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Dwyer adds to a talented mix of backs

Jonathan Dwyer holds off a tackle in the season opener against the Irish. Dwyer added a touchdown, Tech’s third rushing score in the game.

By Akshay Amaraneni
Staff Writer

Jonathan Dwyer’s most memorable moment may not have happened yet, but last Saturday’s performance was a good place to start. Dwyer carried the ball five times for 27 yards and his first touchdown.

“He played well, Jonathan is an outstanding talent. We think he has the ability to consistently see playing time,” Bond said.

Dwyer is still a freshman and has many years ahead of him, but he already started to improve on his play. Whether it’s route running or pass blocking, the non-ball carrying aspects are where he is looking to improve.

“There’s no doubt about his running ability. The thing right now with Jonathan is he has to continue to learn pass protection and route running. The thing that he does without the ball are the things that need the most attention from him,” Bond said.

But being a freshman has its advantages. He’s able to play alongside one of the more talented running backs in the country and plays behind one of the most experienced lines with a very talented fullback in front of him.

On Saturday Dwyer lined up opposite Jamaal Evans for kickoffs, but did not have the ball kicked to him. With ten minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Jackets recovered an Evan Sharpley fumble on the Notre Dame 17 yard line. Dwyer started Tech’s drive with a nine yard rush up the middle. Bennett sneaked for the first down and Dwyer took the ensuing snap seven yards to the right for the touchdown.

“It was shocking. At one point, I scored and saw the referee putting his hands up and then I just got ecstatic and got excited. It was something I’ve always dreamed about doing. It’s something you always want to do when you’re little,” Dwyer said.

“I’m doing extra work after practice. Coach [Curtis] Modkins is helping me out. Taylor Bennett and Tashard Choice, the veterans, are helping me out in an effort to help me get better to prepare myself once the other guys leave,” Dwyer said.

He will see more playing time this season, whether or not he is this Saturday against Samford, or throughout the season in the rushing and kickoff return games. He looks to become an integral part of the running game that has already become loaded with talent.

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Head Coach

Dwyer has his own strong points. He is blessed with great speed as well as the ability to run between the tackles.

“He’s strong, the guy’s a big strong back that can get to the edge better than you think he can. I was impressed with the way he ran the football [against Notre Dame],” said Head Coach Chan Gailey.

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The Western Carolina squad is coming off of being crowned tournament champions of the UNC Asheville classics. Georgia has won seven matches in a row and have yet to drop a single game this entire season. Kentucky is also on a hot streak of their own, having won six straight matches coming into the Georgia Tech classic.

All games will be held at the O’Keefe Gymnasium. The first match-up is against Western Carolina at 10 a.m. Friday followed by a night game against Georgia at 8 p.m.

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All the teams look to provide a sufficient challenge for the team and will provide a good measuring stick for what they need to do before traveling to Michigan for the Nike Invitational next week.

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For most of us, work comprises a large portion of our lives. Lester, a Tech student-athlete, after returning home to Atlanta, Lester found success in teaching the game of football to high school athletes. After his first four years at Redan as a position coach, Lester moved on to Morris Brown College as a wide receivers coach for one year, followed by another stint at Redan as an assistant head coach. After that, he moved on to Decatur High School as an assistant head coach when his friend, Davenport, was hired as the new head coach after taking a year hiatus. Last year, Lester became the head coach at Lakeside High School, his alma mater. Whether it is requiring his players to meet every morning at 6:30 a.m. or coaching fundamentals on the field, Lester’s approach has been to apply the same principles to his students as they do on the field. Lester said, “The great thing is, he didn’t have to play great [at ND]. He can learn and continue to get better.”

Chan Gailey
Head Coach

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The Jackets host the Regency Suites-Georgia Tech classic this weekend. The games against Western Carolina, Georgia, Arizona and Kentucky are highly expected to fall in the Jackets’ favor. The Jackets are the defending champions of the tournament and will have to play up to expectations if they intend to keep their title.

There are high hopes for the Jackets to score big during the tournament. The Jackets were the second-highest ranked team in the conference prior to the season opener, only behind reigning ACC champion Duke. Furthermore, the Jackets return with three key seniors and exceptional playing from all sides of the court.

Ulrike Stegemann spikes the ball in play enough times to confuse the opponent. She also adds crucial help to the defense, helping to anchor it for the squad. In the match last weekend against Arkansas at the Arkansas Invitational, Stegemann nailed the ball to record 16 kills and three digs.

Nikki Kaminskas defends the court at any means. When Kaminskas performs blocking plays, she makes opponents struggle to score against the Jackets. Last weekend, she recorded three solo blocks and seven block assists during play.

“Everything this year [that we will work on] will be blocking, then defense. Defense wins games, by far,” Kaminskas said.

Lindsey Gray brings back experience and exceptional leadership to the team. Gray posted at least nine kills in every game in the Arkansas Clarion Inn Invitational. As an outside hitter, she shows how set up great plays to put points on the scoreboard and build on Tech’s lead. While in Arkansas, she recorded her first instance of recording at least ten digs and ten kills apiece. This weekend, Gray hopes to be able to maneuver the ball into play for multiple digs, kills and assists to help lead her team to a successful title defense.

After an impressive start in Arkansas, Talisa Kellogg is just getting warmed up. She posted at least 11 kills in every match last weekend, including a personal match-high record of 17 against Pittsburgh. Moving to the back-row side of the court will improve her ability to assist the defense in addition to putting the ball in play as a hitter. Also noteworthy is the fact that Kellogg returns from an impressive outing in last season’s Regency Suites tournament. She won MVP honors in last year’s tournament and received high marks from conference coaches before the start of this season. The team’s successful title defense may also yield another MVP award for the junior.

“We are going to definitely see [great plays in the 2007] Regency tournament again and again. We love playing at home; that’s one of the greatest things about O’Keefe. The fans are so dedicated and the atmosphere [is great]; we’re pumped to play at home, and we’re going to bring even more than what we brought last year,” Kellogg says.

The home court advantage for the Jackets speaks for itself. In a home volleyball game in Atlanta, the Jackets receive outstanding support from the student body, family and local fans. The Tech pep band and the group of loyal fans bring incredible excitement to cheer on the Jackets.

“Whoever has fans come to home games, because we feed off the crowd. That’ll be awesome and great to look forward to.”

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and Sharpley was sacked seven times by a swarming Tech defense.

The leaders on defense for the Jackets were seniors Jamal Lewis and Daryl Robertson. Lewis had eight tackles with one forced fumble and one sack. Lewis was seen blurring from several angles out of the secondary all game long.

Robertson had six tackles, with half of them going for a loss. He also recovered a fumble late in the game, and picked up 1.5 sacks.

On special teams, Jackets’ kicker Travis Bell hit four of five field goals. All of them were attempted from beyond 40 yards. Early on, Tech struggled to punch the ball into the end zone which led to four first quarter field goals attempts. Punter Durant Brooks saw limited action in the game, but performed well in averaging 46 yards. Two of his punts were inside of the 20 yard line.

On another note, freshman kickoff specialist Scott Blair was able to help the special teams in a big way. Last season, the Jack-ets struggled on kickoffs, allowing opponents to get good starting field position often. Against Notre Dame, the Irish never started one drive past the 31 yard line on kicks.

Djay Jones and the Jackets recover one of the three forced fumbles. The Tech defense held Notre Dame to just 122 yards of total offense.

“We wanted to challenge [Notre Dame] to throw the football. The challenge was to stop the run game.”

Chan Gailey
Head Coach

Prior to the game, Weis and the team had yet to announce a starter at quarterback. The team had decided to withhold the information from the general public until game time. The competition fell to junior Demetrius Jones, sophomore Evan Sharpley and freshman Jimmy Clausen. The game time announcement about the quarter- back was to possibly confuse the defense and to give the Notre Dame team some advantage before the game against Tech and its coaches.

“We didn’t know who it was going to be. We had practiced for whoever it was going to be,” Gailey said.

Weis had to start all three quarter- backs because of an offense that was never able to start anything.

“It was three different plans. ... We were hoping not to get into a game where we had throw it a whole bunch.”

Charlie Weiss
Head Coach - Notre Dame

Clausen was eventually brought in at the end of the game, completing four of six passes for 54 yards. He was eventually named the starter for their next game.

Tech plans Samford in its home opener tomorrow.

Policy Changes for Students Considering Changing Major to Management

Effective October 1, 2007, there will be a 2.3 cumulative GPA requirement for students requesting major changes to Management if you have 60 credits (junior standing) or above. There is no GPA requirement for freshmen and sophomores (students with less than 60 credits) who want to become Management majors. There is no GPA requirement for juniors and seniors before October 1.

Students seeking to change their majors to Man-agement must attend a Change of Major Meeting. For details about upcoming meetings and change of major instructions, visit: http://mgt.gatech.edu/programs/undergrad.html.
It's been over 17 years since the Jackets were able to win the National championship, but there is one member of that 1990 team that is still a very key member of the Tech and Atlanta community at large. Former wide receiver Greg Lester amplitude to the next two seasons amassing 676 yards and five touchdowns and was an integral part of their team's success.

As a freshman, Lester started immediately as he played in 11 games and caught 35 passes for 593 yards. In 1988, his role dropped considerably as he only caught nine passes. The next season, Lester took a medical redshirt due to injury.

However, he came back strong over the next two seasons and showed flashes of what was to come. “Initially, (Ross) wasn’t really a hands-on coach. He was more of an on the field guy, and that was it. After a year or two, the entire coaching staff started taking more of an interest in us off the field. Once they started doing that, we started playing hard for them and trusting them,” Lester said.

It culminated in a national championship run which saw Tech go 11-0 and defeating several ranked opponents, including then-No.1 Virginia on the road 31-47. They won the title against Nebraska in the Florida Citrus Bowl, defeating the Cornhuskers 45-21.

After Lester’s playing days in college, he went on to pro ranks of the NFL with the Denver Broncos took a chance on him by signing him to a free agent contract. Unfortunately, a strained ligament in his knee suffered in the Aloha Bowl hindered Lester, forcing him to the Canadian Football League where he played for one year in Saskatchewan. While there, he made a key realization about what he needed to do with the rest of his life.

“I went up there and we had a lot of down time between games, and it just hit me that it was time to move on and do something else. One of my best friends at Tech was Steve Davenport, who was the head coach at Redan High School. He offered me a position on his staff, and ever since then I have been a

Greg Lester makes a play for the Jackets. The wide receiver became one of the most celebrated receivers in Tech history during his time on the Flats, playing an integral role both on and off the field.
Samford (1-0) vs. No. 21 Georgia Tech (1-0)

By Hahnming Lee

Samford won its home opener against West Alabama, squeaking out a 23-21 victory. The Bulldogs now travel to The Flats for the Jackets home opener and their second game in two years at Bobby Dodd stadium. The team has never had success against the Jackets, losing all seven of their past meetings. The team finished with a 3-8 record, with a four game losing streak to end the year. They hired new coach Pat Sullivan at the conclusion of the season and he helped guide the Bulldogs to turn in a win last week, but he and his team will face their toughest challenge of the season against Tech, the only ranked team on their schedule.

Four Key Questions

• Can Bennett improve from the first game? Bennett struggled early on, underthrowing some passes while Tech was in Notre Dame territory. There were some impressive throws, like when he hit James Johnson for a 29 yard pass that helped set up another field goal for Tech, but there were few of them. The junior ended the game with 121 yards and 11 of 23 passing. One look at his numbers may make some Tech fans forget his breakout performance at the Gator Bowl. While he did play well enough to confuse the Irish defense and keep the running game effective, Bennett will have to contribute more to the offense. Bennett will have an easier time against a Samford defense, but will have to find consistency sooner than later if Tech wants to stay ranked.

• Is Samford going to be the next Appalachia State? After Michigan’s loss last Saturday, every team is reevaluating their opponents which were once considered to be the “easy win.” Samford is considered one of the worst teams in their division and a team Tech thought it could use some of its backups and bench players against. Tech will have less to worry about than other major players in the nation. The Jackets easily defeated Samford last year, winning 38-6 and leading 35-6 after the first half. Their prior experience with the team will be just another advantage Tech holds come Saturday. The Bulldogs are 0-7 against the Jackets all time.

• Where can the Tech’s defense go from here? The defense destroyed Notre Dame’s offense, holding them to negative yards rushing and significantly less total offense than Choice’s running total. They pressured the quarterback and forced turnovers all day. The team amassed nine sacks, had three forced fumbles and had 19 negative yard plays. While the Irish were experimenting with their offense for much of the game, but those numbers display a dominant defensive force. Coming to play against Samford’s offense, a team without the offensive knowledge of Charlie Weis and the All-American recruits, Tech looks to have little trouble with Samford’s offensive showcase.

• How will John Bond use the offense against Samford? John Bond is starting his second game as Tech’s offensive coordinator. After the Samford game, he will have to face numerous ACC opponents, with Boston College and Clemson at home and Virginia on the road. Bond found success with direct snaps to his running backs and a spread out offense against the Irish, keeping their defense confused throughout the game. While the Bulldogs could not be considered a tune-up, it will provide a good opportunity for the Jackets to try out some different formations before the start of the ACC schedule/weekend.

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Tech Offensive Coordinator

Spread: Tech by 27

Tech started off the season in a completely different fashion from the last, soundly defeating Notre Dame 33-3 on the road, pushing itself into the top 25. Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech are the only ACC teams in both top 25 polls. Almost all aspects of the Jackets’ play was superb, with a blocked field goal marring an otherwise impressive special teams performance and a passing game that got off to a slow start and never fully recovered. Tech will certainly not gather any more votes to help in the rankings with a win over Samford, but it will need the momentum for the ACC season.

I would like to see eight or nine guys in the box score. You want your full backs, running backs and tight ends to have catches so that you spreading the field.”

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alumni were involved with doing some of the hands-on repairs for the Wreck and many former drivers had taken a part in the process of restoring the car.

“There wasn’t too much the Alumni Association really could have done. We didn’t need money as much as we needed time. It’s been more [about] time than the fight to get money. People have been very willing to donate to us. What [the AA] has been doing is directing people for how to help us in a non-financial ways like finding parts we need,” Bird said.

In all, the costs of the repairs to the car may total more than $40,000. The group involved with its repaired only paid around $22,000 and the rest came through donations paying for parts, labor and paint jobs. The money has helped in the repairs of the car, especially since insurance was not able to help in any part of the job.

Tech fans have been trying to contribute any way that they can, offering financial help as well as anything else that they could do. In one case, a whole other car was offered to replace the Wreck.

An alumni and his son, a student at Tech, offered their entire car to substitute the [Wreck]. They wanted to just paint it gold and leave it gold after we had restored the car properly. I told them that it was pretty gracious, I was amazed when I saw that,” Bird said.

The outpour and support for the Wreck has allowed the Ramblin’ Reck club and Bird to allow for full restoration of the Wreck.
Ramblin’ Wreck set to return for first home game

The Ramblin’ Wreck parks in front of Junior’s and the French Building. The Wreck returns after extensive repairs. It should lead out the Tech team for the home opener against Samford at Grant Field tomorrow.

By Hahnming Lee
Sports Editor

As Tech kicks off another football season at home, the Ramblin’ Wreck is being prepared around the clock so that it can lead the Jackets out to the field once again for yet another home opener. The car has led the team out on to Grant Field for nearly 300 football games and regularly makes appearances at other Tech sports games.

The Wreck is a 1930 Ford Model A Sports coupe. It was originally a 1914 Ford Model T. The model in its current form was donated by Ted Johnson. It made its first appearance in a football game on Sept. 30, 1961 when it came out to a crowd of more than 40,000 people. The team defeated Rice University that day, 24-0, and the Wreck has led the team out on to the football field ever since.

This summer, the Wreck was involved in an accident while being transported off campus that could have endangered the streak. The damage was extensive, requiring a considerable amount of work to repair it to its original condition. It has been a race against time with the repairs and has required multiple parties to become involved.

“The body work was pretty extensive. They put in about 500 hours of work at a professional body shop that specializes in race cars because they were the only people who said that they could do it. Our original goal was to save as much as we could, but they basically saved the whole car,” said John Bird, driver of the Wreck and the driver transporting the Wreck during the accident.

On June 22, Bird and his brother were on Interstate 75 at the time when the trailer had some sort of failure and caused the truck and Wreck to become disconnected. There were no other cars involved and no one was seriously injured.

Since the work done at the body shop, the Wreck was transported to an upholstery shop. The shop is doing some of the final touchups on the Wreck before it makes its return to campus where it will undergo even more work.

While it has been confirmed that it will take the field for the game against the Bulldogs, the Wreck may or may not serve at its full capacity. The car will certainly make an appearance with the team and come out on to the field.

“It will probably be 100% by game time. We’ve pulled all nighters for four straight nights now. The body shop guys worked on it nine-to-five for a week when they got with about four or five guys …… It’s just one of those things where if you want to do it properly, you have to have a lot of time. So that’s what we’re doing, we’re putting a lot of time into it,” Bird said.

The Wreck has undergone some changes have been made to its interior and some parts that could not be salvaged have been replaced with a different look. Tech fans who were expecting the old Wreck may be in for another surprise when they first see it on game day.

“It will be ready. It’s a matter of when and what it will look like. It’s not on campus yet. It’s been over a 100 days since it’s been on campus, it’s not back yet. Once it gets back we still have to work on it,” Bird said.

The work has been done primarily through donations and the help of the Alumni Association. Numerous
Jackets avenge loss to Irish

By William Breherton
Senior Staff Writer

The opening weekend of the season gave the Jackets a good opportunity to introduce everyone to the new offensive coordinator John Bond. Tech's new coach added many new facets to the Jackets' offense in compiling 386 total yards on their way to a 33-3 victory over Notre Dame in South Bend, IN.

"We wanted to challenge [Notre Dame] to throw the ball. We're going to blitz you, and I don't care who you are. We felt like the challenge was to stop the run game, and force [Notre Dame] to throw the ball well enough to beat us," said Head Coach Chan Gailey.

Senior running back Tashard Choice began his Heisman campaign in a big way on the national stage by running for 196 yards on 26 carries with two touchdowns. Choice was successful running out of the shotgun all game long, including a 22-yard touchdown run at the end of the first half.

"As long as the offensive line and Mike Cox [lock] I'll be able to have a big game every week. They work their tails off to allow me to do what I do best," Choice said.

Defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta confused all three of Notre Dame's quarterbacks all day long with blitz schemes that kept Tech defenders in the Irish backfield seemingly all day long. The Jackets held Notre Dame to just 122 yards total, and -9 yards rushing. The Jackets also picked up a total of nine sacks, and forced three turnovers, all fumbles coming off of quarterback sacks.

"You never want anybody to run the ball on you. Once we established the line of scrimmage, it opened up our blitz packages and allowed guys to come through and make big plays," Tenuta said.

Early on, the Irish tried to exploit Tech's defense using their speedy quarterback Denarius Jones with an offensive scheme similar to the one that West Virginia used to gash the Jackets defense for over 442 yards of total offense. While Jones was able to pick up a few yards mostly on sweeps to the left, it was clear that the tandem of Demtrious Jones and Travis Thomas was not comparable to that of West Virginia's Pat White and Steve Slaton.

After replacing Jones with junior Evan Sharpley, Irish head coach Charlie Weis fell back on his more traditional offense that had given him success the past two years and with the Patriots. While Sharpley was more accurate as a passer in completing 10 of 13 passes, the Irish only picked up 92 yards through the air, while Jones picked up 265 yards rush- ing total, but only 121 yards passing. Taylor Bennett was on and off resulting in an average passing day for the starting quarterback. Bennett completed 11 of 23 passes, three of which were screen passes to Choice.

"Bennett did some really good things, and he missed some throws that I have seen him make 50 times in practice. The good thing is, he didn't have to play great today. He can play good and we can still win, and he can learn and get his feet on the ground and continue to get better and

Offensive line pushes forward

By Achiay Amanareni
Staff Writer

John Bond's excitement over the summer showed itself last week when Tech scored 33 points against Notre Dame's young defense. Bond was excited about the opportunity to work with a veteran talented offense and it showed last weekend. Tech had their way with Notre Dame's defensive line by using Choice in a very diverse package. He lined up at quarterback for numerous plays while Bennett lined up as a wideout to try to fool the defense.

"John Bond did a great job of innovating, putting some things in like the direct snap to Choice," said Head Coach Chan Gailey.

But the story of the game wasn't necessarily Choice; the offensive line and Mike Cox didn't miss a step from their excellent performance last season. Four of five starters returned and showed how important "Bond did a great job of innovating [the offense], putting some things in like the direct snap to Choice." Chan Gailey
Head Coach

an offensive line could be and how valuable experience is. Choice racked up 196 yards on 26 carries and scored twice, both on direct snaps to the running back. Bond used the direct snap liberally to keep the defense off balance and keep the speed of the game fast—something that greatly favored Tech's running game.

Tech racked up 265 yards rushing total, but only 121 yards passing. Taylor Bennett was on and off resulting in an average passing day for the starting quarterback. Bennett completed 11 of 23 passes, three of which were screen passes to Choice.

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Early on, the Irish tried to exploit Tech's defense using their speedy quarterback Denarius Jones with an offensive scheme similar to the one that West Virginia used to gash the Jackets defense for over 442 yards of total offense. While Jones was able to pick up a few yards mostly on sweeps to the left, it was clear that the tandem of Demtrious Jones and Travis Thomas was not comparable to that of West Virginia's Pat White and Steve Slaton.

After replacing Jones with junior Evan Sharpley, Irish head coach Charlie Weis fell back on his more traditional offense that had given him success the past two years and with the Patriots. While Sharpley was more accurate as a passer in completing 10 of 13 passes, the Irish only picked up 92 yards through the air, while Jones picked up 265 yards rushing total, but only 121 yards passing. Taylor Bennett was on and off resulting in an average passing day for the starting quarterback. Bennett completed 11 of 23 passes, three of which were screen passes to Choice.

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The opening weekend of the season gave the Jackets a good opportunity to introduce everyone to the new offensive coordinator John Bond. Tech's new coach added many new facets to the Jackets' offense in compiling 386 total yards on their way to a 33-3 victory over Notre Dame in South Bend, IN.

"We wanted to challenge [Notre Dame] to throw the ball. We're going to blitz you, and I don't care who you are. We felt like the challenge was to stop the run game, and force [Notre Dame] to throw the ball well enough to beat us," said Head Coach Chan Gailey.

Senior running back Tashard Choice began his Heisman campaign in a big way on the national stage by running for 196 yards on 26 carries with two touchdowns. Choice was successful running out of the shotgun all game long, including a 22-yard touchdown run at the end of the first half.

"As long as the offensive line and Mike Cox [lock] I'll be able to have a big game every week. They work their tails off to allow me to do what I do best," Choice said.

Defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta confused all three of Notre Dame's quarterbacks all day long with blitz schemes that kept Tech defenders in the Irish backfield seemingly all day long. The Jackets held Notre Dame to just 122 yards total, and -9 yards rushing. The Jackets also picked up a total of nine sacks, and forced three turnovers, all fumbles coming off of quarterback sacks.

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