

ACL won't be Godsey's first comeback

By Derek Haynes
Win one for Goukas

There I sat, in the bowels of the *Technique* office, with my head down and my pen lazily tapping on my notepad. There were some CDs on the desk; I flipped through them, realizing I haven't heard of any of them. I'd been on hold for a while waiting to speak to the baseball coach at Jesuit High School in Tampa. Finally, someone took me off hold.

"I just wanted to tell you how proud we all are of George," said the secretary, "he was the model athlete and student."

George Godsey, Georgia Tech quarterback, was epitomized in that small moment in time.

The secretary, the coaches, the teammates, the opponents, the reporters—they all notice there is a certain calmness—an inner peace—that surrounds Godsey. It is a cloud that not only engulfs him, but engulfs everyone he comes in contact with.

"Lots of athletes have a feeling of superiority - that feeling is not around George," says Godsey's high school football coach, Dominick Ciaro.

Godsey's ability to stay calm and poised was vital in the Jackets' 2000-01 season. He led Tech to three fourth quarter wins - including one at then #4 Clemson - to lead the Rambling Wreck to their fourth straight bowl appearance. Godsey did this in a season that many predicted would result in a lower-tier



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

George Godsey (center) has had plenty of time to improve his video game skills thanks to his injury. His roommates and teammates David Schmidgall (left) and Jason Kemble (right) join Godsey for a quick game.

ACC finish, but Godsey exceeded expectations.

He's used to it. He's felt it since high school, since middle school, since Pee Wee Football. It didn't help that he was playing in one of America's sports meccas, the Tampa area, where future millionaire athletes line the streets like telephone

poles.

"Godsey was probably the third or fourth best quarterback in Hillsborough County," says the Tampa Bay Tribune's Joey Knight, who covered prep football during Godsey's career at powerhouse Tampa Jesuit. "During Godsey's senior year, Hillsborough also had Kenny Kelly

and Reche Caldwell."

Kelly, who played college football at Miami, signed with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays earlier this year. He is Florida's prep record holder in both yards passing and touchdowns. Caldwell, who now plays for the Florida, was second in receiving yards on the Gators last year.

So, how does a quarterback who was only third best in his county become an honorable mention All-American? Talk to anyone who has been around Godsey and they will tell you. In fact, they will tell you they expected it.

"He never had a bad day. I've never had a player work harder than George," says his high school baseball coach John Crumbly. "I've coached seventeen years, I've coached big league players and Division I players, and I've never had someone with the work ethic that George had," added Crumbly.

Crumbly would know. In Godsey's senior year, Baseball America named Tampa Bay Jesuit High School National Champions. Godsey, who hit .380 that year and threw a 91-mph fastball, played the outfield and pitched. There was a time when Godsey thought of playing baseball in college.

"I thought about it, but wanted to dedicate myself to one sport," says Godsey.

Godsey had plenty of heroic moments on the baseball field, but he shined the most on humid Florida Friday nights. The story of Godsey began before high school though. Plenty of players have undergone position changes, but Godsey's switch was as unlikely as a Republican saying Bill Clinton is their personal hero.

"I started out as a defensive line-

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Club Sports Spotlight: Rugby

By Andras Bende
Special to the 'Nique

Captain Justin Germany scored 13 points in a dominating 23-5 win over Alabama in the first matrix of the season Saturday.

The match, played in steady rain and cold temperatures, was a display of the Jackets' offensive firepower in the first half. Tech jumped to a 18-0 entering halftime, thanks to a hard-earned try by Matt Rhyner in the closing minutes of the first half.

Shortly after kickoff Tech took control of the game and sustained an offensive attack deep within Alabama territory. Phase after phase of GT offense finally resulted in an Alabama penalty, which Justin Germany converted for 3 points.

After the restart, the Yellow Jackets again brought the game to the Crimson Tide, backing them up to their

goal line and forcing them to concede a penalty try to bring the score to 8-0.

The field conditions worsened in the second half, and both offenses were stymied. Germany added another try halfway through the second to finish the scoring for the Yellow Jackets. Defense prevailed for the remainder of the match, including a thunderous hit at the five-meter line delivered by Tech's Bill Schroeder.

Despite a great defensive effort in the stretch, Alabama finally managed to put one in the try zone in injury time to end the game at 23-5. In addition to Germany's effort, Chris Harvey, Rhyner, and Brett Carter also had strong performances.

The Jackets head to the trash-pit known as Athens tomorrow to face the Georgia Bulldogs in a crucial grudge match.



By Alisa Hawkins / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

After dominating the Alabama Crimson Tide 23-5, the Yellow Jacket Rugby Club Team heads to Athens Saturday to take on the Bulldogs.

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playing time.

During the signing period Tech landed sixteen promising new recruits, six of which were ranked in the nation's top 100 high school prospects.

David Wright is projected to replace Teixeira at third base when he leaves and pitchers Kyle Davies and Jay Mitchell will help fill any pitching gaps still remaining. "We answered every need that we had," said Hall in regard to his incoming class. In total Tech signed eight pitchers, four outfielders, three infielders and one catcher.

With such a talented recruiting class, Coach Hall's most difficult decision should be filling out the lineup card. But Hall is no rookie, under his reign Tech has amassed a total record of 303-130.

Look for Tech Baseball at this season first home game, February 23 against Elon College.



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man and kick returner," said Godsey.

"...In Pee Wee Football."

One can only imagine what Godsey would look like now returning punts; this the Godsey who barely made it in the endzone after a 33-yard option run against Georgia. This, the Godsey, who scored his first rushing touchdown of his career - I'm not talking about his college career only - against Maryland late in the season.

By the time Godsey got to high school though, it was obvious he was going to be the quarterback.

"I knew he was the quarterback of the future at our first practice," says Jesuit's Ciaro.

Godsey would soon take control of the Jesuit Tigers offense, and he was involved in several memorable showdowns. None is more typical Godsey than a 1997 game against Lake Whales, a game the Tribune's Knight calls "the best high school game I have ever seen."

Thanks to Godsey, Tech fans witnessed some great comebacks this year, but nothing compares to the 30-point fourth-quarter comeback

that Godsey engineered against Lake Whales. It was the district championship game where Godsey decided to work his magic, but he needed some help to send the game into overtime.

"Jesuit was trailing by two with almost no time left and they were kicking the ball," explains Knight, "and the Jesuit kicker boomed a kick through the uprights. In Florida, if you kick the ball through the uprights on a kickoff, you get two points. So that put the game into overtime," says Knight.

However, this fourth-quarter comeback would take a turn for the worse in overtime.

"I threw a pass, and it looked like a sure touchdown," says Godsey, "and when the receiver was about to cross the goal line, his knee hit the ball and he fumbled it in the endzone."

Lake Whales went on to score on their next possession, but the heroics of Godsey live on.

"The thing I'll remember about Godsey was his poise. He was so calm, he always made the right decisions. He didn't have the athletic skills that Kelly or Caldwell had, but he more than made up with his brains," says the Tribune's Knight.

Godsey's poise also led the Jesuit Tigers to six comeback wins in his senior year.

"I don't think my parents have any finger nails left," jokes Godsey.

Godsey's football traits - poise, a good sense of the pocket, and an accurate arm - sparked a hefty comparison from his high school coach.

"I always told the recruiters that he reminded me of (former Heisman Trophy Winner and Florida Gators QB) Danny Wuerffel" says Ciaro.

However, despite the impressive credentials, Georgia Tech was the only football power to come calling.

"I talked to Wake Forest and Central Florida, but I wanted to be an engineer," says Godsey.

So now Godsey sits here, although a little awkwardly with a brace on his leg thanks to a torn ACL, as the best quarterback in the ACC circa 2000 not named Weinke.

And about that torn ACL?

"I'm doing fine, I'm actually ahead of schedule. I'll be ready by June," says Godsey.

He says it so calmly, as if the ACL injury was only a chipped tooth. He talks about how the injury will help improve his Playstation skills,

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of how it will help him bond with new offensive coordinator Bill O'Brien.

But that's Godsey. He simply rolls with the punches, oblivious to the doubters who say the departure of offensive genius Ralph Freidgen will end Godsey's reign, or who say

his ACL injury is too much to overcome.

So what if he has the mobility of the Heisman statue?

After all, it's not like he has to run. He doesn't return kicks anymore, except when he's playing his PlayStation.

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field to Clemson's 51.7 percent (30-for-58). The 111 points for the Jackets were the most they have scored since putting up 111 two seasons ago in an overtime victory at Florida State.

Clemson was minus starting point guard Ed Scott, at home with a temperature of 104 degrees, and starting center Adam Allenspach, who has now missed four of the past five games with a bad back. The victory for Tech evens up the all-time series with Clemson at 48-all.

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looking to play the role of spoiler the rest of the season.

Always a tough place to play, Tech holds a 441-151 (.744) mark in its 45th season at Alexander Memorial Coliseum, against Florida State, however, the Jackets have only managed a 10-11 mark all-time. Last season the Yellow Jackets defeated Florida State at home 65-62 while losing at FSU 54-64 and also losing 62-63 in the first round of the ACC Tournament. Overall the Jackets have taken eight of the last thirteen from Florida State.

Duke stops in Atlanta en route to NCAA

By Terence Jones
I'm afraid knot

Duke claimed its ninth straight victory over Georgia Tech 98-77 last Saturday at Alexander Memorial Coliseum in front of a sellout crowd. The Blue Devils had three players, Shane Battier, Jason Williams, and Carlos Boozer, combine to score 82 of the team's 98 points. Williams and Boozer combined for 34 points before halftime then handed the ball over to Battier, who scored 30 of his 34 points in the second half as the Blue Devils (17-1, 5-0) cruised past the Yellow Jackets (10-7, 2-4).

"Not that they need my approval, but I've got a lot of respect for that Duke team," said Paul Hewitt, Tech's first-year coach. "Think about what they go through every single game, especially on the road. People just load up and give them their best shot." The Yellow Jackets had won consecutive games over Virginia and Wake Forest, both ranked in the Top 10 at the time, however, Duke is at another level, coming in with an average winning margin of 25.7 points.

Duke built a 52-33 halftime lead against Tech, in large part do to the foul trouble Alvin Jones got himself into, picking up four personal fouls before the break, including one technical. "I feel like I let the team down," said Jones, who played only 14 minutes. "I've already apologized to them and I'm going to write a letter of



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

It ultimately proved impossible for Tech to contain Duke and guard Jason Williams, but T.J. Vines did his best to apply the brakes to Williams who was one of three Duke players who scored 82 of the team's 98 points.

apology. I feel bad about what happened." Jones, the only big man capable of matching up inside with the 6-8 Battier and 270-pound Boozer, was called for his third foul while defending a shot by Boozer, then picked up his fourth, a technical, for complaining about the call.

"Most of the offensive game plan was designed to get the ball inside to Alvin," said Tech forward Jon Babul. "We wanted to get the ball inside and try to get Boozer or Battier in foul trouble. If we could make

them go small, we had a chance. But Jones going out killed the game plan." As proof of his importance, Jones still led the Yellow Jackets with 13 points despite playing on 14 minutes.

A hot-handed Duke shot 54 percent (15-for-28) from the field in the first half, the Jackets only managed 27 percent (9-for-34). Battier hit 11-of-14 shots in the second half, including four 3-pointers, to equal his career high for points. "Obviously, we've got a good team,"

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "No one is dominant, but we should be one of the contenders."

One bright spot for Tech was their bench, which outscored the Duke bench 32-4. After Alvin Jones left the game late in the first half, not returning until late in the second half, the Tech reserves refused to back down, playing with determination against the No. 2 team in the nation, making the final score a respectable 21-point margin after trailing by 19 at halftime.

Baseball No. 1 in preseason; all nine starters return

The Jackets want to earn a trip to Omaha this year but will face a long, hard road to make it all the way

By Derick Stanger
How can I freestyle?

"Tech Baseball Ranked Pre-Season No.1!" What could be better for a Tech baseball fan to hear? Maybe the only thing better would be, "Tech wins the College World Series in Omaha for the first time in school history!" However, before these words can be shouted the Tech team must survive through a tough regular season.

Joining Tech on the preseason poll are fellow ACC teams Clemson, FSU, and Wake Forest who are ranked fifth, eighth, and twenty-eighth, respectively. Not only are the Jackets in one of the toughest conferences, they also have a tough out of conference schedule which includes games against No. 4 Nebraska, No. 7 Rice, two against No. 16 UGA, and No. 18 Auburn. "I realize that we have a lot of great teams to play this season and we have a 56-game schedule that is going to be very tough," said head coach Danny Hall, "I look at our first six games being on the road and I probably need my head examined for scheduling like that."

This is the third year in a row the Tech has started the season ranked in the top ten. Last year Tech finished the season by winning the ACC Championship

and playing in the Atlanta Super Regionals. The team hopes to produce similar results to last season and add a trip to Omaha, the location of the College World Series.

Although the preseason No. 1 ranking can sometimes go to a team's head, Hall, two-time ACC Coach of the Year, thinks that this won't happen for his Tech team adding, "To be ranked No. 1 in the preseason is a great honor... I've told people that the last time we were ranked No. 1 heading into the season we ended up playing for the national championship, so I'm looking at it as a good luck sign." That last time that Tech was ranked No. 1 was back in 1994, the first and only year the Jackets went to Omaha. However, they failed to produce a win during the trip.

One of the main reasons why Tech is ranked so highly this year is because of its amazing roster. On paper the Yellow Jackets have just about a perfect team, batting .342 last season. Of the nine starters that produced such a prolific hitting percentage, all nine return.

The most lauded player on Tech's team is junior third baseman Mark Teixeira, who returns from a great season walking away with the National Player of the Year Award. Teixeira was also

named both ACC Rookie of the Year and National Freshman of the Year by Collegiate Baseball magazine the previous season.

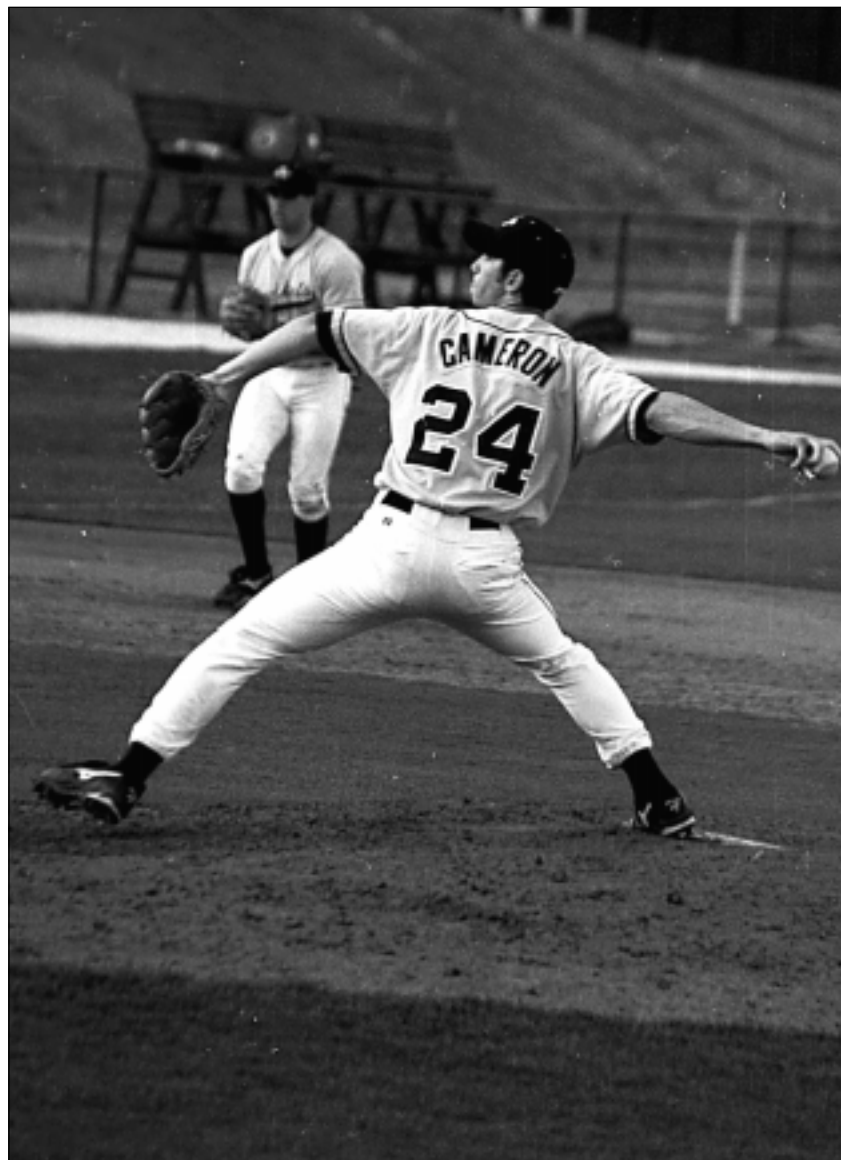
"Mark had a great season for us last spring, and he certainly carried that over to the summer [on the USA Baseball National Team]," said Hall. He played so well representing Tech and the USA that he was awarded the Summer College Player of the Year Award. Most recently he was nominated for the Golden Spikes Award who's past awardees include Will Clark, Rafael Palmeiro, and Robin Ventura.

However, the returning starters are not the only good news for the Jackets. Matthew Boggs, leadoff specialist, returns from a 2000 season where he was forced to watch from the bench with an elbow injury.

The only major loss the Jackets have experienced during the off-season was of All-American pitcher Cory Vance. The remaining six pitchers from last year's roster will return. To replace Vance, Tech acquired Brian Sager, a junior transfer from Stanford. Over the past two years he has amassed a record of 12-1.

In addition to Sager, Tech has a strong recruiting class coming in that will also fight for

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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Righty reliever Kevin Cameron returns for his junior season along with all nine members of the Tech lineup to form a team that has been ranked No. 1 in the preseason by both *Baseball America* and *Collegiate Baseball* magazines.

Yellow Jacket Sports Snapshot

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Indoor Track – IKON Invitational
Johnson City, Tenn.

Jan. 27
Men's Basketball – vs. Florida State
12 p.m.
Men's Swimming and Diving – at Emory
10 a.m.
Indoor Track – IKON Invitational
Johnson City, Tenn.

Jan. 28
Women's Tennis – at Vanderbilt
12:30 p.m.

Jan. 30
Women's Basketball – vs. Charleston Southern
7 p.m.

Feb. 1
Women's Basketball – vs. North Carolina
7 p.m.

Feb. 3
Men's Tennis – at UNC Charlotte
Men's Tennis – vs. Mercer
Men's Basketball – at North Carolina
4 p.m.
Men's Swimming and Diving – at Western Kentucky
2 p.m.
Indoor Track - Florida Invitational (Gainesville, Fla.)

Feb. 5
Women's Basketball – at Florida State
7 p.m.

Feb. 6
Men's Basketball – vs. Maryland
7 p.m.

Feb. 8
Men's Tennis – at Southern California
1:30 p.m. PST
Women's Basketball – at Virginia
7:30 p.m.

Feb. 9
Men's Tennis – at UCLA
1:30 p.m. PST
Baseball – vs. Lamar
2 p.m. *Rice Inv., Houston, TX*
Women's Tennis – vs. Georgia State
2 p.m.

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Godsey Comeback

Quarterback George Godsey is doing fine after his recent ACL surgery, find out what he does with all his spare time. Page 31

Baseball Preseason No. 1

The Yellow Jacket Baseball team has been honored with a No. 1 ranking. Check out what it means to Coach Hall. Page 35



Women's Tennis heads to Vanderbilt

Sophomore Jaime Wong fought her way to the semifinal round of the consolation bracket in last weekend's Georgia Invitational. The Lady Jackets will travel to take on the No. 11 Vanderbilt Commodores this Sunday.

Emory hosts Swimming and Diving

The 25th ranked Yellow Jacket Swimming and Diving team fell 122-108 to rival Georgia last Friday. The Jackets took away wins in only 3 of the 12 swimming events but managed to split wins in the diving competition. The Jackets are heading down the road this Saturday for a 10:00 a.m. dual meet at Emory University.

Men's Tennis can't capitalize at ACC Indoor

The Jackets couldn't make it past the quarterfinals in the singles tournament held at Clemson this past weekend, but sent freshman Alex Navinkov to the final round of the consolation bracket where he lost to Tommy Croter of Virginia. The Jackets have a week off before they face UNC Charlotte and Mercer at home February 3.

F-S-U should spell W-I-N for Yellow Jacket squad

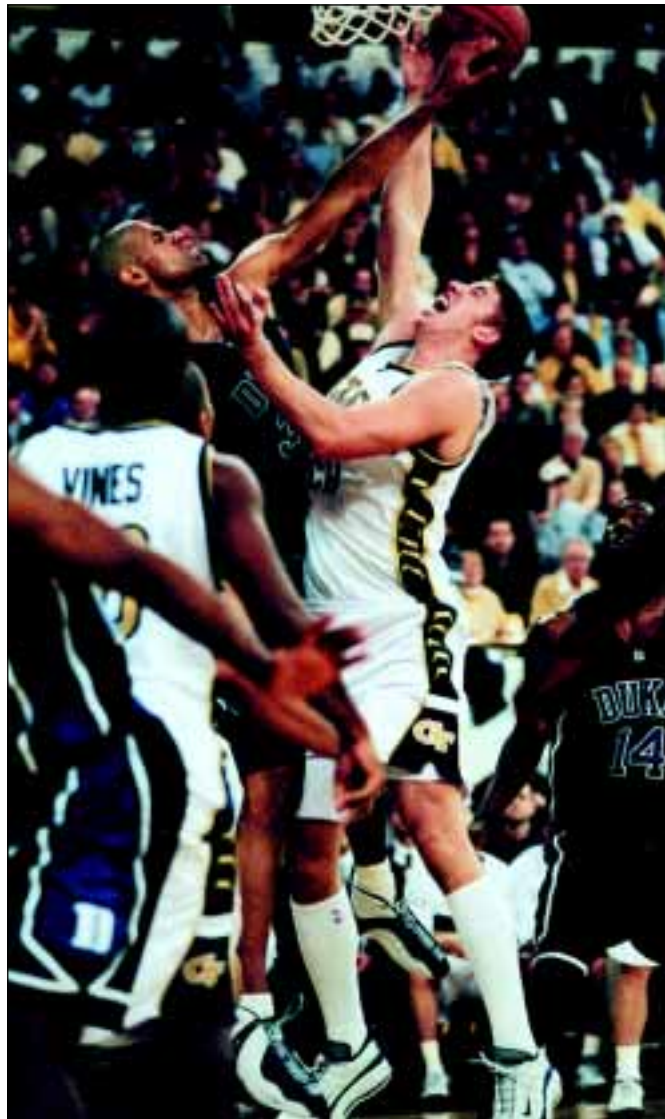
By Terence Jones
What time is it?

After a thrilling 111-108 victory over the Clemson Tigers on Wednesday night, the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets look to even-up their record in the ACC with a win over the Florida State Seminoles tomorrow at noon in Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The Yellow Jackets currently stand in a tie for fourth place in the ACC with Wake Forest at 3-4, while the Seminoles currently occupy the basement at 0-5 (Pending the outcome of the N.C. State game on Thursday).

The Seminoles figured to have a rebuilding year with such a young team, including a combined nine freshman and sophomores among only two seniors, but who could have guessed they would fall to the likes of Furman, South Florida, and Cleveland State, all before the beginning of the rugged ACC schedule? Unfortunately, the road ahead will only get tougher.

Despite their record, however, Florida State head coach Steve Robinson remains optimistic about the Seminoles recent play. "I hate losing," Robinson said in *The Tallahassee Democrat*. "It kills me. But I felt as good as you can, having lost a basketball game. We're playing better basketball. What I'm most encouraged about is my players' will to compete."

The Seminoles are led by seniors Delvon Arrington (11.1 ppg, 4.7 rpg) and Adrian Crawford (10.7 ppg, 2.5 rpg), while the Yellow Jackets are led by seniors Shaun Fein (14.9 ppg, 2.9 rpg) and Alvin Jones (14.3



By Kristi Odom / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Although junior Michael Isenhour had a career game in the Jacket's loss to Duke last Saturday, he couldn't replace center Alvin Jones who was caught in foul trouble and only played 14 minutes.

ppg, 8.9 rpg). If the Yellow Jackets win tomorrow, it would give them four ACC wins at the halfway point of the season, one less than they finished with all of

last year. The Seminoles, likely out of the running for an NCAA or NIT bid this year, are just

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Tech tops Tigers at Clemson, ends streak of away losses

By Terence Jones
This is a test, only a test

It took a wild and record setting night to finally exorcise the Little John Coliseum monkey from the back of the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. Not since the 1992-93 season had the Yellow Jackets beaten Clemson at home. In fact, the Jackets had only managed a 4-24 record all-time at Little John heading into Wednesday night's match-up.

The Jackets (11-7, 3-4) came into the game with something to prove, hitting a school record 17 three-pointers against Clemson (10-9, 1-5) to defeat the Tigers 111-108. Leading the three-point barrage was senior guard Shaun Fein who made seven of nine three-pointers and racked up 23 points on the night. Alvin Jones had a big game inside scoring 26 points, dishing out six assists, and rejecting three shots, one of them a mammoth stuff late in the game helping to preserve the victory.

The Jackets twice held big leads, 39-22 with 9:16 left in the first half, and 97-81 with 6:47 left in the game, only to let both of them slip away. After starting the game 10 of 14 from beyond the arc and opening up a comfortable lead, the Jackets saw the Tigers sneak back into the game with 13-2 run just before halftime. And again after opening up a sizable lead midway through the second half, the Jackets allowed Clemson to make a 20-6 run late in the game, setting up a wild finish.

Clemson's Will Solomon, the ACC's leading scorer, almost single-handedly kept the Tigers in the game, racking up a season high 41 points while also knocking down seven treys. He had a chance to tie the game at 110-all with 16 seconds left but front rimmed his shot. Then again with five seconds remaining he got a look at the basket, only to miss the mark on that three-point attempt as well.

The Jackets will have a difficult time duplicating the shooting clinic they put on during the first half Wednesday night, making 13 three-pointers and shooting 62.1 percent (18-for-29) from the field. Tech ended the game shooting 57.6 percent (34-for-59) from the

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Lady Jackets need strong finish to make it to the NCAA

Agnus Berenato's squad was defeated in close matches against ACC opponents Maryland, Clemson and Duke



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Niesha Butler, who earned ACC Player of the Week honors in the Lady Jackets win over Virginia, had a team high 19 points in their Sunday loss to the Terrapins.

By Ehsan Sarsharzadeh
Rookie Season

Close doesn't cut it in sports, and the Georgia Tech Women's Basketball knows that all too well.

The Jackets (10-7, 2-5 ACC), on a three game slide in which they have lost by no more than eight points, dropped a close contest with Maryland (12-6, 3-4 ACC) 66-62. It fell on the heels of a 72-64 loss against the 20th ranked Clemson Tigers and a three point loss against 5th ranked Duke.

In the loss to Maryland, Tech played solid defense in the first half and took a 34-22 lead into the locker room. The second half was another story. Tech let Maryland battle back from the 14-point halftime deficit. Maryland ended up outscoring the Lady Jackets by 16 points in the second half (44-28) and winning

the game 66-62.

"We just played one half of a ball game," Tech coach Agnus Berenato said after the disappointing loss. "We lost the game in the first three minutes of the

"We lost the game in the first three minutes of the second half"

Agnus Berenato
Head Coach

second half." The Lady Jackets didn't have the same intensity after halftime and Maryland took advantage. Tech's lackluster foul shooting, a paltry 48 percent (11-23 from the line), ended any chance of a second half run.

In the Jacket's contest against Clemson, who handed Duke their only loss, the Tigers took an 11-0 lead to start the game, but Tech fought back to make it 38-32 against the 20th ranked squad at halftime. The second half saw the score seesaw several times, but the Tigers pulled away to defeat Tech 72-64.

The Lady Jackets, who played the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest last night, face Charleston Southern Tuesday and then get back to ACC play Thursday at home against North Carolina.

The Jackets, at the midpoint of the ACC Season, will have to improve drastically in the second half to get a shot at an NCAA Tournament bid. In the evenly matched ACC, the strong finish needed to propel the Jackets into the Big Dance could prove to be as hard to come by as marijuana at a John Tesh concert.