# GEORGIA TECH BASEBALL
## 2009 Yellow Jacket Schedule

### FEBRUARY
- 20 Fri. LIPSCOMB, 4 p.m.
- 21 Sat. LIPSCOMB, 2 p.m.
- 22 Sun. LIPSCOMB, 2 p.m.
- 24 Tue. at Georgia Southern, 6 p.m.
- 25 Wed. at Georgia Southern, 4 p.m.
- 27 Fri. RUTGERS, 4 p.m.
- 28 Sat. RUTGERS, 2 p.m.

### MARCH
- 1 Sun. RUTGERS, 1 p.m.
- 6 Fri. MARYLAND, 4 p.m.
- 7 Sat. MARYLAND, 2 p.m.
- 8 Sun. MARYLAND, 1 p.m.
- 10 Tue. MERCER, 4 p.m.
- 11 Wed. KENNESAW STATE, 6 p.m.
- 13 Fri. BOSTON COLLEGE, 6 p.m.
- 14 Sat. BOSTON COLLEGE, 2 p.m.
- 15 Sun. BOSTON COLLEGE, 1 p.m.
- 17 Tue. at Kennesaw State, 6 p.m.
- 18 Wed. KENNESAW STATE, 6 p.m.
- 20 Fri. at Virginia Tech, 5:30 p.m.
- 21 Sat. at Virginia Tech, 5:30 p.m.
- 22 Sun. at Virginia Tech, 1 p.m.
- 24 Tue. GEORGIA STATE, 6 p.m.
- 27 Fri. at Miami, 7 p.m.
- 28 Sat. at Miami, 7 p.m.
- 29 Sun. at Miami, 1 p.m.

### APRIL
- 1 Wed. at Mercer, 6 p.m.
- 3 Fri. NORTH CAROLINA, 7 p.m.
- 4 Sat. NORTH CAROLINA, 3 p.m.
- 5 Sun. NORTH CAROLINA, 1 p.m.
- 7 Tue. GEORGIA SOUTHERN, 6 p.m.
- 8 Wed. GEORGIA SOUTHERN, 4 p.m.
- 10 Fri. VIRGINIA, 7 p.m.
- 11 Sat. VIRGINIA, 6 p.m.
- 12 Sun. VIRGINIA, 1 p.m.
- 14 Sat. at Georgia, 7 p.m.
- 15 Wed. at Georgia State, 6 p.m.
- 17 Fri. at Wake Forest, 6 p.m.
- 18 Sat. at Wake Forest, 6 p.m.
- 20 Fri. at Virginia, 7 p.m.
- 21 Sat. at Virginia, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Sun. at Virginia, 1 p.m.
- 24 Tue. at Georgia, 7 p.m.
- 25 Wed. at Georgia State, 6 p.m.
- 27 Fri. at Miami, 7 p.m.
- 28 Sat. at Miami, 7 p.m.
- 29 Sun. at Miami, 1 p.m.

### MAY
- 1 Fri. PRESBYTERIAN, 7 p.m.
- 2 Sat. PRESBYTERIAN, 6 p.m.
- 3 Sun. PRESBYTERIAN, 1 p.m.
- 5 Tue. ALABAMA A&M, 6 p.m.
- 6 Wed. vs. Tennessee, 7:15 p.m.
- 8 Fri. FLORIDA STATE, 7 p.m.
- 9 Sat. FLORIDA STATE [RSN], 1 p.m.
- 10 Sun. FLORIDA STATE, 1 p.m.
- 12 Tue. vs. GEORGIA [at Turner Field], 7 p.m.
- 14 Thu. at Duke, 7 p.m.
- 15 Fri. at Duke, 2 p.m.
- 16 Sat. at Duke, 1 p.m.

### POSTSEASON
- May 20-24 ACC Tournament
  - Durham, N.C. [Durham Bulls Park]
- May 30-June 2 NCAA Regionals
  - Campus Sites
- June 6-9 NCAA Super Regionals
  - Campus Sites
- June 13-24 College World Series
  - Omaha, Neb. [Rosenblatt Stadium]

Home games in all caps. All times Eastern. [ ] denotes television.


## TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

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JUST GEORGIA TECH, PLEASE
   Georgia Tech “University” sounds official, but it’s incorrect. The Georgia Institute of Technology is the school’s official title, but Georgia Tech will work fine, or just Tech (unless you are in Virginia or Texas.)  We would appreciate it if you would use our name in those ways. Thanks!

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A BALANCED STAFF
Led by Danny Hall, in his 16th year as the Yellow Jacket skipper

1. National Coach of the Year Award
3. Conference Championships as a head coach (92-00-03-05)
4. Conference Coach of the Year honors
5. No. 1 National Rankings at Georgia Tech
6. 40-win seasons at Georgia Tech and two 50-win campaigns in the last decade
7. NCAA Regional appearances at Georgia Tech and 15 in his last 17 years as a head coach
8. All-Americans in the last 15 years at Tech
9. Yellow Jackets to sign professional contracts since his arrival on the Flats
10. Victories in his 15 years at Georgia Tech, a school record
31 combined years of college coaching experience
15 combined years of professional playing experience
12 combined years of college playing experience

Tom Kinkelaar
Bryan Prince
Matt White
A WINNING TRADITION

The Yellow Jackets have played in 22 of the last 24 NCAA Tournaments

3 Trips to Omaha, site of the College World Series (1994-2002-2006)

5 NCAA Super Regional appearances, all under Danny Hall (2000-02-04-05-06)

13 Times Georgia Tech has hosted an NCAA Regional or NCAA Super Regional at Russ Chandler Stadium

22 NCAA Appearances in the last 24 years for the Yellow Jackets

24 Number of NCAA Appearances in history for Georgia Tech

105 NCAA Tournament games played
HOME OF THE AWARDS
Producing candidates for national awards year after year

National Awards

1994 Jason Varitek
- Golden Spikes Award
- Dick Howser Trophy
- Smith Award
- National Player of the Year

1997 Danny Hall
- National Coach of the Year

1999 Mark Teixeira
- National Freshman
- Player of the Year

2000 Mark Teixeira
- Dick Howser Trophy
- National Player of the Year

2008 Derek Dietrich
- National Freshman
- Player of the Year

Top Candidates

1988 Ty Griffin
- Golden Spikes Award (Finalist)
- Smith Award (Finalist)

1990 Miko Hostetler
- Smith Award (Finalist)

1991 Andy Bruce
- Smith Award (Semifinalist)

1993 Jason Varitek
- Golden Spikes Award (Finalist)
- Smith Award (Semifinalist)

1994 Nomar Garciaparra
- Smith Award (Semifinalist)

1994 Jay Payton
- Smith Award (Semifinalist)

2000 Mark Teixeira
- Golden Spikes Award (Finalist)
- Smith Award (Semifinalist)

2006 Matt Wieters
- Brooks Wallace Award (Semifinalist)

2007 Danny Payne
- Golden Spikes Award (Semifinalist)

2007 Matt Wieters
- Golden Spikes Award (Semifinalist)
- Johnny Bench Award (Finalist)

1. ACC Athlete of the Year award
2. Current Yellow Jackets - Sophomores
   Derek Dietrich and Deck McGuire - are on the preseason watch list for the 2009 Brooks Wallace Award
3. ACC Players of the Year since 1987
4. ACC Rookies of the Year since 1991
5. ACC Coach of the Year honors
6. Freshman All-Americans
7. Times a Georgia Tech player has been named an All-American
8. Times a Georgia Tech player has been named All-ACC

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THE ACC
One of the nation’s premier baseball conferences

3 Consecutive years the ACC has been represented in the College World Series
8 ACC teams to compete in the College World Series over the last three years (2006-Clemson, Georgia Tech, Miami, North Carolina; 2007-North Carolina; 2008-Florida State, Miami, North Carolina)
33 ACC teams to compete in the NCAA Tournament over the last five years, an average of nearly seven per year
117 ACC players selected in the last two MLB Drafts
# THE MLB DRAFT

Yellow Jackets finding Tech a direct path to the Major Leagues

## Most MLB Draft Picks for an ACC School

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## Last 3 MLB Drafts

**Georgia Tech players selected**

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*Indicates supplemental first round selection
JACKETS IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES

12 former Yellow Jackets appeared on MLB Rosters in 2008

Eric Patterson
Jay Payton
David Newhan
Russ Chandler Stadium, the home of Georgia Tech baseball for more than 70 years, has a long and storied history, from its original construction in 1930 with funds from Tech’s 1929 appearance in the Rose Bowl game to its use as a training facility for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games. The facility underwent a complete reconstruction for the 2002 season in less than eight months at a cost of $9.7 million, making Russ Chandler Stadium one of the top collegiate ballparks in America.

With a seating capacity of 4,157, Georgia Tech’s baseball facility more than doubled in size from the previous stadium in 2002. Russ Chandler Stadium features approximately 1,100 chairback seats behind the home plate area in addition to nearly 3,000 bleacher seats. Space is available down the left field line for future expansion that would bring the capacity to over 5,000.

The facility includes locker rooms for both Georgia Tech and the visiting team, as well as one for the umpires. Tech’s locker room area, which is located on the third base side of the stadium, includes a player’s lounge with a large-screen television, a video room where players and coaches can break down game film, and a separate locker area for the coaching staff. A state-of-the-art athletic training room is adjacent to the Tech locker room in addition to a sizable weight room and workout facility.

The stadium features three covered batting cages and pitching mounds. One is located underneath the grandstand, while an enclosed area above the left field grandstand houses two additional cages and mounds.

A wide concourse and plaza area is located at the main entrance to the stadium behind third base. Ticket booths, concession stands and restrooms are located on both the first base and third base sides of the stadium.

Above the grandstand is the press level, which includes ample space for the writers and broadcasters who cover Tech’s nationally-ranked program. The main press box has seating for more than 30, while three auxiliary booths can accommodate television and radio crews.

Two enclosed luxury suites are located to one side of the press box, while six open-air, covered suites are on the other side of the press area.

The 2002 reconstruction project also included replacing the playing field with a new sand-profile, under-drained natural turf surface that includes an irrigation system.

In the process of the reconstruction, home plate was moved outward 20 feet and the field was rotated slightly clockwise, affecting the dimensions of the field. The dimensions now stand at 328 feet down the left field line, 391 in left center field, 400 to straight away center field, 353 to right center, and 334 down the right field line. The deepest part of the ballpark measures 409 feet just to the left of center field.

The bullpens are outside the playing field area. The dugouts allow for ample room for the two teams. Included at the end of the dugouts are camera wells for video and still photographers.

The reconstruction project also included new lights, which meet AAA baseball standards, as well as a new scoreboard, video board and sound system.

The stadium was designed by the architectural firm of HOK, which also designed Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore, Jacobs Field (now Progressive Field) in Cleveland and AT&T Park (formerly SBC and Pacific Bell Park) in San Francisco among others. The joint venture of Carter & Associates and Turner Construction handled the construction of the project.
Nearly 1,100 premium chairback seats are available directly behind home plate for fans wishing to get a closeup view of the action.

The Yellow Jackets compete on one of the best playing surfaces in all of college baseball, and the Sports Turf Managers Association selected Russ Chandler Stadium as the 2008 National Collegiate Baseball Field of the Year.

Scenically nestled in midtown Atlanta, Russ Chandler Stadium provides a brilliant backdrop for college baseball and offers one of the best atmospheres for the game in the country.
A HISTORY


With the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and Georgia Tech serving as the athletes’ village, the stadium was used extensively as a training site for the competing baseball teams.

Russ Chandler Stadium was originally built in Georgia Tech’s Centennial year of 1985 and the facility is named in honor of A. Russell Chandler, III, who donated the funds for its construction. Chandler is a 1967 Georgia Tech graduate with a degree in Industrial Engineering.

At an original cost of approximately $650,000, the stadium accommodated approximately 2,500 spectators, including reserved seating for 500. The facility included restroom and concessions facilities, and a press level complete with radio and television booths, a working press area and a VIP box. This phase of the facility was completed in April, 1985.

Later improvements included a new locker room and office complex beneath the stands on the first-base side in 1986, connected by hallway to the Tech dugout. It housed dressing and shower facilities for the Tech players, an office for the coaches, an equipment room and a training room. An indoor workout facility and batting cage were built on the third-base side. In 1992, a weight training complex was completed behind the third base dugout and a permanent souvenir stand was built.

The dressing room and office complex were renovated in 1991 to include a lounge for the players as well as an expanded training room and equipment storage area.

The original stadium, along with adjacent football practice fields and track, was constructed after the 1929 Rose Bowl with funds received from the participation of Tech’s 1928 football team in the post-season contest. The entire complex was named for the bowl.

At that time, the Rose Bowl Field complex consisted of the baseball field and football practice fields, completely surrounded by the massive stone wall, part of which still stands along Fowler Street.

In 1971, Fifth Street which parallels the first-base line, was extended through the campus and caused the removal of the original stadium seating area behind home plate. From then until the beginning of the 1985 season, wooden bleachers were used to accommodate spectators.

An outfield fence was installed in 1971 and dugouts built in 1972. A small press box and restroom facilities were added in 1973.

The first stadium lights were erected prior to the 1983 season, and the first night game was played between Tech and Howard University on Mar. 28, 1983, a 7-3 Yellow Jacket victory. The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games donated a brand new tarpaulin following the Centennial Games.

Outfield wall advertisements were first sold in 1983 to raise money for lights.

Since 1985, when Chandler Stadium’s grandstand was built, the Yellow Jackets have posted a sparkling 681-185 (.785) mark at home, including an all-time best record of 32-2 in 1992. Tech has been just as successful against ACC teams, with a 210-74 (.739) record, including an undefeated 11-0 slate in 1987 and a 14-1 mark in 2005.

THE LOCKER ROOM

Located underneath the third base grandstand, Georgia Tech’s locker room area includes a player’s lounge and video room, a training room and weight lifting area, and separate players’ and coaches’ locker rooms. The locker room has direct access to the Yellow Jackets’ dugout.
GAME DAY AT RCS
A fun atmosphere awaits all in attendance

Game day at Georgia Tech features a number of events, including games, giveaways and prizes as the Yellow Jackets look to present an entertaining product, both on and off the field. Several of the more popular games such as the Dizzy Bat Race, Roll for Rubber and Delta Derby return in 2009, as do in-game pizza giveaways to the loudest fans. Fans can also receive Georgia Tech prizos upon entry into the ballpark this season, with items such as floppy hats, rally towels and t-shirts being given away prior to select weekend series games.
Go to Ramblinwreck.com for more details!

DID YOU KNOW?

ALL-ACCESS
Following each and every home game, members of the Georgia Tech baseball team take time to meet their fans and sign autographs along the third base line. The team also holds an annual poster-signing day, when all in attendance can pick up the latest Georgia Tech baseball poster and get their favorite Yellow Jackets’ autographs.

YOUTH SUNDAYS
Before every Sunday home game, all youth in attendance are invited to escort the Yellow Jackets onto the field for the national anthem. And then after the game, all kids have the opportunity to run the bases.
A new strength center, modern athletic training facilities and a state-of-the-art sports complex is available to all Tech student-athletes.
Georgia Tech’s Hugh Spruill Strength Center is one of the nation’s top strength and conditioning facilities. Housed on the ground floor of the Wardlaw Building, which is located in the South endzone at Bobby Dodd Stadium, the Hugh Spruill Strength Center underwent a $750,000 renovation last summer and comes complete with new flooring and all new weights and machines. The facility is used by all 17 athletic teams at Georgia Tech.

Steve Tamborra has spent 10 years as an assistant director of player development at Georgia Tech and serves as the Yellow Jacket baseball team’s strength and conditioning coach.
The Georgia Institute of Technology is one of the nation’s top research universities, distinguished by its commitment to improving the human condition through advanced science and technology.

Georgia Tech’s campus occupies 400 acres in the heart of the city of Atlanta, where more than 18,000 undergraduate and graduate students receive a focused, technologically based education.

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the Institute offers many nationally recognized, top-ranked programs. Undergraduate and graduate degrees are offered in the Colleges of Architecture, Engineering, Sciences, Computing, Management, and the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts. Georgia Tech is consistently ranked in the U.S. News & World Report’s top ten public universities in the United States.

Georgia Tech, the home of the Yellow Jackets, is the No. 7 public university in the nation, according to the 2007 rankings by U.S. News & World Report. Georgia Tech is an innovative, intellectual environment with more than 900 full-time instructional faculty and more than 18,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

The university is a national and international leader in scientific and technological research and education. Over the past decade, overall research expenditures increased by 84 percent to $355.3 million in 2006, while federal research expenditures increased 129 percent. Georgia Tech now ranks among the top five in research expenditures among universities without a medical school. In addition, Georgia Tech has an estimated $3.9 billion impact within the state of Georgia, according to a 2006 Strategic Economic Development report.

Rankings

Year after year, Georgia Tech is consistently the only technological university ranked in U.S. News & World Report’s listing of America’s top ten public universities. In addition, Georgia Tech’s College of Engineering is consistently ranked in the nation’s top five by U.S. News. In terms of producing African American engineering graduates, Diverse: Issues in Higher Education ranks Tech No. 1 at the bachelor’s level, No. 2 at the master’s level and No. 1 at the doctorate level. These impressive national rankings reflect the academic prestige long associated with Georgia Tech curriculum.
Tech’s National Rankings

U.S. News & World Report
- No. 7 public university in the country
- No. 4 graduate engineering college
- No. 5 undergraduate engineering college
- No. 1 industrial engineering program
- 9 undergraduate engineering programs ranked in the top 10
- 8 graduate engineering programs ranked in the top 10
- No. 1 in engineering bachelor’s degrees awarded to African American students
- No. 3 in engineering bachelor’s degrees awarded to all categories of minority students
- No. 9 in engineering bachelor’s degrees awarded to Asian American students
Where Atlanta Ranks
Among the nation’s largest metro areas
1st Least expensive major cities
1st Population growth
3rd Hottest cities for business expansion and relocation
3rd Most Fortune 500 headquarters
3rd Number of African-American college students
4th Major cities of the future
5th University research
5th College students enrolled

1 KPMG 2006
2 Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
3 Expansion Management Magazine
4 Fortune Magazine
5 Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education
6 FDI Magazine

HOT-LANTA
The sports capital of the South

Mario West (left) and Keith Brooking both played at Georgia Tech
The Yellow Jacket

Conflicting accounts exist as to the origins and beginnings of the Yellow Jacket, but the nickname did not grow out of the familiar six-legged insect; rather, the insect mascot, known as “Buzz,” grew out of the nickname. The first known reference to Tech students as “Yellowjackets” appeared in the Atlanta Constitution in 1905 and came into common usage at that time. The name, spelled as one word, was first used to describe supporters who attended Tech athletic events, dressed in yellow coats and jackets. The actual mascot was conceived at a later, undetermined date.

The Ramblin’ Wreck

On September 30, 1961, in the football home opener against Rice University, the official Ramblin’ Wreck car was unveiled to 43,501 fans at Grant Field, leading Georgia Tech onto the field. The event did not establish a new tradition, but cemented one, as it has led the team onto the field in every home game since.

The Ramblin’ Wreck Fight Song

I’m a Ramblin’ Wreck from Georgia Tech and a hell of an engineer, A helluva, helluva, helluva, helluva, hell of an engineer, Like all the jolly good fellows, I drink my whiskey clear, I’m a Ramblin’ Wreck from Georgia Tech and a hell of an engineer.

Oh, if I had a daughter sir, I’d dress her in White and Gold, And put her on the campus, to cheer the brave and bold. But if I had a son, sir, I’ll tell you what he’d do. He would yell, “To Hell with Georgia,” like his daddy used to do.

Oh, I wish I had a barrel of rum and sugar three thousand pounds, A college bell to put it in and a clapper to stir it around. I’d drink to all good fellows who come from far and near. I’m a ramblin’, gamblin’, hell of an engineer.

White and Gold

Oh well its up with the White and Gold Down with the Red and Black Georgia Tech is out for the victory We’ll drop the battle axe on Georgia’s head When we meet her, our team is sure to beat her Down on the old farm there will be no sound till our bow-wows rip through the air When the battle is over, Georgia’s team will be found With the Yellow Jackets swarming around.

Baseball Specific

While Georgia Tech Athletics has traditions that have lasted decades, the Yellow Jacket baseball program has several of its own that have continued over the years. From the music to in-game promotions to the team itself, fans attending games at Russ Chandler Stadium will see a rich history of fun and interesting traditions at Tech baseball games. Such traditions include the baseball team’s Two’s, the running of the Delta Derby along with the Roll for Rubber and Dizzy Bat Race, the 7th-inning stretch Dead Skunk, and the playing of the Buzz-is-wiser song. Keep an eye out at all home baseball games for these Tech baseball traditions and others!
Amanda McDowell captured the NCAA Singles title in 2008, one year after helping the women's tennis team win the NCAA Championship, the first in Georgia Tech history.

**WORLD CLASS ATHLETES**

Student-athletes are surrounded by world-class talent while training at Georgia Tech.

Chris Bosh, a Freshman All-America at Georgia Tech in 2003, helped the United States capture the gold medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Angelo Taylor, a two-time national champion and four-time All-America sprinter at Georgia Tech from 1997-98, won two gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, eight years after he captured his first Olympic gold medal in Sydney.

Derek Dietrich helped guide the 2008 USA Baseball National Team to gold at the FISU World Championship Tournament in the Czech Republic.
GEORGIA TECH'S ALL-TIME GREATEST

As if it wasn't enough that catcher Jason Varitek became a consensus All-America for the third time in 1994, the Longwood, Fla. native also earned National Player of the Year honors from three organizations - Baseball America, the American Baseball Coaches Association (Dick Howser Trophy) and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (Smith Award).

Baseball America also listed Varitek as college baseball's all-time greatest catcher when he was named to the all-time college team. In November, 1994, Varitek received amateur baseball's greatest honor, the Golden Spikes Award. He was the first Georgia Tech baseball player to ever receive any of the above listed national honors and remains the only Yellow Jacket to receive the Golden Spikes and Smith Awards.

Fifteen years after leaving Georgia Tech, he still remains the all-time greatest player in school history, holding nearly all of the school's offensive records. The former Yellow Jacket captain has gone on to enjoy a successful professional career after being selected in the first round of the 1994 Major League Baseball Draft by Seattle. He reached the major leagues with the Boston Red Sox in September, 1997, and became just the third player in the organization's history to be named a captain when the Red Sox listed him as such in December, 2004. The three-time All-Star and Gold Glove-winning catcher led the Red Sox to World Series titles in 2004 and 2007.

THE YELLOW JACKETS' FIRST RETIRED JERSEY IN BASEBALL

The late Jim Luck enjoyed the longest tenure of any Georgia Tech baseball coach, posting a 320-280-4 record in 20 seasons on the Flats (1962-81). Luck's top team came within one win of earning a trip to the College World Series in 1971, and in 1972, Luck was inducted into the Georgia Tech Athletics Hall of Fame. Luck also served as an assistant football coach and long-time administrator as an assistant athletic director at Georgia Tech before losing his life in an automobile accident in 1986.

The Alexander Memorial Coliseum annex, which houses the locker rooms for Georgia Tech's basketball teams, is named for the former Tech skipper. His jersey number, 44, was the only baseball jersey to be retired at Georgia Tech until 1994, when the Yellow Jackets added Jason Varitek's No. 33.

HONORED JERSEYS

THE ULTIMATE TROPHY
A degree from Georgia Tech

Yearly Average Starting Salary with a Bachelor’s Degree from Georgia Tech:

Computing $60,000
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Management $48,000
Liberal Arts $45,000
Architecture $43,000

2007-08 Academic Honor Roll

Charlie Blackmon, Chase Burnette
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Management - December, 2008
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IN THE COMMUNITY

Yellow Jackets often lend a hand in Atlanta and beyond

- Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
- Habitat for Humanity
- Special Olympics
- Atlanta Elementary Schools Reading Program
- Toys for Tots
RADIO COVERAGE
WREK-FM (91.1), Georgia Tech’s 40,000-watt student station, will be the primary carrier of Georgia Tech once again in 2009, broadcasting the Yellow Jacket baseball games for the 26th-consecutive year. This season, all baseball games, home and away, not aired on 790 The Zone or conflicting with women’s basketball games will be aired on WREK Radio. Those Tech fans outside of the 91.1 FM-Radio range may also tune in online by visiting www.wrek.org. Visit the baseball schedule page at Ramblinwreck.com to see the radio broadcast information for the upcoming season.

TELEVISION COVERAGE
Georgia Tech’s baseball program is regularly featured on the Atlantic Coast Conference’s television package, and 2009 will be no different. The Yellow Jackets’ game against Florida State (May 9) will be aired on the Regional Sports Network, which includes FSN South, Sun Sports, Comcast SportsNet and the Northeast Sports Network. Additionally, Georgia Tech will have a minimum of five other baseball games televised in 2009, with the possibility of even more. Visit the baseball schedule page at Ramblinwreck.com to see the television schedule for the upcoming season.

ONLINE VIDEO BROADCASTS
Yellow Jacket baseball will have nearly 10 games broadcast on the league’s premier online video service, ACC Select, in 2009. The service is available for a small fee with single-game, monthly and yearly subscriptions available. Visit the baseball schedule page at Ramblinwreck.com to see the online video schedule for the upcoming season.

LIVESTATS
Live stats for all Georgia Tech baseball games, both home and away, are available at RamblinWreck.com.

IN PRINT
The Yellow Jackets have been featured in Baseball America and fans can find frequent articles about the Tech baseball team in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The Technique and the Buzz Magazine.
IN MEMORY OF

The 2009 Georgia Tech Baseball Yearbook is dedicated to the memory of Ronnie King, a three-year letterwinner from 1966-68, and Michael Hutts, a three-year letterwinner from 2006-08.

RONNIE KING
1945-2009

With heavy hearts the Yellow Jacket baseball family learned of the passing of Ronnie King, a Yellow Jacket outfielder from 1966-68, in January, 2009, following a year-long fight with cancer.

He married his wife Gail in 1966 and went on to lead Georgia Tech in home runs in 1967 and 1968. A team captain in 1968, King helped the Yellow Jackets to a 21-13 record, highlighted by wins over Georgia and North Carolina.

Following his graduation, the three-year baseball letterwinner went on to serve in the Army for three years before being honorably discharged as a captain following Vietnam. He then began a career in banking, eventually serving as the Senior Vice President at the Bank of North Georgia prior to his death. Although very successful in his banking career, King still continued to make time for his beloved Yellow Jackets and precious children, Ron, Jr., Kelly and Emmy.

"Ronnie was not only a fine player, but also a leader and friend to all of his teammates at Georgia Tech," said Bank of North Georgia Vice Chairman Randy Carroll, a former teammate, longtime friend and coworker of King. "He was very involved in our baseball program throughout his life, and it was difficult to say goodbye to such a great friend."

The friends of Ronnie King have established the Ronnie King Baseball Scholarship Fund at Georgia Tech. Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund in King’s memory may contact the Alexander Tharpe Fund at Georgia Tech by calling 404.894.5414.

MICHAEL HUTTS
1987-2008

Nearly halfway through the 2008 season, the Yellow Jacket baseball team learned that one of their own, junior Michael Hutts, had passed away. What followed was months of grieving while learning to cope with the loss of a teammate and true friend.

Hutts wasn’t the team’s ace, but he was his one teammates looked to for relief. He embraced life, loved to laugh, enjoyed seeing his friends and teammates happy, and he was a leader in the clubhouse. He tended to set the mood of the team for a game - if they needed to be picked up, he turned up the music; if they needed to calm down...well, he made them laugh. Perhaps that’s what he was best known for - being the truly committed teammate.

Hutts earned three letters at Georgia Tech after making his debut at the end of his freshman season. The gritty pitcher enjoyed every bit of his life as a Yellow Jacket baseball player, and steadily became one of the top left-handed relievers on the team by his junior season. His best outing came just one week prior to his death in a two-inning appearance at North Carolina.

Hutts would have been a senior this season, and he will forever be in the hearts of the team, coaches and family he left behind in April, 2008.

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"This scholarship will hopefully provide benefits for another baseball student-athlete in the future while honoring Ronnie’s legacy,” Carroll added.

Ronnie King will forever be missed by the King and Carroll families, as well as his extended Yellow Jacket baseball family.