Yellow Jackets Draw No. 8 Seed in NCAA Championship

Georgia Tech's golf team, ranked ninth in the nation, will be the No. 8 seed in the NCAA Championship, which is being played at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club in Williamsburg, Va.

The Yellow Jackets advanced out of the East Regional by tying for second place, joining Georgia (the champion), Florida, Auburn, Florida State, Duke, Charlotte, North Carolina, Georgia State and Coastal Carolina. In the Central Regional, Tulsa was the champion, followed in order of finish by Alabama, Louisville, Lamar, Tennessee, Oklahoma State (the defending national champion), Texas Tech, Michigan State, Texas and Minnesota. Teams advancing out of the West Regional were South Carolina (the champion), UCLA, Southern California, Arizona State, Vanderbilt, Arizona, Stanford, New Mexico, Wake Forest and East Tennessee State.

Georgia is the top seed following its 12-stroke victory in the East Regional. Tulsa is the second seed after its three-shot win over third-seeded Alabama in the Central Regional. The winner of the West Regional was South Carolina, a two-stroke victor over fourth-seeded UCLA. The Gamecocks are seeded No. 16.

The 30-team field includes the top 10 teams in the latest Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index, 12 of the top 15, and 28 of the top 32. Five conferences have multiple teams competing in the golf championships. Along with the seven from the SEC, there are five from the ACC and the Pac-10, three from the Big 12 and two from the Big Ten. There are single teams from the Atlantic Sun, Atlantic 10, Big East, Big South, Colonial, Conference USA, Mountain West and Southland.

The Yellow Jackets will be paired for the first two days of the NCAA Championship with No. 7 seed Lamar and No. 9 seed Arizona State. They will begin Thursday's opening round from the No. 10 tee between 12:59 and 1:37 p.m., then from No. 1 tee Thursday between 7:47 and 8:35 a.m.

The Gold Course at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club, designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr., opened in 1963, measures 6,817 yards from the championship tees and will play to a par of 70. Tech in the Rankings

Golfweek/Sagarin Index 12
Golf Coaches Association 13
Golfsstat 13

Head-to-head record overall* 104-47-7 (20)
Head-to-head record vs. Top 100* 91-47-7 (18)
Head-to-head record vs. Top 50* 69-46-6 (14)
Head-to-head record vs. Top 25* 37-40-4 (11)
Strength of schedule rank* 2

Individual Rankings*

End 2006 Current

Roberto Castro 54 13
Chesson Hadley -- 76
Taylor Hall 220 256
Kevin Larsen 19 146
Cameron Tringale 18 20

*Golfweek/Sagarin Index

Georgia Tech Golf Roster for 2006-07

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*competing in NCAA Championship

Pronunciations

Cohan (KO-un), Dragooy (druh-GOO), Tringale (trin-GOLLY)
Jackets Show Steady Improvement in Spring

After a disappointing fall season in which Georgia Tech barely remained in the national top-20, the Yellow Jackets have evolved into a solid team in the spring, thanks to outstanding play from All-Americans Roberto Castro and Cameron Tringale at the top two positions, and the rapid development of freshman Chessen Hadley into a solid No. 3 player in Tech's lineup.

Tech enters the NCAA Championship ranked No. 9 in the Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index following a tie for second place at the NCAA East Regional at The Golf Club of Georgia and capturing a share of the Atlantic Coast Conference championship in April. The Yellow Jackets also have a pair of fourth-place showings at the UH-Hilo Invitational in early February and in its own event, the United States Collegiate Championship, in early April.

Castro and Tringale are both ranked among the nation's top 25 individuals in the Sagarin ratings, Castro at No. 13 and Tringale at No. 20. They are the only Yellow Jackets to participate in every event this year, and rank No. 2 and 3 in the Atlantic Coast Conference in scoring average. Tringale's average of 71.68 and Castro's average of 71.77 would both rank among the top 15 ever recorded at Tech if the season ended today.

Castro, a senior from Alpharetta, Ga., and a four-time all-ACC selection, has been the Yellow Jackets' top performer for most of the spring, averaging 71.11 over 19 rounds and posting top-10 finishes in eight straight events prior to his tie for 27th at the NCAA East Regional. Castro captured his first collegiate title in February, taking-medalist honors at the Puerto Rico Classic.

Tringale, a sophomore from Laguna Niguel, Calif., has four top-10 finishes in six spring events and led the East Regional after 36 holes with rounds of 67 and 70, but shot an 80 over that and looking forward to the tournament. What we have now is what we had hoped for in the fall - Roberto and Cameron playing at an All-American level. The biggest difference is that Chessen didn't play in the fall, and now he's come in to play No. 3 and finished ninth in the ACC Championship. Kevin and Taylor both have had their days, so now you've got a five-man team. This is a little more of what I envisioned in August, but it's taken a little longer to put it all together.

On Tech's chances in the NCAA Championship - "We just need to even it out where we get five guys in the game every day. That's the one thing we really haven't done, although the conference tournament was close. We started the spring ranked 25th, and we finished second here in what I think is the strongest regional, so we're encouraged."

On some of the inconsistencies his players showed at the East Regional - "The golf course played hard, and a couple guys didn't handle it well a couple of days. We had three guys finish in the top 27 or so. Taylor [Hall] had a wonderful round on the last day that hopefully he can build on. Cameron didn't have a good final round, but came back and played very well in his U.S. Open qualifier on Monday, so hopefully he's over that and looking forward to the tournament."

On Tech's No. 8 seed at the NCAA Championship - "It's higher than I thought we would be. It wasn't one of the better falls we had, but they hung together and have improved each week in the spring. We were competitive last week (at the East Regional), and based on our spring performance, it was fair, maybe a little high if you look at the whole year."

On being paired with Lamar and Arizona State for the first two rounds - "I don't think it matters at all. We're paired with the teams the committee felt had the better chances of winning the tournament. I think the field is much deeper than that."

Tech Ties for Second in East Regional

Georgia Tech advanced to the NCAA Championship by tying for second place at the East Regional, which was played on the Yellow Jackets' home course, The Golf Club of Georgia in Alpharetta, Ga. Tech led the tournament after the first round with a 4-under-par score of 284, fell back to fourth place after 36 holes with a 6-over 294 in the second round, then rallied with a 1-over 289 in the final round to tie Auburn and Florida, 12 shots behind top-seeded Georgia.

Freshman Chessen Hadley paced the Jackets by finishing seventh, posting a 4-under-par 68 in the opening round and finishing with a 71 for a 2-under tournament total of 214, four shots off the lead. Cameron Tringale led the tournament after 36 holes with rounds of 67 and 70, but shot an 80 in the final round to tie for 14th at 1-over-par 217.
Tech's NCAA Championship History

Georgia Tech has advanced to the NCAA Championship for the 10th straight year, a current string of success surpassed by only two other Division I teams, and the 22nd time in its history. Tech has played in the national championship tournament 21 times in the last 23 years since 1985, a number surpassed by only two schools in that period, and has posted six top-five finishes in the last nine years.

Tech has been the runner-up in the NCAA Championship four times (1993, 2000, 2002 and 2005), more than any team in the history of the championship except Houston, Michigan, Oklahoma State, Texas and Wake Forest, who also have four. In 1993 and 2002, the Yellow Jackets led after 54 holes, but wound up finishing second by one shot to Florida in 1993, and by four shots to Minnesota in 2002.

In 2000, the Yellow Jackets rallied to tie Oklahoma State after 72 holes, but lost to the Cowboys on the first hole of a playoff. Tech and OSU matched the lowest 72-hole team score in NCAA Championship history (36-under-par 1,116) at the Grand National Lake Course in Opelika, Ala. In 2005, Tech finished 11 shots behind Georgia, and seven shots ahead of third-place Washington.

Since Bruce Hepler became Tech's coach, the Jackets have three second-place finishes, one third, one fourth and one fifth in nine opportunities, with one tie for 11th and two missed cuts in Tech's other three appearances.

Individually, three Tech players have won national collegiate championships. Troy Matteson did it most recently in 2002 at Ohio State. Watts Gunn (1927) and Charlie Yates (1934) won national titles under a match play format before the NCAA took sponsorship of the championship in 1939.


Tech Shares ACC Title with Virginia Tech

Cameron Tringale tapped in a birdie putt on the 18th hole to force a tie with Virginia Tech, and the 12th-ranked Yellow Jackets came away with a share of the Atlantic Coast Conference men's golf championship for the second straight year.

The closing birdie finished off a 3-under-par 69 for the Tech sophomore, which paced Tech as it worked its way through a 4-under-par round of 284 at the 7,100-yard Old North State Course at Uwharrie Point. The Jackets needed every stroke after the Hokies rallied from fifth place with a 9-under-par round of 279 on Sunday.

Both teams finished the tournament at 10-under-par 854, four strokes ahead of Clemson (6-under 858). Florida State, led by medalist Jonas Blixt, rallied to tie for fourth place with Duke at 1-under 863.

Three Tech players finished among the top 10 individuals. Tringale, a sophomore from Laguna Niguel, Calif., followed his freshman year title with a second-place finish this time, posting a 54-hole total of 209, seven strokes under par and one back of Blixt, who tied a course record Sunday with a 65.

Senior Roberto Castro shot his second straight 72 in the final round and tied for fifth place a 3-under 213 in his final ACC Championship, while freshman Chesson Hadley tied for ninth at 1-under 215 after carding a 71. Kevin Larsen, another senior, had an even-par 72 Sunday and tied for 19th place at 218, while sophomore Taylor Hall tied for 25th at 219 after a closing 74.

Tringale, whose birdie on the 18th hole forced a tie and a playoff with North Carolina in 2006, came to the 18th hole Sunday needing the same result, though he wasn't quite sure where the Jackets stood.

He striped his drive down the middle and had 200 yards to the front of the green for his second shot, which he slightly mishit to leave his ball on the front fringe. With the pin in the back, he took a 7-iron and executed a pitch-and-run shot that nearly holed out. He tapped in from a foot-and-a-half for birdie, and the Jackets and Hokies were declared co-champions.

Castro, Tringale Make All-ACC Team

Roberto Castro and Cameron Tringale were named to the 2007 All-Atlantic Coast Conference men's golf team by a vote of the league's coaches.

Castro, a senior from Alpharetta, Ga., who graduated May 5 with highest honors in Industrial Engineering, made the team for the fourth time. He is the fourth Yellow Jacket player to accomplish that feat, joining David Duval, Matt Kuchar and Bryce Molder, and the 12th ACC golfer to do so. Tringale, a sophomore from Laguna Niguel, Calif., who finished second in the ACC Championship last month, made the team for the second time.

Castro and Tringale currently rank No. 2 and 3 in the ACC in stroke average and have 10 top-10 finishes between them this year. Tech was one of four teams, along with Clemson, Florida State and Wake Forest, to place two players each on the All-ACC team.

Castro a Finalist for Byron Nelson Award

Roberto Castro is one of five finalists named by the Golf Coaches Association of America for the Byron Nelson Award, given to the nation's top graduating senior golfer. Other finalists are Louie Bishop of UC Davis, Sam Korbe of Tulsa, Brendon Todd of Georgia and Chris Wilson of Northwestern.

Candidates for the Nelson must be a graduating senior and the selection committee will consider equally a nominee's entire collegiate academic career, entire collegiate golf career and his character and integrity while in college. Particular consideration is given to a nominee's good citizenship, as portrayed by Mr. Byron Nelson over the course of his life and golf career.

A three-time All-America selection, Castro has been named All-ACC four times and has played in two Palmer Cup Matches, serving as U.S. captain in 2005. One of the most successful golfers in Tech's tradition of outstanding players, the Alpharetta, Ga., native is also a two-time Academic All-District and Academic All-ACC selection. He serves on the Georgia Tech Student-Athlete Advisory Board and is active in the community, including Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity and the Michael Isenhour Toy Drive.

He is one of four Tech recipients of the 2007 Weaver-James-Corrigan Post-Graduate Scholarship Award given by the ACC each year, and received the 2007 Total Person Award, the highest honor given by the Georgia Tech Athletic Association for excellence in academics, athletics, leadership and service.
Tech's titles have come since 1985, more than any other ACC school in Golf Championships, having won or shared the title 10 times. All 10 of Tech's ACC Championship History try Club in Oakmont, Pa., June 14-17.

Tour, is exempt into the U.S. Open field as a result of his position on the final top 30 tour earnings list from 2006. Tour, is exempt from local qualifying by virtue of their standing in the current top 100 of the 2007 PGA Tour earnings list. Exempt from local qualifying are alumni David Duval (a former British Open champion), Tripp Isenhour, Matt Kuchar and Bryce Molder (top 20 earnings list on the Nationwide Tour from 2006), Troy Matteson (PGA Tour winner and top 125 earnings list from 2006) and Nicholas Thompson (Nationwide Tour winner). Kuchar and Matteson also are exempt from local qualifying by virtue of their standing in the current top 100 of the 2007 PGA Tour earnings list.

Three Tech Golfers Win U.S. Open Local Qualifiers

Georgia Tech sophomore Cameron Tringale became the third current or future Yellow Jackets’ player to win a U.S. Open local qualifying tournament May 21 when he shot a 66 and earned co-medalist honors at the Flat Creek Club in Peachtree City, Ga.

Tringale joined Tech sophomore Adam Cohan of Wayne, Pa., who won a local qualifying event May 11 at Philmont Country Club in Huntington Valley, Pa., and incoming freshman William Miller of Venetia, Pa., who won the local qualifying tournament May 17 at Quicksilver Golf Club in Midway, Pa.

They advance to one of 13 sectional qualifying tournaments played on June 4 along with Tech senior Roberto Castro of Alpharetta, Ga., who qualified May 9 at the Old Overton Club in Birmingham, Ala., and 2002 All-American Matt Weibring of Plano, Texas, who advanced from the Richardson, Texas qualifier on May 14 at Sherrill Park Golf Club.

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Stewart Cink, a three-time All-American now playing on the PGA Tour, is exempt into the U.S. Open field as a result of his position on the final top 30 tour earnings list from 2006.

The 107th U.S. Open Championship will be held at Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pa., June 14-17.

Tech's ACC Championship History

Georgia Tech has competed in 26 Atlantic Coast Conference Men's Golf Championships, having won or shared the title 10 times. All 10 of Tech's titles have come since 1985, more than any other ACC school in that period (Clemson has won eight). Tech has won five ACC titles under its current head coach, Bruce Heppler, sharing the title each of the past two years with North Carolina (2006) and Virginia Tech (2007).

The Yellow Jackets have won or shared four of the 11 championships played at its current location, the Old North State Club in New London, N.C., which has been the site of the conference championship 11 of the last 12 years dating back to 1995.

Tech's titles under Heppler occurred in 1999, 2001, 2002, 2006 and 2007. The 2001 championship was won at Disney’s Magnolia Course in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., the other three at the Old North State Club. Tech also has been the runner-up in the ACC Championship seven times, three times under Heppler.

Individually, five different Yellow Jackets have won ACC championships, including current sophomore Cameron Tringale, who became the first Tech freshman to win the title in 2006 with a 10-under-par score of 206. Also winning ACC titles were Bryce Molder (2000), Mikko Rantanen (1994), David Duval (1991, 1993) and Bob McDonnell (1985).

Tech's NCAA Regional History

Since the NCAA began the current regional qualifying format in 1989, Tech has played in an NCAA regional every year except for 1996 and 1997, and has never failed to advance to the NCAA Championship. Tech has never finished below a tie for seventh in an NCAA regional, and has finished in the top five 14 out of 17 times.


2006-07 Team and Individual Bests

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## Fall Results

### CARPET CAPITAL COLLEGIATE
Sept. 15-17 • Rocky Face, Ga.
The Farm Golf Club
Team: T-3rd/18 teams .......... 289-287-287 — 854
T19 Cameron Tringale (-3) .......... 73-74-66 — 213
T27 Roberto Castro (-3) .......... 71-72-72 — 215
T32 Taylor Hall (+1) .......... 76-79-72 — 227
T44 Kevin Larsen (+3) .......... 69-72-78 — 229
T48 Adam Cohan (+4) .......... 78-74-68 — 229

### OLYMPIA FIELDS/FIGHTING ILLINI INVITATIONAL
Sept. 24-25 • Olympia Fields, Ill.
Olympia Fields Country Club
Team: 6th/12 teams .......... 293-292-292 — 877
T13 Cameron Tringale (+9) .......... 74-76-69 — 219
T20 Roberto Castro (+11) .......... 78-71-72 — 221
T20 Taylor Hall (+11) .......... 72-77-72 — 221
T20 Kevin Larsen (+13) .......... 71-75-75 — 221
T42 Daniel Bowden (+17) .......... 76-77-77 — 229

### PING/GOLFWEEK PREVIEW INVITATIONAL
Oct. 2-4 • Williamsburg, Va.
Golden Horseshoe Golf Club, Gold Course
Team: T-9th/15 teams .......... 287-287-291 — 865
T31 Cameron Tringale (+9) .......... 73-74-66 — 213
T38 Adam Cohan (+7) .......... 72-77-68 — 217
T44 Kevin Larsen (+8) .......... 75-76-76 — 227
T51 Roberto Castro (+10) .......... 72-76-76 — 228
T54 Taylor Hall (+11) .......... 71-75-75 — 221

### ISLEWORTH-UCF COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL
Oct. 22-24 • Windermere, Fla.
Isleworth Country Club
Team: T-11th/18 teams .......... 289-297-298 — 884
T4 Roberto Castro (+2) .......... 74-70-74 — 218
T25 Cameron Tringale (+6) .......... 70-77-77 — 224
T53 Taylor Hall (+14) .......... 78-75-75 — 238
T66 David Dragoo (+17) .......... 75-75-83 — 233
T87 Adam Cohan (+28) .......... 89-83-81 — 244

### WESTERN REFINING COLLEGE ALL-AMERICA GOLF CLASSIC
Nov. 19-21 • El Paso, Texas
El Paso Country Club (no team scores)
T17 Kevin Larsen (-1) .......... 72-69-71 — 212
T22 Cameron Tringale (+1) .......... 77-67-70 — 214

## Spring Results

### UH-HILO INVITATIONAL
Feb. 7-20 • Waikoloa, Hawaii
Waikoloa Village Golf Club
Team: 4th/16 teams .......... 272-265-281 — 818
T2 Roberto Castro (-1) .......... 67-65-67 — 203
T5 Cameron Tringale (-9) .......... 64-64-73 — 201
T5 Chessen Hadley (-5) .......... 71-66-68 — 205
T59 Adam Cohan (+3) .......... 70-70-73 — 213
T59+ Kevin Larsen (+3) .......... 71-69-73 — 213
92 Daniel Bowden (+17) .......... 73-78-76 — 227
+ played as an individual

### PUERTO RICO CLASSIC
Feb. 25-27 • Rio Grande, P.R.
Westin Rio Mar Resort • River Course
Team: 8th/16 teams .......... 287-287-291 — 865
T1 Roberto Castro (-7) .......... 68-70-71 — 209
T1 Chessen Hadley (-7) .......... 71-70-74 — 215
T8 Chessen Hadley (+4) .......... 73-72-75 — 220
T39 Kevin Larsen (+5) .......... 75-75-71 — 221
T88 Daniel Bowden (+25) .......... 81-79-81 — 241

### SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS COLLEGIATE
Mar. 9-11 • Las Vegas, Nev.
Southern Highlands Golf Club
T10 Roberto Castro (+3) .......... 70-71-78 — 219
T10 Cameron Tringale (+1) .......... 73-70-76 — 220
T45 Chessen Hadley (+13) .......... 72-83-74 — 229
T63 Kevin Larsen (+17) .......... 71-84-78 — 233
73 Taylor Hall (+20) .......... 78-83-75 — 236

### UNITED STATES COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP
Apr. 9-11 • Alpharetta, Ga.
The Golf Club of Georgia (Lakeside Course)
Team: T4th/18 teams .......... 292-306-289 — 887
2 Cameron Tringale (+5) .......... 72-77-72 — 221
T10 Roberto Castro (+6) .......... 74-74-74 — 222
T24 Kevin Larsen (+10) .......... 72-77-77 — 226
T36 Chessen Hadley (+12) .......... 74-79-75 — 228
T36+ David Dragoo (+12) .......... 72-76-79 — 228
53 Taylor Hall (+15) .......... 76-78-77 — 231
T56+ Adam Cohan (+17) .......... 75-80-78 — 233
T72 Daniel Bowden (+23) .......... 80-80-79 — 239
+ played as an individual

### ACC CHAMPIONSHIP
Apr. 20-22 • New London, N.C.
Old North State Club at Uwharrie Point
Team: T16th/11 teams .......... 287-283-284 — 854
2 Cameron Tringale (+7) .......... 62-68-69 — 209
T5 Roberto Castro (-3) .......... 69-72-72 — 212
T9 Chessen Hadley (-1) .......... 72-72-71 — 215
T19 Kevin Larsen (+2) .......... 74-72-72 — 218
T25 Taylor Hall (+3) .......... 74-71-74 — 219

### NCAA EAST REGIONAL
May 17-19 • Alpharetta, Ga.
The Golf Club of Georgia (Lakeside Course)
Team: T12th/12 teams .......... 284-294-289 — 867
2 Cameron Tringale (+7) .......... 62-75-71 — 214
T14 Cameron Tringale (+1) .......... 67-70-80 — 217
T27 Roberto Castro (+5) .......... 75-73-73 — 221
T66 Kevin Larsen (+10) .......... 74-76-76 — 226
T78 Taylor Hall (+12) .......... 81-78-69 — 228
Georgia Tech Player Updates for 2006-07

Daniel Bowden
Freshman • Easley, S.C.

Only freshman to make the traveling squad in the fall, joining the group for the Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational, and his tie for 42nd remains his highest finish ... Shot 76-74-77, for a 17-over-par total of 227 ... Made the traveling squad for three spring events with a high finish of T88 at the Puerto Rico Classic ... Played as an individual at the U.S. Collegiate ... 78.40 spring stroke average, 77.77 overall.

2006-07 Tournament Results
T42 Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational (+17) ...... 76-74-77 — 227
T2 UH-Hilo Invitational (+17) ........................................ 73-78-76 — 227
T88 Puerto Rico Classic (+25) ....................................... 81-79-81 — 241
T72+ United States Collegiate Championship (+23) ...... 80-80-79 — 239

Career low round: 74, Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational (+3), 2nd round, 2006
Career low tournament score: 227, Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational (+17), 2006
Career best finish: T42, Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational, 2006

Roberto Castro
Senior • Alpharetta, Ga.

Four-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference choice ... Finalist for the 2007 Byron Nelson Award, given to the nation’s top graduating senior golfer ... One of four Tech recipients of the 2007 Weaver-James-Corrigan Post-Graduate Scholarship Award given by the ACC each year ... 2007 recipient of the Total Person Award, the highest honor given by the Georgia Tech Athletic Association for excellence in academics, athletics, leadership and service ... Also among the “Peach of an Athlete” honorees sponsored by the Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America (recognizes collegiate and professional athletes who are positive role models) ... Graduated May 5 with highest honor in Industrial Engineering ... Made the biggest jump of any Tech player from the end of the fall to the spring in the Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index, rising to No. 13 in the current rankings ... Had six consecutive top-10 finishes prior to his tie for 27th at the NCAA East Regional ... Tied for 2nd at the UH-Hilo Invitational with a season-low score of 199, then captured the first title of his collegiate career next time out at the Puerto Rico Classic ... Went 18-under-par combined for the two events, and is an aggregate 6-under-par for 16 spring rounds ... Has a 71.11 stroke average for the spring, best on the team, and 71.77 for the entire year, second on the team and third in the ACC ... Finished just two shots out of the lead at Isleworth, four at UH-Hilo and five at the ACC Championship ... Has counted for the team in every round this spring, 29 of 31 for the year ... Has six rounds in the 60s and 14 at par or better ... Enters his final collegiate tournament with a career stroke average of 71.89, the fourth-best mark in Tech history, over 140 rounds.

ACC Championship experience: Tied for 4th in 2005, tied for 6th in 2007 and never finished lower than his tie for 16th in 2006 ... Aggregate 8-under-par in 12 rounds with a stroke average of 71.33.

NCAA Championship experience: Aggregate stroke average of 73.82 in 11 NCAA Championship rounds, 71.67 in 12 NCAA regional rounds ... T-44 at the 2004 NCAA Championship in Hot Springs, Va. (14-over-par 294) ... T-9 at the 2004 East Regional in New Haven, Conn. (2-over-par 212) ... 3rd at the 2005 NCAA Championship in Owings, Mills, Md. (1-under-par 279), three shots off the lead ... T-10 at the 2005 East Regional at Kingston Springs, Tenn. (6-over-par 207), closing with a 65 that included seven birdies ... 153rd at 2006 NCAA Championship at Sunriver, Ore. (23-over par 239) ... T-30 place at the 2006 Central Regional at Chardon, Ohio (7-over-par 220) ... T-27 at the 2007 East Regional in Alpharetta, Ga. (5-over-par 221).

2006-07 Tournament Results
T27 Carpet Capital Collegiate (-1) ............................... 71-72-72 — 215
T20 Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational (+11)........ 78-71-72 — 221
T51 PING/Golfweek Preview Invitational (+10)............. 72-76-72 — 220
T4 Isleworth/UCF Collegiate Invitational (+2) .............. 74-70-74 — 218

Adam Cohan
Sophomore-R • Wayne, Pa.

Played in three fall events, posting a high finish of T38 at the PING/Golfweek Preview Invitational (217 total), but only two team events in the spring due to a sprained ankle suffered while playing basketball ... Played as an individual at the U.S. Collegiate, tying for 56th ... Finished strong in both the Preview and the Carpet Capital Collegiate with final-round 68s (averaged 72.33 in final rounds in the fall) ... Has counted for the team in eight of 13 rounds, posting an average of 75.19 overall, 74.57 in the spring.

2006-07 Tournament Results
T48 Carpet Capital Collegiate (+4) ............................ 78-74-68 — 220
T38 PING/Golfweek Preview Invitational (+7) .......... 72-77-78 — 227
T87 Isleworth/UCF Collegiate Invitational (+28) ....... 80-83-81 — 244
T59 UH-Hilo Invitational (+3) ................................. 70-79-73 — 213
T56+ United States Collegiate Championship (+17) ...... 75-80-78 — 233
+played as an individual

Career best finish: T38, PING/Golfweek Preview Invitational, 2006

David Dragoo
Sophomore-R • Scottsdale, Ariz.

Broke his collarbone playing squash early in the spring semester and was not able to play an event until the U.S. Collegiate, where he tied for 36th playing as an individual ... Tied for 66th in his only fall event, posting a 233 score at the Isleworth-UCF Collegiate Invitational ... Shot 75 in the first and second rounds to count toward the team total.

2006-07 Tournament Results
T66 Isleworth/UCF Collegiate Invitational (+17) ......... 75-75-83 — 233
T36+ United States Collegiate Championship (+12) ...... 73-76-79 — 228
+played as an individual

Career low tournament score: 227 (+12), Carpet Capital Collegiate, 2005
Career best finish: T38, U.S. Collegiate Championship, 2007

Chesson Hadley
Freshman • Raleigh, N.C.

Did not play in the fall, but has developed into a solid No. 3 player in Tech’s lineup this spring ... Top 10 finishes in his last two starts (9th at ACC Championship and 7th at NCAA East Regional) ... Jumped 40 spots to No. 76 in the Golfweek/Sagarin rankings following his seventh-place finish in the NCAA East Regional ... Appeared in every spring event, averaging 72.79 strokes over 19 rounds, nine at par or better, three in the
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Kevin Larsen
Senior • Santa Barbara, Calif.

Honor student who graduated May 5 in Management ... Part of the traveling squad for Tech’s last five spring events, counting for the team in all 15 rounds and averaging 74.93. ... Tied for 19th at the ACC Championship, his best finish of the year in a team event ... Played as an individual at the UH-Hilo Invitational, posting his best score of the year but finishing in a tie for 59th ... Played in three team events in the fall, tying for 20th at the Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational for his best finish ... Tied for 17th at the Western Refining College All-America Golf Classic, posting a 1-under 212 ... Compiled the team’s second-best stroke average (72.50), with three rounds in the 60s and five at par or better ... Counted for the team in seven of nine rounds.

ACC Championship experience: Tie for 12th in 2006 was his best career finish (4-under 212) ... Finished 37th as a freshman, tied for 24th as a sophomore, tie for 19th as a senior ... Aggregate stroke average of 73.42 in 12 rounds (17-under-par).

NCAA experience: Aggregate stroke average of 75.45 in 11 NCAA Championship rounds, 74.92 in 12 NCAA regional rounds ... T-76 at the 2004 NCAA Championship in Hot Springs, Va. (28-under-par 205) ... T-10 place at the 2004 NCAA Championship in Owings Mills, Md. (22-under-par 202) ... T-82 place at the 2005 East Regional in Kingston Springs, Tenn. (9-under-par 222) ... T-63 at 2006 NCAA Championship at Sunriver, Ore. (4-over-par 220) ... T-15 at the 2006 Central Regional in Chardon, Ohio (4-over-par 221) ... T-66 at the 2007 East Regional in Alpharetta, Ga. (10-over-par 226).

2006-07 Tournament Results

T66 Isletworth-UCF Collegiate Invitational (+17) 74-79-75 — 228
T18 UH-Hilo Invitational (-5) 71-66-68 — 205
T36 Puerto Rico Classic (+4) 73-72-75 — 220
T45 Southern Highlands Collegiate (+13) 72-83-74 — 229
vs. Georgia State (dual match) 72-74-72 — 218
T36 United States Collegiate Championship (+12) 74-79-75 — 228
T9 ACC Championship (-1) 72-72-71 — 215
7 NCAA East Regional (-2) 68-75-71 — 214

Career low tournament score: 205, UH-Hilo Invitational (-5), 2007
Career best finish: 7, NCAA East Regional, 2007

Taylor Hall
Sophomore-R • LaGrange, Ga.

Played in the last four spring events, best finish a tie for 25th at the ACC Championship ... Played in all four fall events, tying for 20th place at the Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational (72-77-72 - 221) ... Counted for the team in 11 of 12 fall rounds, a better percentage than anyone except Cameron Tringale, and averaged 74.08 for the fall (fourth-best on the team) ... Spring average is 76.23, counting in 7 of 13 rounds.

ACC Championship experience: Tied for ninth place as a freshman with a 5-under-par 211, including a course-record-tying 65 in the second round ... Tied for 25th in 2007 ... Cumulative scoring average of 71.67 over six rounds (2-under-par).

NCAA Championship experience: T-154 at 2006 NCAA Championship at Sunriver, Ore. (24-over-par 240) ... T-63 at the 2006 Central Regional in Chardon, Ohio (13-over-par 226) ... T-78 at the 2007 East Regional in Alpharetta, Ga. (12-over-par 228).

2006-07 Tournament Results

T22 Carpet Capital Collegiate (+1) 76-69-72 — 217
T20 Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational (+11) 72-77-72 — 221
T44 PING/Golfweek Preview Invitational (+11) 71-75-75 — 221
T45 Isletworth-UCF Collegiate Invitational (+14) 79-75-76 — 230
vs. Georgia State (dual match) 74-71-74 — 219
T53 United States Collegiate Championship (+15) 76-78-77 — 231
T25 ACC Championship (+3) 74-71-74 — 219
T78 NCAA East Regional (+12) 81-78-69 — 228

Career low round: 66, ACC Championship (-7), second round, 2006
Career low tournament score: 207, Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate (+4), 2005
Career best finish: T4, Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate, 2005

Cameron Tringale
Sophomore • Laguna Niguel, Calif.

Named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference team for the second time ... Has risen 35 spots since the end of the fall to No. 20 in the most recent Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index. ... Has four top-10 finishes and two top-20s in six spring events, including a runner-up finish at the ACC Championship ... Led the NCAA East Regional after 36 holes, but tied for 14th ... Spring stroke average is 71.16 and ranks second in the ACC overall at 71.68 ... Posted nine rounds in the 60s, 19 par or under ... Counted for the team all but one round this year ... Tech’s top-ranked player coming out of the fall (No. 55) in the Sagarin Index ... Led team in stroke average (72.33), played in all four team events and finished 22nd at the Western Refining College All-America Classic (1-over-par 214, including a 67) ... Notched two top-20 finishes in team events.

ACC Championship experience: Won the ACC Championship in his first try in 2006, the first Tech freshman ever to do so, followed with a runner-up performance (by one stroke) as a sophomore ... Cumulative 17-under-par over six rounds (69.17 avg.), including a course-record-tying 65 in round two his freshman year ... Birdied the 18th hole in the final round each year to lift Tech into a share of the team championship.

NCAA Championship experience: T-8 at 2006 NCAA Championship at Sunriver, Ore. (3-under-par 207) ... T-4 at the Central Regional in Chardon, Ohio (1-over-par 214) ... T-14 at the 2007 East Regional in Alpharetta, Ga. (1-over-par 217).

2006-07 Tournament Results

T19 Carpet Capital Collegiate (-3) 73-74-66 — 213
T13 Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational (+9) 74-76-69 — 219
T32 PING/Golfweek Preview Invitational (+5) 72-74-68 — 214
T41 Isletworth-UCF Collegiate Invitational (+8) 70-77-77 — 224
19 Western Refining College All-America Classic (+1) 77-67-70 — 214
T5 UH-Hilo Invitational (-9) 64-64-73 — 201
T17 Puerto Rico Classic (-1) 71-70-74 — 215
T10 Southern Highlands Collegiate (+3) 73-70-76 — 219
vs. Georgia State (dual match) 73-74-71 — 218
T8 United States Collegiate Championship (+5) 72-77-72 — 221
2 ACC Championship (-7) 72-68-69 — 209
T14 NCAA East Regional (+1) 67-70-80 — 217

Career low round: 66, Carpet Capital Collegiate, 2nd round, 2005
Career low tournament score: 205 (+8), UH-Hilo Intercollegiate, 2006
Career best finish: T3, Isletworth-UCF Invitational, 2005
Bruce Heppler
Head Coach • 12th Year

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a consistently high level of success over a
long period of time is the measure of a great
program, then Georgia Tech’s golf program un-der
Bruce Heppler would certainly meet the stan-
dard. One of the top coaches in collegiate golf,
Heppler has guided the Yellow Jackets to six top-
five NCAA finishes in the last nine years, includ-
ing three runner-up finishes.

His Jackets have made in the NCAA Cham-
pionship for the 10th straight year in 2007, a current string matched or
surpassed by only three other Division I teams.

During his tenure, Tech has won five Atlantic Coast Conference
titles, including a share of the 2006 and 2007 crowns, and finished second in the conference championship on three other occasions. The Yellow Jackets have captured or shared 28 team titles overall. All these accomplish-
ments, and more, have factored into Tech’s golf program being judged the best in the nation in the September, 2005, issue of Golf Digest magazine, and Heppler being called “the best young coach in college
golf.”

Heppler has recruited and developed his share of star players as well. The Yellow Jackets have had at least a pair of All-Atlantic Coast Conference honorees for 10 consecutive years, including this year when Roberto Castro and Cameron Tringale – made the team. For nine straight seasons, Heppler has had at least two players earn All-America honors, including Cameron Tringale, Kevin Larsen and Roberto Castro in 2006. Three of his players, Matt Kuchar, Bryce Molder and Troy Matteson, were named national player of the year.

Five of his Tech players, including PGA Tour members Matt Kuchar, Troy Matteson and Bryce Molder, as well at Nationwide Tour members Nicholas Thompson and Matt Weibring, are playing professionally in the United States.

Heppler served as the head coach of the United States’ Palmer Cup team on 2003, while Kuchar, Molder, Castro and Kevin Larsen have all played for the USA in the Palmer Cup.

On the conference level since 1985, when the Yellow Jackets won their first ACC Championship, Tech has earned more NCAA Champion-
ship berths than any team except Clemson. The Jackets have earned more top-10, more top-5 and more top-2 finishes in NCAA Championship competition than any other ACC team. Tech also has had more All-
America selections (48) than any other ACC team during the same pe-riod except the Tigers.

Nationally, only Arizona State, Florida and Oklahoma State have had greater success in NCAA Championship competition and in All-
America selections over the same period of time. Since 1997, however, when Heppler got the Tech program back on its feet, the Yellow Jackets have fared better head-to-head against all those teams in the NCAA Cham-
pionship (6-3 vs. Arizona State, 5-4 vs. Oklahoma State, 5-4 vs. Florida).

It didn’t take long for Heppler to restore the glory to Tech’s golf program following a couple of lean years in the mid-1990s. After recruit-
ing future All-Americans Matt Kuchar and Bryce Molder, Heppler had the Yellow Jackets back in the NCAA Tournament in his third season, where they finished third, just four shots off the lead. Tech also was ranked No. 1 in the nation during the course of the year and won the NCAA East Regional.

Heppler’s first recruit at Tech was Kuchar, who won the 1997 U.S.
Amateur Championship, was named the 1998 ACC Player of the Year and the Fred Haskins National Player of the Year. Molder was the Jack Nicklaus Player of the Year in 1998 and in 2001, along with being named the ACC
Player of the Year in 1999, 2000 and 2001. Molder finished his career with the lowest career (70.69) and single-season (69.43) scoring aver-
gages in NCAA history at the time.

A dean’s list student at Brigham Young, Heppler earned his bachelor’s degree in accounting from BYU in 1985, and later received his master’s degree in sport management from Massachusetts in 1988. He played
golf for one year at Dixie Junior College in St. George before transfer-
ing to Brigham Young.

Heppler began his collegiate coaching career in 1987 as the men and
girls’ golf coach at Amherst. He then spent two years as an
administrative assistant at UNLV, becoming the assistant men’s golf coach at UNLV in 1999. He spent two years in that role before moving to
Oklahoma State in 1993.

The 44-year-old native of St. George, Utah is married to the former
Traci Schull of Southbury, Conn., and they have a 10-year-old son, Zakary
Bruce, and a 6-year-old daughter, Moriah Kate. Heppler is actively in-
volved with Atlanta Alliance for Children and is a member of the Golf
Coaches Association of America.

Georgia Tech’s National Champions

Troy Matteson - 2002

Troy Matteson capped an outstanding junior season by winning the biggest tournament of the year in Columbus, Ohio, at the
NCAA Championships. The victory marked the first time since 1934 that a Yellow Jacket was crowned National Collegiate Champion.

Matteson’s run to the title began inaus-
piciously as he opened with a 2-over-par score of 73 to stand tied for 88th place, seven
shots off the tournament lead. That would change quickly, as he
found his scoring groove over the next 54 holes of play.

Day two saw the first significant move, as Matteson carded a 5-
under-par round of 66 to move into a tie for 12th place a 73-66—139.
The steady play continued over the final two rounds, as Matteson
finished with sub-par rounds of 70 and 67 respectively to take over the
individual lead as the final round came to an end.

The victory marked the fourth individual title of the year for
Matteson, tying the school record previously held by David Duval,
along with being the third time in school history that a Yellow Jacket
had been the individual national champion.

For his efforts, Matteson was named the recipient of the Arnold
Palmer National Player of the Year award and earned first-team All-
America honors for the first time in his career.

Charlie Yates - 1934

Yates won the British Amateur in 1938 and the Western Amateur in 1935, won the
Georgia state championship in 1931 and 1935, advanced to the second round of match
play in the U.S. Amateur and was low ama-
teur in the first Masters tournament in 1934.

He culminated a fine college career by
winning the 1934 National Collegiate Cham-
pionship in Cleveland, Ohio, joining Watts
Gunn as the only two Tech golfers ever to do so. Yates is one of six
Yellow Jackets to have competed in the Walker Cup, as he was a
team member in both 1936 and ’38, compiling a 3-0-1 record in
del matches. In 1953, he was named the captain of the Walker Cup
team and was an honorary captain in 1985.

Yates played in the first 11 Masters tournaments, five times
finishing as low amateur and three times finishing in the top 24.

He was inducted into the Georgia Tech Hall of Fame in 1959 and
an award named in his honor has been given annually to the member
of the Yellow Jacket golf team displaying the most outstanding
academic achievement.

Watts Gunn - 1927

The Rambling Wreck and the name of Watts Gunn rose to supreme heights in 1927.

Becoming the first Georgia Tech golfer to win the National Collegiate Championship, Gunn shot a total of 302 over the 72-hole event at the Garden City Country Club to win the medal competition. He went on to despatch Walker Cup teammate Roland McKenzie, 10-9, to win the individual title, and his 69 in the final round broke the course record. He also helped Tech win the Southern Intercollegiate title the same year.

Along with winning the collegiate championship, Gunn was a
two-time U.S. Walker Cup team member, joining the squad in both
1926 and 1928. In those two events, he compiled a combined 4-0 record, posting a pair of victories in each.

Gunn was inducted into the Georgia Tech Hall of Fame in 1961. The annual Yellow Jacket men’s golf team award for the season’s most improved player is named in Gunn’s honor.