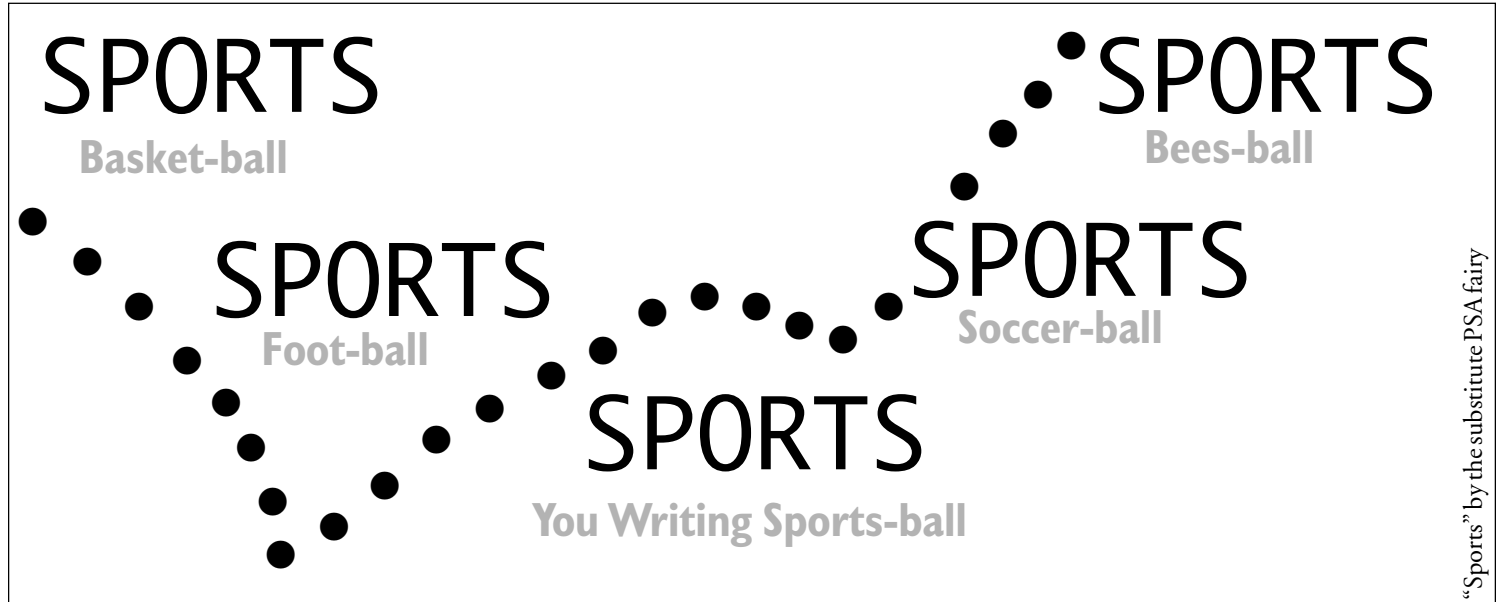
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center Alvin Jones for most of the night. Jones, the Jackets leading scorer at 14.5 points per game, managed just five points on 2-of-9 shooting and committed four turnovers.

"I thought our big guys did very well against him," said Krzyzewski. "Alvin Jones has had a first-team All-ACC season, but we played him well tonight."

Tony Akins led Tech with 19 points, but struggled from the floor, hitting just 6 of his 17 shots. Reserves Winston Neal and Pat Harpring saw action in the waning minutes of the game, with Neal going into the record books at hallowed Cameron Indoor Stadium, recording a rebound in the closing seconds.



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The Editor of the Week Award goes to: Christina Freyman for getting rid of her Tupperware!

Akins, Jones combine for 30 in Jackets' 69-54 win over Wolfpack

By Derek Haynes
Assistant Sports Editor

Tech won, and for once, it was expected.

Georgia Tech improved their chances for a birth into the NCAA Basketball Tournament with a 69-54 victory over North Carolina State at Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

The victory over seventh place NC State (12-12, 4-8 ACC) came after a 2-1 stretch against Top 25 teams that has helped propel Tech into a possible tournament birth.

Tony Akins led the Jackets with 17 points, and Alvin Jones had one of the best around all-around games of the season with 13 points, 14 rebounds, 5 assists, and 5 blocks.

Freshman forward Halston Lane had 13 for the Jackets on 4-6 shooting from the field, and starting shooting guard Shaun Fein added 10 points and five rebounds.

"Looking at the stat sheets and seeing four guys in double figures—that's my idea of good basketball," said Hewitt.

Tech started slow against the Wolfpack—Akins scored the Jacket's first basket almost 4 minutes into the game—but outscored NC State 38-25 in the second stanza thanks to an 11-20 shooting performance from the field.

Tech (15-9, 7-6 ACC) led 31-29 at the half, but fell behind quickly in the second. However, Lane, who hit several clutch baskets in the



By Kristi Odom / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

N.C. State senior forward Damon Thornton faces up against Tech's Halston Lane. Lane was four for six from the field including one three-pointer, his four from the line gave the Tech stand-out 13 points on the night.

win over Virginia, tied the game at 35 on a layup and a freethrow after he was fouled. That was the last time NC State would appear even on the scoreboard with the Jackets.

"Today's win was huge—if we didn't get this game I don't know how much of a chance we would have had [of getting into the NCAA tournament]," said Lane.

Tech's potent offensive combination—Akins and Jones—combined to put the game out of reach with 12:39 remaining. Jones blocked a layup, and then Akins picked up the ball on the break and nailed a three to put Tech up 42-35.

"Even the shots that he [Jones] doesn't get a piece of he has a tendency to change and affect," said

NC State Head Coach Herb Sendek of Jones' 5 blocks.

Jones got his 1000th career rebound in the game and finished with 1,006. He is the second Jacket in history to have 1000 points and 1000 rebounds, joining Malcom Mackey who had 1,205 rebounds.

After the Jones block and Akins three, Tech rolled. The depth of the

Jackets was too much for NC State to handle. Nine Jackets saw at least 10 minutes of action, and of those nine players every one scored except starting small forward Marvin Lewis.

Lewis, who was 0-4 from the field, has been struggling of late. He's scored a combined 4 points in his last three games.

"I think it's just a matter of getting him in the gym. He's too good of a shooter to go scoreless," said Hewitt.

Tech got a surprise lift from reserve point guard T.J. Vines late in the first half. With 21 seconds remaining, Vines scored on a hard drive to the basket, then stole the ball near mid-court to give Tech a two point lead at the half. Those were Vines' only points of the game.

NC State's Anthony Grundy, who has added a scoring touch to his all-league defensive credentials, led the Wolfpack with 13 points on 5-12 shooting.

Center Ron Kelley added 12 points and forward Kenny Inge had 10 points and 8 rebounds but shot just 2-10 from the field.

When asked about Tech's tournament chances, NC State's Sendek was optimistic about seeing a Tech team that was tied for third in the ACC make it to the Big Dance.

"Given their record outside the conference and in the rugged ACC I would certainly think so," said Sendek.

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Lacrosse defeats 13th-ranked Emory

By Jody Shaw
Managing Editor

This past weekend Georgia Tech played host to the 4th annual Southern Shootout. Like previous years, the tournament suffered from a first day of horrible weather before the skies cleared early Saturday morning. When it did, Emory, Clemson, Michigan State and Tech enjoyed a beautiful weekend of lacrosse.

In the opening game, rivals Clemson and Georgia Tech faced off. The Jackets started off hot, but faded in the second half as the Tigers rallied and rolled off 5 straight goals. Tech attempted to mount a comeback, but Clemson pulled away in the third quarter to win 14-7.

Saturday morning, Georgia Tech faced Michigan State in a game that remained close throughout. After trailing at the half, Tech came back strong and took the lead 7-5 before

the Spartans rallied off 3 straight goals and ultimately beat the Jackets by a final score of 11-9.

"It was good effort by our guys, but we showed our immaturity as team a little, losing a lead late in the game like that. We need to regroup and get ready for a tough Emory team tomorrow morning. We saw some great things out of this team and we will continue to work hard to eliminate the mistakes," Head Coach Lovic said.

On Sunday morning, Georgia Tech faced cross town rival Emory, who had beaten the Yellow Jackets 4 straight years. The game was a defensive battle, with the Tech offense working hard to keep it close.

After the first half, Tech was right with Emory as they knotted it up at 2-2 behind a goal each from freshmen Bob Jaeger (2 goals) and Ryan Hansen (2 goals). The teams traded goals in the third quarter, and swapped

two goals a piece in the final period to send the game to overtime.

Freshman Charlie Fleisig, junior Austin Karp and sophomore Chris Held led the Jacket defense, holding Emory to only 5 goals. Will Oakley and Hansen each scored in the fourth to force the overtime. In sudden death, Oakley stepped up again and scored over the left shoulder of the Emory goalie to seal a victory for the Yellow Jackets.

Though Tech finished the weekend 1-2, their win over Emory, who was ranked thirteenth in the US-LIA poll, salvaged the weekend.

"It was a great game for this young team. It showed they can bounce back from two tough losses and come out ready to play. We face two more conference games next weekend and this win will really propel us forward," Lovic said.

Ken Lovic contributed to this story



By Marques McMillan / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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Hewitt's first year performance exceeds every expectation

Jacket coach Paul Hewitt has transformed the Jackets' both on and off the court with his faced-paced, high-scoring style of play.

By Harold Gutmann
The Chronicle

(U-WIRE) Duke University—There were two ways to look at Georgia Tech entering the season. On one hand, the Yellow Jackets returned their senior center Alvin Jones, who led the conference in blocked shots and finished fifth in rebounding a year ago, two quality freshmen in Marvin Lewis and Halston Lane, veteran point guard Tony Akins and an up-and-coming new coach gave Tech the ingredients for a break-out year.

Then there's the other hand. The team was unsuccessful last year (13-17, 5-11 in the ACC) and that was with second-team All-ACC selection Jason Collier, who graduated and became the first-round pick of the Milwaukee Bucks. Of all the players that would be returning, only three averaged more than five points per game the previous season, and only Jones averaged more than four rebounds.

As if to verify that the next few years would be labeled as "rebuilding," Bobby Cremins picked last season as his swan song. The third-winningest coach in conference history, Cremins had been coaching Georgia Tech since before his recruits were born. Cremins was replaced by Paul Hewitt, who had only three years of experience coaching at a school known by few.

Almost everyone outside Atlanta subscribed to the latter, more pessimistic description. The ACC media picked Georgia Tech to finish eighth, between Clemson and last-place Florida State. Even Georgia Tech administrators were hesitant to predict great things for this

year's team. In the press conference announcing Hewitt's hiring, both Tech president Wayne Clough and athletic director Dave Braine did not mention any hopes for success.

But Hewitt had different ideas. "The winning percentage that we had at Siena shows we know something about the game," Hewitt said, referring to his only previous coaching experience. "I'm not downplaying the expectations, I expect to win next year. Dave and Dr.

"The thing that has made us successful is our efforts in the area of player development"

Paul Hewitt
Head Basketball Coach

Clough have asked me to downplay them a little bit, but we're trying to win next year."

Hewitt didn't take long to follow through on his statement. Victories in December over UCLA and Kentucky hinted that this team was better than expected. Back-to-back wins over Virginia and Wake Forest early in conference play confirmed it.

Since then, every ACC team not wearing blue (meaning UNC and Duke) has lost to Georgia Tech. And to think that even the athletic director did not believe Hewitt could produce a winner this year.

"We're bringing in a good guy here," Braine said. "A lot of people

don't know much about Siena and the Northeast, but I think in a couple of years that you will realize that we made an excellent choice."

A couple of years? If Siena was any indication, the positive results will be immediate. The Saints were 22-59 in the three years before Hewitt, 66-27 in three years with him.

"The thing that has made us successful is our efforts in the area of player development," Hewitt said. "I heard Pete Newell speak, and he thinks the game today is over-coached and under-taught. I think if you watch us play, you will see a team that is not over-coached but is very well taught.

"When you play a high-scoring, fast-paced style, situations come up that your players need to know how to react to. You can't stop and call every play and diagram every cut."

What separates this coach from his colleagues is his philosophy on how to improve a team.

"If given the choice, I would take individual practice time over a team practice every time," Hewitt said.

"We're going to spend a lot of time helping a player improve. As long as a player is improving, his confidence will go up, and then the team's confidence will go up and the team will play better."

Hewitt says that all he asks of his team is to play hard all the time. Early results were encouraging, but Hewitt knew his team bought into the new system during its first game against Maryland.

The Yellow Jackets played well in the first half, but ran into Maryland's best first-half performance of the season and were down 19 at halftime. While this would break



By Kristi Odom / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Coach Hewitt offers some mid-game advice to Tech seniors Jon Babul and Alvin Jones during the Jackets' last home contest with Virginia.

most teams, Georgia Tech came out even harder in the second half, cutting the lead to six before falling.

"I called Dave [Braine] after the game, and told him, 'Finally we're starting to get it,'" Hewitt said.

Although Hewitt was referring to something else, he could have

been referring to a possible NCAA berth, which the school has not received since 1996. Even the athletic director that hired it him did not think it was possible.

Tech takes on Clemson in their final home game this Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

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No. 1 Baseball rallies in final two to top rival Georgia

By Jody Shaw
Managing Editor

After taking an early lead and then falling behind to rival Georgia, the top-ranked Yellow Jackets rallied in the final two innings to defeat the 15th-ranked Bulldogs in front of a record crowd at Foley Field in Athens.

Entering the eighth inning trailing 8-4, Tech began its comeback backloading the bases with no outs, but the Jackets only managed to bring two runs across the plate in the inning—one of them on a Matthew Boggs bases-loaded walk.

The comeback continued in the top of the ninth inning; this time the entire rally occurred with two outs. Jason Perry singled and then advanced to second on Tyler Parker's infield single. Wes Rynders then struck out; the game should have ended, but luck fell on the side of the Jackets when the final strike was ruled a wild pitch. Rynders beat Georgia catcher Tony Burchett's throw to first base, which sailed into right field. Perry, who had advanced to third on the initial wild pitch, raced home when Burchett threw the ball into right.

Boggs stepped to the plate for the second straight inning and advanced to first again—this time after being hit by a pitch.

Richard Lewis then reached on a throwing error, which allowed both

Parker and Rynders to score.

Boggs then scored the final run on an RBI single by Bryan Prince, who reached the plate after Mark Teixeira was intentionally walked.

Jeff Watchko entered the game in the bottom of the ninth and pitched a scoreless inning of relief, while Andy Mitchell earned the win for Tech, its fifth overall.

Brian Sager, Tech's highly acclaimed transfer, started the game for Tech, while Scott Murphy, another transfer student, started the game for the Bulldogs.

Neither starter played well or figured into the final decision; Sager gave up five runs on seven hits in just over five innings of work, while Murphy surrendered four runs on six hits in five innings.

The Yellow Jackets were forced to comeback on the Bulldogs only after surrendering the early lead they had initially built.

Richard Lewis hit his second home run of the season in the top of the first, giving Tech an early 1-0 lead.

The Bulldogs tied it up an inning later on a sacrifice fly from David Coffey, only to have Tech regain the lead 3-1 in the third on a double by Parker. Teixeira followed with a solo home run in the fourth to make the score 4-1. Georgia's Jeff Keppinger made the game tighter with an RBI double in the bottom of the fifth, but the real damage



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This shot from last year's game shows Tech catcher Tyler Parker waiting on the throw home to beat Georgia catcher Doc Brooks to the plate. Tech doesn't face Georgia at home until March 21 in their 7 p.m. contest.

came in the sixth when the Bulldogs exploded.

Georgia scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth to make the score 8-4 and took their first lead of the game. Mark Thornhill led off with a walk before moving to sec-

ond on a single by David Coffey. Darryl Blaze and Andy Neufield followed with back-to-back RBI singles after the runners advanced on a sacrifice bunt. Jody Powell then stepped to the plate and smashed a three-run homer over the left-field

fence that scored Blaze and Neufield. Thornhill then returned to the plate and drove in the final run of the inning on an RBI single.

The Jackets face Elon in their 2001 home opener this Friday at 3 p.m. at Russ Chandler Stadium.

T E C H N I Q U E

Sager transfers to Tech, leaves No. 9 Cardinals in California

Stanford transfer Brian Sager decides to hurl for the Jackets after finishing with a 12-1 record in his two years for the Cardinals.

By Derek Haynes
Assistant Sports Editor

Sometimes it takes a while to get what you want. Junior starting pitcher Brian Sager and the Georgia Tech baseball coaching staff both know that.

Turn back the clock to summer 1998. Sager had just finished his senior year at Branford High School in Connecticut. On the mound, he was 11-0 with a 0.83 ERA, on the basketball court he was a three-year starter, and in the classroom he carried a 3.9 GPA. He was picked in the 13th round of the amateur draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks and offered a \$1 million signing bonus.

Life was great. He was one of the most heralded hurlers in the country and had the brains to get into Stanford. However, Sager didn't want to go to Stanford. He wanted to get on the baseball field. Stanford and Tech have his mom to thank for keeping him in college.

"My dad really wanted me to play baseball, he had been coaching me his whole life," said Sager, "my mom wanted me to learn how to take care of myself and to mature as an individual."

So the 6-5, 225 pound right-hander went to the proven pitching machine that is Stanford. He would go to a school with a great academic reputation and he would work under pitching coach Tom Dutton. Dutton is the man who coached current major leaguers Mike Mussina, Jack McDowell, Rick Helling, and a host of other big-name pitchers.

His freshman year was solid. Sager was the number 3 starter, and named to the freshman All-American team

by Collegiate Baseball Magazine. He finished 6-0 with a 4.17 ERA while striking out 72 batters in 86.1 innings pitched.

That's where the fairy tale ended.

While in Omaha during the College World Series, Sager had a conversation with Dutton. There had been rumors that Dutton would not be returning the next season and Sager wanted to know if there was any truth to the talk. Dutton never gave an answer, and neither did Stanford during the summer.

When Sager showed up to school in September Dutton was gone.

A year later Sager and his hard fastball and slider would be too.

Although he finished 6-1, Sager's ERA during his sophomore campaign shot up to 5.18 and he was riddled with inconsistent performances. It didn't help that Sager had an impingement in his shoulder, but he's not worried that it will have an effect on his Tech career. Over 80 percent of pitchers have the injury at some time in their career.

"It was a situation where I thought to be a professional baseball player I need to progress and get better, and at Stanford during my sophomore year I didn't think I was doing that," said Sager.

It wasn't that new Stanford pitching coach Tom Kunis didn't have experience—he'd coached seven years of college baseball when Stanford signed him. But Sager wanted a more hands-on coach. It was then that he remembered Tech Pitching Coach Mike Trapasso.

"It was a really high pressure situation for me, because I'm making such a huge move and had only

limited knowledge of these people," said Sager, "that's where having met Trapasso earlier came into play."

In college baseball, players can transfer once without using a year of eligibility. Sager was one of the first to take advantage of the new rule.

Sager visited several baseball powerhouses, including Southern Cal, LSU, and Texas. His talks with Trapasso made the decision much easier.

"Coach Trapasso is one of the best pitching coaches in the country, if not the best," said Sager.

Trapasso, also recognized as one of the best recruiters in the country, has had Tech pitchers earn all-conference honors on nine occasions in his 6 years on the staff. Each year, at least one Jacket pitcher has had a 10-win season, including 2000's 13 game-winner Cory Vance.

Sager also got a pleasant surprise when he came to Tech. He knew they were nationally ranked, but he didn't know how much talent was returning.

"I knew they were a top 20 team, I didn't understand that they had pretty much everybody back and were just reloading," said Sager.

Sager, who has pitched in the College World Series in Omaha each season is eager for a return visit. In his freshman year, he had a no decision against Florida State, and in his sophomore year he only lasted for 3 innings against Louisiana Lafayette.

It's obvious whom Stanford's ex-career-winning-percentage-leader wants to face if Tech gets to the World Series.

"Anyway I could play them would be great, but if I could play them in



Courtesy of GT Sports Information

Sager considered jumping straight to the major leagues after a stellar high school career; it was his mom that encouraged him to go to school.

the College World Series that would be phenomenal," said Sager.

Has the transition to Tech been rocky for the Pre-Season All-American?

He made the Dean's List first semester.

He got a win in his first start

against 4th ranked Nebraska.

He likes the team chemistry better and he says Trapasso has helped him tremendously after only one start.

Like the strong run support that usually accompanies a Sager start, everything is simply working out.

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Beesball's newest hurler

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Paul Hewitt's inaugural

Find out what makes Paul Hewitt a great coach and what's so different about his coaching style. Page 37



LadyJacket Basketball falls to Tigers

Clemson topped the Jackets 68-49 in last Monday's game. Tech kept it even for the first twelve minutes but allowed the Tigers to make it 37-26 at the half. Jaime Kruppa led the Jackets with 12 points and 10 rebounds. The loss brings the Jackets to 12-13 and 3-11 in the ACC.

Softball takes two from Georgia State

The Jackets grabbed both games in Wednesday's double-header with the Panthers. Tech pitchers Erin Voeltz and Tiffany Goodman took home the win's and each improved their individual records to 3-2. The two wins ended the team's three game losing streak and makes them 6-4 heading into Saturday's 1 p.m. home opener with Troy State.

Golf places eighth in Hawaii tourney

Tech's performance was led by Bryce Molder and Troy Matteson who finished tied for 13th in last weekend's Taylor Made Intercollegiate. The team's final round score of 282 represented the second lowest in the tournament and helped the Jackets grab the number eight spot overall. The Tech golfers now head to Puerto Rico for this weekend's Puerto Rico Classic.

Track and Field at ACC Indoor

The Jacket women finished third and the men captured eighth at the ACC Championships in Blacksburg, Va. this past Saturday. The women matched the highest Tech finish in school history. Their performance was anchored by ACC Champion Alisha McClinton, who finished the 60 meter with a time of 7.53 seconds.

Women's Tennis captures Middle Tennessee State

Tech topped Middle Tennessee State 5-2 in last Sunday's home match. The Jackets took all three doubles matches and the number 2, 3, 4 and 6 spots in the singles matches. Mysti Morris took the number two spot for the Jackets with her three set victory over MTSU's Tanja Buchheim and Tech's Bobbi Guthrie took Inge Weirich in straight sets to grab the number three spot.



Tech faces Tigers in final home game



By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech's Halston Lane takes a look inside against N.C. State center Ron Kelley. The Jackets hope to chalk up another home win Sunday in their game with Clemson.

No. 4 Duke dominates Jackets in away contest

By Terence Jones
Where's Smith?

Wednesday night at Cameron Indoor Stadium was a night to forget for the Jackets (15-10, 7-7), who suffered their worst loss in 29 years, falling to Duke (No. 3 ESPN/USA Today, No. 4 AP) 98-54. The 44-point margin of defeat was the worst for Tech since suffering a 118-73 loss to North Carolina on February 12, 1972.

Jason Williams scored 25 points and dished out six assists, helping the Blue Devils (24-3, 11-2) to their 24th straight victory over an unranked opponent. Senior Shane Battier added 16 points, seven rebounds, and four assists on a night when the Blue Devils officially retired his No. 31 jersey.

"I thought we played a game befitting of the kid who had his jersey retired," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "I thought it was one of our best games. At this point, we can't play much better than that."

Duke shot 48 percent (33-for-69) from the field for the game, while knocking down 11 3-pointers and playing tenacious defense against the Jackets. Tech, losers of 10 straight to the Blue Devils, shot just 28 percent

(10-for-36) from the field in the first half and committed an astounding 20 turnovers in falling behind 54-30 at halftime. For the game, Tech shot 28 percent (19-for-68) overall and committed a season high 29 turnovers.

"Tonight was just a case of getting beat pretty solid by an excellent basketball team," said Tech coach Paul Hewitt. "We just turned the ball over too much in the latter part of the first half. They are too good of a team to have 20 turnovers in the first half. They capitalized extremely well and ended up with 35 points off of our first half turnovers."

Battier was responsible for igniting two big first-half runs for the Blue Devils. The first coming off of a steal that led to a dunk and a three-point play, then followed by a long range 3-pointer that capped a 14-0 run. That put the Blue Devils up 29-15 with 10:01 left in the first half. The second came near the end of the first half as Battier blocked a shot leading to a Chris Duhon 3-pointer and a 7-0 run heading into halftime.

Carlos Boozer and Casey Sanders of Duke combined to shutdown Tech

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Clemson at Georgia Tech

Clemson Tigers (11-15, 2-11 ACC)

Georgia Tech (15-10, 7-7 ACC)

Sunday, Feb. 25, 4:00 p.m.



Frontcourt

The Jackets match up very well against Clemson in the frontcourt with All-ACC candidate Alvin Jones going up against ailing center Allen Allenspach and converted center Ray Henderson, neither of which being particularly well known for their offensive prowess. On the wings, the Jackets match quickness and experience in scrappy Jon Babul and ACC Rookie of the Year candidate Marvin Lewis against a youthful, yet altogether unspectacular committee of Clemson forwards. The Tigers rotate anywhere from five to six players in at forward and center, which may make it difficult for Tech to draw the Tigers into foul trouble, however, look for the Jackets to continually exploit their overall quickness and size down low against an overmatched Clemson club.

ADVANTAGE: TECH

Backcourt

Even though Tony Akins has found himself this season and developed into one of the best guards in the ACC, his counterpart, Will Solomon, is quite possibly one of the finest guards in the nation. Solomon dropped 41 points on the Jackets the last time out and single-handedly kept the Tigers in the game. And Solomon may no longer be a one man team as Tony Stockman has rapidly developed into the Tigers second threat and a leading contender for ACC Rookie of the Year. With Shaun Fein in a slump as of late, the

Tigers look to exploit the Jackets backcourt until Tech proves they can stop them. Solomon will probably not score 41 again, but the Tigers should put up a fight as they boast one of the ACC's better backcourts. ADVANTAGE: CLEMSON

Bench

Both teams go pretty deep and change out a lot of guys. Tech likes to relieve center Alvin Jones with junior Michael Isenhour and freshman Robert Brooks. Look for T.J. Vines to play if Akins has trouble controlling Solomon. As always watch for Halston Lane to explode off the bench for Tech. ADVANTAGE: TECH

Intangibles

This is Tech's last home game so its anybody's guess what seniors like Alvin Jones, Jon Babul and Shaun Fein will bring to the Coliseum. Clemson lost by 34 to NC State, then beat North Carolina, then lost by 32 to Wake Forest.

ADVANTAGE: TECH

Coaching

Clemson coach Larry Shyatt hasn't shown us everything that his team is capable of this year, a sharp contrast to Hewitt who seems to have breathed new life into what many thought was a second-rate Yellow Jacket team. ADVANTAGE: TECH

Prediction

Tech takes Clemson in a mid to high scoring affair 85-70.



By Kristi Odum / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech center Alvin Jones was held to just 5 points in the Jackets' Wednesday night 98-54 loss to No. 4 Duke. Jones normally averages 14.5 ppg.