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Tashard Choice left the game during the first quarter with an injured knee. Choice carried the ball more than 30 times in the past three games despite a nagging hamstring injury. Furthermore, Choice still leads the ACC in rushing yards for the second consecutive season. During the match-up on Saturday, Choice was able to run for 24-yards and a touchdown in his limited time.

"Without [Choice] being out there, we definitely knew that we had to pick up everything and become a little bit crisper in our blocks. I think we came out there in the second half and made great adjustments...We had to focus a lot more...”

Mike Cox
Senior Fullback

"It felt good. I haven't had that feeling in a long time. I was actually wondering how much Coach Bond was going to run it this week. I know everybody on the offense was bounding on me saying that 'they weren't going to run it'. But I knew it was a great play, and I'm just proud to show my abilities and why I'm like a 'running bull.' They said that they were going to use it, but I didn't think that I was going to get to carry the ball every time I did today," Cox said.

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us that he would be 'all right' and just told us to go out there and play hard," Grant said.

Consequently, Tech stole away the second half with dominating defense, a diversified running game and some well-timed passes.

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the fourth game, Tech had numerous errors that led to the eventual fifth game.

Top performers included Chrissy DeMichelis and Allie Niekamp. DeMichelis had a career-high 22 kills. Niekamp had her fourth straight double-double. During the Maryland game, Tech participated in the “Dig for the Cure” program. Fans and people were allowed to either donate a certain amount of money per dig or a flat amount. The team recorded 74 digs on the night, including 17 digs from Michelle Kandell, Jordan McCullers and Niekamp. This year, the program tallied near $2,000.

The next night, Tech took on Boston College and won the match in straight games. Despite winning 3-0, Tech’s average margin of victory was just four points, including a 33-31 win in the second game.

During that game, the Jackets fell behind 9-3 before coming back and knotting the score at 24-24. The team never looked behind, and won a close third game to take the match.

Talisa Kellogg had 19 kills to anchor Tech’s offense. Callie Miller contributed with 11 kills and five blocks.

The Jackets continue their homestand with matches against conference foes N.C. State and North Carolina today and tomorrow, respectively.
By Akshay Amaraneni
Staff Writer

Tech defense has played well this season, but has underperformed in the first half. Against Boston College, Tech allowed an opening drive touchdown and another drive that ended inside the Tech 10-yard line on a turnover. Against Virginia, the Jackets gave up two long drives for touchdowns in the first quarter. Against Maryland, Tech stopped Maryland on the first drive but then gave up three long touchdown drives of 84, 66, and 72 yards on Maryland’s next three possessions. Tech also allowed a 63-yard drive to Army in the first quarter that resulted in a touchdown. In all four of those games, the Jackets were able to settle down and stop the team for the rest of the game. Tech’s defense played four shut-down quarters against Clemson and Miami, but needs to do that consistently to be successful. The team has continued to blitz the quarterback throughout the season, finding success against less seasoned offensive lines and less experienced quarterbacks, but having its worst game against Boston College’s Heisman candidate Matt Ryan and the Golden Eagles.

Defensive MVP: Darrell Robertson (4.5 sacks, 13.5 TFL, FF, fumble return TD)
Honoratable Mention: Vance Walker (5.5 sacks, 10 TFL, 3 FF)

OFFENSE

The Jackets’ offense has performed very inconsistently this season. The Jackets scored 33 and 69 points against Notre Dame and Samford respectively, but since then have broken 20 points just three times, twice in road losses and once against Army. In ACC play Tech has averaged just 18 points, going 2-3 in the five games. The bright spot in Tech’s offense has been the rushing attack and its stout defense to power the squad to its third consecutive victory over the Hurricanes.

Unfortunately, the team has had a tendency to fall behind against teams because of sloppy play and turnovers. Against Virginia, the team fell behind 21-7 and against Maryland, the team had to overcome a 22-12 deficit. The two eventual losses saw Tech mounting a comeback that fell just short in the fourth quarter.

The team will now enter into the second part of its season that will see several difficult matchups. Virginia Tech always provides a difficult test for Georgia Tech while Georgia has bested the team for five straight years. Even historically inferior teams Duke and North Carolina have found more success this season. The Jackets must correct its ills if it wants to go to a bowl game or possibly the ACC Championship game.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Special teams have been the most improved aspect of Tech’s game this season. Last year, Durant Brooks was a finalist for the Ray Guy award and has only improved in his second year, posting a better punt average as well as net punt average. Travis Bell has returned to the form that earned him All-ACC honors his freshman year and is second in the ACC in scoring, well on his way to breaking the single season school record of 19 field goals. Last season Tech averaged last in kickoff coverage, allowing two kickoff return touchdowns of over 95 yards each. This season, Tech has gone from worst to first in that department. Part of it has to do with the new kicker Scott Blair’s deep, high kicks that allow the coverage team to run down the ball carrier. Last season, Tech used deep line kick drives that allowed the return team to set up blocks for the ball carrier. The one blemish on the record of the special teams is a missed field goal at the Maryland game with time winding down, a game that Tech went on to lose, 28-26.

Special Teams MVP: Travis Bell (17/20 field goals made, 26th nationally individual scoring)
Honoratable Mention: Durant Brooks (45.22 yds/punt, 7th nationally)

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gorsek, 8-4. The team of Hickey and Striplin lost to Miami’s Farah and Sveetnam, 8-4. In the second round, McCray and Miller beat Tony duio Annabelle Bares and Rawia El Sni, 8-4. Flower and Johannson also advanced with a win over Kennese State’s Madekkanson and Ayano Tanaka, 8-0.

Two Jackets advanced past the quarterfinals on the third day’s matches. Miller got through teammate Flower to reach the semifinals with a straight set, 6-1, 6-1 win. McDowell beat Miami’s Bianca Eichkorn, 6-4, 6-3. UGA’s Hyndman beat her second straight Tech opponent; this time it was Striplin, who lost 6-0, 6-2. Both Tech players battled their way through the semifinals as well. Miller beat FSU’s Rybakova, 6-4, 7-6 (5), while Medowell beat UGA’s Hyndman, 6-1, 6-3. McCray and Miller beat FSU’s Rybakova and Jessica Wente in the quarterfinals, 6-1 (ret). Johannson and Flower lost to Florida’s team of Srebrovic and Whitney Benik, 6-1. McDowell defeated teammate Miller in the finals of the singles draw to win the title in a straight set win, 6-1, 6-3. Miller then joined McCray to win the doubles title over Miami’s Farah and Sveetnam, 8-5.

In men’s tennis, the team was at Charlottesville, Virginia. David North returned to singles action this past weekend for the men’s tennis team and Guillermo Gomez continued his excellent start. Gomez and North also competed together in doubles, winning their opening round match over David Guy and Grega Terez of Charleston Southern University, 8-2. Jose and Miguel Muguruza also won their opening doubles match over 10th seed Damon Gooch and Mason Schmermerhorn of Elon, 9-7.

In the early round singles matches, Gomez continued his excellent play defeating Citadel’s Danny Dessert, 6-1, 6-3. Jose, Muguruza lost in the opening round to Clay Donato of UNC, 6-2, 6-2. Scott Blackmon and Ryan Smith dropped a tie breaker to 14th seed Enrique Oliverares and Sebastian Terran of East Tennessee State, 9-8 (7).

In the second day of singles play, North defeated Bo Ladyman of Furman, 6-3, 6-0, 6-3. He lost his third round match to Rok Bozic of Clemson in a close match, 2-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4. Blackmon also won this second round match over North Carolina State’s Derek Stephens, 6-4, 6-1. Gomez was the only player to win both matches on the second day. He beat 5th seeded UNC-Charlotte’s Roy Suchel, 7-6, 6-0. His third round match was a walkover win when Virginia Tech’s Brandon Corace retired with an wrist injury after losing the first set to Gomez, 7-5.

Gomez continued his run with a fourth round win over another Virginia Tech player, Nicholas Delgado, 6-4, 6-2. Gomez lost in the quarterfinals though, in a close match to Virginia’s 5th seeded Dominic Inglot, 7-5, 6-7, 7-5.

Rugby roughs it up: The Rugby team and some of the Alumni players faced off at the Burger Bowl during Homecoming weekend.
Tennis competes in fall tourneys

By Alkhay Amanenri  Staff Writer

Last weekend, the Tech women's tennis team continued their solid play during this fall season with a sweep of the singles and doubles championships in the ITA South Regional tournament at UGA. Playing at UGA, the site of last season's NCAA tournament, Amanda McDowell ended Kristy Miller's 17-game tournament win streak in the finals to take the singles title. Miller and Whitney McCray, the top seeded doubles pair, won the doubles title over familiar opponents in Miami's Romy Farah and Caren Seenauth.

The third round featured Tech winning four out of five matches. Miller beat UGA's Cameron Ellis, 7-5, 6-4. Flower defeated another UGA opponent, this time Naoko Ueshima, 7-6 (3), 6-4. McDowell got through Auburn's Melissa Konig, 6-3, 7-5, and Striplin upset 12th ranked Diana Srebotnic of Florida, 6-4, 6-3. The only singles loss on the day was UGA's Kelley Hyndman beating Johnson, 6-1, 6-1.

Among other seeded Jackets were Christy Striplin who beat USF's Natalie Guevara, 6-1, 6-2, and Martina Nitkova of Georgia State, 7-6(8), 6-1. Seventh seeded Maya Johansson beat FSU's Aya Rynarwetska, 6-2, 6-3 and Miami's Caren Seenauth, 7-5, 6-3. Kirsten Flower, the last of the seeded Jackets, won her opening matches over Alabam's Tiffany Welcher, 6-3, 6-1, 6-5, and beat UGA's Elvira Serrot, 6-3, 6-2.

The other opening round winner was freshman Nicole Heiky, who upset sixth seeded Monike Dancevic of UGA with a 6-7(5), 6-0, 6-1 win. Heiky upset second round match to Miami's Bianca Eichhorn, 6-0, 6-2. Eighth-seeded Whitney McGraw was upset by Katie Rybakowa of Florida State, 7-5, 6-4. McCray won her first round consolation match over Preethi Subramanian of Mississippi, 6-3, 6-0.

The Tech volleyball team hosted Boston College and Maryland this Homecoming weekend. The Jackets won both matches, beating the Terps 3-2 and sweeping the Eagles 3-0.

The Jackets overcame early errors and tough Maryland blocking in order to come away with the victory. Tech survived the game, exchanging games back and forth throughout the match. Tech dominated in the first game, taking the game 30-21. While the Jackets set the tone for the match, the Terps stormed back and took control of the second game, tying up the match at one piece with a 22-30 win. Tech won the next game, 30-24, but lost the fourth game 28-30. Going into the fifth game, Tech had lost its three previous tiebreaking games on the season. Despite their lack of success in previous decisive games, the Jackets were able to pull out the victory with a 15-10 win in the game.

The squad performed well for most of the match, but several miscues extended the match. During the five sets, Tech dominated in all but one game, winning 10 of 13 games overall. The Jackets held on to a 20-17 lead late in the final set, with the Terps down 24-22, but Maryland fought back to tie 24-24. A Super-substitute for Tech, senior Rebecca Cofield, got the game and the set in for Tech with a powerful kill at the net.

Tech takes a 3-0 lead in the ACC ACC regular season, with only two games remaining. The Jackets will face Georgia Tech and Virginia next weekend, with their overall record at 20-5. The Jackets lead the ACC with a perfect record of 16-0.

By Hyamming Lee

Sports Editor

The women's volleyball team jumps to block the ball in a match against Boston College. Tech won both of its ACC matchups last weekend.
Tech beats Army, 34-10

by Randy Darnowsky
Staff Writer

Tech let its group of running backs lead the offense in the game against Army. The Jackets went on to win by a score of 34-10. Rashaud Grant earned 119 rushing yards during the game.

“I feel like I’m ready [to be a starting running back]. I’ve been playing here for five years. I’m older, stronger and a little bigger,” said Grant. “I think, collectively as a whole for the running back position and the players that we have, we are capable of collectively holding the load,” Grant said.

Grant was the leader of Tech’s offense throughout much of the game before leaving with an ankle injury. Furthermore, Jamaal Evans and Jonathan Dwyer combined for 49 yards, Nesbitt averaged about six yards, Nesbitt completed 13-of-24 passes for 207 yards and took care of business. It just depends [on] how you finish out the game and if you finish with a win, then all is well,” Bennett said.

According to several players, Choice stepped in front of the team in crunches to motivate the rest of the team. “Tashard is always Tashard,” said Mike Cox, the starting fullback. “He was getting pretty choked up and emotional when he was saying that he couldn’t be out there playing with us anymore, but that is why he is the captain here. He definitely got us up and rallied up the troops, but you could tell that it was definitely hurting him that he couldn’t be out there,” said Mike Cox, the starting fullback.

“[Having the five-receiver set] is something that I love and something that I think we execute well… We will start watching more film, but if we feel comfortable enough to do that, then we will go to a bunch of different places and start…so I think we’re definitely very fortunate to have that depth at running back,” said Taylor Bennett, the starting quarterback.

Both quarterbacks Taylor Bennett and Josh Nesbitt split time during the day, with Bennett taking most of the passing duties and Nesbitt running the ball on certain downs. While Bennett completed 13-of-24 passes for 207 yards, Nesbitt averaged about six yards on each attempted run.

“We have a three-headed monster” with Dwyer, [Choice] and [Evans]. They all bring something to the table that we’re going to be pretty confident…they can go to a bunch of different places and start…so I think we’re definitely very fortunate to have that depth at running back,” said Taylor Bennett, the starting quarterback.

The defendants ruled that the actions of the officers were justified and that the plaintiffs did not have a valid claim. The case was dismissed with prejudice.

Virginia Tech to be Gold Out game

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The drought is becoming worse and worse and some methods of how to conserve water are described for readers. Page 11

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Ben Affleck makes his directorial debut with the movie Gone Baby Gone starring his brother Casey Affleck. Page 37

by the numbers

The Jackets won their 12th consecutive Homecoming game. Their last loss came against conference opponent Clemson in 1995, losing 24-3. Their margin of victory was significantly larger than the past few years’ difference, which included a win in 2005 against Clemson, when the Jackets prevailed 10-9.

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The men’s basketball team was chosen to finish seventh in the ACC by media members at the ACC. Operation Basketball in Greensboro, N.C. The team finished tied for sixth last year in the conference with a 20-10 overall record and 8-8 conference record.

Sports shorts

Water Polo Club defeats Georgia

The Water Polo Club defeated Georgia 11-1 at the Southeast Water Polo Championship. With the win over their rival, the Jackets also won its division title and earned themselves a berth into the College Water Polo Association National Championship being held at the University of Arizona. Tech matched up with Clemson and Tennessee en route to the finals. The team scored 50 goals and allowed only 10 goals.

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