FSU managed to take their first lead of the series during the top of the fourth inning. With two runners on base and two outs, Michelle Snyder connected for a three-run home run to give the Seminoles a 3-1 lead. State scored another home run in the fifth inning, making the score 4-1.

Johnson struggled after a pair of strong pitching performances, surrendering four runs on seven hits and four walks in five innings. She swapped positions with Adkins for the sixth inning, taking over third base while Adkins pitched the remainder of the game.

Still down 4-1 in the seventh inning, Tech mounted a comeback. Weaver and sophomore left fielder Cheysey Jones hit back-to-back singles to open the inning, and senior center fielder Blair Shimandle dropped a bunt down. Shimandle reached base on the sacrifice attempt after an error. Haller knocked in two runs with a single, and Johnson tied the game with a hit of her own. The game went into the eighth inning, but Florida State quickly scored the go-ahead run. Unfortunately, when their time came to bat, the Jackets were unable to secure a victory in their final frame, and they fell by the score of 5-4.

Following the 4-1 stretch, the Jackets improved to 26-9 overall, including a 4-2 mark in ACC games to date. Their two victories over the ranked Seminoles meant that in the process, the Jackets earned something they have not held since the 2008 preseason: a spot in the national Top 25 rankings. The ESPN.com/USA Today poll ranked the Jackets at No. 24 in the nation, the second-highest ranking of any ACC team. Tech passed FSU, which dropped out of the rankings; meanwhile, they remain behind No. 16 North Carolina, which is also atop the conference standings with a 7-2 record in ACC play to date.

Tech will travel to Chestnut Hill this weekend to take on Boston College in another conference matchup, once again playing a Saturday doubleheader followed by a Sunday afternoon game. On Wednesday, the Tech will play in-state rival Georgia in Athens.

Whitney Haller prepares for a pitch by first base at Mewborn Field. Haller earned ACC Player of the Week honors after hitting .476.
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“Today wasn’t a good day at all. . . . I tried to fight, but things weren’t working right. I was tried mentally and physically,” said Gomez.

Wake was then able to get the upper hand when Steven Foreman defeated sophomore Miguel Muguruza in straight sets by the score 6-4, 6-4. The Demon Deacons were able to build on this momentum and gain a two point advantage soon afterward, as the Deacons’ Wolff held off a strong effort by King, who fell by a score of 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 to give Wake a 3-1 lead in the match.

Wake Forest only needed one more point to take the team match, but Tech was not going to give in so soon. Eliot Porvin, playing in the number four singles spot, earned Tech’s first singles victory when he defeated Hopkins 6-3, 6-4. It was yet another close match, but Porvin’s smooth ground strokes led him to victory in the end.

Unfortunately, Tech’s luck would not last. Freshman Dusan Miljevic lost to Atkinson 6-2, 6-2 in the number five singles spot to give Wake the victory. The rain ultimately cut the match short; after causing a 19-minute delay during doubles play, it caused sophomore Ryan Smith to have his match against Jason Morgenstern suspended and then cancelled. The result was a 4-2 victory for the Deacons.

Tech rebounded quickly, though, as they took to their home court two days later to defeat No. 38 North Carolina State on Sunday by the score of 6-1. The doubles point came first for Tech, as they prevailed in doubles play 2-1 with an 8-5 win by Gomez and Smith at the number one spot and an 8-1 win by Porvin and Roebuck at the number three spot.

N.C. State got back in the match quickly in singles play, tying the score at 1-1 when No. 65 Jay Weinacker defeated Gomez 6-4, 6-1, but they were unable to win another point as Tech rattled off five straight wins in the rest of their singles matches. Smith, King, Muguruza, and Porvin all won their matches in straight sets, and the day ended with Roebuck taking down David Chermak 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 1-0 (10-7).

The young Jackets, who only have one junior on the team and no seniors, have showed signs of progressing as they continue to fight hard and play as a team.

“There’s not that much experience on the team...If we get a couple of recruits that’s going to be a very strong team since we are not losing guys, we are just adding guys,” said Gomez.

Tech has only four matches left on its regular season schedule. This weekend, they will travel up the coast to face off against Maryland and Boston College, and next week they will take on Duke and North Carolina at home.

Guillermo Gomez returns a ball at the Bill Moore Tennis Center.

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By Yameen Huq
Contributing Writer

Tech’s softball team faced off against Georgia State and No. 19 Florida State last week, winning four of the five games they played at Mewborn Field. Tech was victorious in both games against Georgia State, shutting them out 8-0 and 6-0 in a Thursday doubleheader. Two days later, they took both games of a doubleheader against Florida State, winning 8-3 and 3-0, but they fell in Sunday’s series finale 5-4 in eight innings.

The first game against Georgia State saw both teams threaten to score early. GSU loaded the bases in the top of the first, but Tech sophomore pitcher Kristen Adkins was able to escape from the jam. In the bottom of the inning, the Jackets had Haller and freshman shortstop Kelsi Weseman on second and third, but they could not score.

Tech was the first to get on the board, though, taking a 1-0 lead in the second inning on a solo home run by freshman catcher Kate Kuzma. The Jackets added three more runs in the third inning; Weseman led off the inning with a home run, Haller and senior third baseman Tiffany Johnson connected on back-to-back doubles, and Adkins hit a sacrifice fly to give Tech a 4-0 lead.

Tech continued to build its lead in the next inning, adding four more runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. The highlight of the inning was a three-run homer by Johnson, her team-leading ninth long ball of the season. The game was called after five innings, so the Jackets claimed a 8-0 victory in the opener.

In game two, Tech picked up right where it left off, scoring twice in the first inning after GSU starting pitcher Kate Gaskill walked the first two hitters she faced. Tech eventually turned it into a 5-0 game in the third inning on sophomore Kristen Adkins’ fifth home run, a three-run shot to center.

Johnson extended the lead to 6-0 in the fifth with a solo home run to left field. She was Tech’s starting pitcher for the game and was stellar, pitching a complete-game shutout while striking out 12 and walking none.

Tech’s first two games against the No. 19 Florida State Seminoles were delayed by rain, but the Jackets continued to play well despite the weather, sweeping the Saturday doubleheader by scores of 8-3 in the first game and 3-0 in the second.

Tech wasted no time from the very beginning of the first game, with Haller hitting a first-inning grand slam to put Tech ahead 4-0. Florida State quickly responded in the top of the second, scoring an unearned run after a Weseman error. However, Tech got the run back in the bottom half when sophomore designated player Jessica Weaver hit a solo home run.

The score remained 5-1 until the bottom of the fourth, when Tech scored two more runs on an error by Seminole right fielder Shaaila Jackson. The Jackets scored again in the bottom of the sixth, when freshman second baseman Jen Yee hit her sixth home run of the season. Florida State added two more runs over the sixth and seventh innings but never came any closer, so Tech took home an 8-3 victory in the first game.

The lack of scoring in game two was the result of a pitchers’ duel between Tech’s Johnson and FSU’s Sarah Hamilton. Tech pushed across a run in the third inning on an Adkins RBI double, and Johnson connected on a two-run homer in the fifth to give the Jackets a 3-0 lead. That would be the only scoring in the game, as Johnson pitched her second complete-game shutout in three days, striking out five and allowing that many baserunners.

Game three proved to be the closest battle of the week for the Jackets. The game was close throughout, as neither team was able to build a big lead. However,
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Women’s tennis wins against Vandy, NC State, Wake

By Nishant Prasad
Assistant Sports Editor

Tech’s women’s tennis team, currently ranked No. 6 in the nation, went on the road last week for three road matchups. After pulling out a narrow 4-3 victory against No. 26 Vanderbilt on Wednesday, the Jackets handily defeated ACC foes Wake Forest and North Carolina State, 7-0 and 6-1 respectively, over the weekend. At 13-5, including a 6-1 mark in conference play, the girls are warming up at the right time, as they are riding a five-match win streak with only two weeks of regular season play left before the ACC Championships.

Facing Vanderbilt in Nashville, the host Commodores gave the Jackets everything they could handle before Tech was able to secure the win. The match opened with doubles play, and all three of the doubles matches were decided by three or fewer points. Tech earned the first victory when sophomore Sasha Krupina and freshman Irina Falconi won their match 8-5 in the second flight over Catherine Newman and Chelsea Preeg; however, Vanderbilt responded when sisters Courtney and Keilly Ulery defeated Tech’s freshman Lynn Blau and sophomore Amanda McDowell, 8-6.

The doubles point came down to the first-flight match, and Tech’s tandem of senior Christy Striplin—the No. 20 doubles pair in the nation—came up short, falling to Jackie Wu and Heather Steinbauer 8-6 to give Vanderbilt the doubles point.

Tech was starting from behind in singles play, but they fought back quickly in a round that saw all six matches decided in straight sets. In the first match to end, Krupina topped Steinbauer in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3, to bring Tech back to a 1-1 tie. The match in the third flight involved one of three duels between ranked opponents, as Hickey (No. 43) took on Wu (No. 64); unfortunately, Wu pulled off the upset, winning 6-3, 6-2 to put Vanderbilt ahead once again. However, Tech then pulled off three consecutive wins to secure a victory for the match. Striplin, ranked No. 46, completed a strong victory over Preeg by the score of 6-1, 6-2. McDowell, ranked No. 18, then dispatched No. 112 Keilly Ulery 6-0, 6-4 to give Tech a 3-2 lead for the match. The closest singles battle of the day was the first flight match, where No. 7 Falconi had her hands full with No. 61 Newman; in the end, Falconi was able to pull out a victory in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, to clinch the victory for the Jackets. The elder of the Ulery sisters, Courtney, topped Blau 6-3, 6-1 in the sixth flight, but Tech still left Nashville with a 4-3 victory.

After the tight battle with the Commodores, Tech cruised to an easy victory against Wake on Saturday, sweeping the host Demon Deacons in Winston-Salem. Tech was on from the very start, with the doubles tandem of Striplin and Hickey defeating Wake’s Sasha Kulikova and Sierra Poske 8-1 to open doubles play. Krupina and Falconi took their second-flight match 8-4 to secure the doubles victory for Tech, though Wake’s Christian Tara and Katarina Reveche did defeat Blau and McDowell in the third match.

The Jackets remained in control throughout singles play, with five players winning their matches in straight sets. McDowell was the first to finish her match, defeating Wake’s Poske 6-1, 6-0 in the second flight. Soon afterward, Krupina defeated Reveche 6-2, 6-1, and Falconi took the first-flight match 6-0, 6-2 over Kulikova, the No. 51 singles player in the national rankings. Hickey, ranked No. 43 and playing the third flight, lost her first set against Emilee Malvehy but rebounded to win the final two, taking the match 3-6, 6-3, 6-0. Freshman Viet Ha Ngo topped Wake’s Ry-

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Noelle Hickey returns a ball at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. Hickey won a pair of singles matches in ACC play last weekend and teamed with Christy Striplin to win a doubles match against N.C. State.

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**Blowing by the Hurricanes**

*By Christian Bockhop*  
*Contributing Writer*

Tech’s baseball team won two but lost the series finale to second-ranked Miami during a weekend series in Coral Gables, Fla. In the first two games, Tech was able to come back from an early deficit to defeat the Hurricanes. In game three, however, Tech started off strong but was unable to score after the second inning, ultimately losing to Miami at Mark Light Stadium.

Friday night’s series opener began with a groundout to sophomore pitcher Deck McGuire that drove in a run, giving the Hurricanes a first inning lead against the Jackets. The very next inning Miami got two RBIs on a single furthering their early lead to 3-0. Starting off what would end up being a good series for sophomore shortstop Derek Dietrich, the Ohio native hammered the ball over the left field wall. This shot drove in two others and was Dietrich’s third homer for the season.

The following inning Miami retaliated, batting in two runs off a pair of singles to make the score 5-3, the Hurricanes leading. After a scoreless fifth, the Jackets had a field day in the top of the sixth, scoring seven runs. With the score 10-5 Tech took the lead and never gave it back, picking up an additional three runs to make the final score 13-9.

Senior right fielder Luke Murton, sophomore center fielder Jeff Rowland and Dietrich all hit crucial home runs.

Overall Tech’s offense excelled on Friday, earning 13 hits in the game.

“We had some great at-bats to get the ball airborne for home runs tonight,” said Danny Hall, head coach of the Jackets, in an interview with ramblinwreck.com.

Dietrich and Murton returned again in game two and were joined by junior first baseman Tony Plagman in batting home runs for the Tech offense. The Jackets bullpen also performed well with junior right-hander Zach Von Tersch striking out seven. He also kept the Hurricanes to four hits resulting in two runs.

After Miami first baseman Jason Hagerty scored on a wild pitch by Von Tersch in the bottom of the second, Plagman returned again in game three, batting a home run in the seventh inning.

**Men’s tennis loses to Wake Forest, tops N.C. State**

*By John Anderson*  
*Contributing Writer*

Despite taking an early lead in their match against No. 25 Wake Forest, Tech was unable to close out the deal, losing to the Demon Deacons by the score of 4-2 on a soggy Friday afternoon at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. They recovered two days later, though, taking down North Carolina State 6-1 in another home matchup.

Against Wake Forest, sophomore Doug Kenny and freshman Kevin King showed good discipline in their return games as they were able to win an early break point against the hard-serving tandem of Carlos Salmon and Iain Atkinson. Kenny and King did not look back after their strong start, winning the doubles set 8-5 to give Tech an early edge.

Tech’s success would continue in doubles play. After battling back from being a break down in their own doubles set, Tech’s lose junior on the team, Austin Roebuck, and sophomore Eliot Potvin tied the set at eight games apiece against Wake’s Jonathan Wolff and David Hopkins, forcing a tiebreaker. The team represented Tech well as they fought hard to win the tiebreaker and get the victory 9-8 (7-5). The pair of victories gave the Jackets the doubles point, even though the team’s top pair of sophomores Guillermo Gomez and Ryan Smith fell 8-6 in a hard-fought battle.

“We started with different partners [earlier in the season], but finally we got our teams right. We work on our doubles. Kenny [Thorin] makes us do a lot of exercises, a lot of drifts. How to move in the court, that’s the main thing that makes us win,” Gomez said.

Tech was unable to sustain the early success in singles play, though. Wake came back strong, with their top player, No. 26 Cody Part, defeating Gomez at the number one singles spot to even the score at 1-1.

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**Nevo named ACC Swimmer of the Year**

Junior Gal Nevo was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Male Swimmer of the Year. And freshman Nigel Plummer won ACC Freshman of the Year honors, marking the first time a Tech swimmer had won either of those awards in the program’s history. Nevo earned All-American status in the 200 and 400-meter individual medley, and at last week’s NCAA championships he set Georgia Tech and ACC records in both of those events. Plummer was the ACC champion in the 50-meter freestyle and a member of Tech’s 200-meter freestyle relay team that won the conference title.

**Haller named ACC Player of the Week**

Senior first baseman Whitney Haller earned ACC Player of the Week honors on Monday for her performance against Georgia Southern, Georgia State, and Florida State. Haller batted .476 (10-21), with a double, two home runs, seven RBIs, and eight runs scored; her first inning grand slam against the Seminoles on Saturday night powered Tech to an 8-3 win. Haller is the third straight Tech player to win the award, following sophomore pitcher/third baseman Kristen Atkins and freshman shortstop Kel-si Weseman.

**Tech hosts U.S. Collegiate Champs**

The golf team will be competing at the three-day United States Collegiate Championship, which begins on Sunday and will be held at the nearby Golf Club of Georgia’s Lakeside Course. Tech, ranked No. 7 among college golf teams across the nation, will take on the six teams ahead of them in the rankings, including top-ranked Georgia, and eight others in the fifteen-team field. The team will look to rally behind senior Cameron Tringale, the No. 4 player in the nation.