Lady Jackets Claim Sixth in ACC

No one would have been surprised if Georgia Tech's women's track team didn't score a single point at the Atlantic Coast Conference Championships last year. Instead the Lady Jackets, in their first year of competition, tallied 28 points and claimed sixth place in the league standings. Even more amazing is the fact that Tech's Kathy Harrison scored all 28 points by herself as she finished either 2nd or 3rd in four different events. She competes in five events with the 100, 200 and 400 meters plus the long and triple jumps.

"Kathy is an incredible athlete," said head coach Dee Todd, who transferred to Tech from the U.S. Military Academy. "With her help we could move up into the middle of the conference. That just makes my job harder trying to replace her."

Tech's program is still taking baby steps despite the giant strides of Harrison, who could become the Lady Jackets' first national qualifier this year in the 400 meters or long jump. Todd's squad is comprised of 17 members including Todd's first recruiting class and numerous walk-ons.

"The program has moved faster than projected," Todd said. "I think in three or four years we'll have an established program."

Along with Harrison, the Lady Jackets will feature a pair of talented heptathletes in sophomore Pam Thomas, a transfer from Northwestern where Todd previously coached, and freshman Wanda Durden. Junior Bridget Koster, an all-ACC cross country performer last fall, should fare well in the 1500 and 3000 meters as a possible national qualifier.

Other top performers for Tech will be freshman Michelle Linihan in the 1500 and 3000 meters; senior Chris Vorpahl, a member of last year's track team, in the 1500 and 3000 meters; freshman Tomika Whitten, a multiple North Carolina state champion, in the 5000 and 10,000 meters; and freshman Lesley James in the 100, 200, and 400 meters plus the long jump.

Todd has two volunteer assistant coaches joining her this year in Ronnie Williams, who has coached several athletes to the TAC/USA Junior Olympic National Championships, and Alice Jackson, the American record-holder in the 300 meters who has participated in numerous national and international meets.

The Lady Jackets will compete in both the ACC indoor and outdoor championship meets. The outdoor meet will be held at Tech's George C. Griffin Track and Field Facility on April 18-20.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Kathy Harrison sprints around to the stretch. Alan Drosky sets his pace for the distance run.
MEN'S TRACK

Men's Track and Field Team Sets 19 School Records

Georgia Tech has been unable to host a track meet for more than 10 years at its Grant Field track because of its outdated conditions. Now, Tech will immensely enjoy its new George C. Griffin Track and Field Facility, which was just completed last summer. "The track is one of the finest in the United States and one of the few that meets international standards," commented head coach Buddy Fowlkes. The $750,000 facility was designed after the one built for the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles with the same Rekotan surface.

The Yellow Jackets authored a new record book by setting 19 school marks (12 indoor, 7 outdoor) last season. James Purvis became Tech's Most Valuable Performer at the ACC Championships when he won both the high and intermediate hurdle titles. He also broke the 110m HH school record with a 13.53 mark, and earned both the indoor and outdoor all-American honors in the high hurdles. Dirk Morris, an all-ACC as a member of the 4x400m relay, set a Tech record of 50.99 in the 400m HH and was an NCAA qualifier.

Alan Drosky, an all-ACC in the 1500m and a runner-up in the ACC meet, captured all-America honors in the mile with a school record mark of 4:04.7, while also finishing sixth in the mile at the NCAA indoor championships. He also had a hand in 11 school records last year, either individually or as a member of a relay team. Chester Riggins earned all-ACC honors with his second-place finish in the 800m.

Maurice Davis holds the Griffin Track record when he flew 25-3¼ in the long jump and finished sixth at the 1986 ACC meet with a 23-11 jump last year. Matt Haynes broke a Tech record in the indoor pole vault with a 15-0 vault, and tied for 6th place at the ACC meet.

All-ACC discus thrower, Mark White, gave a surprise performance when he placed second at the ACC meet and qualified for the U.S. Junior Nationals. J. R. Sims placed 4th in the shot put and 5th in the discus in last spring's ACC meet.

Tech returns all of its all-ACC honorees from last year as the Rambling Wreck claimed 3rd place in the ACC outdoor events. This year the Yellow Jackets could be in contention for the ACC indoor championship and will have a strong showing in the ACC outdoor championship. The ACC outdoor events will be held at Tech for the first time ever, at the George C. Griffin Track and Field Facility, providing the Jackets with the homecourt edge. "I am really excited about Georgia Tech holding the ACCs this year," said Coach Fowlkes. "The entire facility will by far be the best in the ACC."
Tech's Netters Have Hopes of Finishing First in ACC

The men's tennis team got off to a 4-3 start this season, led by the outstanding play of Kenny Thorne. Thorne was ranked thirteenth in the nation prior to the season. The duo of Mark Avediken and Richie Gilbert led the way in the doubles category.

According to coach Gary Grosimond, this is Tech's most experienced team ever. They will gain even more momentum through next year since they will lose only one senior, Richie Gilbert, before next season.

Grosimond stated that he would like to finish in the top of the ACC this year as well as qualify two singles and one doubles pair for the NCAA tournament.
The women’s tennis team, led by the outstanding play of freshman Leigh Roberts, won two of their four matches this fall. According to Coach Rick Davison, Roberts has the most potential on the team, but he also is looking for a strong performance from sophomore Jamie Myers. Having only one senior, Davison hopes that this very young team will mature and gain experience this year.

Halfway through the spring season, the team posted a 4-2 record. Coach Davison is proud of his team’s rebound after last year’s last place in the ACC and is looking towards finishing this year in the top eight in the ACC.
The nationally ranked Georgia Tech Golf Team was back in swinging action for the 1987 season. Tech was ranked sixth in the nation coming off a competitive fall 1985 schedule. With the recruitment of two of the top golf players in Georgia, Joey Dixon and Ramond Baldwin, and the return of three all-Americas Bob McDonnell, Nacho Gervas, and Bill McDonald, Head Coach Puggy Blackmon was optimistic about the 1986-87 season, and was envisioning a shot at the national championship in 1987.


In April, the Jackets finished second in an ACC tournament. In July, Nachos Gervas was named a unanimous selection to the All-ACC golf team for the second consecutive year. Gervas had the best individual finish among top ACC players in the 89th NCAA Championships. He tied for third place in the final overall individual standings.

October saw the swinging Jackets add to their trophy collection by winning the dual-round John Ryan Memorial Tournament, finishing first out of twenty-three teams. Charlie Rymer obtained a tie for second place in the individual standings. The Jackets stung their opponents, never trailing in the tournament. Tech also netted third place in the USA/Japan Friendship Tournament. The Jackets won the Dixie Intercollegiate with Nacho Gervas placing third and Charlie Rymer and Chris Cupit tying for fifth place in individual standings.

In November, Tech closed its fall season at the prestigious Gold World/Palmetto Dunes Intercollegiate at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. The golfers, recently moving up to third place in the national rankings, faced fourteen teams, of which there were eleven top-20 teams. The result was a disappointing twelfth place.

Coach Blackmon has done an excellent job with a golf program that won only one tournament in the twelve years prior to his arrival in 1982.

**NEAR RIGHT:** Nacho Gervas, an All ACC player puts on the green. **FAR RIGHT:** Tripp Isenhour concentrates before taking a swing. **BOTTOM:** Joey Dixon studies the green before putting.
MEN'S GYMNASICS

Team's Last Year as Varsity Sport

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After forty years, the Tech Athletic Association has decided to drop gymnastics from Varsity status. With a nationwide rush among Colleges and Universities to concentrate on high revenue sports — football, basketball, and baseball, money seems to be one of the major factors. Sharing facilities with other sports severely hampered the team's practice time. This, coupled with the lack of funds, made no other decision available for Coach Bill Beavers.

The Georgia Tech Gymnastics Team, started in 1947, was the first collegiate team in the Southeast. Georgia Tech was responsible for generating interest across other campuses. Now, however, the Men's Gymnastics Team is the last remaining in the Southeast. The only way for them to compete is to travel large distances and, with little financing, this is made impossible.

Nevertheless, the team has kept their competitive spirit. They were led this year by team Captain, Chip Cookston. At the Shenandoah Valley Invitational, he won the rings with a 9.1 score. In four meets, he was the team's top scorer in four of six events. Last year's MVP, Tom Schmiegal, was the second leading scorer overall. He was an "excellent" performer according to Coach Beavers. Unfortunately, the team was hurt with the loss of David Whalen for the first part of the season. He suffered a bone chip in his hand. Other team members who have contributed significantly include Phil Johnson and Paul Morris.

TOP: Tech gymnast displays strength on parallel bars. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Tom Schmiegal preparing for rings. Schmiegal shows prowess on parallel bars. Toughness of floor exercise is more than obvious.
Lady Jackets Strive to Regain Team’s Winning Spirit

The 1986 Lady Jacket Volleyball Team had the physical tools of a winning team — good height, a strong defense, a quick backcourt, and a well-conditioned squad. Judy Sackfield’s team was looking for one more ingredient, however. "I want us to have a winning feeling," Sackfield said. "We want to get that winning spirit back at Georgia Tech. People are going to come and think we're the old Georgia Tech. We're not. We're brand new."

Coach Sackfield’s first recruiting class solved Tech’s height problem with Carol Gergesha at 5-11, Lisa Kofsky at 5-10, and Luanne Armstrong at 5-10. Setter Margaret Gales also contributed immediately to the team.

Four starters returned to the Tech fold. Among them were sophomore setter Robin Swats, who was seventh in the ACC in assist average (3.51) and junior middle hitter Wynne Wycoff, a co-MVP last year. Junior hitter Sandra Sartor, the Lady Jackets’ Most Improved Player in 1985, and sophomore Laura Rullman also returned. Two Lady Jacket returnees provided depth in the backcourt as defensive specialists. They were junior Sara Scott and Elaine Griffith, who had the team’s best vertical jump.

"Defensively, we’re very strong," Sackfield said. "Offensively, we’re still very young." She also added, "We want to break .500 and have a winning season." This wasn’t possible this year. Our Lady Jackets were able to double their winning record to 8-20, however. Some of the teams they beat were GSU, UNCA, Furman, Winthrop College, West Georgia, and Campbell at the Winthrop Invitational in South Carolina.

"We've got to get the winning feeling back. We know what’s happened in the past, and now we want to look towards the future," noted coach Sackfield as the Lady Netters look forward to next season.

CLOCKWISE FROM FAR LEFT: Returnee Elaine Griffith serves against Maryland during the Lady Jackets last game at home. Lisa Kofsky, one of the new recruits, waits for the opponent’s serve. Margaret Gales leaps high to get the ball to the other side.
Program Seeks Varsity Status

This year's "Swimmin' Women" concentrated on attracting new members and keeping experienced ones involved. With the closing of the Heisman Gym early in the season, the team had to split up and practice individually. This also meant they did not have the benefit of a coach.

The team had a short, but respectable season, finishing with a 2-2 record. Next year they hope to expand their schedule to include more schools with teams of similar caliber. As a club sport, the women do not have a program that is as strong as many of the schools they currently compete against.

Once again, Sheryl Stroble showed her ability to swim virtually any event, and was instrumental in the team's wins. E. Paige Kirn and Dorothy Packard, both freshmen, were also a great help. Many of the eight swimmers graduating this year have been with the program four years or longer, so the team will concentrate on rebuilding during the summer and early next season. They will work hard and hope to soon be awarded varsity status.
MEN'S SWIMMING

After Slow Start, Swimmers Have Winning Season

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The Men's Swimming Team got off to a slow start this season with four losses, one of them to Ohio State who they swam against for the first time. The Yellow Jackets broke their losing streak with a win over Emory in their fifth meet.

The swimmers then won six straight meets including the Atlanta Invitational at Emory, Georgia State, Charleston, and Georgia Southern. Their last home match of the season against UNC-Charlotte was also their best meet. The team was 10 points behind going into the last event, but pulled ahead and won the meet by one point (105.5-104.5) by placing first and second place in the 400m relay.

Tim Halligan gave a great performance, winning three individual events in the last three meets. The high-point man for the season was freshman All-American Chris Gay, who won first place in 50yd and 100 yd freestyle in all meets but one.

Eighteen swimmers and one diver made this the biggest swimming team in five years, but Coach Herb McAuley thinks it should be even bigger. He added that they don't do a lot of recruiting, therefore most participants are walk-ons.

The team will be losing three swimmers to graduation; Captain Russ Ashenden, star diver Mike Chang, and ultimate captain Brad Lehman.

Coach McAuley said that after the season began, the opposition was tougher than he expected, but that he was proud of his swimmers and so far they had come through when they had to win. Expectations for next year include more swimmers and "having a pool to swim in."

TOP, FAR LEFT: Sian Vaughan and her teammate share a lane during practice. MIDDLE, FAR LEFT: Swimmmin' woman practices her butterfly stroke at SAC pool. NEAR BELOW: Swimmer shows strength and concentration required by butterfly stroke. BOTTOM RIGHT: Mike Chang competes in breaststroke event.
The fall season for the Men's Soccer Team was frustrating for the players and for Coach Bob Hynes. Although the defense was tough, the offense was not quite as sharp as last year. Tech started off the fall season with an exciting win over a strong Florida team. According to Coach Hynes, who is coaching for his second season, the 2-0 victory showed the experience that the players gained from last season. The Tech kickers pulled an upset against an even tougher Atlanta Stars team, which is comprised of ex-professional soccer players. The Stars jumped ahead early in the second half, but the Jackets' defense stiffened. Tech fought their way back, relying on quickness to beat the Stars' goalie. The game ended in a 3-3 tie.

Tech did not play as well against a lesser Berry College JV team, although their defense did dominate Berry. The kickers were unable to convert opportunities to points. Tech also had a frustrating loss to Florida State, despite playing one of their best games of the season. Again, the Jackets were unable to convert opportunities.

The losing streak was broken by 2-0 shutouts over West Georgia and Auburn in heated defensive games. With revenge on their minds, the Jackets battled Florida State again, but could only manage a 2-2 tie. It proved, though, that they could hold their own with one of the best teams in the Southeast.

Tech finished the fall season with a 3-3-4 record. Each of Jackets' losses were close games. Despite a frustrating fall season, the Tech kickers were motivated to revenge the losses and ties suffered in the fall season.
Excellent Year Earns Consideration for Varsity Status

The Women's Soccer Club finished the spring season with a strong 6-2-1 record, a great improvement on their spring season. The Lady Strikers used better ball control, sharper passing, and stronger defensive play to defeat their opponents.

For the season opener, the Lady Jackets skunked a tough Clemson team 4-0 and finished third place in a Florida State tournament. A 5-2 victory over Emory and a 2-1 win over Georgia State earned them third place in the event. The Strikers beat a tough UT-Knoxville team 2-1 and was victorious over Georgia and University of the South.

The Lady Jackets had an equally successful fall season. The Strikers crushed Andrew College 10-4, despite fielding only eight players and not having their starting goalkeeper, Maura Trubman. An explosive offense stung Andrew; Cee Gee O'Neill, the Strikers' leading scorer, netted three goals to win the game. Next Tech blanked a heavily favored Alabama team 2-0. Crisp passing and a stingy defense kept the Crimson Tide off balance during the entire game.

The Lady Strikers' winning streak came to a halt, however, when they lost to Florida, 2-1, and to an all-star Miami team, 3-2 at a Florida tournament. Tech snapped its two-game losing streak when it rolled over Agnes Scott, 6-1. Tech went on to sweep the last three games, convincingly defeating the varsity teams of Georgia, Alabama, and Auburn, while compiling a season record of 6-2-2.

Gaining respect at Tech and among its competitors, women's soccer is being considered for varsity status. "We have a good group of experienced players and a group of good young players. They are now starting to work together and really play well," commented Coach Diana Weidenbacker. Weidenbacker, coaching for the fourth year, is a special education teacher for DeKalb County and is not paid for coaching.
The Georgia Tech Lacrosse team enjoyed another winning season in 1986. The season was highlighted by victories over Tennessee, Auburn, Florida, and Emory. The most exciting game of the season was an 11-10 sudden death overtime victory over Furman.

The team also gained valuable experience by facing off against the Atlanta Lacrosse Club, Florida State, and ACC rivals N.C. State and Clemson.

The Jackets were led by senior attackman Kurt Steiner, who compiled 28 goals and 13 assists. Other top scorers were Chris Fitzgerald, Kevin Kiernan, Craig Rubin, and Nick Guida. The stalwart defense was led by Rich Gonzalez, Phil Garner, and Andy Gale. The exceptional goaltending of rookie goalie Scott Slater was an integral part of the Jacket’s success.

With everyone returning next season, the Tech stickmen are a young team which will undoubtedly continue its winning tradition as one of the top Lacrosse teams in the Southeast.

*LEFT TO RIGHT: Brian Cox and Chris Fitzgerald get a little tangled up on the field. Kurt Steiner leaps to catch a high pass. These two team members enjoy the sun while sailing. A passenger’s view from one of the team’s sailboats.*
The warm weather months of spring and summer provided students with an opportunity to play indoor as well as outdoor sports. The intramural program saw an overwhelming number of students participate in softball, biddy basketball, racquetball, golf, and track.

During the spring, the Meats easily won the softball school championship, while the Betas pounded their way to the fraternity title. In racquetball, the Four Wall Smashers won the school title and Tau Kappa Epsilon won the fraternity title. Beta Theta Pi also won the school title in biddy basketball and the Tekes won the water polo championship. The track title went to the Blazers and Alpha Tau Omega won in golf.

Although softball was the only sport played over the summer, the tournament field was very large and the competition was fierce. The Wrecks, formerly the Meats, outmanned all of their opponents on the way to another school championship, and the ever powerful Meatettes won the co-rec title.
Outdoor Sports Dominate Fall Intramural Schedule

With the start of another school year, the intramural sports program kicked off another great fall quarter. Flag football, as always, was the most popular sport, but ultimate frisbee and walleyball are slowly gaining ground. For the running enthusiasts, there was an intramural cross country meet that had a record turnout.

Between the hash marks on SAC field, Beta Theta Pi won the fraternity championship while Alpha Tau Omega fought their way to the school title. Alpha Delta Pi took the co-rec title, and the Bombers stormed their way to an independent championship. In the Dorm league, Techwood won hands down, and the Sugar Babes easily captured the women’s league title.

SAC field was also the sight of two ultimate frisbee championships. Sigma Phi Epsilon won the fraternity title, and Delta Tau Delta won the school championship. The cross country meet, held near SAC field, was won by the Hashers.

In walleyball, Pi Kappa Alpha dominated, as they walked away with both the school and fraternity championships. The dorm bracket was won by Scratch.

LEFT PAGE, TOP TO BOTTOM: These students prepare for another play, as they participate in fall’s most popular intramural sport. This ultimate frisbee player displays style in his catch. RIGHT PAGE, TOP TO BOTTOM: A Pike looks for an open target, but TKE defense proves tough. Chi Phi defense gives no room for the frisbee to be thrown. An acrobatic catch is made on the field.
Hundreds Brave the Elements to Play Winter Sports

Although the weather was freezing at times, rainy at others, or sometimes both, many Tech students paid no attention to the harsh elements of nature as they feverishly participated in such outdoor sports as soccer, and, yes, softball. Another sport, played indoors to the warm wishes of thousands of students, was basketball which had its best turnout ever.

Over 200 teams took to the court during winter quarter in hopes of capturing a league title. With the new, "every team participates" playoff format, every team had an equal shot to advance to the final rounds. The action was brutal, and the competition was fierce as each team gave it their best shot.

On SAC field in the cold of the night, hundreds of students took up soccer in their quest for a school title. While many of the fraternity teams were again the fore-runners, some independent and dorm teams provided excellent competition.

Softball was also played on SAC field late at night after soccer. There is no doubt that the Polar Bear Softball League was an appropriate name. Dozens of teams braved the cold weather to fight for the school title and tune up for spring.

During winter quarter the Georgia Tech Sugarbabes went to New Orleans and won the 1986 Women's National Collegiate Flag Football Championship. Stars Sherri Holder and Pam Jackson led the team to the championship with a victory over Southern Mississippi University.

Overall, the cold winter months did not deter students from participating in the intramural program. Perhaps the greatest inspiration for each athlete this winter was the knowledge that SPRING was just around the corner.

INTRAMURAL SCOREBOARD

SPRING ’86  SUMMER ’86  WINTER ’87

SOFTBALL
- School Champions
- Fraternity Champions

RACQUETBALL
- School Champions
- Four Wall Smashers
- Fraternity Champions

BIDDY BASKETBALL
- School Champions

WATER POLO
- School Champions

TRACK
- School Champions

GOLF
- School Champions

ULTIMATE FRISBEE
- School Champions
- Fraternity Champions

BASKETBALL
- Hawks
- Hawks
- KA
- PKA
- Bricks
- ΦΔΘ
- Caldwell
- Hawks
- Hawks
- Caldwell
- Hawks

FALL ’86

SOFTBALL
- Meats
- School Champions
- Co-Rec Champions
- Wrecks
- Meatettes

FLAG FOOTBALL
- TKE
- BΩΠ
- School Champions
- Women’s Champions
- Co-Rec Champions
- B-League Champions
- Fraternity Champions
- Independent Champions
- Dorm Champions
- Techwood Wheels
- ATΩ
- Sugar Babes
- ΑΔΠ
- Worms
- ΒΩΠ
- Bombers
- Blazers

WALLEYBALL
- School, Fraternity Champions
- Dorm Champions
- PKA
- Scratch
- Caldwell
- ATΔ
- ΣΝ
- Delta

WRESTLING
- School Champions
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place
- Caldwell
- ΠΚΦ
- ΣΝ
- Delta
- Delta
- Delta
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