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by freshman Tate Forcier's struggles. The problems have spilled off the field, with recent allegations of NCAA violations.

Rodriguez, despite the issues he has encountered, is far from the only second-year head coach to struggle.

Rick Neuheisel is still trying to get stability at UCLA. Bo Pelini has had ups and downs at Nebraska, beating Oklahoma but losing to Iowa State this year. Arkansas, a popular pick to rise under Bobby Petrino, remains in the middle of the pack in the SEC.

Oregon's Chip Kelly and Clemson's Dabo Swinney are doing well at their respective programs and seem poised to compete on a national level yearly.

Paul Johnson walks down the sidelines during a Tech football game.

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Football from page 24

The 28-10 lead continued to grow in the second half, and early in the fourth quarter Johnson brought in most of Tech's second-string players. Sophomore quarterback Jaybo Shaw, the starter in last year's shutout of Duke, finished the game in place of Nesbitt.

The defense allowed the Blue Devils just 208 total yards after the first drive of the game. Tech also forced a turnover and sacked Duke quarterbacks Thaddeus Lewis and Sean Renfree a total of four times. The total included two sacks by redshirt junior defensive tackle Ben Anderson.

"For the past few games of the season, I have gotten to the quarterback just as he gets rid of the ball...to finally get some sacks under my belt feels pretty good," Anderson said.

Junior defensive end Derrick Morgan had a sack as well. Morgan now has 12 sacks this season, good for second in the nation behind Von Miller of Texas A&M.

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Senior Zach Peacock did not start but played for 15 minutes and finish with eight points.

Udofia and freshman Glen Rice Jr. had nine and seven points respectively. Hewitt put his four active freshmen on the floor often, and all four had solid games.

The Jackets are currently in Puerto Rico competing in the O'Reilly Auto Parts Tip-Off, which began yesterday and will run through Sunday. Recaps for each day's action are and will be available on nique.net.

Derrick Favors puts up a jumper during Saturday's season opener.
Hockey honors Brown, wins one in weekend series

By Nishant Prasadh
Sports Editor

Tech’s ice hockey team held its fifth Lt. Tyler Brown Scholarship Weekend on Nov. 13-14 at the Ice Forum in Kennesaw, Ga. The team won a 4-1 battle on Friday night against Embry-Riddle but fell in a 9-7 heartbreaker against Tennessee on Saturday night.

This event has become an annual tradition for the hockey team since the first such weekend in 2005. The Jackets honored Brown, MGT/HST ‘01, who was a former Tech undergraduate student body president, a member of the Kappa Alpha Order and a Tech ROTC cadet. Brown died on Sept. 14, 2004 in a skirmish with insurgents in Iraq.

Tech defeated Embry-Riddle but fell to Tennessee on the team’s fifth annual Lt. Tyler Brown Scholarship Weekend.

At 8:20 into the period, a shot from Tech freshman defenseman Bobby Bishop rebounded to sophomore forward Ryan Fritz, who quickly scored Tech’s first goal.

Fritz’s goal was the only one of the period as the Jackets and Eagles engaged in a physical battle.

Early in the second period, Fritz was tripped on a breakaway, resulting in a Tech power play. The Jackets passed well around the perimeter, and 6:07 into the period they set up a goal by graduate student Ian Yang on the right side, with two defensemen—freshman Alan Dagasse and junior Dan Patraky—picking up assists.

Tech was in control for much of the period, shutting down most Embry-Riddle attacks, and 14:56 into the period Fritz notched his second goal on a long slap shot.

Fritz completed a hat trick early in the final period when, during an Embry-Riddle power-play, he stole the puck from an Eagle forward and scored shorthanded.

Behind its strong defense, Tech killed five third-period penalties and cruised to a 4-1 victory.

Tech’s second game of the weekend featured a battle of teams ranked in the regional top 10, as the No. 8 Jackets faced No. 4 Tennessee. On Oct. 10, Tennessee held off Tech 7-6 in an overtime shootout in Knoxville.

For the game, both teams wore stickers on their jerseys honoring Brown and Tyler Trahan, who served with the U.S. Navy and earned numerous decorations, including a Purple Heart. Trahan perished on April 30, 2009 during a combat operation in Iraq.

Tech came out strong against the Volunteers. After several early opportunities, Fritz launched a shot past two Tennessee defensemen into the corner of the net for Tech’s first goal.

The Jackets then capitalized on a two-man advantage. Fritz set up Tech freshman defenseman Fred Holgado on a one-timer goal, and Lostracco scored at the end of the power play to give Tech a 3-0 lead.

Junior center Michael Midg- ette added a score of his own when he outraced a Tennessee defense man to the puck, spun to gain control, and fired a shot into the net. The goal put Tech ahead 4-0.

Unfortunately for Tech, the Volunteers gradually fought back. The score remained 5-1 after two periods, but Tennessee caught fire in the final period, scoring eight goals—including the final five of the game—to take the match.

Tech’s final series of the fall takes place this weekend at the Greg Stathis Holiday Tournament in Augusta, Ga.

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Volleyball falls against FSU, Miami

By Nishant Prasadh
Sports Editor

Tech volleyball dropped both of its matches over the weekend, falling 3-2 against Miami on Friday and losing Saturday’s “Gold Out” match to No. 15 Florida State 3-0 at O’Keefe Gym.

The Jackets took the first two sets against Miami and had four players with 14-plus kills and three with double-digit digs, but Miami took the final three sets.

Tech then played well but could not complete the season sweep of a balanced Seminoles squad.

After winning their first 11 matches at home, the Jackets have now dropped three straight at O’Keefe Gym. Tech plays its final two home matches this weekend before traveling to Clemson for the season finale.

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Johnson’s success hard to replicate

By Matt Hoffman
Advertising Manager

Head Coach Paul Johnson’s success already has him in many
record books. In just his second year at the helm of the Tech foot-
tball team, he is setting trends that few of his contemporaries across
Division I football have been able to keep pace with and continues
to make his mark on a program built by such legendary coaches as
John Heisman, William Alexan-
der and Bobby Dodd.

Johnson had the most wins by

a first year head coach at Tech in the

His winning percentage was the

highest of any first-year Tech

couch since William Alexander in 1920. He also became the third

head coach to beat Georgia in his first

year, joining Pepper Rogers and John Heisman.

Johnson has also seen the con-

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By Hahnming Lee
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On the ensuing kickoff, freshman kick returner Orwin Smith initially dropped the ball, then picked it up and ran all the way to Duke’s 3-yard line before being brought down from behind. Had Smith been able to make it into the end zone, it would have been Tech’s first kickoff return for a touchdown in nearly 11 years.

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