In the second half, Tech took control of the game and went into the locker room with a 41-30 lead at the half. Things got worse for Virginia in the second half as the team’s shooting went ice cold, going 0 for 9 on threes. By dominating the second half, Tech cruised to a 75-57 win. Both Elder and Lewis didn’t seem too affected by coming off the bench as they put up 16 and 17 points each.

After picking up their first conference win, Tech suited up to face Maryland, a team that was coming off an upset of UNC. Tech started the game much better and led most of the first half. However, it was the visitors that took control at the half, scoring 15 points in the last six minutes to take a 38-35 lead at the break. Coming back from the break, Maryland remained hot and extended their lead to seven before Tech regrouped and shut down everyone but Maryland’s standout sophomore John Gilchrist. Gilchrist was unstoppable on the floor, almost single-handedly keeping the visiting Terrapins in the game in the second half. He ended up with a game-high 27 points but no other teammate scored in double digits. Tech’s defense held Maryland to 36.5 percent field goal shooting, 10 percent lower than the team’s season average.

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Men's tennis team fares well at C Championships

By Clark Nielsen
Contributing Writer

Earlier this week, the men's tennis team opened its spring season competition at Winston-Salem, NC at the ACC Men's Indoor Championships. Heading the Jackets' efforts were seniors Scott Schnugg and Joao Menano, who won singles titles in 2002.

"This will be a good test for us to see exactly where we are individually," said head coach Kenny Thorne in a press release.

"It's a great tournament and in addition to fine-tuning a few things, it will give us a good indication of what our lineup will be," Thorne is in his sixth season guiding the Jackets.

José Luis Muguruza, a freshman from Wesley Chapel, Florida, was the only Tech player to advance past the round of 32, making it to the semifinals before falling to eventual champion Doug Stewart of Virginia, 6-0, 6-1. Muguruza also teamed up with teammate Zachary Rath to advance in the doubles portion of the tournament. The team of Peter Rodrigues and Jonathan Stokke won the doubles flight title with an 8-6 victory over No. 4 seed Brett Rosand of Wake Forest.

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FSU's men's team came into the meet looking to improve on its 1-1 ACC record.

Defeaters Tony Burkhardt and Paul McCarty led the AquaJackets. McCarty captured the first place on the one-meter board with a score of 284.10, while Burkhardt finished second in the event. They helped traded spots on the three-meter board as Burkhardt captured first place with a tally of 303.45.

O'Veral, Tech's men and women diver's have consistently improved from meet to meet, thanks to diving coach John Ames and the new facilities as well.

"They're doing well. They're very competitive right now. They're doing a very good job," said head coach Seth Baron.

Senior Jeremy Raines captured first-place honors for the Jackets in the 200-yard backstroke. Raines was also a member of Tech's second-place relay team in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Freshman Ryan Bishop racked up more points for Tech with a second-place win in the 200-yard breaststroke. Bishop also placed second in the 200-yard IM.

By the end of the meet, the Seminoles had extended an early lead and defeated the men's team 138-101.

"Once again we proved we're a talented team," Tech head coach MaChelle Joseph said. "They're diving well. They're very competitive. We're still pretty tired," Baron said. "I think Florida State is a great team, they have a lot of talent. It's great for us to get up and race against them... It gives us a little understanding and motivation going into the conference meet even though we won't be able to compete.

The Tigers proved to be Clemson's Lakeisha Stokes, who scored 26 points, nine from downtown, nabbing 10 boards, helping out her fellow teammates with four assists and squashing Tech offensiveness four steals.

"They made big shots but they got great looks, and defensively, we can't give up those kinds of looks at the basket..."

MacHelle Joseph
Head Basketball Coach

O'Veral, Tech had 22 turnovers, "Turnovers killed us," Joseph said. Turnovers prevented a win on the road against Maryland a few games back where the Lady Jackets turned the ball over almost as many times.

The icing on the cake for the Lady Tigers proved to be Clemson's Lakeisha Stokes, who scored 26 points, nine from downtown, nabbing 10 boards, helping out her fellow teammates with four assists and squashing Tech's offense with four steals.

The bright spots for Tech during the game included a better second half against Clemson scoring-wise, where the Lady Tigers had the rims by out-rebounding Clemson 46-36 and creating a formidable inside presence with seven blocks five from starting center Kasha Terry.

While turnovers have been plaguing the Lady Jackets this season, the team has become known for its resilience and strength in the face of tough opponents. The team faces ACC rival Florida State on the road Sunday.
By the Numbers

24
Number of home games the Wake Forest Deacons had won before the men's basketball team snapped the streak Tuesday night. Wake Forest had been looking to tie its school record of 25 consecutive victories last Saturday. The total was a career high for the Arizona transfer.

25
Number of points Will Bynum scored off the bench against Maryland last Saturday. The total was a career high for the Arizona transfer, Bynum also received the Weny's Georgia Tech Student-Athlete of the Week award for his efforts.

2:31.84
Amount of time it took Laura Haisser to win the 200 breaststroke for the second consecutive meet. Haisser led the women's team with the win.

2
Number of top five finishes senior Amanda Rhett had at the Kentucky Invitational. Rhett finished second in both the 60-meter dash and the 200-meter.

13
Number of points freshman Kentrina Wilson scored in her second consecutive start of the season. Wilson led the Jackets against the Tigers in total points and had nine rebounds as well.

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By Kimberly Rieck
Sports Editor

In the past whenever Tech swimmers and diving teams have faced Florida State, it's always been a battle to see who will win. However, in last Saturday's scompep, FSU's men's and women's swimming and diving teams were out for more than just points and wins as the team received Georgia Tech Aquatic Center records. On the women's side, Tech defeated Georgia Tech Aquatic Center records. On the women's side, Tech faced tough competition from the Seminoles. The Seminole women went into the meet with an undefeated conference record. In the first event, FSU's 4x100m relay defeated Tech's 4x100m relay, and in both the Seminoles' 4x100m relay and Tech's 4x100m relay, the Seminoles' team was disqualified.

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Aquajackets race against nationally-ranked FSU

With meets against nationally-ranked opponents Alabama and Florida State, the men's and women's swimming and diving teams have faced many challenges. Among the team's bright spots are the diving squads.