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Tech faces nation’s top teams in CWS

By Matthew Winkler
Sports Editor

Tech is playing in today’s College World Series (CWS). This is the third World Series for Tech, with the previous appearances in 1994 and 2002.

In 1994, the Jackets were runner-up in the CWS, losing to Oklahoma. In 2002, Tech finished fifth. Overall, the Jackets are 4-3 in the CWS.

Four ACC teams made it to the World Series this year Miami, North Carolina, Clemson, and Tech. Also in the field of eight: Rice, Oregon State, Cal-State Fullerton and Georgia.

No. 3 Miami comes into the CWS with a 41-22 record, coached by Jim Morris who is making his 10th appearance in Omaha. The Hurricanes last won the national title in 2002. The offense of Miami is led by outfielder Jon Jay with a .369 batting average. Miami got to the CWS by winning the Oxford Regional. Tech holds a 4-1 margin over the Hurricanes this year.

The No. 6 seed, North Carolina Tar Heels, making their fifth appearance are coached by Mike Fox and posted a 50-13 record this year. Carolina boasts national player of the year Andy Kennedy and on the mound.

Miller posted a 13-2 record with a 2.11 ERA. Tech is 2-1 against the Heels this season.

With the top record in college baseball, 55-11, the No. 2 seed Rice Owls coached by Wayne Graham, reach their fifth CWS. In 2003 Rice won their first national championship. The pitching staff is led by Eddie Degerman with a 1.81 ERA and a 13-1 record. Rice advanced by winning the Oxford Regional.

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The game didn’t stay scoreless long as Kindel hit a solo homerun to right field to give Tech a 1-0 lead.

In the fourth inning, the Cougars threatened to tie but Kindel gunned down Alex Garabedian at the plate to maintain the lead for the Jackets.

“I just saw him rounding third base and I didn’t know if I had a shot at him or not so I just cut it loose, put it on the money, and Wiertz tagged him out at the plate,” Kindel said.

The Jackets continued to extend their lead with Matt Wieters hitting a solo homerun in the fifth and a RBI single in the seventh, making the lead 3-0.

Wes Hodges hit a RBI single to score Robbins, while Murton scored a solo homerun in the fifth and a RBI single in the seventh, making the lead 3-0.

Wier led the Jackets’ defense by throwing 6.2 innings, allowing no runs, eight hits, six strikeouts and only one walk.

“It’s just like any other game. I was relaxed and was just ready to go,” Wood said.

Wieters led off the offensive charge for the Jackets going two-for-four with two RIB.

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Omaha, Neb. is the next destination for Tech’s baseball team. The Jackets (50-16) have advanced to their third College World Series in school history with a win over the Cougars of the College of Charleston this past Saturday.

The Jackets got to the Atlanta Super Regional by winning their first round regional last week, defeating Vanderbilt twice.

On a sultry June afternoon, in front of the crowd of nearly 4,000 at Russ Chandler Stadium, Tech was looking for redemption after losing last year’s Super Regional to Tennessee and the Jackets didn’t disappoint as they proved too much for the Cougars (46-17), in the best-of-three series. Tech had won the first game 5-0 the previous day.

“I’m excited for our team, our fans and the administration here at Georgia Tech. We have a chance to go to Omaha and play for a national championship,” said head coach Danny Hall as reported by ramblinwreck.com.

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In Saturday’s game, Whit Robbins dominated the mound and Lee Hyde controlled the plate as the Jackets advanced past the super regionals, becoming the first team in the tournament to advance to the World Series.

The Cougars took the first lead of the game by scoring a run off a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first. Wes Hodges, who was battling injury, responded in the top of the second for the Jackets with an RBI double.

The lead, however, didn’t stay in Tech’s favor long as C of C regained the lead with a home run in the bottom of the second inning.

Lee Hyde, who struggled some in the beginning innings, settled in to take control of the game.

“I left some balls up in the zone, and I was having trouble with my command. I just tried to settle down and started throwing strikes,” said pitcher Hyde.

The top of the fourth inning saw Tech’s offense finally gain composure when Robbins hit a two-run home run. The lead would stay in Tech’s favor long as C of C regained the lead with a home run in the bottom of the eighth, but the Jackets responded with four runs in the top of the ninth to cushion their lead to 12-3, thus sealing the fate of the Cougars.

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In Friday’s game, the Jackets set the tone for the weekend. Tech blanked the No. 11 Cougars 5-0 to win the first game of the series. Blake Wood took the mound for the Jackets.

To see the Baseball page for more Jackets statistics, please visit ramblinwreck.com.

The Jackets celebrate after beating the College of Charleston earlier on Saturday. With the win, Tech advances to its third College World Series. The Jackets face Clemson today at 2 p.m. in Omaha, Neb.

Jackets advance to College World Series

Softball players earn many post-season honors

By Randy Darnowski  
Contributing Writer

A few of the outstanding jacket softball players received national and local recognition. Announced last week, Whitney Haller and Amy Hosier received honorable membership to the Eastern-Bell All-America team.

Haller achieved second-team honors in her first season of collegiate softball. Hosier earned All-American honors for the second consecutive season.

Also, Savannah Brown, Haller and Hosier recently earned recognition for the NFCA Southeast All-Region team.

Hosier impressed the judges with record-breaking stats, including a .513 on base percentage and 52 walks. The standout senior had a .370 batting average, to rank third in the conference. Hosier also hit career best numbers in the home run and RBI categories. Hosier earned first-team honors for the All-ACC and All-Region teams.


Freshman sensation Haller had plenty to celebrate. Haller was named to 12-3, thus sealing the fate of the Cougars.

Freshman sensation Whitney Haller had a record-breaking year

ACC Freshman of the Year and broke conference records, including home runs (24), RBIs (72), total bases (171), slugging percentage (.799), and saves (6). The first baseman stands at second in RBIs and third in home runs. The all-around player made first-team honors for the All-Region team.

Junior Caitlin Lever was named Tech Student-Athlete of the Week Mon. May 22, 2006. Lever led the Tech softball team to its second straight NCAA Regional Championship game.

She hit successfully and consistently in the last seven regular season games. Furthermore, she posted a .462 batting average, on-base, and five RBIs in the regional tournament.

By Stephen Marak  
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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Miller leads track in NCAA Outdoors

Seven track members were invited to the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships held on June 7-10 in Sacramento, Calif.

Sophomore Jerome Miller finished 10th out of 13 in the men’s high jump. Miller recorded a mark of 7 feet, .¾ inch to lead the Jackets.

Two days earlier, Miller, tied a school record with a qualifying mark of 7 feet, 1 ¼ inches.

Ashlee Kidd, a junior from St. Petersburg Florida, advanced to the semi-finals in the women’s 400-meter dash with a qualifying time of 52.81 seconds. Shantia Moss, Kidd, Andriane Lapsley and Jacqua Williams represented the Jackets in the women’s 4x100 meter relay.

The group finished ninth in the race with a time of 44.16 seconds.

In the women’s 10-meter high hurdles, Farma Fafanah finished in the semi-finals 16th with a time of 13.53 seconds.

Moss also advanced to the semi-finals and placed 18th with a time of 13.18 seconds.

Lapsley, also competed in the 22-meter dash and finished with a time of 23.93 seconds, which placed her at 25th.

Depland, an All-American, competed in the triple jump. Depland placed 10th in the competition.

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