

## Tech falls in NCAA regional



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Deck McGuire throws from the mound at Russ Chandler Stadium. McGuire had a effective start in Tech's opening game in the Atlanta regional, pitching seven innings and allowing only two extra-base hits, but gave up nine runs in the finale.

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The baseball team's season came to an end last week, as the Jackets fell in the championship game of the NCAA Atlanta Regional and failed to move on to the Super Regional round. The Jackets, ranked No. 13 in the nation heading into the tournament, finished the year 38-19-1 with an 18-12-1 mark against ACC foes.

Tech was one of 16 teams that earned the right to host an NCAA Regional from May 29-June 1. The Jackets were the No. 1 seed in the four-team field that included No. 2 Elon, No. 3 Southern Mississippi and No. 4 Georgia State, and they were favored to win the double-elimination tournament.

However, the opening game showed that the other teams would not fall easily. Southern Miss and Elon battled

in a shootout that lasted well over three hours; the teams combined for 32 runs, 34 hits and 11 homers as Southern Miss came out on top 17-15. In Friday's night game, though, Tech looked strong as well in dispatching Georgia State 9-3. Sophomore pitcher Deck McGuire went seven strong innings, and freshman third baseman Matt Skole hit a fifth-inning grand slam to power the offense.

After Elon eliminated Georgia State with a 4-3 win on Saturday afternoon, Tech looked to secure a spot in the championship game by beating Southern Miss. The Jackets had problems defensively and committed five errors and the Golden Eagles capitalized on each one. A four-run ninth inning was not enough to bring Tech back, and the Jackets fell 10-7.

The loss meant that Tech would have to play two elimi-

nation games on Sunday to stay alive. The first came against Elon in a battle between two of the nation's most prolific offenses, and Tech knocked out the Phoenix with an 8-4 victory. The Jackets overcame a rough start by sophomore Zach Von Tersch, who walked seven batters in three innings pitched, and got five innings of shutout relief by freshman Mark Pope while using a seven-run second inning to come out on top. In the night game, the Jackets looked strong on all fronts as they took down Southern Miss 10-3 to set up a Monday night rematch for the right to move on to the Super Regional round.

Senior right fielder Luke Murton hit his 20th home-run of the season, and eight players had a hit and an RBI; meanwhile, junior starter Andrew Robinson and sophomore reliever Thomas Nichols combined to hold the Golden

Eagles' offense in check.

McGuire took the mound for Monday's game just two days after throwing 121 pitches against Georgia State, and the Golden Eagles hit him hard in the second. Led by freshman shortstop B.A. Vollmuth, who hit two home runs in the inning, Southern Miss took advantage of a two-out Skole error and put up nine runs in the frame.

Tech, down 11-3 after five innings, managed to close the gap to 11-8 entering the ninth, but they could not complete the comeback, as Southern Miss reliever Collin Cargill held them hitless in the final frame to clinch the Golden Eagles' first trip to an NCAA Super Regional.

It was Tech's second consecutive NCAA regional, losing in the championship game both times. They hosted a regional for the first time since 2006.

## Tringale named first team Ping All-American

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Following a 10th place finish in the NCAA Championships, the last two weeks have been an eventful time for Jacket golf. Recently graduated Cameron Tringale was named to the Ping All-American first team. He also won his fourball match in the Palmer Cup and halved his singles match. In addition, Tringale joined Tech alumnus Matt Kuchar, David Duval, and Stewart Cink when he qualified for the U.S. Open.

Tringale is among elite company with only ten golfers being named to the Ping All-American first team. This is his first selection to the first team, although he did make the second team in 2006 and 2007. He finished out the year with seven top-10 finishes including victories at the Brickyard Collegiate Tournament and the Southern Highlands Collegiate Tournament. His stroke average of 71.36 is the 12th best in Tech history and the second best in the ACC this year. In addition, on June 4 Tringale paired up with Morgan Hoffman from Oklahoma State to defeat their European opponents in the Palmer Cup. Their victory was the only United States victory in the morning session of the tournament.



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Cameron Tringale drives a ball at the United States Collegiate Championship.

## Softball falls in Super Regional following historic season



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Jen Yee hits a home run during the first game against Washington in the Super Regionals. It was the only score by Tech in the two games they played.

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On May 23 and 24 the women's softball team played its last two games in what had been a historic season for the Jackets. The No. 14 Jackets dropped both their games in the Super Regionals over the weekend at Mewborn Field to a No. 3 Washington team that went on to the Women's College World Series. The Huskies went on to defeat both Georgia and Florida to win the 2009 Softball Championship.

Tech dropped its first game on Saturday 7-1 and again on Sunday 7-0. Junior second baseman Jen Yee provided Tech's lone score for the weekend as she hit her team-leading 16th home run of the season. The Huskies' pitcher Danielle Lawrie proved dominant for their team as she allowed only one run on four hits during

the first game. In addition, she only walked one and struck out 10 in that first matchup. Lawrie continued her streak into the second day as she gave up just three singles, did not walk a batter, struck out eight, and hit two home runs for Washington.

Even with Tech's loss and coming up short for the College World Series, the Jackets have accomplished a great deal over the course of the season. The women's team just finished with its best season in program history by finishing with its highest ranking in the national polls. The Jackets finished 13th in both the final NFCA and ESPN.com top 25 polls in addition to 12th in the RPI, all of which are program bests.

In the preseason coaches' poll the Jackets were projected to be third in the ACC, but went on to win both the

regular season and tournament title. Tech finished 17-3 in conference play and won all seven league series. Under head coach Sharon Perkins' direction the Jackets have won three conference championships over the past three years.

In retrospect, Tech's season brought on a new softball stadium over at Mewborn Field, another ACC title, Tech's best end-of-season ranking and the program's first appearance in a Super Regional.

The Jackets had a number of notable individual performances as well. Yee and senior first baseman Whitney Haller were both named third-team Easton All-Americans, and Haller was named to the All-American first team by both Lowe's and ESPN The Magazine. Yee will return for her redshirt senior season when the season begins next February.