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Football: Here Comes the Best in Ten Years

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6 | Tennessee
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21 | Penn State
14 | Georgia
17 | Florida

Orange Bowl


Yes, fall came, and football was king once again, as the strains of “The Rambling Wreck From Georgia Tech” thundered down a road that followed the Yellow Jackets to nine straight wins and a final finish as the number eight team in the nation. What a team it was, and how it won was a fantastic sight to behold. It was a team that came from behind to win six of those nine, and it had a certain intangible something known for some twenty-two years as “Dodd luck” that helped win seven of those nine in the uproariously friendly confines of Grant Field. The new defensive coach Bud Carson installed the Tech Wrecker and made defense the deciding factor in five of those wins, and to add a touch of the spectacular, continued

ABOVE: There’s no hit and run when the Tech Recker slams a Greenie to the turf. RIGHT: The defense takes a look at itself on the A.A.’s latest innovation, the automatic, instant replay.
The Mighty Mite from Danville, Kentucky, Sammy Burke, lives up to his reputation as the surest tackler on the squad.

Below: Actions speak louder than words for Randall Edmunds, who is rumored to be the quietest man in the world.
the Jackets fielded two of the finest football players in the nation, a determined, blockbusting center, All-American Jim Breland, and a footloose tailback that led the entire South in rushing, All-American Lenny Snow. Many thought that these were the reasons for the finest season at Tech since 1956, but the final authority on Georgia Tech football, coach Robert Lee Dodd, had this to say: 'This is the finest group of men I have ever coached. They have done so much more than I ever dreamed they could when the season began. And they have done it mainly on desire, for they don't have nearly the talent of many of Tech's other bowl teams. They have worked so hard all season that they have made coaching a pleasure for me and my staff.'

In the opener at Grant field, a Texas A&M team that came to 'suck up its guts' and win was humiliated at the hands of the continued

ABOVE: This 66 yard touchdown effort by Sammy Burke ended in vain, as the play was called back for clipping. RIGHT: Giles Smith wrecks Tulane's chances for a touchdown with this 40 yard interception that ends on six point side of the goal line.
Hustlin' Points
The Hurry-Up Way

ABOVE: Slippery Jimmy Brown races through the Aggies to help the Jackets annihilate Texas A&M 38-3. RIGHT: Veteran safetyman Bill Eastman turns the Tulane game upsidown with a spectacular 100 yard interception runback.
Offense Unloads a Hot Pistol for 260 Points

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Jackets 38-3 and left the field barely able to pick up its guts. A churning Lenny Snow chalked up three touchdowns, while the new defense under Coach Carson allowed the stumbling Aggies only 89 yards. The A&M victory made it number 400 in the win column for the Rambling Recks from Georgia Tech, who have now been in the football business for 74 years.

Then there was Vanderbilt — or was there? Snow ripped off two more six-pointers; Brown scored on a 69 yard return; Kickliger intercepted a pass for a 31 yard touchdown, and Carsons Raiders yielded a meagly 17 yards rushing, as the Jackets obliterated the Commodores 42-0.

Eventual ACC Champions, Clemson, came on strong, but the defense held, and Lenny Snow sprinted 40 yards in the final period to give Tech a touchdown and a narrow 13-12 victory.

Down from the hills of Tennessee came the Volunteers and a half of Knoxville to view the nationally televised clash with an inspired Jacket eleven. In the fourth quarter, with Tech leading 6-3 on Bunky Henry's 41 yard field goal, the defense rose and W. J. Blane became the man of the hour when
LEFT: Tight end Steve Almond leaps high to snag this one on the seven yard line in the Tennessee game for the deepest penetration of the day by either team. FAR LEFT: Charlie Mason contributed his fair share to the offense this year compiling a 39.4 yard punting average. BELOW: Bunky Henry kicked 32 of 32 PAT'S this year and gave Tech the winning margin in three ball games.
ABOVE: Haven Kicklighter overcomes linemen and mud as he blocks an Auburn punt that eventually resulted in a Tech touchdown. RIGHT: Victory was taken from Clemson when Lenny Snow scampered 40 yards to paydirt with his longest run of the season. ABOVE RIGHT: Kim King capped a skillfully engineered tackle-to-tackle drive for 96 yards with a 4 yard option for a score in the Georgia game to make it Tech 7, Georgia 6.
he intercepted a pass deep in Tech territory to sew it up and win for himself the Associated Press Lineman of the Week Award.

Mud, rain and Auburn met the Rambling Wreck in Birmingham, but for the fifth straight week, the defense was outstanding. Haven Kicklighter blocked a punt, and Jimmy Brown ran a punt back 59 yards for a touchdown to end the 17-3 mud bowl and put the Jackets into the number six slot in the national rankings.

Back at Grant Field, a Tulane eleven under new management gave the Yellow Jackets a fight for their lives. But oh that Tech defense! What it did to ruin a ball game for the Greenies. With the score 21-10 and Tulane on the Jacket 7, Bill Eastman intercepted and raced 100 yards to paydirt. Two plays later Giles Smith hauled in another Tulane misfire and hustled 40 yards for a touchdown to make the final score 35-17 with Tech on the long end.
Games like these result in heartbreak and ulcers for men like Coach Richard Bell.

Even in defeat Tech had its high spots as is demonstrated by Sammy Burke, who made the Jacket's first five tackles.
Trouble in the Orange Bowl

It was Homecoming for Duke at Durham where the Rambling Wreck slaughtered the Blue Devils 48-7 and convinced the sportswriters that Georgia Tech was the number five team in the nation.

With Larry Good at the reins to replace the injured Kim King, the Jackets squeaked by a surprising Virginia team 14-13, and then in the Homecoming tilt Tech soundly whipped a much bigger Penn State squad 21-0 to gain a much coveted invitation to the Orange Bowl.

Over in Athens the ticket scalpers had Christmas early when the fifth ranked, Orange Bowl bound Yellow Jackets met the SEC Champion, Cotton Bowl bound Bulldogs. A magnificent 96 yard touchdown drive made the score Tech 7, Georgia 6 in the second quarter, but then the roof fell in. The Bulldogs handed the Jackets a 23-14 loss, and Tech was forced to finish as the eighth ranked team in the nation.

Down in the Orange Bowl the Jackets found nothing but old man trouble in the form of the Florida Gators who downed Tech 27-12, and thus ended the 9-2 season that no one dreamed possible in September, save a Georgia Tech team that forgot how to quit long enough to do what people thought impossible — win nine games.
All They Had — All the Time

Someone once said, “When the going gets tough, the tough get going.” These are the tough. These are the Tech players who gave all they had all the time. They asked no quarter and gave nothing in return. When the going got tough, it was Moorer or Breland with the block to spring a hard-charging Baynham or a hurdling Lenny Snow, or maybe it was Blane or Burke with a tackle to stop the big first down. Or possibly it was Smith or Edmunds blitzing to nail a back behind the line. For speed and strength, these men weren’t much different from the other players, but they possessed that certain something known as attitude, that quality that makes up about 80% of a good football player. Without these men and their attitudes, Tech would have been without the big play that it takes to win the big game, but with them Tech was the eighth finest football team in the nation.

RIGHT: For his outstanding effort and performance, tackle Bill Moorer was named a Georgia Tech Captain in seven of eleven games. BELOW: Hero worship and a honey are the rewards for Valdosta-reared Giles Smith, who was all football, all season.
LEFT: Once again, Craig Baynham was one of the Jacket's top pass receivers. BELOW: It's "gut check time", as Lenny Snow shows what it takes to become an All American. BOTTOM: No, W. J. wasn't an All American, but it was the "never say die" determination of Jackets like Blane that won nine.
All-Americans
Old and New

What makes an All-American Back? It has been said that it takes a fanatic in the pressbox and seven good linemen, but the two backs pictured here have far more than publicity to show for themselves. In 1928 and 29, Bobby Dodd quarterbacked the Neyland-coached Tennessee teams that went undefeated those two years. In 1930, Coach Dodd was named to the Grantland Rice All-American team, and in 1961, his name entered the hallowed roles of the National Football Hall of Fame. Thirty-six years later, playing a slashing tailback for Georgia Tech, Lenny Snow gained 761 yards to lead the entire South in rushing and be named to the Football Writers All-American team.

Before the season started, no one expected Jim Breland to be an All-American, save an inspiringly determined Jim Breland. No one made the big noise in the press box for him, but he did so much on his own ability, that five of the six recognized All-American teams named Jim Breland as their center.
Disappointment characterized the freshman season as the Baby Jackets turned in a 1-4 record. This record could have been the result of an overload of backs in that when the team reported in this fall, there were 29 backs and only 11 linemen.

After starting the season by losing to Miami and Tennessee, the team finally showed its potential against Clemson in the first home game, 35-13. The heart-breaker of the season came against F.S.U. as the Jackets lost 32-29 on a trick kick-off return with less than a minute to go. The season’s final hope for redemption faded as Georgia was victorious 19-6.

ABOVE: Joe Bill Faith, one of nine quarterbacks on the freshman squad, lets fly. LEFT: Tech defense stops the Bulldogs in the Thanksgiving Day Freshman Classic before a record crowd of 46,000.
Basketball:
Most Exciting Team Since 1960

Despite a five game losing streak at the beginning of the season, the 1966-1967 basketball team managed to pull itself together to produce a winning season that saw Georgia Tech beating the nation’s number 2 team, North Carolina, 82-80, and beating Georgia in the last two meetings of the season.

Coach Whack Hyder’s starting five were Pres Judy, Pete Thorne, Phil Wagner, Stan Guth, and Ted Tomasovich, but due to Guth’s thigh injury in the Mercer game, Hyder had to go to the bench often. He got excellent support there from Dave Clark, Bob Brizendine, and Charlie Kenney. It was Bob Brizendine who came in for Pres Judy in the North Carolina game to score the last three points to beat North Carolina.

The team had its high spots, but also its low spots. For instance, after beating North Carolina, Georgia, and Notre Dame, the team had its eyes on the NIT and NCAA tournaments. But a trip to New Orleans continued
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FAR ABOVE LEFT: Dave Clark helps Pres Judy work out a pulled leg muscle in the North Carolina game. FAR LEFT: Stan Guth brings the ball upcourt as full house looks on. ABOVE: Coach Whack Hyder gives Pete Thorne some last minute instructions.
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against Tulane ended these dreams as Tulane downed Tech. Another big highlight was the team’s trip to the Los Angeles Classic Tournament and the opportunity to play the nation’s number 1 team, UCLA. Although Tech lost, Whack Hyder’s five did well against Lew Alcindor and the other UCLA Bruins.

It was a year of broken records as the team broke and set more records than any other previous Tech team. Tech as a team shot 49.4% from the field, bettering last year’s record of 44.4%. The 863 goals made also set a Tech record, as did the 82.1 points per game average. Phil Wagner also set a field goal percentage record of 56.4%.

Good things are in forecast for Tech basketball. The team will graduate only Pres Judy, Charlie Kenney, and Wes Field. And several good prospects can be found among the ranks of the rising sophomores, including two 6’7” boys, Alan Tison and Bob Seemer.
ABOVE LEFT: Charlie Kenney dribbles past his defender as he heads for the basket. LEFT: Charlie Kenney gets ready to battle for the free ball. ABOVE: Dave Clark came off the bench to add strength to the Jackets' attack against Florida State.
ABOVE LEFT: Coach Whack Hyder watches as his team attempts to win another for him. FAR ABOVE: Ted Tomasovich and two Miami players do their best to get the rebound. LEFT: Almost the whole team gets in on the action under the board as Tech upsets North Carolina.
And Upsets Number Two

FAR ABOVE LEFT: The heart and soul of the team is a tough junior from Kentucky, Phil Wagner. ABOVE LEFT: Pete Thorne dribbles against North Carolina. ABOVE: Little Bob Brizendine attempts to bring the ball into play as referee watches on.
Jackets End Bulldog's Coliseum Jinx
LEFT: Ted Tomasovich executes the jump shot as Tech wins again. BELOW: Phil Wagner defends as his man attempts to dribble past him. RIGHT: Pres Judy scores against Florida State.

LEFT: Phil Wagner attempts to score against Notre Dame. ABOVE: A good crowd is on hand as Tech beats Clemson in the Coliseum. RIGHT: Always a crowd favorite, Wes Field is seen as he scores against Florida State.
Baseball: Slow Start, Strong Finish

Eighth in the nation in 1964 and pre-ranked fifth in the nation last year, the baseball team fell short of expectations last year. The team got off to a bad start between winter and spring quarters losing 6 while winning only 1 in Florida. Before the season was over, the Engineers had improved this to compile a 14-16 record.

One of the highlights of the season was Tech’s win over fourth ranked Auburn at Auburn, the first time in 5 years. Bud Moore pitched this game and repeated again later in the year against Auburn.

The winningest pitcher on the staff was Jerry Priestley with a 4-1 record and an ERA of 1.71. Randy Carroll, Tech’s All-American second baseman, led the team for the second straight year in batting. W. J. Blane led in RBI’s for the second straight year, and also set a team record with 9 doubles.
As the scoreboard shows, Al Dickinson has just hit an eighth inning tie breaking home run, and his teammates wait at the plate to congratulate him. As Al Dickenson bounces across the plate, Coach Luck puts the brakes on the other base runners. Larry Peek is seen as he prepares to go after the pitch.
The 1966 Tech Thinclads exceeded all preseason expectations by posting a 5-2 mark. This represents the best track record since 1949.

The Jackets stood out in all phases of track and field. On the oval, Craig Baynham, team captain, ran the 100 and 220 yard dashes. Tommy Elliot, one of the fastest quarter milers in the South, won first place in all seven meets, one with a 48.1 second clocking for the 440.

Possibly the most serious loss to graduation from the '66 squad was Jim Erckmann, who was undefeated in the 120 and 440 yard hurdles. John Battle, also undefeated, was lost to graduation, but Lamar Wright is ready to fill the vacancy. Lamar has consistently placed second in shot put behind Battle, and is also the team's leading disc thrower.

Next season, Coach Fowlkes looks forward to an even stronger team with the addition of freshman sensation Chris Purvis, who has run a 4:21.6 mile and a 1:59 half-mile.
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RIGHT: Tommy Elliot, who won first in the quarter mile in all 7 meets last year, finishes another race.
BELOW: Undefeated in the hurdles, Jim Erckmann is seen in a close race against Auburn.

RIGHT: Jim Erckmann and team captain Craig Baynham have things well under control as Baynham heads into the home stretch.
RIGHT: Chris Donny exerts that extra little effort as he competes in the broad jump event. BELOW: While winning 5 meets for Tech last year, Charlie Mason also set a Tech high jump record.
Cross Country:

Purvis Sets Records

Following the example of captain Chris Purvis, Coach George C. Griffin's 1966 Cross Country team rallied to an impressive season's record. Berry College, Clemson, South Carolina, Georgia, and Georgia State were all outpaced by Tech while only Auburn, Florida State, and Furman managed to surpass Tech's distance runners. In addition Coach Griffin's group won the State Championship and also placed sixth in the NCAA regional meet. With a total of six meets won and four lost, the 1966 Cross Country squad boasted a winning season.
Soccer: Hosts
Own Tournament

The Georgia Tech Soccer Club finally found a financial supporter, the Alumni Association, and was able to hold the Atlanta Invitational Soccer Tournament which was won by LSU. Formed only five years ago without financial aid, school support, or a coach, the club has done very well against well-organized teams.

Led by captain Felipe Van der Latt and their first coach, Minor Crowl, the team came through with its fifth straight winning season.

LEFT: Fancy footwork is of utmost importance in the game of soccer. BELOW: Sergio Molina is on the ground in a desperate attempt to block another point by LSU. FAR BELOW: Julio Rosselli scores one of the two points against LSU.
Wrestling: Pond Wrestles In NCAA

Tech's wrestling team completed its season with an 8-7 record. This is in view of the fact that seven of the ten first string wrestlers were in varsity competition for the first time.

Two of the highlights of the season were the victory over Georgia and placing second in the Southeastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Championships.

Senior captain Jim Pond and junior Allen Yates were the most consistent winners for the Jackets. Pond won an opportunity to wrestle in the NCAA Championships held over the spring holidays.
FAR LEFT: Jason Bixler sets up opponent for a takedown.
FAR ABOVE: Crawford Ward works for a pin. LEFT: Jim Pond counters a takedown attempt with a whizzer. ABOVE:
Gym Team Faced With Poor Student Support

Despite a losing season and poor student support, the gym season did have its highlights. Some of these were the victory over Florida and Charlie Monnot's continuous good showings. Monnot, high point man for the team, performed tricks in free exercise and on the trampoline and the long horse. Larry Coffeen and Mark Rogers were other top point makers for Coach Lyle Welser's gymnasts.

Coach Welser has said that student support is poor and that with a little support the team would have had the incentive to have done better. With more support next year, Coach Welser is confident of improving on this year's record.
Despite six straight defeats at the beginning of the season, the Tech Tankmen managed to bounce back to produce a winning season for Coach Herb McAuley in his second year as swimming coach. Led by team captain George Fauerbach, John Burrows, and David Burrows, the swimming team snapped a six meet losing streak by defeating Clemson, and then won five of their next six meets. Together, unrelated John and David Burrows managed to break just about every Tech swimming record that ever existed. Other top point makers for the team were Jack Derrick, Dave McGillivray, and Lee Cannon.

ABOVE: Lee Cannon demonstrates the form necessary for competition in the backstroke events. LEFT: Dave McGillivray wins first place in the 200 yard individual medley. LOWER LEFT: John Burrows is well on the way to another victory in the freestyle event.
Tennis: A 16-2 Season

Of the different teams participating in spring sports, Coach Jack Rogers' tennis team was by far the most successful. Led by Walter Johnson, the number one college tennis player in the state of Georgia, this year’s team compiled a 16-2 record.

One of the true highlights of the season was the Georgia State Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament as Tech placed first and second in the singles and second place in the doubles. The entire team is to be commended for the fine record, as many times Walter Johnson and John Lawrence were unable to play because of a back injury and an infected foot, respectively.

With the loss to graduation of Paul Speicher, Walter Johnson, and Jerry Kirk, Coach Rogers will be expecting help from the sophomores.

ABOVE: Walter Johnson personifies “the college try” as he does a one-hand stand and flings his racquet at the ball in the NCAA National Tennis Championships. RIGHT: Paul Speicher prepares to deliver one of his deadly serves on his way to another victory.
Playing out of the Standard Club of Atlanta, the Engineers ended the 1966 golf season with a 7-2-2 mark, the best since 1949. With this record, Coach Tommy Plaxico once again went over the .500 mark for his 11 years as Tech's head golf coach. A former Georgia Tech star of the cinders, Plaxico was very pleased with the team's improvement over the previous year's record of 7-6-1.

Team-captain Bunky Henry had the honor of playing in the 1966 Masters with such greats as Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus.

Golf: Henry Goes To Masters

ABOVE LEFT: With the right combination of sand and ball, this shot will end up just a few feet from the hole. ABOVE: With a little luck, Jim Shirley's ball will come through the trees and come to rest on the green. LEFT: Jim Shirley waits as Bunky Henry tees off at the Standard Club of Atlanta.