by the numbers

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The time ran by Tech’s cross-country runner Adam Jones, who placed seventh in an 8K run of 28:44.73. He was the first of five consecutive Tech runners to cross the finish line. Finishing eighth through 11th were Brian O’Neill, Mark Luffel, Gaben Moore and Jimmy DeYonker.

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Number that Tech’s volleyball team is ranked nationally by USA Today/AVCA Coaches Poll. The team has defeated three teams that are nationally ranked this season.

Jackets sting Brigham Young’s Cougars

By Al Przygocki
Senior Staff Writer

Georgia Tech rode defensive pressure and an outstanding performance from Tony Hollings to a second-half comeback and a 28-19 victory over BYU.

Hollings rushed for 189 yards and three touchdowns including two in the fourth quarter and helped control the clock with his 36 carries. Unfortunately, on the Tech carry, Hollings tore the anterior cruciate ligament and the lateral meniscus in his right knee and will miss the remainder of the season.

“Any time you lose a back the caliber of Tony Hollings, it certainly affects your team,” said Tech head coach Chan Gailey. “We’re all dis-appointed for Tony because he had basically come out of nowhere to become the leading rusher in the nation.”

Other than Hollings, the Jackets struggled on offense as the rest of the team only managed 136 total yards. A.J. Suggs had his worst day so far this season, completing only 11 of his 26 attempts for 117 yards, while throwing three interceptions. It wasn’t all Suggs’ fault, as there were several dropped passes, but it was Suggs who bore the brunt of the boos from the home fans in the second half.

“If [the fans] don’t think I’m doing the right thing, then boo me or call the university president. But don’t boo a 19- or 20-year-old guy,” Gailey said.

Commenting on Suggs’ struggles, Gailey said, “I think he missed some passes, and we dropped some passes. His stats look bad because of

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Hollings ran for 189 yards and three touchdowns against BYU and was named the ACC Offensive Back of the Week. He was lost for the season when he tore a ligament in his right knee in the fourth quarter.

By Ryan Peck
Contributing Writer

Georgia Tech’s Tony Hollings sports a Superman logo tattoo on his biceps. And up until last Saturday, it seemed that Kryptonite was about the only thing that could possibly slow down the powerful 5-10, 211 lb. junior running back. Vanderbilt, Connecticut, Clemson and BYU defenders certainly couldn’t do it. Hollings ran over and around them for 635 yards in just four games, and ranked first in the nation in rushing and scoring, with 11 touchdowns.

“When I was in high school playing quarterback,” explains Hollings, “I used to dream about being able to do that kind of thing.”

The parallels between Hollings and the super hero he emulates, according to his peers anyway, are evident. Clark Kent changes into a modest guy. Hollings’ Lois Lane? Well, you’d have to ask Tony about that one.

Hollings is a locker room. Clark Kent is reserved and humble when he’s not saving the universe. Hollings, the same way, until he pulls the chinstrap tight and laces up the cleats. The drama of Clark Kent’s love interest keeps the audience on the edge of their seats.

“All the other [high school] teams called me Superman because they said they never saw anyone do the things I did.”

Tony Hollings
Running Back

Anxious to prove to himself and to Tech fans what he was capable of on the field, Hollings went to Chan Gailey with a proposition shortly after Gailey was named head coach. Unhappy with special teams play and running with the second team defense his first two seasons under former Coach George O’Leary, the junior from Jeffersonville, GA implored Gailey to give him a shot at running back.

With the departure of Joe Burns fresh in his mind, Gailey agreed. Hollings probably had little idea at that point that his agreement would produce the birth of a legitimate All-American candidate. For that matter, neither did Hollings, but he never doubted himself.

“I wasn’t really looking to become the starter right then, but I had it in my mind that I was going to do my best to get some playing time,” Hollings said. Modest goals for a modest guy.

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50th anniversary baseball team includes Jackets

Kevin Brown, Nomar Garciaparra, Tim Griffin, Riccardo Ingram, Jay Payton, Jim Poole, Brad Rigby, Mark Teixeira and Jason Varitek were named to the Atlantic Coast Conference’s 50th Anniversary Baseball Team this past week. Clemson nipped the list with 12 players, with Tech coming in second with nine. For more information about the baseball 50th anniversary team, as well as other notable commemoratives teams, visit www.theacc.com.

Lady Jackets make basketball Anniversary team

Kiasha Ford and Joyce Pierce were among the 51 members of the Atlantic Coast Conference’s 50th Anniversary Women’s Basketball team announced on Wednesday. Ford was a three-time ACC selection and the second Tech player to earn first-team honors following the 1997 season. Pierce was a three-time All-ACC selection and earned honorable mention All-America honors from Kodak in 1993.
By John Parsons
Senior Staff Writer

JFC enacts new policy for Tier 3 Organizations

SGA’s Joint Finance Committee enacted a new policy for this budget year that now limits the number of events to five competitions for which a Tier Three organization may include travel and registration expenses in their budget. Tier Three organizations, as defined by SGA, are those organizations other than the SAC and Student Center Operations Boards (Tier One) that are not deemed to have some sort of necessary or campus-wide impact, such as Student Publications or Drama Tech (Tier Two).

This policy will drastically alter the way in which many of Georgia Tech’s 24 sports clubs operate. All of the sports clubs fall into the Tier Three categorization.

“Sixteen of the twenty-four clubs are in conferences,” said Dan Haulett, Director of Intramural and Sports Clubs. “This comes out to a 40-50 percent budget cut for those clubs.”

Tech’s largest sports clubs already generate most of their revenue through dues and fundraising efforts. To offset the loss of the majority of their SGA contributions, sports clubs would have to generate more revenue through these means.

The Ice Hockey Club, for example, operated last year on a budget of approximately $60,000, only $21,000 of which came from student activity fee funds. The Crew club drew only $18,000 of their approximately $45,000 budget from activity fee funds. Crew also charged $150 dues per semester, over four times the $35 minimum mandated by JFC for competitive student organizations.

The other option for the sports clubs affected by the policy change would be to compete less, which in many cases would mean dropping out of conference play. This prospect, obviously, is unpalatable to any sports club member.

“We pride ourselves on being the most successful sport on campus,” said Chris Channer, a member of the Ice Hockey Club. “We are in conferences, so there’s no point in having a sea-son with no chance of going to the playoffs.”

The cycling team would be in a similar situation.

“Currently the Georgia Tech (Cycling) Team is number one in our college conference,” said Jonathan Friedman, member of the cycling team. “The cost per event has been relatively low, so it seems illogical to squander such a remarkable SGA-enabled success story by altering the rules.”

According to Chris Webb, Chairman of the JFC, the idea for the change came out of a series of roundtable discussions last spring about changing funding procedures for Tier Three organizations to increase fairness. Many noncompetitive Tier Three organizations, like cultural and religious groups, dislike the fact that competitive organizations get significantly larger budgets than they do. According to the representatives of the clubs at these meetings, however, the idea of limiting the number of events for Tier Three organizations was never discussed.

Adding to the difficulty of fair budget allocation is the ever-increasing number of student organizations coupled with a Student Activity Fee that has remained unchanged for six years.

“Currently there are 40-50 organizations awaiting chartering action,” said Tim Gailloux, Chairman of the Joint Campus Organizations Committee for SGA. “We hope to get all of those done by Thanksgiving.”

Last year, JFC received $2.6 million in budget requests for the $2.35 million to allocate. This year, JFC is looking at a minimum of $3.2 million in requests and $2.65 million to allocate. The increase in funds to allocate is due to the staff and other costs associated with SAC 2. The amount requested will likely increase sharply again next year if most of the pending organizations are granted charters by SGA.

Further difficulty comes from the fact that many of the staff salaries paid for by activity fee money increase by two to four percent each year, reducing the portion of the money left for other allocations when the activity fee does not increase. “You can’t expect Tier 3 organizations to take a hit every year to pay for staff raises,” said Haulett.

Any increase in the student activity fee would have to be approved by the Board of Regents.
Coaching:

John Bunting has a tall task ahead of him in the Tar Heels’ first ACC bout of the year. Bunting’s Heels have stumbled out of the gate—going just 1-2—and are coming off a blowout loss against the Texas Longhorns. This game will be a legiti-
mate barometer of this UNC club, which has shown steady improvement from week to week.

Following the Jayhawks’ belated victory over the BYU Cou-
gars, Chan Gailey must prove that his team can handle the adversity of losing their star running back and only source of productivity in Tony Hollings. Gailey’s ability as an offensive schemer needs to shine for Tech to compensate for the ab-
sence of Hollings.

Edge: Even

Quarterbacks:

Tar Heels quarterback Darian Durant is progressing nicely following a solid freshman campaign. Durant not only brings his 240.3 passing yards per game to the contest against the Jackets, he also brings almost 40 rushing yards a game. The sophomore is coming off a career high 74 rushing yards in the loss against Texas, and the Tech defense has had trouble handling mobile quarterbacks in the past.

A.J. Suggs is coming off two less-than-stellar performances against Clemson and BYU where he has combined for four interceptions and just one touchdown. Suggs was the model of efficiency against the weak defenses of Vanderbilt and Connecticut, but he has made poor reads and poor throws against the faster Clemson and BYU squads.

Edge: UNC

Running Backs:

Sophomore Jacque Lewis has emerged from the pileup at backtail for the Tar Heels with steady play in the past two weeks. Along with Lewis, juniors Willie Parker and Andre Williams will see time in the backfield. UNC is averaging a modest 139.7 yards per game, but the Heels are coming off a 220 yard output against a talented Texas defense.

The loss of Tony Hollings for the rest of the season with a knee injury is crippling to a Tech club that has relied heavily on the junior. In Hollings’ absence, Chan Gailey will most likely turn to true freshman Ajenavi “Ace” Etienne. Etienne who made his debut against BYU. “Ace” is still a relative unknown in terms of his abilities, but if he lives up to the praise of the Georgia Tech coaching staff, Etienne could emerge as a star.

Edge: UNC

Wide Receivers:

The North Carolina receiving corps is lead by talented senior Sam Aiken. The 6’2” Aiken is averaging 109 receiving yards per game, gaining an average of over twenty yards each time he touches the football. The Tar Heels have gotten limited productivity from wide-out Chesley Borders and slot receiver Jarwarski Pollock who have combined for 187 yards on 14 receptions and one touchdown so far this season. UNC will make use of their two tight ends Zach Hilton and Bobby Blizard. The duo has combined for 109 yards on ten catches with two going for scores.

Watkins, the leading receiver, has a team-high 17 catches for a team-high 353 yards and one touchdown. Senior Will Glover has not shown a consistent ability to make big plays, averaging a mediocre 8.4 yards-per-catch. Glover has, how-

ever, been a valuable tool in the red-zone.

Edge: Even

Offensive Line:

North Carolina has shown steady improvement in their offensive line play with each week. The Tar Heels, led by guard Jonathan Wilson, ran for only 94 yards in their opener against Miami (OH), 152 yards at Syracuse, and then piled up 220 yards against Texas. UNC has done an adequate job in pass protection, surrendering just seven sacks thus far, three of which came against the Longhorns.

The Jackets’ offensive line has been solid this season. Tech is averaging over 200 yards rushing per game, partially due to the ability of the big guys up front to control the line of scrimmage. The Jackets have surrendered nine sacks this season, allowing five in Tech’s sloppy loss at Clemson. UNC does not have the quickness and pass rushing ability of the Clemson Tigers, so Nat Dorsey and company should be able to give A.J. Suggs plenty of time to throw the football.

Edge: Even

Defensive Line:

The Tar Heels are giving up 209.7 yards per game on the ground while recording only four sacks. This is evidence of UNC’s defensive line failing to win the battle in the trenches. They were simply overpowered by a superior Texas offensive line. The tandem of junior ends Isaac Mooring and Will Chapman needs to be effective against Tech’s tackle tandem of Nat Dorsey and Kyle Wallace for the Heels to be effective.

Following the loss of Greg Gathers with a kidney disease, the Jackets must use their depth to make up for the open space. Tech has amassed twelve sacks on the season, eight of which have come from the defensive front. Sophomore end Tony Hargrove is a star in the making with two sacks this season, and red-shirt freshman Eric Henderson filled in for Gathers against BYU registering two sacks against the Cougars. Senior Fred Wright will likely get the start opposite Hargrove at end. The Jackets are deep at defensive tackle, led by senior Gary Johnson, who made his return to the lineup against BYU.

Edge: Tech

Linebackers:

Weak-side linebacker Malcolm Stewart is the leader of this young group of Tar Heel linebackers. Stewart is second on the team in tackles and tied for the team lead in sacks with two. Joining Stewart will be sophomore Devllen Bullard on the strong side, and red-shirt freshman Doug Justice in the middle.

The strength of this Tech defense is the linebacking corps. The trio of Recardo Wimbush, Key Fox and Daryl Smith are the top three tacklers for the Jackets. Tech will find ways for these three to make plays and disrupt the UNC offense. Look for the Jackets to use standard personnel even against three wide receiver sets because of the speed of Wimbush and Fox on the outside.

Edge: Tech

Secondary:

The strength of the UNC defense is the defensive back-
field. Senior cornerbacks Michael Waddell and Kevin Knight are solid cover guys. Junior free safety Dexter Reid leads the Tar Heels in tackles, and sophomore strong safety Chris Curry is a great athlete who can get in the backfield and disrupt the run. However, the Tar Heel secondary has only one interception on the year, by senior safety/linebacker DeFonte Coleman.

The Tech secondary has played better than expected this season. Led by senior free safety Jeremy Muyers and his team-

high two interceptions, the Jackets’ defensive backfield has intercepted six passes. Cornmen Marvise Hester and Jonathan Cox, while both slightly undersized at 5’10”, have solid cover skills. Senior strong safety Cory Collins, who is tied for fourth on the team in tackles, rounds out the unit.

Edge: Tech

Special Teams:

UNC has received solid kicking from junior Dan Orner. Orner is 3-4 on field goals and 9-9 on PATs this season. Junior punter John Lafferty is averaging an unimpressive 35.8 yards per punt. In the return game, the usually explosive punt-returner, Waddell, has been limited to a pedestrian 4.5 yards per return average. The kickoff return unit has not fared much better, managing just 16.6 yards-per-return.

Tech has gotten fine special teams play all around. Kicker Luke Manget, while only 2-5 on field goals because two of his attempts have been from longer than fifty yards, is a perfect 15-15 on PATs. This extends his streak to an ACC-record 146 games, fifteen shy of the NCAA record. The two-headed pun combo of Dan Dyke and Chris Morehouse has succeeded by averaging 43.2 yards-per-punt. Morehouse has the stronger leg, but six of his eleven punt attempts have ended up in the end zone. The return game has been solid as usual for the Jackets.

Edge: Tech

Prediction: Tech 27 - UNC 17
Hollings underwent an MRI Monday afternoon, which revealed a torn anterior cruciate ligament and torn lateral meniscus in his right knee. He will undergo surgery in about ten days and recover in time for next season.

When Aug. 31 rolled around it was time for Tony Hollings to get his first taste of the big time, as Georgia Tech faced Connecticut with equal emphasis and aplomb. Hollings had lived in sheer obscurity for two years. He figured it was time to Superman. The unsuspecting city of Atlanta was soon to become Hollings’ version of Metropolis.

Things weren’t always Georgia peach fuzzy. Hollings showed an unenviable penchant for fumbling in spring and fall practice. Gailey’s solution: have Superman carry a swan dive into the endzone. That of which culminated in a 56-yard rushing (6.9 yards per carry), 11 touchdowns and, last but not least, a running (6.9 yards per carry), 11 touchdowns and, last but not least, a

The Running Game

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Beyond the White and Gold

PETA’s publicity stunts not exactly perfect

By John Parsons
Senior Staff Writer

I’m going back to the first week-end in September for this week’s topic. Somehow I missed this one. If there is one thing PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) is always good for, it’s a great laugh at their ridiculous publicity stunts. This may not top the infamous “Got Beer?” campaign launched at Michigan State, but it’s pretty darn close.

In a letter to Milwaukee Brewers owner Wendy Selig-Prieb addressed Sept. 5, PETA Sports Campaign Coordinator Don Shannon asks that a veggie dog be added to the lineup of the Brewers’ traditional sausage race. Nothing special about that; PETA is notorious for attacking the most menial issues they can find. The hilarity this time comes from the strategy employed by Don Shannon.

“On behalf of the 750,000 members and supporters of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, I am writing to suggest that you add a veggie dog to the lineup of the Brewers’ traditional sausage race. Nothing special about that; PETA is notorious for attacking the most menial issues they can find. The hilarity this time comes from the strategy employed by Don Shannon.

“Their strategy is one way to appease and please the Ethical Treatment of Animals, I say. They’ll let them explain it: “Cholesterol-laden animal products can cause impotence by blocking arteries to all the body’s organs, not just to the heart.” I’ll stop there with that one; we ate a family-oriented paper after all. Let’s instead hear a little more wisdom from Don Shannon. 

“If given a sporting chance, our lean, mean veggie dog might run rings around those fatty ‘brats’ in the Sausage Race,” says Shannon. “The veggie dog would be a big hit, especially with hip, young baseball fans.”

This makes me wonder whether they want the sausage race rigged so as to provide pro-vegan propaganda for which they don’t have to spend a dime. Well, I think this wraps up another wonderful session of laughing at PETA. Now, if you’ll excuse me, I have to go add ‘hip, young baseball fans’ to my list of my favorite oxymorons.

For more information on PETA and the Milwaukee Brewers visit www.peta.org.

BYU

BYU that. BYU guessed right a couple of times and were able to intercept the ball. He didn’t throw the ball great today, but I know he will throw it better in the future. I have no doubt about that.”

“After a back-and-fourth first quarter, Tech charged out to a 7-0 lead on a Tony Hollings one-yard touchdown run on the first play of the second quarter. BYU controlled the rest of the quarter and held a 10-7 lead at the half.

With the Jack-ets offense struggling for much of the game, the pressure was on the defense to hold things tight. They did. Tech forced four turnovers and had four sacks. True freshman Ajenavi ‘Ace’ Ez- iemefor started his first collegiate touchdown to give Tech a 14-10 lead early in the third quarter, but BYU controlled the rest of the third quarter by converting good field position into nine more points in taking a 19-14 lead.

BYU played much of the game with neither its starting quarterback nor its starting running back. Coming into the game as the na- tion’s sixth leading rusher, Marcus Whelan suffered a pulled groin in the second quarter after rushing for only 13 yards. Brett Engemann threw two intercep-tions and lost a fumble before being replaced in the second quar- ter by backup quarterback Lance Pendleton.

Pendleton came into the game marked as the running half of BYU’s two-headed quarterback platoon and led the Cougars in rushing while running for one touchdown and throwing for another.

Football Notebook

• The emergence of Tony Hollings and all of the discussion about the starting quarterback battle made a lot of folks forget that the real strength of this team was supposed to be the defense. Coming into the season, it was expected that the experienced defense would carry the team while the offense struggled to find an identity behind a new quarterback and young players across the offensive side of the ball. Even without Greg Gathers, the defense made its mark against the Cougars, applying pressure, causing turnovers, and holding BYU to four out of 17 on third downs.

• After struggling against Clemson, the Jackets’ young offensive line rebounded with an impressive effort against BYU. Tech only gave up two sacks and plowed a path for the running backs to roll up 210 rushing yards. There were far fewer missed assignments, and there were more signs of aggressive run blocking. The pass blocking still needs some work, but this young unit looks to be improving with each week.

• Jeremy Muyres intercepted two passes in a game for Tech Saturday for the first time since Jamara Clark turned the trick against Virginia on Oct. 17, 1998.

Jody says “Yeah, c’mon!”

Last week’s winners:

Jon Seelig
Matthew Winters
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