For the Georgia Tech football team, 1990 was supposed to be the season they would finally turn the corner and become competitive. Becoming "competitive," however, is an understatement for this team's performance. Not only did the team win the school's first Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) football championship and its first conference football title of any kind since 1952, the Jackets also finished the regular season ranked second in all the major polls.

The team managed this feat with a combination of aggressive defensive play and a big-play offense. The team had no hero saving the day week after week, but rather had several of them taking turns at making the big play.

In the opener against North Carolina State, it was Coleman Rudolph and the Yellow Jacket defense who stifled the Wolfpack in 90-degree heat at Bobby Dodd Stadium. Against Tennessee-Chattanooga the next week, the hero was sophomore quarterback Shawn Jones, who scrambled away from a sack to throw a 78-yard touchdown pass.

Versus South Carolina, junior Ken Swilling proved his all-America status with two interceptions. Marco Coleman would rack up five and one half sacks the next week to shut down Maryland at College Park.

Against 17th-ranked Clemson at Grant Field, sophomore walk-on Kevin Tisdel returned a kick-off 78 yards to set up a Tech score just after (continued on page 150)
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(continued from page 148) Clemson had scored to make the game close.

The only blemish on Tech’s record was a 13-13 tie at North Carolina. The Jackets had to rely on Scott Sisson for a last minute tying field goal after failing on third-and-goal in two consecutive possessions.

The next week, William Bell would rush for 166 yards to beat Duke on Homecoming. Tisdel would earn a scholarship with an 85-yard kickoff return.

The biggest game in recent Tech history would take place the next week when the Jackets took on number one ranked Virginia in Charlottesville. A CBS-TV national audience would watch as Sisson kicked home a 37-yard field goal with seven seconds left to win the game.

The victory earned William Bell and the Jackets the cover of Sports Illustrated the next week and jumped the team into the top 10 for the first time since the early 1970s.

Sisson would be called upon again the next week to beat Virginia Tech with 12 seconds left to preserve the longest unbeaten streak in Division I-A.

Bobby Ross clinched his fourth ACC title (the first three earned at Maryland) with a big win over Wake Forest the next Saturday. Bobby Rodriguez would score twice to lead the Jackets to victory over the Demon Deacons.

The annual backyard brawl against the Bulldogs lost some its luster this season due to Georgia’s poor record. But the pups were out for blood and had a 9-0 lead on the Jackets at the end of the first quarter.

But Shawn Jones and the Georgia Tech offense ignited, scoring 23 unanswered points to put the game out of Georgia’s reach.

Despite a lack of respect nationally for the ACC and the Jackets’ schedule, Tech’s unblemished record earned them 17 first-place votes in the final regular season AP poll. This put them just behind number-one Colorado going into the bowl games. As ACC champion, the Jackets headed for the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando to take on Big 8 runner-up Nebraska. (See related story on page 152.)

For Georgia Tech alumni, the successes of this fall recalled the days when Bobby Dodd was leading the Jackets to conference championships on a yearly basis. Georgia Tech students, however, didn’t know much about Dodd or past success. All they knew was that this season was the best for the Jackets in recent memory.

The irony of being in the hunt for a national championship just two years after a 3-8 season wasn’t lost on Tech fans. Unfortunately, it was the goalposts at Bobby Dodd Stadium that bore the brunt of the celebration. After Tech’s victory over Virginia, the posts were taken from the safe home on Grant Field to the corner of Techwood Drive and Bobby Dodd Way, where they became the foundation for a bonfire.

By the time the celebration was over, two street lights and a Tech police car had been damaged and enough toilet paper had been thrown to keep Mr. Whipple in business for a year.

Tech fans also took down part of the goalposts at Wake Forest after winning the ACC title and showered the grass at Sanford Stadium in Athens with citrus fruit after the regular season finale against the Bullpuppies.

Students spent the night in the rain and cold outside the bookstore waiting for tickets for the Citrus Bowl to go on sale. Tickets were snapped up quickly as football fever made Techies forget about the start of basketball season.
On Tuesday, January 1, 1991, the electronic scoreboard flashed "Georgia Tech—1990 National Football Champions". No one who had watched Tech's 45-21 demolition of Big Eight powerhouse Nebraska could have denied that statement.

On Tech's first possession, game Most Valuable Player Shawn Jones slipped out of the grasp of a Cornhusker defender and galloped forty-six yards to set up a Tech score. Minutes later Academic All-America Stefan Scotton rumbled in from two yards out to give Tech an early lead.

The Yellow Jacket defense stifled Nebraska quarterback Mike Grant and shut down the vaunted Cornhusker running game, as Tom Osborne’s squad went three downs and out. Tech marched the ball down field again, but Scott Sisson’s thirty-seven yard field goal attempt fell short.

Nebraska, however, quickly handed the ball back to Tech, and Jones took to the air, finding Emmett Merchant in the back of the end zone for a twenty-two yard score.

Shortly thereafter, Jones moved Tech in position for another touchdown with a pretty twenty-seven yard pass to Brent Goolsby. That set up a easy lott toss from two yards out to William Bell to give the Yellow Jackets a commanding 21-0 lead.

But unfortunately for Tech fans, the Jackets could keep the command. Tom Haase entered the game for Nebraska and found his tight end, Johnny Mitchell, all alone in the back of the end zone for an easy TD.

On Nebraska's next possession, Derek Brown raced past all-America safety Ken Swilling for a fifty yard touchdown and Nebraska looked ready to sting Tech.

Things looked worse when Jones couldn’t get the offense moving and Tony Gariety was called on to punt. Luck, however, was on Tech’s side, as Nebraska’s return men quibbled over who was to receive the punt just long enough for senior Jay Martin to land on the bouncing pigskin.

Sisson made good on a thirty-seven yard try this time to give Tech a 24-14 halftime lead.

Nebraska came at the Jackets on the opening drive of the second half but stalled on the seventeen. Keith Holmes blocked a Husker field goal attempt and took the wind out of Nebraska's sails in the process.

Jones marched the ball down field and took it in himself from a yard out to stretch Tech's lead and remove all doubt as to who would win this game. Bell would score twice in the fourth quarter to ice the game for Tech.

The Jackets finished the season 11-0-1, the only unbeaten major college team. For that, they were awarded the United Press International National Championship. Scripps-Howard and The Sporting News also picked Tech number one, with the Associated Press and CNN/USA Today tabbing the Jackets second.

Nearly every coach-of-the-year honor imaginable was laid upon Bobby Ross and dozens of other accolades came Tech's way as well. Thousands of Atlantans turned out for a parade through downtown on the Monday after the game—all of them saluting Atlanta's first football champion.
Bab Y Jackets Sting Bull Pups 38-24
Tough Season Takes Toll

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. For Head Basketball Coach Bobby Cremins, the 1990-91 basketball season seemed more like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde than Charles Dickens.

From one game to the next, no one was sure which Georgia Tech team would show up. Would it be the team that blew away DePaul in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, or the team that suffered one of the worst losses in team history against Duke?

According to the SAGRIN computer index, Tech had the sixth most difficult schedule in the nation in 1990-91. At times, it seemed the Jackets were up to the challenge, but at other times, their inexperience led them to slaughter.

Road victories are always a good indicator of a team's strength, and on that basis, Tech stacked up with the best of them. In December, the Jackets relied upon seldom-used senior guard Brian Domalik to drop then-twentieth ranked Georgia in the Omni in double overtime.

Later in the year, the Jackets travelled to Chapel Hill and shocked seventh-ranked North Carolina and Dean Smith by devestating the Tar Heels on their home court. Nationally televised wins against number five Arizona in Meadowlands, New Jersey and number fourteen Virginia in Charlottesville proved that Tech could play with the big boys.

But a trip to Cameron Indoor Stadium to play eventual national champion Duke showed that when this Jackets team was bad, it was very bad. The Jackets were never in the game as Duke rolled 98-57.

North Carolina gained its revenge on Tech by wiping the Alexander Memorial Coliseum floor with the Jackets on "Senior Night" 91-74. That was Tech's second-worst ACC home loss.

All in all, Tech finished a (continued on page 158)
(continued from page 156) respectable 16-11, but had a losing record in the Atlantic Coast Conference (6-8), including a season-ending loss to last-place Clemson. The win was the Tigers' only one in the conference this season. Against top twenty-five teams, however, Tech had a winning record (5-4).

Those road victories earned the Yellow Jackets a sixth consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament. Tech's first-round game in the Midwest Regional was against independent DePaul, the only nonconference team invited to the NCAA dance.

The last time the two teams had met, Dennis Scott provided the thrills with a last-second shot. This time, however, last-second heroics were not necessary as Tech cruised from the opening tip.

The next game, against top-seeded Ohio State, however, was the return of Mr. Hyde and the end of the Jackets' season. A cold shooting day from all-Everything sophomore Kenny Anderson sealed Tech's fate.

Lethal Weapon Uno, Anderson, was left to run the team this year, and his heroics were a big part of Tech's success. The sophomore sensation averaged 26.6 points per game, but only 5.8 assists. This was a reflection of Anderson's tendency to try to "do it all" for the Jackets.

Tech's biggest victories...
came on days when sophomore forward Malcolm Mackey and junior college transfer Jon Barry were part of the offense. Mackey averaged 16 points a game and 10.3 rebounds to give Tech the inside force it found lacking most of last season.

Barry stepped into Brian Oliver's shoes and filled them quite well, averaging 16.3 points per game and 3.9 assists. His presence helped take some of the pressure off of Anderson.

Inside, however, Cremins was disappointed with the play of transfer center Matt Geiger, who had been counted on to improve the inside game. Geiger had starred at Auburn two seasons ago before coming to Tech. Geiger's inexperience showed and a foot injury hindered his performance all season.
BASKETBALL

MARY WHALEY
Pleasing Crowds Is Their Specialty
Win Over Dawgs Highlights Season

The 1990 Joltin' Jackets had another successful season under the leadership of Head Coach Jim Morris. The Jackets finished with a record of forty-six wins and twenty-five losses. The Jackets were ranked number one in the nation up until Spring Break.

ESPN visited Chandler Stadium in April and the Jackets defeated Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) rival North Carolina in Tech's first nationally televised home game. Tech's record at the end of the season earned them a NCAA Regional Baseball Tournament bid for the sixth straight year.

The season was highlighted by exceptional power from the bat of junior third baseman Andy Bruce. He hit seventeen home runs and finished the season with a batting average of .363 as well as an on-base percentage of .424. Darrin Bragg had another successful season of offense with one of the highest batting averages (.397) and on base percentages (.531) in the ACC. Bragg, who was the Ricky Henderson of Tech's offense, also stole fourteen bases on fifteen attempts.

Other offensive standouts were freshman Carlton Fleming who racked up a .339 average and stole eighteen bases. Senior Anthony Maisano continued to show his power, bashing twenty-five home runs.

On the mound, Tech's pitching staff got another year of strong performances from junior lefthander Doug Creek (11-4) and sophomore Mike Hostetler (12-4). Hostetler, who had been a reliever last season, moved to the role of a starting pitcher and did an excellent job. Other highlights of the Joltin' Jackets' season included beating the Bulldogs from a school in Athens two times. The Dawgs later went on to win the national championship in the College World Series in 1990. Everyone knows Tech is better than they were!

During the summer, Coach Morris and two Tech players, pitcher Mike Hostetler and outfielder Darrin Bragg, were selected for the USA Team. The team competed with teams from other countries in the Pan American Games. In the month of July, Darrin Bragg was on the front page of the sports section of USA Today for hitting a lead-off homerun in international competition.

Also during the summer, former Tech relief ace Jim Poole was called up to the Los Angeles Dodgers. Poole was sent back down to the minors in July but was later called back up and finished the season with the Dodgers.

Another former Tech pitcher, Kevin Brown, made the Joltin' Jackets proud by having a 6-0 record during the first few weeks of the season. Brown, a Texas Ranger, was the top pitcher.

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**Tech Opponent**
- Wright St. * 1 6
- Oklahoma St. * 8 2
- Iona * 1 4
- Creighton * 4 3
- Iona * 15 1
- Hawaii * 9 2
- Wright St. * 4 3
- Oklahoma St. * 4 7
- Creighton * 3 2
- at N.C. State 7 10
- at N.C. State 7 9
- at N.C. State 10 11
- at Georgia 8 9
- Duke 12 3
- Duke 6 3
- Duke 10 2
- Mercer 15 1
- at S. Carolina 0 1
- at S. Carolina 5 10
- N. Carolina 10 6
- N. Carolina 11 5
- N. Carolina 11 12
- Augusta 15 2
- Augusta 4 2
- Georgia 8 2
- Clemson 12 14
- at Clemson 8 3
- Clemson 10 17
- Tennessee Tech 18 3
- at Georgia 6 8
- Georgia 12 5
- at Wake Forest 5 11
- at Wake Forest 3 8
- at Wake Forest 2 3
- Ga. Southern 15 5
- Ga. Southern 6 3
- S. Carolina 4 7
- S. Carolina 11 1
- Mid. Tenn. St. 5 0
- Mid. Tenn. St. 5 4

**Tournaments**

**Atlantic Coast Conference**
- Wake Forest 3 1
- N. Carolina 4 9
- N.C. State 6 10
- Mid. Tenn. St. 4 5

**NCAA Tournament**
- Houston 2 4
- Louisiana St. 5 11

* - Rainbow Stadium, Honolulu, HI
Talented Jackets Start Off Strong

For Women’s Basketball Coach Agnus Berenato, the 1990-91 season meant a step in the right direction for a long-struggling program.

Berenato’s recruiting program for the last two years paid off with big dividends as a talented group of sophomores and juniors led the way for the Lady Jackets.

The team sprinted at the start of the season, winning seven in a row, just one win short of tying the school record for most consecutive victories.

The Lady Jackets, powered by Joyce Pierce’s 19.5 points per game and Karen Lounsbury’s 16.7, won ten of their first eleven before entering Atlantic Coast Conference play.

Pierce, a six foot sophomore from Norcross, also led the Lady Jackets in rebounding with ten per game in the early going. Lounsbury led the ACC in free throw percentage and ranked third in three-point shots made during the early portion of the season.

But unfortunately for the Lady Jackets, the tough Atlantic Coast Conference would show no mercy. A trip to Raleigh to face then number three-ranked North Carolina State in the twelfth week showed the women what they were up against. The Wolfpak rolled over Tech 97-79.

Tech played the Lady Wolfpak tough for the first thirty-four minutes and were within five points, but N.C. State put on a show with six points in thirty seconds to break the game open.

After losing to Wake Forest on the road, Tech came home to face North Carolina in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

The Lady Jackets showed the Tar Heels that they planned on being a force to be reckoned with in the future with a decisive 101-86 win. A tough two-point loss to Maryland followed, which gave the women further hope.

But the game that perhaps solidified Georgia Tech’s standing as an up-and-coming force in ACC women’s basketball was what would look in the record books as just another tough loss.

The game was played in Charlottesville, Virginia and the opponent the number one-ranked Virginia Cavaliers. Like the football team before them, the Lady Jackets travelled to Virginia hoping to upset the top team in the country and to use that win to (continued on page 170)
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catapult themselves into na-
tional prominence.

The Lady Jackets led
until late in the fourth quarter,
but were unable to hold on as
Virginia won by four. The
Cavaliers later advanced to
the finals of the NCAA tour-
nament.

It was definitely a sea-
son of bright spots for the Lady
Jackets. They set a school
record for most victories in a
season. They also broke the
school record for points per
game and finished the sea-
son ranked in the top fifty in
the nation in terms of points
scored.

Pierce finished the
season as the team's leading
scorer, averaging 18.3 points
per game. That was good
enough to rank her among
the top scorers in the ACC.

She also led the team
in rebounds with 8.8 per game,
a mark that also put her
among the ACC's leaders. Lounsbury wasn't far behind in the scoring department and their inside-outside game worked effectively for Berenato.

The future looks especially bright for Berenato and her troops. Pierce will return as will Lounsbury, Lara Kauffman, Bronda Davis, Angie Fischer, Allison Echols, and former ACC-assists leader Carmen Davis.
Team of Unprecedented Talents

It's been a strong two past seasons for Tech's golf team. Starting in spring of 1990 ranked third in the nation, by year's end the Jackets had jumped to number one, and were ready to embark on a quest for the national championship.

The first act in Tech's drive to number one was the spring 1990 season. It was just an incredible string of tournaments as the team won one event, finished second in three more, third in another, and was in the top five for three more. A large part of the Yellow Jackets' seemingly unstoppable machine was freshman David Duval. Of him, Coach Puggy Blackmon remarked, "He's the reason we've jumped from number thirteen to third in the national rankings... David Duval has the potential to be the best golfer at Georgia Tech since Bobby Jones." Jones was the legendary amateur who is the only golfer to ever have won golf's "Grand Slam" of tournaments. Duval was second in an astounding three events, and for the spring was in the top ten seven times.

Other strong performers were seniors Charlie Rymer and Tripp Isenhour, junior Chan Reeves, who was in the top ten in two events, and junior Tom Shaw. When the spring ended, there was no doubt that the Ramblin' Wreck would be a force to contend with.

The second act opened with the golfers being ranked fifth, with four Jackets being selected as either pre-season all-Americans or honorable mentions—Duval, Shaw, Reeves, and newcomer freshman Briny Baird, who was honored before he had ever played a hole in college. When combined with seniors Trey Holroyd and Mike Clark, and junior Jimmy Johnston, the Tech men had a team of unprecedented talent.

The golfers immediately put that talent and depth to use, placing second in the school's "home" tournament, the Carpet Capital Collegiate in Rocky Face, Georgia. Reeves led the Jackets at third place. That number two finish was followed by another at the Preview Classic in Pebble Beach, California. Johnston and Shaw were the team's two top ten finishers.

To go with those two finishes, the Wreck placed fourth in the Red River Classic held in Dallas. All three events were played against top notch golfers from around the nation. Their performance catapulted the men into the number one ranking in October.

That ranking was cemented when Tech won the Southern Intercollegiate in Athens, Georgia. Duval was in third place with his one over-par 217 (74-77-66), while Johnston was a stroke behind at sixth, and Baird was another stroke behind and in eighth.

The last event of the year was Hilton Head's Palmetto Dunes Collegiate. The Jackets were fifth out of eighteen schools. Johnston, at 4-under-par, was seventh, and Duval was ninth, putting an end to an incredible year.
The 1990 men's cross country season began with high expectations but finished disappointingly with a last place finish in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) championships. The Tech team did however win its sixth state title in seven years with a strong performance at the Georgia Collegiate Championships.

The Jackets were led by seniors T.J. Bultema, Curtis Crocker and John Krueger, junior Sam Hooper, and sophomore John Moritz. Those five had led Tech to a second place finish in the state meet in 1989.

The team got off to a slow start as the Jackets finished sixth out of 14 teams in the Alabama Invitational. Transfer Shawn Young, who finished nineteenth with a time of 25:55, and Hooper, who ended up thirty-second at 26:39 were the top finishers for Tech.

Tech then traveled to Tallahassee to tangle with the Florida State Seminoles in a dual meet. The Jackets will be seeing a lot of the Seminoles in the future as FSU becomes a member of the ACC. Unfortunately for Tech, FSU was the better team on the day. Young again led the Jackets with a third place finish and a time of 20:26.4. Moritz ran for the first time on the season and finished a respectable eighth at 20:53.2.

Next up for the Jackets were the Georgia Collegiate Championships, hosted by Georgia Southern in Panthersville. Tech went into the meet hoping to build on past successes there. The team had won five consecutive state titles before finishing second last year.

This time around, Young led Tech to another state title with a fourth place finish in 26:10. Krueger finished just two seconds behind him and Moritz (ninth/26:39), Ray Raparelli (tenth/26:39), Bultema (eleventh/26:40) and Hooper (twelfth/26:47) joined him and Young as members of the all-state team.

Head coach Steve Keith's elation at his team's performance in the GCCs was tempered by the Jackets' disappointing run at the ACC Championship meet held in Charlottesville, Virginia. The Jackets didn't place a runner in the top 25, with Young (twenty-ninth/26:00) finishing highest. Keith cited fatigue and injury problems as the reasons for the Jackets' poor performance.

Tech finished up the fall campaign with the NCAA District III regionals in Greenville, South Carolina. Tech's seven man squad failed to qualify for the national championship meet.
In 1989, the Georgia Tech Women's Cross Country Team had its best year ever, with their highest Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) finish ever, fourth, and a matched best NCAA District III finish when they came in seventh. The Lady Jackets started off 1990 with high, if realistic, hopes.

"If we could equal last year's season, I would be very happy," head coach Steve Keith said at the beginning of the year. "I think it may be a little bit tougher to hold onto fourth place, but I think we're going to have some better individual performances."

Keith's words turned out to be prophetically true as the team was unable to equal the previous year's performance, but the 1990 season still had many outstanding moments.

The team opened the season at the Alabama Crimson Classic, held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on September 22. In the 5K race, the Lady Jackets finished eighth out of a ten team field. Sophomore Tracy Harrel, an all-state honoree the previous year, was Tech's top performer with her 17:55 fourth place finish.

Tech then headed to Tallahassee, Florida to take on the Florida State Seminoles in a dual meet. Although the Lady Jackets lost the three mile race, Harrel once again shone as she came in first with a clocking of 18:00.9. Third place went to the Lady Jacket's Finnish running star, Anne Ylipahkala, with a time of 18:52.7.

The first week of October the team competed in the Georgia Collegiate Championships, held in nearby Decatur, Georgia. The women finished a strong third, behind UGA and Berry College. Ylipahkala came in fourth at 18:52, Harrel seventh at 19:08, and junior all-state honoree Shellie O'Neal was twelfth with her time of 19:40. All three were awarded all-state honors.

The ACC Championships were held October 27 at Charlottesville, Virginia. Tech finished a disappointing seventh out of eight teams. Harrel continued her stellar year by coming in third (17:29) in the 5K race, while Ylipahkala was fourth (17:53) and O'Neal ninth (18:34).

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All in all, it was a good year for the Lady Jackets. As Coach Keith predicted, the team did have several outstanding performances during the season, especially by Harrel, Ylipahkala, and O'Neal. More importantly, most of the team would be back to do even better next season.
The 1990-91 season was a building year again for the women's soccer team. A good turn-out of freshmen brought new blood to the team during fall quarter. In a short fall season, the team travelled to Furman University and the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa for away games.

During winter quarter, the team competed in an indoor league in the Women's A division. Games were held at The Soccer Academy, an indoor soccer facility in Lilburn. Although an unsuccessful season, everyone enjoyed relieving their test stress in a controlled environment. With the coming Olympics, it is hoped that the team will be upgraded to varsity status by 1996.

The 1990-91 officers were Cheri Gatland-Lightner-Vice president, Diana Marra-Scheduling Secretary, Caryn M. Riley-President.
LEFT: Sophie LaPierre clears the ball from the back field.

BELOW: Freshman goalie, Debbie Raders, takes a goal kick in the 1991 indoor season.

LEFT: Tech plays Blue Swarm at the Soccer Academy in Lilburn.
The Georgia Tech Softball team used a balance of upperclassmen and freshmen to receive some encouraging results this season.

Senior Paige Lord provided leadership on and off the mound. Lord pitched the best season of her career, and midway through the season had eight of the team's first ten wins. She also pitched a two-hitter against Hiwasse, picking up an easy victory.

Co-captain Misty Reeder could not live up to her last year's 9-7, 1.27 ERA performance, but did finish strong with a 1.80 ERA even without many wins.

The surprise of the season was Freshman Dina El Shashei, who carried a no-hitter into the eighth inning against Georgia State, but lost 1-0. The next day, she struck out eight of the Hiwassians in a no-hit game.

Ropekia Gunn and Juanita Albarada were the team's best hitters. Gunn led the team in slugging percentage, and Albarada led in runs batted-in and extra base hits.

Head Coach Nick Mazza guided the Lady Jackets through this building year, finishing with a 14-35 record. He is already looking forward to building upon this strong base for next year's season.
Swim Team Finally Gets New Home

Georgia Tech swimmers opened up the fall season with the Yellow Jacket Invitational to showcase the new outdoor swimming pool at the Student Athletic Complex. The meet was the Yellow Jackets' first competition of the year and was an exhibition event that stressed sportsmanship. It was the first of three meets scheduled to be held at home during the 1990-91 season.

In their first swim meet, the Swimming Jackets lost to Clemson despite strong showings by Bryan Graves in the 1000 meter Freestyle, and Todd TeStrake, who placed second in the 500 meter Freestyle. The score of the meet was 80 to 151. The Yellow Jacket swimmers did not falter because of this temporary setback and quickly overcame it this fall. The team went on to win their next four meets in the fall and finished the season with four wins and only one loss. Their ACC record was oh and one but coach Brad Lehman was pleased with his team's showing during the fall. The whole team looked forward to the ACC championships during the winter (Feb. 22-24) in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Besides finishing strong from their Fall season, the Yellow jacket swimmers had another area to boast about. The swim team had the highest number of student-athletes on the Honor Roll. It has nine students. They were Bob Armbuster (Stone Mtn., GA), Scott Ashley (Albany, GA), Alex Candela (Madrid, Spain), David Codelli (Dunwoody, GA), Brandt Engstrom (Houston, TX), Andrew Greiszler (Richmond, VA), Blake Patton (Jamestown, NC), Duane Shippy (Lilburn, GA), and Todd TeStrake (Littleton, CO).
The Georgia Tech men’s tennis team turned a rebuilding season into strong promise for future victories. Number one singles player Jens Skjøedt from Sonderborg, Denmark posted a 13-9 mark with impressive wins over nationally ranked opponents such as Georgia’s Al Parker (a former national number one player).

Junior Brad Prybis from Hilton Head, South Carolina, turned in an 11-13 performance at number four singles, and sophomore Jay Nerenberg from Wall, New Jersey also finished 11-13 at number three singles to give Tech hope for the future.

Adding to that excitement was the summer signing of three nationally-ranked junior players. Paul Stevens from Albany, Georgia, the nation’s twenty-sixth ranked player, Scott Cotton from Dunwoody, ranked thirty-eighth nationally, and Mark Ottinger from Dalton, ranked fifty-eighth in the country all signed to play for Jean Desdunes’ 1991 team.

Cotton joined Nerenberg at the ITCA Region II Qualifying Tournament in November, held at Wake Forest. Cotton won “B” Flight Singles at the Tech Fall Classic, and teamed with Nerenberg to take the doubles crown as well. The two opened the 1991 spring campaign ranked seventeenth in the nation according to the Volvo/ITCA poll.

Nerenberg and Prybis will play number one and two singles for the Jackets in the spring with Stevens, Cotton, and Ottinger playing three, four, and five. Sophomores Joe D’Aleo from Lake Park and Drew Kirkley from Dunwoody round out Tech’s starting lineup.
The women's tennis team finished 1990 with its best record in team history. Head coach Rick Davidson's squad finished the regular season with seventeen victories, tying the school record for wins. In addition, the women netters became the first Georgia Tech women's team to finish with a winning record in Atlantic Coast Conference play. The women finished fourth in the conference, their highest finish ever.

The team was led by Kristy Kottich from Largo, Florida, who posted a 21-5 record, including five victories against two losses in ACC play. Kottich finished the season ranked twenty-fourth in the Southeast and seventy-first in the nation.

A fellow junior, Kim Tatum from Peachtree City, went 19-7 last season as Tech's number three player. Tech's number one, senior Leigh Roberts of Ocilla, struggled through a difficult season, finishing 8-17. However, fellow senior Christy Guardado from Miami, turned in a 13-7 regular season mark to keep the women competitive. Tech's lineup was rounded out by freshmen Pam Tatum, who finished the regular season at 12-8, and Erika Lewis, who finished 11-7.

The team finished the 1990 campaign ranked eleventh in the Southeast with their 17-10 record. Kottich, Kim Tatum, Lewis, and Pierette Harshaw represented the Lady Jackets at the ITCA Region II Qualifying Tournament at Florida State in November.

The Lady Jackets began their promising 1991 campaign in January with the Georgia Invitational at Athens. Kottich moved up to number one singles, with Kim Tatum playing number two. Lewis and Pam Tatum rounded out the returning lineup, with freshmen Harshaw and Susanna Karlsson replacing Guardado and Roberts.

Freshman Mariel Vega from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico joins Karlsson on one of Tech's three doubles teams. Kim Tatum and Harshaw play number one doubles, with Lewis and Kottich playing number two. Those two posted a 12-3 mark in 1990.
Many NCAA Return Visits

The men’s track team prospectus for 1991 featured a picture of Derrick Adkins holding his gold medal from the 1990 U.S. Olympic Festival. Adkins was supposed to be the cornerstone of another of Buddy Fowlkes’ young but talented Georgia Tech track squads.

But Adkins, the two-time all-America, suffered a hamstring injury during the men’s cross country season and had to be redshirted.

As a result, Tech had to rely on freshman sprinter Derrick Mills, senior jumper Rich Thompson, and junior hurdler Uwezu McReynolds for outstanding individual performances.

Mills was the number one seed in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship meet with his league-best time of 47.21 in the 400 meters. In the ACC meet, Mills overtook defending ACC champion Reggie Harris of North Carolina to win the league meet with a time of 46.78. This performance got him in the NCAA indoor track championships.

Thompson was the first seed in the long jump with a jump of 24 feet, one-and-one-half inches and was the second seed in the triple jump with a leap of 51 feet, five inches. Thompson jumped 51 feet, nine-and-three quarters inches in the ACC meet to take second place in the conference in the triple jump. This leap was good enough to put him in the NCAAs for the third time.

McReynolds made his second appearance in the NCAAs in the 55 meter hurdles. His personal-best time of 7.29 in the ACC meet earned him third place in the conference.

Tech’s 1600 meter relay team was the conference’s second-best with a time of 3:12.61 and also second-best in the mile relay with a time of 3:15.92. The team was third in the 3200 meter relay with a time of 7:47.06.
WOMEN'S TRACK

Injuries Hindered Season

Head Coach Buddy Fowlkes entered the 1991 season with a young squad and little depth and left it with even less. Even despite that, the team managed to walk away with some top times in the Atlantic Coast Conference and one automatic qualification to the NCAA indoor tournament.

Anne Ylipahkaka, Natasha Alleyne, Tracey Harrell, and Nelrae Pasha, who own 11 all-ACC certificates between them all suffered injuries during the season and left the Lady Jackets to rely on unproven talent.

Shellie O'Neal, the 1989 indoor all-America in the 800 meters was once again the star of the show for the team. She finished the regular season ranked third in the conference.

O'Neal holds the school record in the 800 meters with a 2:07.27 during her freshman year. She finished the regular season ranked third in the conference.

O'Neal, a junior, has been a five-time all-ACC performer and her performance in the ACC tournament automatically qualified her for the NCAA Indoor Track Championships.

Coach Fowlkes said O'Neal was running the best he had ever seen her going into the NCAA tournament.

The loss of Ylipahkaka, Alleyne, Pasha, and Harrell, forced the Lady Jackets to turn to Audrey Dempsey and Trina Murden for individual successes.

Dempsey and Murden were ranked fifth and sixth respectively in the conference in the 55-meter high hurdles.

The women's 1600-meter relay team turned in the second-best time in the ACC this season with a 3:50.23 and the third-best mile relay time (3:47.85).
Young Team Has Rebuilding Year

The Lady Jacket team had a very young team this year, with three freshman starters. Missy Jenkins (Kingwood, TX) and Erica Organ (Kingwood, TX) played in the middle blocker positions, and J.P. Keating (West Orange, NJ) was Tech's setter.

As veteran players in the outside hitter positions, there was senior Jennifer Beemsterboer and junior Wendy Malins. Beemsterboer is one of the top defensive players in the Atlantic Coast Conference and an active leader in digs. Malins is an excellent serve, averaging 0.33 aces per game.

Seniors Linda Peters and Shanon Shelton challenged for playing time as outside hitters. Returning starters senior Angee Coman and sophomore Letter winner Shellee Smith were in the middle blocker positions. Sophomores Emily Hought and Jaime Weston added depth to the backcourt.

The lady Jackets struggled through a hard season, finishing with an 0-6 ACC record and 8-30 overall.

Left to Right, Front Row: Robin Swats, Tanya Brown, Elaine Griffith, Margaret Gales; Second Row: Carol Strealy, Jennifer Gillespie, Jennifer Beemsterboer, Shanon Shelton, Emily Hought, Jaime Weston; Back Row: Jessica Smith, Linda Peters, Angee Coman, Lisa Kofskey, Shellee Smith, Wendy Malins.