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M-Tennis stumbles at top-20 foes

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The No. 24 ranked men’s tennis team had two tough road matches against No. 20 Duke and No. 19 North Carolina on April 10 and 11. Going into the weekend, the Jackets had a 15-3 overall record with only one loss coming in conference play. Duke defeated the Jackets 4-3, extending their win streak over Tech to eight.

The Blue Devils held a 13-6 overall record this year, with their only conference loss coming to a close 4-3 match against No. 3 Virginia. North Carolina saw similar success on the weekend over the Jackets, winning the match 5-2.

In Tech’s first match against Duke, the Jackets pulled ahead early as they won the doubles point to put them up 1-0. Juniors Guillermo Gomez and Dean O’Brien defeated the No. 63 tandem of Alain Michel and Torsten Wietoska 6-3, 6-5. Tech then clinched the doubles point when juniors Eliot Porvin and Ryan Smith overtook Dylan Arnauld and David Holland 8-5.

Even though the doubles point was already won, sophomore Kevin King and freshman Juan Spir lost a close match against No. 3 Virginia. North Carolina defeated the Jackets 4-3 on court one. Carlson and Canha won 9-8 (7-4).

The Blue Devils rebounded in singles play as Carleton handed King his first loss of the spring 6-1, 6-3. Duke took the lead when No. 4 Gomez fell to No. 11 Henriques Canha, 6-2, 6-3 at the top position. Freshman Magin Ortiga finally got Tech on the doubles point but came back and won the match, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (8-6). It marked Tech’s fourth straight win in conference play after an 0-3 start, and the Jackets handed Duke their third ACC loss.

“Duke was a team effort today against the reigning national champions. I thought we showed true character and grit to lose the doubles point but come back and win the match,” said Head Coach Bryan Shelton, courtesy of ramblinwreck.com.

The Jackets had little time to celebrate, though, as a day later they faced another challenge against No. 2 UNC.

After the pregame ceremony, the match began with doubles play. Court one was a close match to the end, but Krupina and Falconi pulled out an 8-7 victory over UNC seniors Sanaz Marand and Katrina Tsang after winning a tiebreaker 7-5.

Once again, though, by then the doubles point had been clinched. Shianne Featherston and Jocelyn Friiend rolled to an 8-3 third flight victory over Ngo and Kilborn, and Jelena Duricic and Sophie Grabinski took down Blau and Davis 8-5 to give the Tar Heels the early lead.

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Featherston’s match against Davis on court six was the first to finish, as Featherston gave UNC a 2-0 lead with a 6-2, 6-2 victory.

Ngo had a tough matchup against No. 51 Tsang on court two, and Tsang’s 6-1, 6-3 victory clinched the match for UNC.

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Tech picked up a straight-set victory on court four. Despite a late push from opponent Gina Suarez-Malaguti, Blau held on for a 6-3, 7-5 victory to put Tech on the board.

Falconi, who had gotten off to a quick start against No. 32 Marand, faced a stiff challenge late as Marand mounted a comeback. After Falconi took the first set 6-1, Marand edged out a victory in the second set, 7-5. The match went to a super tiebreaker that remained close for some time, but Falconi finally managed to put away her opponent and win the match 6-1, 7-5, 12-10.

Grabinski’s third-set victory over Kilborn, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4, provided the final margin of the match. The Tar Heels picked up the 5-2 victory, staying undefeated in conference play while improving to 21-3 overall.

Tech’s four-match win streak in ACC play ended, and the Jackets moved to 13-7 overall and 4-4 in ACC play despite their strong effort against the Tar Heels.

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With its strong pitching, Miami does not have to score many runs to win games, but junior Yasmani Grandal puts up big numbers. Grandal is second in the ACC with a .414 average and he is second in hits with 53. Sophomore Harold Martinez provides the power for the lineup as evident by his nine homers.

Miami has had a strong first half and have not lost back-to-back games to date. However, Miami has not had a hard schedule so far and their only ACC sweeps have been against last-placed Duke and Wake Forest. Miami will face their first true test against UNC, April 16-18.

The No. 3 Cavaliers are currently third in the ACC Coastal standings but they are the only team to beat the ACC-leading Jackets in a series. Virginia is a highly skilled ball club with star caliber players all across the diamond. The Cavaliers are tops in the ACC in team batting average at .341 and are second in team ERA at 3.66. Their pitching staff is also third in strikeouts with 306 and they lead the ACC in saves with 14.

Virginia boasts the conference’s top left-handed starter in Danny Hultzen. Hultzen has the smallest ERA of any ACC starter at 2.04 and opposing batters are only batting .169 against him. Like other ACC leaders, Hultzen has won five games but he has had to pitch more innings in getting those five wins (53). Hultzen also leads the conference in strikeouts with 66 and only has issued 10 walks. Hultzen allows UVA to get off to a strong start and closer Kevin Arico does a great job in finishing the games off, with an ACC-leading 11 saves.

At the plate, UVA is led by junior Phil Gosselin and his ACC-best 55 hits. Senior Tyler Cannon protects Gosselin in the lineup and is hitting .383 in 128 at-bats this season. Cannon also leads the ACC in doubles with 14.

Virginia has managed to win a lot of quality games so far this season including a sweep of Boston College. UVA won its series against Clemson and Georgia Tech and mustered an ACC-high 26 hits in a game against Rhode Island on Feb. 27.
Florida State Seminoles - 26-8 overall - 10-5 ACC

The Seminoles are currently in first place in the Atlantic Division, led by their strong pitching staff. Reliever Tyler Everett leads ACC pitchers (with enough innings to qualify) with a 1.11 ERA with 32 innings pitched. Starting pitcher Sean Gilmartin is tied for first in the conference in wins with five and has a solid ERA of 3.04. Gilmartin has 49 strikeouts and only 14 walks in 50 innings pitched.

In the back end of the bullpen, FSU can rely on closer Mike McGee. McGee has seven saves in nine appearances and has posted a 0.63 ERA this season while also contributing at the plate with a .303 average in 122 at-bats. Offensively, Tyler Holt leads the way for FSU. Holt has a high average at .362 but he still has middle of the order power as evident by his seven home runs and .662 slugging percentage. Holt has driven in 47 runs this season, number one in the conference.

FSU started their season strong with 13 straight wins including a three game sweep of Georgia. FSU opened its ACC play by losing their first conference series at home against Virginia, but did manage to win a road series against UNC. Looking ahead, FSU’s chances of being named regular season Atlantic Division champions will likely hinge on their last series of the season, May 20-22 at Clemson.

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Clemson is currently second in the Atlantic Division standings. The Tigers are sixth in ERA and seventh in batting average in the conference. Clemson’s pitching staff is led by their two ace starting pitchers, Casey Harman and Scott Weisman. Harman is sixth in the conference in ERA with 2.76 and batters on only hitting .199 against him. Harman is also leading the conference in wins with five but Harman is the lone five game winner without a loss. Weisman has been a workhorse for Clemson this season with eight starts and 47.1 innings pitched.

Apart from playing quarterback for the Clemson football team, junior Kyle Parker is also a major contributor for the baseball team’s offense. Parker is leading the conference in hits with 12 and fourth in on base percentage at .490. However, Clemson does not solely rely on Parker to score runs. Jeff Schaus is second in the conference with 45 RBIs, while Brad Miller is ninth in the ACC with 37 runs scored and second in the conference in walks with 33. Clemson also boasts the conference’s leader in walks in Chris Epps.

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North Carolina State Wolfpack - 22-14 overall - 6-9 ACC

N.C. State is tied with Boston College for third in the Atlantic Division with a 6-9 record in conference play. The Wolfpack are 22-14 overall in 2010. The strength of this N.C. State squad is by far its offense. As of Wednesday evening, the Wolfpack were second in the conference in runs scored at 353—just one behind the ACC-leading Jackets. Center fielder Kyle Wilson has been an ideal leadoff hitter, posting a .398 average and a league-high .523 on-base percentage. Wilson has 28 walks against 23 strikeouts, and his speed has come in handy; he is 12-for-13 on steal attempts.

N.C. State is second behind Tech in home runs, with 51 on the season; second baseman Dallas Poulk and catcher Chris Schafer are tied for the team lead with eight. The Wolfpack thrive at getting hitters on base and bringing them around to score; of the 13 position players who have started in at least a dozen games, only two have OBP’s below .400.

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The women's basketball team received much happier news on the professional front. Forward Brigitte Ardossi, an all-conference performer for the Jackets as a senior this past season, was selected by the Atlanta Dream with the ninth pick in the second round of the WNBA Draft. Ardossi was the third ACC player taken and the fifth Tech player selected in the WNBA Draft.

The selection capped a strong Tech career for Ardossi, an Australia native and a solid player for the Jackets for three years who emerged as a star in her senior year in the 2009-10 season.

Ardossi ended up as Tech's leader in several notable stats as a senior. Her 31.6 minutes per game, 16.5 points per game, 7.3 rebounds per game, 6.5 steals, 48.4 percent on field goal attempts and 82.9 percent on free throws were all team highs. Her numbers went up almost across the board against conference opponents... against whom she posted 18.9 points and 8.6 rebounds per game.
Kristine Priebe trots around the bases after hitting a home run in Sunday’s win over Virginia. Priebe’s first-inning two-run homer helped Tech build an early lead as the Jackets won 8-0 in five innings.

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After their disappointing home loss to UGA, the Tech softball team hosted a weekend series against ACC rival Virginia. Tech swept the series and in doing so, won their fourteenth consecutive ACC series dating back to last season.

On Saturday April 10, No. 10 Tech hosted two games against the Cavaliers and won the first game 5-2. Game one turned out to be a pitcher’s duel as both teams elected to start their freshmen pitchers. Freshmen Hope Rush (19-4) for Tech and Melanie Mitchell for UVA silenced their opponent’s bats until the fifth inning.

In the fifth, junior center fielder Christy Jones got on base with a one-out slap single. Jones then stole second base, which opened up first base for UVA to walk redshirt senior second baseman Jen Yee. Sophomore catcher Kate Kuzma followed by hitting a sac fly that allowed Jones to hustle to third base. With second base open, Yee stole second to get Tech two runners in scoring position for junior first baseman Kristine Priebe. Priebe hit the first pitch she saw into left field scoring two runs for the Jackets. Rush plated Priebe with a two-out double to give Tech a 3-0 lead heading into the sixth inning.

UVA scored two runs in the sixth inning to trim Tech’s lead to one, but Tech managed to get the runs back in the bottom of the inning. In the sixth, sophomore right fielder Jessica Sinclair led off with a triple, and Jones hit a sac fly to score her form third. With the bases cleared, UVA decided to pitch to Yee and she made them pay with her twentieth homer of the season.

In Saturday’s game two, Tech struck first when Rush hit her 12th homer of the season to give the Jackets a 1-0 lead after two innings.

Tech continued to score in the third inning. Yee led off with a walk and advanced to third on a steal and a sac bunt by Kuzma. Weseman plated Yee with a double, and Priebe followed with her 21st homer of the season to give the Jackets a 6-0 lead.

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The lead would be enough for starter Coan. She pitched a gem: five innings, zero runs, two hits, and six strikeouts.

On Tuesday April 13, Tech wrapped up its home stand with a double-header against Georgia Southern. Tech pounded the Eagles 14-2 in the first game and needed late inning heroics to win game two 5-4.

In game one, Coan added to her impressive pitching resume with four perfect innings before being relieved by freshman pitcher Rachel Glazebrook. Coan’s performance was exceptional considering that she did not have to be perfect in order to get the victory. Tech jumped out to a quick 11-0 lead in the first inning. Tech had their ideal start to the frame as Yee singled, stole second, and Priebe doubled to give Tech an early lead. Later in the inning, Rush walked to load the bases and sophomore third baseman Danielle DiKe hit by a pitch to score another run. After a few more RBI singles and hit batters, Tech hit a three-run double to cap off the big inning.

The Jackets added two runs in the second and Yee hit a homer in the fourth inning to put the score at 14-2.

In the second game, both pitchers threw the ball well and the game was scoreless until the third inning. Yee hit a double that just missed being a homer by a few feet and Weseman drove her home with a single.

The Jackets did not have lead long as GSU struck for three runs in the fourth inning. A couple of Tech errors and weak singles gave GSU a 3-1 lead.

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Baseball goes 1-2 vs. UVA, thrashes UGA on road

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After notching four straight wins at home, Tech’s baseball team hit the road this past weekend to play Virginia, dropping two-of-three to the fourth-ranked Cavaliers. Tech bounced back, though, with a huge 25-6 win over Georgia on Wednesday, April 14 to secure the season sweep over the Bulldogs.

The Jackets moved to 28-5 overall and 12-3 in conference play after the four games.

In the UVA series opener on Friday, April 9, Tech went down 7-4, as junior right-hander Deck McGuire gave up six runs on six hits in six and two-thirds innings. The Cavaliers first run came in the very first inning, giving them an early 1-0 lead. They struck again in the fourth, again driving one in to give them a two-run advantage.

The fifth inning proved to be more fruitful for the Jackets’ offense, as they knocked in four runs to take a 4-2 lead over Virginia. The lead came behind back-to-back homers against Cavalier starting pitcher Danny Hultzen, the first a three-run shot by junior catcher Cole Leoni-da. Unfortunately for the Jackets, their fifth-inning surge would be their only offense of the game.

After allowing another Virginia run in the bottom of the sixth and three more mid-way through the seventh, Tech pulled McGuire and sent sophomore left-hander Jake Davies to the mound to close out the inning. Before he could get out of the inning, Davis gave up a solo shot to Virginia outfielder Dan Grovatt, giving the Cavaliers the 7-4 edge that would carry them through the last two innings.

Tech freshman right-hander Luke Bard was able to hold Virginia scoreless in the game’s final inning despite giving up two hits. But the Jackets were unable to overcome the three-run deficit.

Although he gave up six runs in the outing, McGuire did record six strikeouts on the day. The loss was his second on the season, putting his record at 5-2.

“We had a good chance to win the game, but we just didn’t do enough good things to win,” said Head Coach Danny Hall, courtesy of ramblinwreck.com.

“We have to come out tomorrow and do better in all phases.”

And do better they did. Despite falling behind 5-0 in the second game after just two innings, the Jackets bounced back to top Virginia 9-7 and even the series at one and one.

Junior right-hander Brandon Cumpton got the start for Tech, but after giving up four runs early in the first he was replaced on the mound by freshman right-hander Buck Farmer. Farmer, who came into the game with the bases loaded and no outs, managed to hold the Cavaliers to just one run and four hits in his six-inning effort. He finished the game with six strikeouts.

“Buck Farmer saved the day for us,” Hall said after the game.

Buck Farmer releases a pitch during a game at Russ Chandler Stadium. Farmer earned the win in Saturday’s victory over UVA after pitching six strong innings in relief, allowing one run on four hits.

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