

Men's tennis takes two against conference foes

By Kyle Gifford
Staff Writer

Tech's men's tennis team competed in two home ACC matches over spring break, looking to improve on its already impressive 10-2 record. The team faced off against two foes from North Carolina, Wake Forest and N.C. State. The break proved to be a good one for the Jackets, as they rolled over both opponents, losing only a single match over both competitions. First, the No. 19 ranked Jackets beat the Wolfpack 7-0 on March 25 then put down the Demon Deacons 6-1 on Sunday. The two wins improve the Jackets record to 12-2 (3-1 ACC) and to 9-1 in their last 10.

Last Wednesday's match against N.C. State turned out to be one of Tech's strongest of the season, as the Jackets shut out the Wolfpack. Four of Tech's top players blew through their opponents in straight sets and easily swept the doubles portion.

The most impressive doubles match coming from the No. 11 ranked duo of junior Kevin King and sophomore Juan Spir. The two dispatched their opponent in convincing fashion, winning 8-3. Seniors Eliot Potvin and Ryan Smith also won in dominating fashion, beating N.C. State's sophomore Dave Thomson and freshman Sean Weber, 8-5. Finally, Tech's other senior team of Guillermo Gomez and Dean O'Brien put down the Wolfpack's senior David Chermak and freshman Matt Thomson, 8-5.

The singles portion of last Wednesday's match was short and sweet, with Tech cruising to six victories in six matches. No. 14-ranked Gomez struggled slightly in his match against N.C. State's Dominic Hodgson, who took the



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Eliot Potvin dives for a ball in a recent home game. Potvin defeated his opponent from N.C. State in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2. Potvin followed that up with a three-set win over Wake Forest, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

match to a tiebreak in the first set, but ultimately fell, 7-6 (7-2), 7-5. Spir took down his opponent 6-2, 6-1 to improve on his No. 57 national ranking. King defeated D. Thomson in straight sets as well, letting his opponent down quickly, 6-3, 6-3. In what soon became a pattern Potvin bested his opponent in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2. O'Brien also defeated N.C. State's Weber in straight sets in a short match, 6-2, 6-3.

By and away the closest and hardest fought match of the day came courtesy of Tech sophomore Magin Ortiga against the Wolfpack's freshman Ivan Sanchez Gomez. The two duelled for three long sets. Ortiga dropped a tough first set 4-6, then battled back in the second to win 7-5. The match came down to the final set that

went into a difficult and tiring tiebreak for both players. Eventually Ortiga was able to secure the win, winning 11-9 towards the end of the day.

Tech's match against the No. 39 ranked Wake Forest went almost as smoothly, although the Jackets did drop a singles and doubles match on the day. The doubles portion kicked off last Wednesday's competition, with Potvin and Smith lining up against the Deacon's senior Jonathan Wolff and sophomore Danny Kreyman. The Tech duo won quickly, letting their opponents down, 8-3.

The second doubles game matched up Gomez and O'Brien against Wake's sophomores Zach Leslie and Tripper Carleton. The Jacket's talented senior team

slipped slightly, allowing Leslie and Carleton to hang around before ultimately winning the match, 8-6. To round out the doubles play, Tech sent out No. 11 ranked Spir and King to go against a talented pair from Wake Forest, senior Iain Atkinson and junior David Hopkins. Though the game went to a tiebreak, the Jackets couldn't pull out a victory heading into singles play, falling 8-7 (7-4).

The singles portion of the day also left Tech with just one loss, against five solid wins. No. 14 ranked Gomez kicked off the singles matches, with a dominating performance against the Demon Deacon's No. 88 ranked Carleton, 6-3, 6-1. In the following game, No. 57 ranked Spir struggled to get past Wake's No. 70 ranked

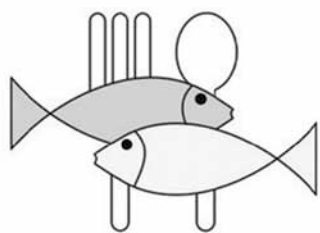
Wolff, losing 6-3, 6-3. Though the Jackets had played well to this point, Wake continued to knock at the door and looked to keep the pressure on Tech to have to earn the win.

With the pressure on, O'Brien notched the final victory Tech needed to win the day, dispatching Wake's Leslie in straight sets, 6-4, 6-1. Even with the win in hand, the Jackets kept pressing to try to better their national ranking of 19. Next up, King took on Atkinson in a very even match that went to tiebreak in the first set, with King winning 7-6 (7-3).

The final set tested both players, but King came out on top, taking the second set 7-5 to give Tech another singles victory. The final two singles matches turned out to be the closest yet. Tech's Potvin played a drawn out match against the Deacon's Kreyman, lasting three long sets, with Potvin finally bringing the win home, winning 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

The last match of the day had Ortiga in another close match against Wake Forest's Hopkins. In a back and forth match to cap a four-hour long meet, Ortiga dropped the first set, 6-4, but fought back to take the second set 6-2. Ortiga then cruised to victory, winning the third and final set, 6-3 to end the day.

With the two impressive wins in hand, Tech looks to continue their ascent up the national rankings in hopes of passing the likes of ACC foes North Carolina, Duke and the No. 1 ranked Virginia Cavaliers. Tech has seven remaining ACC matches leading up to the NCAA championships in May. The Jackets will play ACC opponents Boston College and Maryland this weekend and are poised to take a share of fourth place or third place outright out.



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play during his tenure, the Jackets struggled badly on the defensive end as well last season.

During the press conference, Gregory highlighted two notable problem areas for Tech—three-point defense and defensive rebounding—as two areas where the Jackets would need to improve next season.

The Jackets' lack of an experienced post presence resulted in just 22.8 defensive rebounds per game, good for 10th in the ACC. In terms of defending the three, Tech had trouble with both its zone and man defenses and frequently allowed opposing teams to get a shooter open, and the result was that opponents shot 37.9 percent on threes; in ACC play, this mark ballooned to 40.9 percent.

Amid the struggles, though, there were bright spots for the Jackets. After several seasons of fairly high turnover rates, Tech committed just 13.7 turnovers per game; while the figure was still not comparatively good, it was the best by a Hewitt-coached team, and Tech also forced 13.2 turnovers per game.

The Jackets benefited from several strong individual performances on both ends. Redshirt freshman center Daniel Miller also proved to be an effective defensive player inside, recording 2.2 blocks per game.

The main catalyst for the high defensive turnover rate was Shumpert, who had an ACC-leading 2.7 steals per game; Shumpert



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Iman Shumpert makes a no-look pass in a game last season. Shumpert is going to test the water on his NBA Draft prospects.

was a reliable player both offensively and defensively all season, finishing as the team leader in points, rebounds and assists along with steals. Additionally, freshman Jason Morris emerged as a starter late in the season and finished the year with double-digit points in three of Tech's last four regular-season games; for the sea-

son, he shot a solid 41.4 percent from the field and 40.0 percent from three-point range.

Heading into next season, Shumpert remains a large question mark. The point guard entered his name into the NBA Draft pool, but he has not hired an agent, leaving open the possibility of returning for his senior

season.

The junior guard made the announcement of his intentions to test the water during the press conference for the introduction for Gregory. He insisted that this was merely a coincidence as he was going to make the announcement that day and had decided on the day even before the press release. He later attended practice with Gregory. He announced all of this information through his personal Twitter account.

Because Shumpert did not hire an agent, he does leave open the chance that he will return to The Flats. Like many other draft-eligible underclassmen with high pedigrees, he will be given an evaluation and then a grade on where he will likely be drafted if he decided to keep his name in the draft. Most draft experts have Shumpert pegged as a late second-rounder to undrafted. He is still considered a top-100 prospect on sites like espn.com.

Shumpert has until April 24 to withdraw his name from the draft on June 23 and preserve his eligibility for his final season. Since this is widely considered to be one of the weaker drafts of recent years and since many of the other top college players have either stated their intention to return to their schools for at least one more year or are widely believed to do so, Shumpert and draft-eligible players like him may keep their names in until the deadline.

If Shumpert ultimately decides to go pro, Tech will have a tough time being competitive after the loss of its leading offensive

weapon; if he returns, though, the Jackets could well have the pieces in place to make a quiet run in the ACC.

For as much as the Jackets struggled in the 2010-11 campaign, their roster was fairly young. Only three active players were upperclassmen: Shumpert and senior guards Moe Miller and Lance Storrs. If Gregory can retain the two 2011 signees, Milton High School forward Julian Royal and Memphis guard Bobby Parks, the Jackets have the talent to match up with most schools in the ACC. Royal would give the Jackets the offensive threat in the frontcourt that the team sorely lacks, and Parks would add backcourt depth to help ease the loss of the two seniors.

Gregory plans to install the system he ran at Dayton: a high-pressure defensive scheme that looks to push the ball in transition on the offensive end. This would seem to play into the strengths of a team that relies on its guards, and indeed the primary scorers on Gregory's Dayton squads have traditionally been guards. To this end, a Tech squad led by Rice, Oliver, Morris and possibly Shumpert would be ideal for this system that would allow them to attack the basket in transition.

Notably, though, over the past two seasons 6-foot-8 forward Chris Wright has been Dayton's leading scorer. While the guards will likely control the pace of the offense in any scenario, a skilled offensive forward such as Royal has the potential to thrive in Gregory's system.

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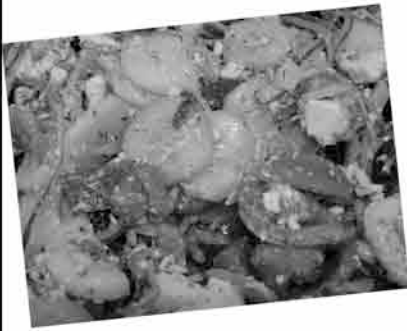


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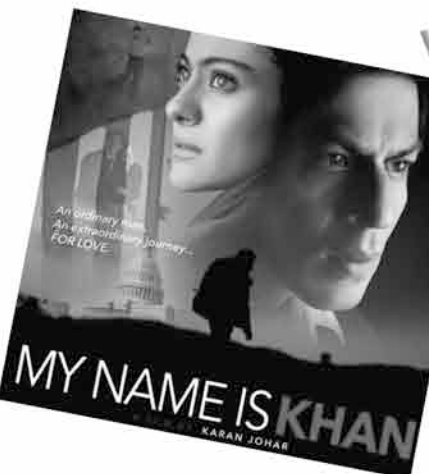
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The game started off slowly with the scoreboard tied at 0-0 through the third inning. Hyde broke the silence, hitting a two RBI single deep into right field at the top of the fourth.

Tech would struggle in the fifth, committing three errors and allowing a single RBI from Miami's designated hitter Dale Carey.

Davies would respond quickly in the sixth, hitting a solo home run towards left field. The Jackets held a two-run lead through the bottom of the seventh before the Hurricanes came roaring back.

The Hurricanes started the seventh inning with a walk, a single and a sac bunt to load the bases. Carey would eventually hit a single RBI to left field to cut Tech's lead to just one. Immediately after, another single RBI toward second base would tie the game at 3-3.

The game would remain tied through the ninth, taking the game into an extra inning. The Jackets started the extra period with a hit by freshman Kyle Wren, followed by a bunt by Esch. However, Wren was tagged out after a fielder's choice on the bunt. Afterward, Skole popped a high hit over third base only to put a second out on the scoreboard.

Junior Evan Martin then came into the game as a pinch hitter for Palka and hit a two-run homer towards left field to begin a nine-run streak through the rest of the 10th. Eventually Hyde would pull through with a three-run home-run, pulling the game out of reach and sealing the game.

The Jackets had seven hits in the 10th.

Miami pitcher Daniel Miranda was credited with the loss, allowing four hits and four runs in 1.2 innings.

After the late success from the previous game, the Jackets were



Photo by Tim Nowack / Student Publications

Kyle Wren slides into second ahead of the throw in a recent home game against Maryland. Wren had two hits, two walks and a RBI in Tech's 12-3 win over ACC foe Miami on Saturday, March 26.

looking to keep their streak going. Sophomore Buck Farmer pitcher Buck Farmer got the start, holding the Hurricanes to three hits and one run over eight innings.

It was another late victory, with the two winning runs coming in the ninth inning to secure the 3-1 win and series sweep. This marked the first time the Jackets have ever swept the Hurricanes at Miami.

Farmer finished the day with nine strikeouts and no walks en route to his fourth win of the season.

Miami drew first blood, hitting a leadoff double in the third inning, and then earning their run on a fielder's choice RBI. The 1-0 lead gave the Hurricanes their only lead of the series.

The Jackets, however, tied the game in the fifth inning, continuing their hitting success with two outs. Sophomore Sam Dove hit a RBI single to right field, scoring

Palka to wrap up the inning.

At the top of the ninth, the Jackets scored a pair of runs on a RBI double from Skole, followed by a bunt by Evans two hitters later to bring Skole in. The Jackets held onto a 3-1 lead, when sophomore pitcher Luke Bard posted his third save of the year in relief for Farmer. Farmer struck out his first at plate, followed by a double play to end the game two hitters later.

The Jackets then returned home after extending their win streak to 16 at Miami. Tech only had to go through the Mercer Bears to continue their streak. However, they stumbled late in the game and saw the end of their nation-leading win streak.

The Jackets took the lead early, with Skole hitting a RBI double towards right field in the first to score Wren. After a pitching showdown between both teams, Tech scored again in the fourth off of a single by freshman Chase Butler

to score Davies from second base.

Mercer would come back. Tech freshman pitcher Matthew Grimes allowed two singles to start off the fifth inning.

Then, after a strikeout, Derrick Workman of Mercer hit a single that gave Mercer their first run of the game. Then, in the seventh, the Bears would hit a RBI single bunt to tie the game at 2-2 with two outs.

The Bears then sealed the game when freshman relief pitcher Dusty Isaacs allowed a double in the eighth inning to give Mercer two more runs. Tech struggled in the majority of the innings to strike out the leadoff hitter, allowing five leadoff walks.

The Jackets could not find a way to respond to Mercer and eventually fell, 4-2.

The Jackets will look to rebound and start a new streak at Duke in their weekend series from April 1-3.

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a hotly contested match, needing all 18 holes to defeat his opponent.

Those close wins were not enough to spur the Jackets to victory, and the Trojans took the match 3-2 thanks to some inclement weather.

"The course played a little differently. Some of the holes were shorter [than yesterday] and some played longer depending if it was into the wind or down wind," White said in an interview with ramblinwreck.com.

The remaining matches went better than Monday's matches, and it started with the Jackets not dropping a single match in a win over East Tennessee State on Monday.

White and Haley continued their strong play as White dispatched his opponent three and one, and Haley rolled to victory, five and three.

Tech's other two players could not find wins but managed to rebound after yesterday's losses by picking up two ties.

Tech faced their hardest opponent of the championship on Wednesday in Texas A&M. The Aggies came into the match ranked No. 7 in the nation, but the higher ranked Jackets walked away with a 3-2 win.

White, Haley and Weren-ski were again winners, but only White had an easy time defeating his opponent. White's match ended after only 14 holes, but both Haley and Weren-ski had matches that needed the 18th hole to decide it.

"I was two up with four to play, and that's a good spot to be in. I was able to keep it together on the last few holes and make a couple clutch putts," Haley said courtesy of ramblinwreck.com.

Tech is off until its next match on April 16-17 when it hosts the Yellow Jacket Invitational at the Golf Club of Georgia.

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Women's tennis moves to 10-5

By Wayne Bishop
Contributing Writer

The Jackets women's tennis team traveled to N.C. on March 26-27 to face off against N.C. State in Raleigh, N.C. before heading west to Winston-Salem to face Wake Forest. Tech won both matches, improving the Jackets to 3-1 in conference play for the season.

The doubles point has proven crucial this year for the women's tennis team and their record. This held true once again for the team on Saturday as the Jackets faced the No. 32-ranked N.C. State Wolfpack. Tech senior Sasha Krupina and sophomore Elizabeth Kilborn decided a quick victory at 8-1 over senior Sanaa Bhambri and sophomore Tatiana Illova in the first doubles matchup.

N.C. State responded quickly with an 8-4 victory over another Jackets duo. Junior Jillian O'Neil and junior Viet Ha Ngo rescued the point and secured the early lead for Tech with an 8-4 win against junior Sandhya Nagaraj and senior Lenka Hojckova.

"Today the doubles point was the difference. We can't overlook that," said head coach Bryan Shelton in an interview with **ramblinwreck.com**.

Tech opened up singles play with a quick sweep from junior Lynn Blau as she won 6-0, 6-0 at the sixth spot versus freshman Christy Sipes. The Wolfpack responded with another quick win from freshman Joelle Kissel over Kilborn before O'Neill continued her success with a victory of 6-4, 6-3 against Nagaraj to put the Jackets within a point of winning.

N.C. State fought back and was able to win their next two matches to even the score at 3-3. The game boiled down to the



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Viet Ha Ngo reaches for a backhand in a game against Auburn. Ngo won her singles match against Wake Forest in three sets.

match between the Jackets junior Caroline Lilley and Hojckova.

The first set ended successfully at 6-3. The next set kept people well on their toes while Lilley was able to pull off the 7-5 victory to give the Jackets the final point they needed to win the game.

"[Caroline] clinched a number of matches for us this year and she's starting to get comfortable doing that," Shelton said about the 83rd ranked Lilley courtesy of **ramblinwreck.com**.

The following day, the Jackets made their way to Winston-Salem to face the Wake Forest Demon Deacons. Wake Forest's lack of a singles and doubles team gave Tech an early 1-0 lead as well as a head start in the doubles point.

The Deacons quickly evened out the advantage in doubles with a win over Kilborn and Krupina by senior Emilee Malvey and junior Martina Pavelec. Blau and Lilley came through for the Jackets, however, with an 8-6 win against juniors Kayla Duncan and Anna Mydlowska to put Tech at a 2-0 lead heading into singles play.

Though Wake opened up sin-

gles play with a 6-2, 6-3 win over O'Neill by Pavelec, Blau once again responded well and made a 6-3, 6-3 win over freshman Brigita Bercyte to put the Jackets within a single point of victory.

With three matches left, the odds were stacked in Tech's favor to beat the Demon Deacons. The expected final result became a reality when Ngo defeated Duncan 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 in the third spot of the lineup.

Though this gave Tech the point it needed to win, Lilley and Krupina were still fighting to come back from both of their first game losses to assist the Jackets in their margin of victory.

Lilley finished her match against Malvey 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 while Krupina finished out 7-5, 7-6, 6-2 in a drawn out match against Mydlowska. The two wins allowed the Jackets to finish the match 6-1 and extend their winning streak to four games.

The Jackets will host a pair of ACC matches this weekend against the Maryland Terrapins on April 1 and Boston College Eagles on April 3 at home.

Track team earns three victories at home

By Wayne Bishop
Contributing Writer

The Tech men's and women's track teams hosted the Yellow Jacket Invitational the weekend of March 25-26 at the Georgia C. Griffin Track Facility.

However, the weather was not suitable for the event, causing the Invitational to end early. Through the events that could be played though, the Jackets earned three victories and 14 top-three performances.

The opening night of the Invitational began with the hammer throw and 5000-meter run for the Tech men's team.

Junior Duncan Thompson threw for 51.35 meters in the hammer throw to put himself in third at the finish.

The Jacket's placed five out of the top six runners in the 5000 meter run with senior DJ McMillan pacing himself to come in at a time of 14:53.42.

The rest of the team also fared well with Niall Longovardi finishing with a time of 15:14.21, senior Nathan Tew finishing fourth with a time of 15:17.74, freshman Obiandu Igwe finishing fifth with a time of 15:28.22 and Doug Black finishing sixth at 15:28.60.

The Jackets' women's team managed to grab second place in the 5000 meter run, highlighted by junior Mary Kate BuDard crossing the finish line at 17:17.80.

Day two of the event showed great success for the Jackets. Tech had some of the top performances in the 1500 meter run when senior Mark Mendrek-Laske ran in at 3:50.04, freshman Alec Clifford ran in at 3:52.21 and sophomore Eric Powers finished at 3:53.90 to give them the top three times, re-

spectively.

Mendrek-Laske finished with his best performance to date, cracking one of the top-ten 1500 meter times in the nation.

Senior Mary Kownack came in fourth place in the women's 1500m run with a time of 4:42.71.

The men's team was almost able to grab the 1-2-3 victory again in the 800m but was unable to capitalize on sophomore Shawn Robert's and Clifford's 1:51.44 and 1:52.42 times that placed them first and second.

Mendrek-Laske came in fourth with a time of 1:54.41.

Junior Jade Sims finished the event in fourth place for the women's team at 2:18.93.

The 400-meter dash showed great promise for the Jackets as well when senior Hunter Clasen earned a top three time of 48.69.

The field events for the weekend had some of the best performances of the season for the Jackets.

Junior Aaron Unterberger launched a height of 4.75 meters to finish second in pole vault for the men's team.

The women's long jump was another strength on the day, with freshman Julianne McKee placing third with a 5.99 meter leap.

Sophomore Jasmine Kent finished sixth in the long jump with a 5.71 meter jump, and freshman Monique Pate finished 10th with a 5.25 meter jump of her own.

Day two's weather forced several events to be canceled including the women's pole vault, men's discus, men's high jump and men's and women's 4x400 meter relay.

The Jacket's will next make a trip from their home meet to Auburn, Ala. for the Auburn Tiger Track Classic on April 1-2.



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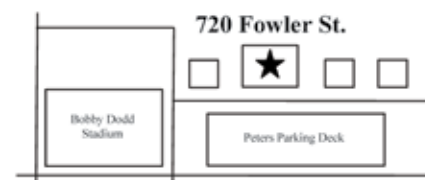
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Softball sweeps N.C. State at home, falls to UGA

By Alex Mitchell
Sports Editor

On Saturday March 26, the Tech softball team hosted N.C. State in the team's first conference series of the season. Tech won the first two games of the series on Saturday and then blew out the Wolfpack en route to a 14-0 win in the series finale.

Tech then traveled to UGA for a single game on March 30. Tech could not continue its winning streak and fell to the No. 2 Bulldogs, 10-2.

In the first game of the series, sophomore pitcher Hope Rush started the game for the Jackets but she did not have her best outing. Rush labored through 143 pitches over the course of just six innings and gave up four runs.

The Wolfpack struck early with two doubles in the first inning. This gave N.C. State a 1-0 lead heading into the bottom of the inning.

The Jackets' hitters looked lost at the plate to begin the game as the first three batters all struck out swinging.

The poor start did not set a tone for the game, however, and the Jackets were able to take the lead in the second inning by virtue of a Wolfpack error.

Over the course of the next couple of innings, Rush would record a wild pitch, two walks and hit a batter to give the lead back to the Wolfpack at 4-2.

The Jackets would remain down by two until the game's deciding seventh inning when junior shortstop Kelsi Weseman tripled to tie the game at four.

Head Coach Sharon Perkins then employed a suicide bunt that was struck perfectly by senior third baseman Kristene Priebe, scoring Weseman, and giving



Photo by Tiara Winata / Student Publications

Hope Rush takes a big cut at a belt-high fastball in a game against Georgia Southern. Rush did not have her best performance in the circle against N.C. State as she gave up four runs in six innings.

Tech the 5-4 win.

In the day's second game, the Wolfpack were again able to strike early when a couple of singles, a wild pitch and a walk plated two runs to begin the game.

Tech's offense would be held silent through the games next four innings. During this offensive drought, N.C. State was able to capitalize and added two more runs to pad its lead.

The floodgates finally opened for the Jackets in the fifth inning. The rally began when freshman second baseman Ashley Thomas singled to start the bottom half of the inning.

Fellow slapper senior centerfielder Christy Jones followed Thomas with a single of her own

and proceeded to steal a base to put two runners into scoring position. Junior catcher Kate Kuzma put the Jackets on the scoreboard with a three-run homer. The mental and physical impact appeared to be a large one for the N.C. State pitcher as she walked the next five batters she faced to score another Tech run and to help Tech pull close to the lead.

Down a run with the bases loaded, freshman third baseman Alysha Rudnik took a 2-2 pitch to deep left field for a grand slam, giving the Jackets the lead for good at 8-4.

Outside of two bad innings, senior pitcher Kristen Adkins looked good in her 13th win of the season. The righty only al-

lowed two earned runs and six hits in seven innings of work.

The third and final game started well for the Jackets as Adkins held N.C. State scoreless in the game's first inning, and the Jackets' offense answered by scoring five runs on three home runs.

Another big inning, highlighted by a pair of doubles, led to four more Tech runs in the second inning to extend the lead to nine.

N.C. State left three runners on base in the fourth inning and it seemed that they would not have enough chances left to win the game.

The Jackets took advantage of some Wolfpack blunders in the bottom half of the inning, and despite never getting more than a

single, they still managed to score five runs in the frame. A series of wild pitches and passed balls allowed Tech runners to keep advancing around the base paths.

On March 30, the Jackets traveled to Athens hoping to win their eighth game in a row. The Jackets were unsuccessful, however, and fell to the Bulldogs 10-2.

The Bulldogs got on the scoreboard early, as an error led to an unearned run for Adkins.

Adkins did not pitch her best game against UGA, but only seven of the runs she gave up were earned.

Two more errors in the second inning led to five more UGA runs. The big blow came with a bases loaded home run that put the Jackets down by six runs.

After an uneventful third inning, Tech finally scored a couple of runs in the fourth.

Kuzma singled to start the inning and Weseman followed her with a two-run homer to deep left field.

Up four, UGA further added to its lead in the bottom half of the fourth. A leadoff single ended the day for Adkins who finished with four hits and two walks in only 3.1 innings.

Rush came into the game for Adkins and immediately walked a batter and then gave up a three-run homer. Two wild pitches added another run for the Bulldogs before Rush was finally able to get out of the inning.

The Jackets were not able to put a dent in their eight run deficit, and the teams ended the game early.

Tech next plays at Maryland on April 2-3 for the team's second conference series of the season. The Jackets then host Kennesaw State on April 6 for a middle of the week game.

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Golf wins three of four in match play

By Alex Mitchell
Sports Editor

On March 20, the Tech golf team traveled to Ball Ground, Ga. for the Callaway Collegiate Match Play Championship. The Jackets had a good showing in the championship, winning three out of four matches.

Match play is different from stroke play, which is what the Jackets are used to playing. In match play, players from one team compete against players from the other team on a hole-by-hole basis. Whichever team wins the most holes out of 18 is declared the winner.

The Jackets' first match was against Washington State on Sunday. The Jackets and Cougars remained tied through four of the matches until Tech won the tiebreaker for the victory.

Junior James White got things going for the Jackets early on as Tech's No. 1-seeded player defeated his opponent by being up four holes with only two holes to go. White's victory would prove doubly important later on as his win was the tie-breaking match between the two squads.

Washington State's Nick Ellis narrowly defeated senior John-Tyler Griffin in the game's second match by only one hole. Senior Paul Haley also lost his match to give the Cougars a 2-1 lead.

Freshman Richard Werenski answered Ellis' narrow win with a one-hole win of his own to draw even with the Cougars.

Senior Kyle Scott tied his opponent after 18 holes to split the match 2-2-1. White's victory gave the No. 3 seeded Jackets the win over the No. 14 seed Washington State.

Tech's second match of the day did not fare as well as its first, and the Jackets fell to the No. 10 seeded USC.

Tech's No. 1-seeded player White won his match in a less convincing fashion than his first with the win coming late in the match, after the 17th hole.

Tech's fifth-seeded player Haley also won

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Kyle Scott makes a short putt. Scott tied his Washington State opponent on Sunday.

Baseball's win streak ends at 16



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Zane Evans takes a high pitch in Tech's game versus Georgia. Evans started every game behind the plate versus Miami and had a RBI single in Tech's five-run victory on Friday night.

By Alex Sohani
Assistant Sports Editor

After extending their winning streak to 13 games, the No. 12 Jackets went down to face the Miami Hurricanes from March 25-27. Tech snapped Miami's nine-game winning streak, sweeping the series with a 8-3 victory on Friday, a 12-3 victory on Saturday and a 3-1 victory to finish the series. However, the Jackets' streak ended after falling to Mercer in a midweek game on March 29.

Junior pitcher Mark Pope earned his sixth win of the season on March 25, allowing only three runs on eight hits in seven innings. He also dished out nine strikeouts through the game, a season high. The win gave Pope his 19th career win, bringing his career record to 19-2.

At the plate, sophomore Sam Dove and junior Matt Skole recorded three hits apiece, leading the team on a 14-hit night. Eight of the nine starters recorded at least one hit.

The Jackets hit the ground running with an RBI double from junior Jake Davies in the second inning, followed by a home run by junior Jacob Esch in the third. Esch's home run was his first of the season and gave the Jackets a 2-0 lead.

However, the Hurricanes came back to tie the game in the third. Pope allowed three hits with two outs on the board. Miami hit a RBI double followed immediately by a RBI single to even the game at 2-2.

Tech would eventually re-

gain the lead at the top of the fourth after an error by Miami's Harold Martinez. Freshman Mott Hyde capitalized and scored on the play.

Then, the Jackets would score two more runs in the fifth inning and eventually pull the game out of Miami's reach in the eighth. Freshman Zane Evans and freshman Daniel Palka each had an RBI hit en route to a three-run inning.

The score remained the same through the rest of the game, giving the Jackets the 8-3 victory with sophomore pitcher Luke Bard coming in relief of Pope. Bard only allowed two hits through the rest of the game.

After the Friday night victory, the Jackets pushed to continue the nation's longest winning streak. Tech, however, would struggle to put the Hurricanes away, pushing the game into a 10th inning. The Jackets eventually did find success at the plate late, hitting nine runs in the 10th and winning 12-3.

Freshman relief pitcher Devin Stanton earned the win, facing only one batter with two outs in the ninth inning. Stanton prevented the game-winning run, however, earning his only strikeout with a runner on third base.

Junior starting pitcher Jed Bradley played well through 6.1 innings, with eight strikeouts, one walk and two runs allowed. However, he did not earn the win on the day due to late lead change.

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Gregory faces challenges in 2011-12

By Nishant Prasadh
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With Brian Gregory now in place as the new head coach for the men's basketball team, the Jackets enter the offseason looking to lay the foundation for a resurgence in the 2011-12 season.

Gregory will take on his first true rebuilding job in attempting to bring the Jackets back to prominence; while in 2003 he inherited a Dayton team that was coming off a 24-6 season, he now faces the task of turning a 13-18 Tech team back into a contender.

Based on the stat sheet, Gregory appears to have inherited a squad with little chance of succeeding in the short term.

While the roster features plenty of athletic players, the new coach will have plenty of work to do as he attempts to turn the Jackets around. Although the 2010-11 Jackets were just one year removed from a berth in the NCAA Tournament, Paul Hewitt's

last Tech squad was, in many statistical respects, the worst of the 11 teams he coached at Tech.

Because of their lack of strong offensive post players, the Jackets tried to build an identity as a team that relied on outside shooting last season. For much of the season, Hewitt relied on this philosophy, frequently choosing to set up three-pointers or midrange jumpers instead of allowing his players to drive to the rim.

The problem was that Tech's top offensive options all posted relatively poor shooting percentages. The Jackets' top three scorers—junior guard Iman Shumpert, sophomore guard Glen Rice Jr. and sophomore forward Brian Oliver—shot a combined 39.9 percent from the field and 28.8 percent on three-point attempts, and the team as a whole was not much better thanks to a lack of an inside game.

While Hewitt tended to emphasize strong defensive

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Brian Gregory speaks at his introductory press conference. Gregory inherits a Tech team that went 13-18 last season.