“BEST OF THE SOUTH”

The winning of the Southeastern Conference Championship and the receiving of an invitation to represent this conference in the famous Sugar Bowl classic by the 1943 Yellow Jackets climaxed one of the most successful seasons in the history of Georgia Tech.

Army and Navy occupation of the campus made the development of a strong grid eleven difficult. Rigid scholastic requirements of the Navy caused practice to be limited to about an hour each day, and during this single hour Coach Alexander and his staff of coaches had to weed out the best players and the best combination of players from a field of seventy “unknown” candidates.

Civilians were all but non-existent on the team which was composed mostly of Navy ROTC and V-12 transfer students. The Army did not permit its ASTP students to participate in inter-collegiate athletic events. The transfer students had all missed spring practice, further complicating matters, and had to adjust themselves to a new method—the Tech method—of playing the game.

Members of the 1942 Cotton Bowl team were missing, most of them going into active duty when the Enlisted Reserve Corps and the Army Air Corps Reserve were called out in the Spring of 1942.

The troubles, however, were somehow ironed out and the Jackets developed into the “best in the Southland” as the season progressed.

The success of the 1943 Tech grid outfit operating under extremely difficult conditions is a testimony of the effort put forth by each and every member of the team—a credit to the players themselves, to their coaches, and to their school.
During the run of the season, two captains led the Engineers through a successfully scheduled season and to the Southeastern Conference Football Championship. George "Mutt" Manning and John Steber, captain and alternate captain respectively at the beginning of the season, shared honors as being the captains of the same great team. John became the team leader after "Mutt" was called to active duty as an Ensign in the Navy last November at the close of the 1943 Summer semester.

Manning, who was an honor roll student in the Mechanical Engineering Department, played three years of varsity football at the pivot position while at Tech. An excellent line backer, "Mutt" was especially noted for his ability at knocking down enemy passes. He was voted the most valuable player on the 1942 team and was recognized as one of the outstanding centers of the nation.

John Steber, who took over the captaincy around the first of November, came to Tech from Vanderbilt as a Navy V-12 student. Quick to catch on to new methods of playing the game, Steber almost immediately clinched a first-string guard position, at which he played throughout the season in a fashion as to rate him the recognition as the outstanding lineman of the year by sportsmen over the nation. The record book shows that Steber's total time of actual play exceeds that of any other member of the team during the '43 season.
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BILL SMITH
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PHIL TINSLEY
MARTIN WAKEFIELD
JIMMY WILSON
PAT CONLON

The Champs

First row, left to right: Dorrough, Cummings, Ritter, Faulkner, Furchgott, Steber, Conlon, Brown, Bick, Spalding...
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Beginning the season after one and a half months of hard, earnest practice during rationed time, the Yellow jackets of Georgia Tech went into the opening game with their strength unknown, untested, and doubted. The season ended with the Engineers winners of eight games, losers of three. The Tech eleven went down in defeat before Notre Dame, Navy and Duke, rated as the three strongest teams in the nation in the order listed.

During the progress of the 1943 season, two players were seen to come before the eyes of the nation to be recognized as All-Americans; the captaincy of the team was seen to change hands when the Navy called to active duty several essential players; and the team was seen to develop from an untested, doubtful outfit composed almost entirely of transfer Navy V-12 students and third and fourth string players of the Tech '42 team into the grid powerhouse of the South.

An individual account of each of the games that made up a season of upsets and unusual occurrences follows in the only style possible to give proper color to the coverages of the battles—that of a typical daily newspaper.

**THE GAMES**

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SOUTH BEND, IND., Oct. 2---The old Model T, with Bertelli at the wheel, ran wild today as a slightly favored Notre Dame eleven trounced a tired Georgia Tech team 55-13 at Carrier Field before a capacity crowd in one of the most exciting one-sided battles on record.

Not until past intermission when a long train trip began to show on the Jackets, who arrived here only a few hours before game time, did it become evident that the Irish were to be the winners.

Early in the second period the Irish led by two tallies. Tech then began to move through the air lanes with Prokop tossing and Dorrough and Kilzer receiving, moving the ball into enemy land where Scharfschwerdt bucked over the final sixty-first yard for the touchdown. A few minutes later, the Engineers scored again by virtue of a blocked Notre Dame kick, followed by a pass from Broyles to Logan in the end zone to tie up the tussle.

Taking the kick-off, the Irish moved 70 yards for another six points. The Jackets then came, and they had the ball on the Notre Dame eight when the Engineers rushed for time, lost the ball on downs as the half ended.

The second half saw Leary's team steadily leap far ahead to hand Tech the worst defeat since 1930 when Florida beat the Ex-Rose Bowlers 50-7.

ATLANTA, Oct. 9---Bouncing back from the Notre Dame catastrophe, the Tech Engineers easily defeated a Georgia Pre-Flight eleven 35-7 here today in the Jackets' first service team encounter of World War II.

Credit for Tech's five scores goes to Logan, Prokop, Furchgott, Scharfschwerdt and Bourne. The Skycracker's lone tally came in the fourth period when the Flyers took to the air to drive 71 yards against third and fourth stringers.

The Jackets seemed to be in top condition, contrary to what was expected by Coach Alex, who feared that the Notre Dame loss would cause a drop in the morale of the players to the extent that their playing ability would be harmed.
ATLANTA, Oct. 16—An air attack proved superior to ground movements today as the Jackets of Georgia Tech passed their way to a 27-0 win over the 300th Infantry of Fort Benning.

Believed to be one of the strongest service teams in the nation, the Benning Soldiers threatened to score only once—when Joe Rount, outstanding infantry guard, recovered a Tech fumble on the Engineers' 35. Before today, the infantry team was undefeated.

Passes from Prokop to Kilzer set up two scores, while Dorough took a Prokop tossed ball and raced 29 yards for another tally. Harrison bucked over from the seven for the third score.

MUNICIPAL STADIUM, BALTIMORE, Oct. 23—In a fast moving, at times ferocious, football game, Hal Hamberg led the Midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy to a 28-14 revenge over the Jackets of Georgia Tech here tonight before 16,000.

The Jackets had discontinued practice during the past week due to final examinations at the school. Even under this handicap, the Jackets played one of the sharpest games ever seen on this field. Sheer power and reinforcements with a streak of luck gave the undefeated Admirals the victory.

Tech scored first in the second half after Hamberg sliced a punt out of bounds on Navy's 20. The Midshipmen tied up the game and went ahead in the second period by one touchdown. Shortly after intermission the Jackets marched 52 yards to again tie the score as Prokop passed to Gaston once and Brown twice to set up the score.

The Navy then steamed ahead, however, to score two more, largely through the utilization of Hamberg's passing arm.

DUKE PASSES TO A 14-7 WIN

ATLANTA, Oct. 30—In a hard fought, conservative football game, the Duke Blue Devils passed their way into a 14-7 win over the Tech Engineers here today.

The Blue Devils took the lead in the first quarter on a 50 yard pass from Loper to Blount, which moved the ball to the four, from where they bucked over.

Bill Smith blocked a Duke punt in the second period to give Tech a potential touchdown. The winners went into the lead again in the third quarter, by virtue of an intercepted Tech pass at the Jackets' 31. Carver outjumped a short Tech halfback on the next play to pull down a slow, high, looping pass for the winning score.
Classes have been out at both Tech and Duke during the past week, and apparently nothing has been done at either school in the form of serious practice. Duke did not lose any graduating Navy V-12 players before the Tech tilt as was expected, and was at top in manpower strength.

On the other hand, the Jacket squad was minus the services of Gene Hill, Bill Harper, Harry Morton, Eddie Atkinson, Dick Lowrey, Al Faulkner, Ed Ryckley, "Duck" Smith and Al McDonald. Due to this loss of personnel because of Navy orders, an almost complete reorganization was necessary in the Tech camp prior to today's game.

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**TECH RUNS OVER CIVILIAN TIGERS**

ATLANTA, Nov. 6—A young, none too big, inexperienced civilian L. S. U. eleven went down in defeat 42-7 before the mighty Tech Yellow Jackets here today in the Engineers' first conference encounter of the season.

The meeting of a team of Tech's calibre for the first time this season simply proved too rough for the civilians. The Tiger's only offer was 200-pounder Steve Van Buren. "Moving Van" performed in the manner credited to him even with little help from his teammates, who ran against a smashing defensive force which seemed bent on deflating a reputation.

In Tech's backfield, Prokop, Broyles, and Jack Faulkner turned in a good day's work, while Steber and Hoover were outstanding on the line.
NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 13—With an impressive 33-0 victory over the Tulane Green Wave here today, the Georgia Tech Engineers clinched the Southeastern Conference football championship and a possible bid to the Sugar Bowl classics, while Eddie Prokop established a new S. E. C. passing record by completing 13 consecutive tosses.

The Sugar Bowl Committee of the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association viewed the Tech-Tulane tilt and afterwards expressed pleasure in the Jackets' colorful performance.

Tulane, the only other Navy aided school in the conference, put up a brilliant fight during the first half, holding the Jackets to a single score at half time. The second part of the game, however, saw a better organized Tech team surge rapidly ahead, running and passing for four more touchdowns.

ATLANTA, Nov. 20—Tech defeated a fighting but outclassed civilian Clemson team, a peace-time powerhouse, here today 41-6 before 16,000.

Tech's second and third team played most of the game, seventy-five Engineers being used during the run of the contest. Tech led at the close of the first quarter, 25-0.

ATLANTA, Nov. 27—With apparently little trouble, the Engineers of Georgia Tech handed their traditional rivals, the Georgia Bulldogs, their worst defeat in the history of the series by a score of 48-0 here today before 30,000 at Grant Field. Tech beat Georgia 46-0 in 1904.

With today's victory Tech officially became the 1943 S. E. C. champions.

The spirited Georgia team was no match for the experienced Tech eleven who took an early lead and increased it steadily until the final whistle sounded.

Eddie Prokop flew in from Cleveland, where he attended the funeral of his mother, to write the final chapter in a great grid career. Eddie ran for 121 yards, threw for 13 and returned punts for 74 to total 228 for the day. Six extra points are also to his credit.

The game, as expected, saw a superior Tech team run wild over an old rival. Even after it became evident that the Jackets were to win, the game held a surprisingly large amount of traditional spirit, even down to a pre-war short tail parade which was formed by Tech freshmen upon orders from upperclassmen following the tilt.

An unidentified engineer is halted by three Tarheel opponents.

JACKETS HAND BULLDOGS WORST DEFEAT OF SERIES
Tech produced some of the nation's best gridmen during the 1943 grid season according to the fans, coaches and sport writers over the country who named two members of the Jacket team to All-American berths.

John Steber was unanimously chosen as the outstanding guard of the year when he was selected to all of the 21 All-American teams picked each season. Steber was also awarded the Jacob's Trophy, an award presented to the selected best blocker in the Southeastern Conference.

The selection of John Steber to all of the mythical teams of stars was a just recognition of his ability as a lineman and as a team leader.

Eddie Prokop was selected to several All-American teams and to the Associated Press' second team. The A. P. further revealed that Prokop ended the season in second place in total offense with 1,440 yards gained in 269 running and passing plays from scrimmage, and in third place among passers with 66 out of 133 attempts completed for a total yardage of 806.

Six Tech gridmen were selected by players in the Southeastern Conference to the I. N. S. Players' All-Southeastern Team.

E. Phil Tinsley, Georgia Tech.
T. G. E. Jones, Tulane.
G. John Sieber, Georgia Tech.
C. Bob Cummings, Georgia Tech.
G. Mike Castronis, Georgia.
T. Bill Chambers, Georgia Tech.
E. Ray Olsen, Tulane.
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A. P. sports writers selected four Tech players to their All-Southeastern Team.

E. Phil Tinsley, Georgia Tech.
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NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 27—The New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association announced today, following the Tech-Georgia tilt, that the Georgia Tech Engineers have been invited to play in the annual Sugar Bowl classic on New Year’s Day. Tech’s opponent will be the University of Tulsa team, the Sugar Bowl Association stated.

ATLANTA, Nov. 27—Coach William A. Alexander said today that the Tech team had voted unanimously to accept the Sugar Bowl bid.

ATLANTA, Nov. 27—Coach Henry Finka, Tulsa’s head coach, viewed secretly the Tech-Georgia game today. Finka learned of Tech’s acceptance to play in the Sugar Bowl earlier this week. Tech coaches had no chance to scout Tulsa since the announcement of the teams selected was not made until after Tulsa’s scheduled season had ended.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31—An expected 70,000 fans will witness the tenth annual Sugar Bowl classic here tomorrow when the powerful S. E. C. champions, battle the undefeated civilians of Tulsa University in the most attractive bowl game of the day.

Both teams have been in close range of the stadium for the past week. Tech’s Navy Department has extended the Christmas leave of the Navy football players until January 2 it was announced today.
THE FIRST GRAND SLAM

The 1943 Jackets played the final hand required to achieve the first grand slam in bowl-game history. With the Engineers’ participation in the Sugar Bowl on January 1, 1944, the Georgia School of Technology became the first school in the nation to have been represented in all four major bowls, and Coach William A. Alexander, likewise, became the first coach to have tutored four such teams.

About twenty years ago, Bobby Jones, a Tech student, won the final match necessary to give him the first and only grand-slam in golf history.

TECH’S RECORD IN BOWL GAMES

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NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1—Led by Eddie Prokop, who averaged almost seven yards in each attempt at running after being forced to abandon his pass attack, the Georgia Tech Engineers came from behind to beat a previously under-rated Tulsa eleven 20-18 in a story-book finish before 69,000 half frozen fans in the tenth annual Sugar Bowl contest here on this first day of 1944.

Trailing by two touchdowns at half-time, the Jackets returned to the game, stopped passing and through long land movements overcome a lead the Tulsa team had acquired early in the game.

The Engineers apparently received orders at intermission to call in the air force and employ ground operations instead. Tulsa had been unsuccessful with an air attack during the first half against a team that was well prepared against that type of offense.

The Jackets became masters of the situation as soon as the last half began. Two long drives gave the two tallies required for victory, the final score coming with only four minutes remaining in the game when Ed Scharfwerdt spun over into pay dirt.

The Oklahomans, who led 18-7 at the half, failed to score after the second period. They threatened only once, and that came after Tech's final touchdown when Tulsa recovered a fumble. By means of a long pass, the Oilers moved to the Tech 33. On the next play Broyles made a spectacular interception of a touchdown bound Tulsa pass to put the game safely in the win column.

The second half was one of the hardest fought games on record. The Jackets were attempting to overcome an 11-point handicap; Tulsa was trying to hang on to what was at first thought to be a safe lead.

Frank Broyles played his best game of the season, holding down two positions at different times for the game. On the line, Steber and Chambers were standouts.

A large amount of the credit for Tech's come-back goes to Coach Alexander who further proved himself as the nation's foremost defense strategist in setting up a check for Tulsa's variable offenses.

Several Sugar Bowl records were broken in the game, including the Tech total yardage rushing of 372 run up by Broyles, Prokop, Logan, Gaston and Scharfwerdt and the 25 first downs registered by the Jackets.

Two teams with almost identically opposite make-ups—Tulsa, composed of civilian 4-F's, coached by a man who has served as head mentor only three years; Tech, a team of physically fit Navy V-12 students, tutored by a veteran of 23 years' experience—gave the capacity crowd probably the most exciting game in the ten years of the bowl's existence.
Tulsa's Ford attempting a run around right end.

The Mighty Mite, Mickey Logan, fighting off enemies coming from all directions.

Between the bars for one of Tech's two winning extra points.

Smith of Tulsa heads around left end as Chambers (42) and Kibler (64) rush in for the kill.

Beviles carrying the ball and two Tulsa linemen down field towards pay dirt.
Due to the formation of the new S. E. C. rules which allowed freshmen to play in the varsity intercollegiate games, neither Tech nor Georgia had an organized freshman team during the 1943 season. The annual Tech-Georgia Freshman Thanksgiving Day game, naturally, was called off. Not to let down the Scottish Rite Hospital, the beneficiaries of the game, Tech A. A. officials arranged a Turkey Day grid tussel between the Tech "B" squad and the 10th Armored Division eleven from Camp Gordon, Georgia. The day arrived when the team that had been knocked all over the field by the varsity all season was to shine.

Before a crowd of 25,000, the Tech "Greenies" ran wild over the Camp Gordon team to the tune of 31-0. Led by Chiefs Pritchard and Andrus, the well-trained Engineers had little trouble in pushing aside a fighting but unorganized soldier team. After the winners had run up 25 points in the first half, a new style of play, termed the "frizzle-dizzle" system by Coach Dean, was employed which caused the game to become interesting even though lopsided as the score indicates.

**BEAT THE GORDON SOLDIERS**

**THE "GREENIES"**
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**Players:**
- BROYLES
- BILLS
- COLLLER
- HOLLADAY
- W. JOHNSON
- PAXSON
- WEAVER
- WRIGHT
Dwight Keith, Head Basketball and "B" Team Football Coach, and Director of Sports Publicity. Coach Keith, who became head basketball mentor after Commander Roy Mundorf was called away from Tech this year, was named all-State in football, basketball, and baseball while in high school in Birmingham, Alabama. At the University of Alabama, he received letters his freshman year in basketball and baseball. Prior to coming here in 1942, Coach Keith served at Boys' High in Atlanta.

The Team

Forwards
Dick Collier
Harold Johnson
Bill Johnson
Oscar Waldkirch
Comer Weaver

Guards
Jack Bills
Frank Broyles
Durand Holladay
Gene Wright

Bob Polk, Assistant Coach
Sandy Sandlin, Trainer
Mitchell Weiss, Manager
Billy Brown, Assistant Manager

Centers
Nelson Abell
Wes Paxson
Tech's 1944 basketball squad, functioning under conditions equally as difficult as did the football team, came from the court after the final scheduled cage encounter winners over all but two oncomers in one of the Jackets' most successful seasons in many years.

Three lettermen, two hold-overs from the '43 'B' team, and five loopmen picked from the ranks of the many Navy students stationed at Tech, made up the 1944 squad. Wes Paxson, 1944 team captain; Bill Johnson, alternate-captain, and Frank Broyles played on the 1943 varsity, while Durand Holladay and Gene Wright were members of the '43 'B' team. The remaining five members, Dick Collier, Nelson Abell, Jack Bills, Hal Johnson, and Oscar Waldkirch, unknown to the coaches at the beginning of practice, worked their way up to a first string position from a field of twenty candidates.

Unusual about the 1944 team was that seven states were represented by the nine team members. California, Florida, Texas, Louisi ana, Iowa, Kentucky, and Georgia had representatives on Tech's 1944 cage squad.

The Jackets lost to only two opponents. The Georgia Navy Pre-Flight five defeated the Engineers once and the 176th Infantry, a team composed of cage stars from all over the country, beat the Tech team twice.

When the Jackets entered the Southeastern Conference tournament at Louisville, they were rated as the second best team in the conference and were expected to give the favored Kentucky five a close race for the championship. But orders from Washington calling Tech R. O. T. C. seniors to active duty took Nelson Abell and Gene Wright from the team on the eve of the tournament. In Tech's first game of the tournament, the already handicapped Jackets suffered another jolt when Captain Wes Paxson sprained his ankle in the opening minutes of the Vandy-Tech tilt.

Tech defeated Vandy 63-11, however, after being held to a 27-27 deadlock at half time, and Paxson came out of the game as the top scorer with 23 points to his credit even with his bent ankle.

In the semi-final game a shortage of reserves and Paxson's injury caught up with the Jackets and Tulane's extremely tall loopmen leaped ahead to win 65-55, after Johnson and Collier had fouled out. At half time, Tech and Tulane was tied up, 31-31, and with only five minutes left in the final quarter, the tussle was at a 50-50 deadlock.

Against Tulane, Paxson was again high point man with another 23 points. Frank Broyles turned in an excellent defensive game and his accurate long shots over the Tulane's zone defense during the first half kept the Engineers in the game.

Tech sends the ball towards the basket in the Jackets second encounter with Clemson.
Captain Paxson was unanimously chosen to the All-S. E. C. team, while Broyles, Dick Collier and Bill Johnson received honorable mention. Paxson was the high scorer on the team for the entire season, being responsible for 283 points. Dick Collier was the second high scorer with 212 points.

A large amount of credit for the success of the team is due Coach Dwight Keith, who served as head basketball mentor for the first time, replacing Commander Mundorf, who was ordered to another station by the Navy Department. Coach Keith received valuable aid from Chief Bob Polk, and Assistant Coach and Trainer "Sandy" Sandlin.
THE 1943 BASKETBALL TEAM

Forwards
Bill Johnson
Wes Paxson
Wilbur Stein
Bob Trowbridge

Centers
Tom Anderson
Jake Lance (C.)

Guards
Herbie Bergman
Frank Broyles
Winston Cook
Charlie Scruggs


Roy Mundorff, Coach
Dwight Keith, Assistant Coach
Fry Friedman, Shirley Nichols, Managers
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Bottom right: Killer (3), then a Vandy student, attempts to beat Scruggs and Lance to a ball that missed the target.
Fred Lanoue, Swimming Coach. Coach Lanoue attended Springfield College where he participated in track and swimming. In 1932 he won the Northeastern Intercollegiate Diving Championship. While working on his Master's degree, he served as swimming coach at Springfield. Known as "Freddie" by most of his associates, Coach Lanoue came to Tech in 1940 to coach swimming and gymnastics and to instruct physical education classes.

Under Freddie's leadership, swimming at Tech has developed into a major sport. In 1941 his team came through the season undefeated, winning the SEC Championship. His summer school team in 1942 won the Southeastern AAU Championship.

Aside from being an outstanding coach, Lanoue is a member of the National Association for Health and Physical Education Committee.

William Stoddard, Assistant Coach
Lyn Keyes, Assistant Coach

THE RESULTS

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The 1944 Swimming Squad
UNDISPUTED CHAMPIONS

With the war, transportation shortages, and brevity of leave for the Navy, the Tech swimmers had quite a few problems to overcome this year before ever meeting their opponents.

Since the beginning of the war, all the schools in the Southeastern Conference except Tech have, one by one, discontinued intercollegiate swimming. This makes Tech undisputed conference champions, but it also means that Coach "Freddie" Lanoue has to look elsewhere to find competition for his swimmers. However, he managed to book seven dual meets and the three A. A. U. meets this year.

The season was opened with the University of North Carolina, and although Tech was forced to bow to a superior team, the spectators saw the Tarheels shatter three pool records and the Jacket captain, George Backus, set a fourth.

In the second meet with U. N. C. the Jacket swimmers managed to do a little better, but they were still unable to get a majority of the points. However, the second meet with Duke gave Tech another victory and Charlie Owen set a new varsity record in the 200 yard breaststroke.

Tech made a good individual showing in a series of three A. A. U. meets in which no team awards were made.

Coach "Freddie" is losing some of his best swimmers to the armed services this year, but as always he and his assistant, Lyn Keyes, probably have enough tricks up their sleeves to keep the Jacket swimming team on the map in the years to come.

THE SQUAD

George Backus, Captain
Neal Avery
Morris Bennett
Hugh Caldwell
Bob Cobb
Gordon Coldwell

Billy Coons
Al DeVries
Ken Dunwoody
Ray Guitierrez
George Hiles

Toby Nelson
Charlie Owen
Ellis Peak
Adrian Ringland
Buddy Smith
White Toddle
Georgia Tech swimmers won the Southeastern Conference championship in the 1942 meet, marking the first time since the SEC meet has been held that Florida has been defeated. The 1942 swimming season was also highlighted by Florida's first defeat in a dual meet in five years.

The Jackets ended the season undefeated, winners of 8, losers of none. In defeating the Gators in a dual meet and also in the Conference meet, the Tech team revived memories of the great swimming teams which dominated the sport from 1925 to 1935. During that decade, Tech was undefeated in swimming and diving, and Dave Young set a new National Intercollegiate record in the 150-yard backstroke which was not broken until 1942.

FREDIE LANOUÉ, Coach
JIMMY LITTLE, Manager

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THE CHAMPS

HERBERT MCCAULEY (C.)  GEORGE COLLEDGE  GEORGE HILES
GEORGE BACKUS  BILL COONS  SHERRILL MCCAULEY
ARNOLD BARRETT  JOHN CORSE  CHARLIE OWEN
BILL BROOK  ED DEMERE  DAN PATTERSON
PAUL BURGDOFF  JOHN DEBOIS  MANUEL RASCO
HUGH CALDWELL  BILL HARRIS  IRONY SENTER
ROBERT COBB  232 BILL WARSHAUER
**WORTHY SUCCESSOR**

With only one letter man returning from the previous year’s squad, the 1943 Tech Fencing team developed into a worthy successor of teams of earlier and more auspicious years. Captain Hard was the single 1942 letter man on the team. In spite of a shortage of experienced material, however, Coach Morenus led his team through the season winners of five matches, losers of one. The foil team was undefeated and untied, while the saber team was undefeated but tied twice by Kentucky.

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**THE TEAM**

- **STRAIGHTON HARD (C.)**
  - Foil, Saber
- **BOB DAVIS**, Foil
- **WALLY DREYFOUS**, Epee
- **TOM McMURRY**, Foil
- **CARL MIACCO**, Foil
- **JERRY TITTLEBAUM**, Foil, Epee
- **JOHN WHITE**, Saber
- **WALKER WILLINGHAM**, Epee

**THE 1942 FENCING TEAM**

- **RICHARD T. MORENUS**
  - Coach
- **EDDIE LERNER**
  - Manager
NORRIS DEAN, Track Coach and Football End Coach. Like Coach Alexander, Coach Dean is a former Tech student. While at Tech he participated in football, boxing, and track. He won the A. A. U. heavyweight boxing championship in 1932 and played three years of varsity football before graduating in 1935. After graduation, he coached at Monroe, Georgia before coming to Tech in 1938 as freshman mentor.

J. H. PITTARD, Freshman Football and Assistant Track Coach. Coach Pittard, who came to Tech last year after serving eleven years at Gainesville High School as Athletic Director, attended High School at Winterville, Georgia, where he was a member of the baseball, basketball, and track teams. At Young Harris College he participated in football, baseball, and track. Coach Pittard completed requirements for a degree at Vanderbilt and the University of Georgia. During the last war, he was ranked a first lieutenant.

E. P. MAXIM, Manager
D. A. STIVERS, Assistant Manager
## THE RESULTS

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Tom Carpenter's winning broad jump in North Carolina meet.
THE CHAMPIONS

Tex Armikhan  Rip Green  Vernon Pickering
Ross Baker   Frank Curry  W. S. Johnson
Morrow Bennett Gil Haines  Jack Lehnhard
Henry Buttery Albert Hill  Arthur Prine
Don Cady    George Hills  G. W. Rogers
Tom Carpenter R. A. Gideon  Frank Schutz
Bill Donahue Tom Hitz    Robert Seligman
James Dorough W. P. Jordan  John Serrie
Louie Dunkslin Jimmy Dykes  George Snider
Dave Durst  Charles Lyons  H. D. Stone
Ray Enders  Charles McMurray  Jack Vann
Hunley Elebash (C.) Charles Murdoch  Bill Williams
W. H. Folwell  Frank Nelson  Frank Yates
Harry Ormand
The 1944 Track team added two more cups to Tech's rapidly growing trophy case by climaxing an undefeated, untied season with the winning of the Southeastern A. A. U. and the Southeastern Conference Track Meet. This '44 season marked the first time that Tech has won the Conference track championship—the second time the defending champions, L. S. U., has lost it.

The Al Doonam Trophy was presented to the Jacket team in Birmingham upon winning the SEC championship, and the Thomas Bragg Trophy was awarded the Engineers at Auburn upon the winning of the Southeastern A. A. U. meet.

Winning six first place positions in the SEC meet in Birmingham on May 20, the 1944 Engineer team, composed almost exclusively of Navy ROTC and V-12 students, ran up the highest score ever recorded in the Conference meet. John Serrie won the mile run in 4:32.8; George Hills took first place in the shot put competition with a 46 feet-3.28 inches throw; Hunley Elebash won the 100 yard dash in 10.1 seconds; Frank Nelson took top place over a favored Tulane runner in the 120-yard high hurdles, his winning time being 15.8 seconds; Bill Donahue cleared the bar at 11 feet 4 inches to win the pole vault contest; and Silver Hill won the 880-yard run in 2:02.5.

In the A. A. U. meet at Auburn, the Jackets likewise took six first place positions.

Coach Norris Dean, who became head track mentor after Commander Griffin was ordered to another station, developed his exceptionally large squad into a well balanced team which captured a top place in every field of competition.
THE 1943 TRACK TEAM

Tech . 77—Vanderbilt . 36—Navy Pre-Flight . 46—Tech Army . 6
Tech . . . . . 88 —Alabama . . . . . 43
Tech . . . . . 69 —Mississippi State . . . . . 62
Tech . . . . . . 73 1/2—Auburn . . . . . 52 1/2

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE MEET

Tech . . . . . . 46—L. S. U. . . . . . 50—Auburn . . . . . 46

G. C. Griffin, Coach
N. C. Dean, Assistant Coach
E. P. Maxim, Manager

THE SQUAD

John Blank
John Borum
George Davis
Stewart Duggan
Tom Jones
Jim Kuhn
Frank Lewis
Alvin McDonald
Russell McGee
Richard Power
Eddie Prokop
Ed Ryckeley
Bill Sanders
Howard Stillwell
Robert Walker
Comer Weaver
Preston West

MCGEE
DUGGAN

Stillwell and McGee (white uniform) at the finish line in Tech—Go-Pre-Flight—Vanderbilt triangular meet

Corner: DUGGAN
BORUM
JONES
RYCKELEY

Stillwell and McGee (white uniform) at the finish line in Tech—Go-Pre-Flight—Vanderbilt triangular meet

Right corner: Jim Kuhn on fence in lead, Tech—Go-Pre-Flight—Vanderbilt triangular meet

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THE 1944 NROTC RIFLE TEAM
WINNERS OF THE HEARST TROPHY

In competition with 45 teams from all over the nation, the 1944 Tech Naval Rifle team outscored all opponents to win the William Randolph Hearst National NROTC Rifle Competition Trophy, marking the second time since the beginning of this particular postal tournament in 1935 that Tech has taken top honors. Out of a possible perfect score of 1,000, Tech's No. 1 team scored 919 points.

The No. 2 team ranked fourteenth in the competition with 858 points. Samuel Mangham, a member of the second team, shot the highest individual score in the entire tournament with 189 out of a possible perfect individual score of 200.

In the National NROTC Rifle tournament, Tech's team of ten men ranked No. 6. Miller Gowen scored 189 points in this tournament to take first place among individual competitors.

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Perfect score—1000.

Members that entered the Naval ROTC tournament but did not compete in the Hearst Trophy competition:

Albert Loyd
Phillip Martin

Standing, left to right: Mangham, Mayson, Ellis, Chambers, Williamson. Kneeling: Davis, Coons.

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Perfect score—1000.

Chief Gunner's Mate Chambers, Coach
Lieutenant P. D. Ellis, Team Officer
THE 1943 BASEBALL TEAM

ROY MUNDOREFF, Coach
MIKE WEISS
ARCHIE JOHNSON, Manager

THE RESULTS

April 7—Tech
April 9—Tech
April 16—Tech
April 17—Tech
April 24—Tech
April 30—Tech
May 1—Tech
May 7—Tech
May 8—Tech
May 14—Tech
May 15—Tech

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1—Vanderbilt
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2—Alabama

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Roy Mundorff, Basketball and Baseball Coach. Coach Mundorff, a Lieutenant Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserves, was ordered to another post during the 1944 winter semester by the Navy after 23 years of coaching at Tech. Commander Mundorff has been on active duty in the Navy since June, 1941.

In 1921, Coach Mundorff came to Tech as freshman basketball and baseball coach. He helped with freshman football from 1924 to 1928 and served as a football scout from 1926 to 1928. Coach Mundorff was named head basketball coach in 1925, a position he held until he was ordered to Harvard by the Navy Department.
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BOB MILLER, Wrestling Coach and Football Line Coach. Coach Miller is not only a valuable mentor in two sports at Tech, but he is also an instructor in the Chemical Engineering Department. At Ohio State, where he received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Chemical Engineering, Coach Miller was lightweight on the wrestling team and center on the football team in 1933-34-35. In high school, he graduated second scholastically in a class of two hundred and is a member of Tau Beta Pi, college honorary engineering fraternity.
The 1943 Wrestling team was the first attempt at organized wrestling at Georgia Tech. No experienced men, naturally were available to build the team around but, despite this handicap, the team won two out of six matches against top-flight competition. After the 1943 season wrestling on an inter-collegiate basis was discontinued for the duration. Coach Miller, however, expects to renew the sport as soon as conditions are favorable for doing so.
The tennis squad was another of Tech’s 1944 teams that ended the season undefeated. The Jacket netmen came through their limited schedule victors over five opponents, having defeated North Carolina and Duke twice and Tulane and Auburn once.

The Racket Engineers became the unofficial conference champions by beating the only other teams in the conference, Tulane and Auburn. No SEC tennis tournament was held in 1944 due to the lack of schools that continued the game for the duration.

This Jacket team holds the distinction of being the first to beat a North Carolina tennis team on the Tarheel’s home court in seventeen years—another example of the superiority of Coach Bortell’s team in its section of the country.

Two of the team’s top position players, Frank Willett and Howard McCall, represented Georgia Tech in the National Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament at Northwestern in Chicago.

**THE RESULTS**

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THE 1944 TENNIS TEAM

Dick Clarson
Dick Collier
C. I. Mallox
Howard McCall
Niles Millsap
Ken Puritz
Frank Willett
E. E. Bortell, Coach

Left to right: McCall, Willett, Cowan, Drumright, Millsap, Gregory, Calen, Puritz, Collier, Maddox.

THE 1943 TENNIS TEAM

Nelson Abell (C.)  Howard McCull
Reed Brown  George Sellers
C. I. Maddox  Carlton Wellborn

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