

**Wake**

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Jackets from behind the arc, going 7 for 12 from this position in the first half. However, sparked by Muhammad's two monster dunks and 6 for 6 shooting in the first 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 hot 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, Mary-

land 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.

Aside from a stellar defense, Tech's second half run was sparked by Bynum's offensive production. On the offensive end of the floor, Bynum took over for Tech. He hurt Maryland from the outside, going 5 for 7 from behind the arc, and inside when he produced the play of the game by breaking down his opposition and finishing with a high floater banked off the glass. He led all Tech scorers with 25 points despite coming off the bench as Elder regained his starting spot for the game. Tech pulled

away in the second half and picked up their second conference win with a 81-71 victory over Maryland.

The real conference test came against Wake Forest at Winston-Salem on Tuesday. Last year, Tech was a horrible road team, going 2-

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11 and winning only one conference game, against Virginia, on the road. Having failed earlier against North Carolina, this year's team was hungry to prove their road-worthiness against the Demon Deacons.

Wake was reeling from back-to-back road losses to Texas and Duke, but they started the game shooting well. Luckily, Tech also came out clicking on offense and the first 10 minutes of the game looked like it would be another thrilling shootout, much like the win Wake had over North Carolina. Both teams shot over 55 percent from the field in the first half.

The second half saw neither team shooting above 30 percent from the field, both a testament to the teams defensive effort and their offensive ineptitude. Both teams struggled to score. Wake had troubles hitting their threes and Tech threw away good scoring opportunities under the basket when they failed to make layups.

By rotating defenders on Wake's freshman star Chris Paul, Tech was able to keep him from making an impact. Wake's other star guard, Justin Gray, fouled out with much of the second half left and made things worse for the Deacons back-

court. On the offensive side of the ball, Bynum continued his production and led Tech with 20 points. Not to be overshadowed, Lewis had a great day as well coming off the bench. He had a perfect day from beyond the arc, going 4 for 4, and contributed 14 points. More importantly, it was encouraging to see Lewis shooting well on the road, something he had troubles with last year. He shot 38.1 percent from the field when not playing at the Coliseum (vs. shooting 46.8 percent at home).

By holding Wake to a miserable 23.3 percent shooting in the second half and answering every Demon Deacon attempt with a big shot of their own, Tech was able to pull off a big 73-66 road win despite shooting a poor 29.0 percent from the field in the second half.

Tech will face N.C. State on the road Saturday, a game that will break the current tie for second in the ACC, before coming home to face Clemson Tuesday night.

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# Men's tennis team fares well at Championships

By Clark Nelson  
Contributing Writer

Earlier this week, the men's tennis team opened its spring season competition in Winston-Salem, NC at the ACC Men's Indoor Championships. Headlining 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 as individuals," 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.

Jose 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 with Schnugg to advance in the doubles portion of the tournament. The two were the No. 1 seed in the tournament but fell to Duke in the quarterfinals 9-8.

Menano, Trevor Mcleod, Zachary Rath, West Nott and Nico Gysi all won their first round singles match but then stumbled in the round of 32.

Meanwhile, Schnugg advanced to the finals of the consolations where he faced Andy Metzler of UNC in the finals. Schnugg ended up finishing as the consolation bracket co-champion along with Metzler. Metzler had gone 1-1 in the main draw before losing to No. 3 seed Mat Cloer of Florida State and won four matches in the consolation bracket.

Noah Tyler advanced to the quarterfinals of the consolation draw before falling to teammate Schnugg, 6-0, 6-4.

In doubles, Tech's Menano and Rath reached the quarterfinals before falling to UNC's Metzler and Monroe, 8-5.

However in the championship match, the Duke doubles

team of Peter Rodrigues and Jonathan Stokke won the doubles flight title with an 8-6 victory over No. 4 seed Brett Ross and Derrick Spice of Wake Forest.

Rodrigues and Stokke had advanced to the finals with a 9-7 victory over Metzler and Monroe, the pair that had earlier defeated Tech's Menano and Rath.

In the singles bracket, Virginia's Doug Stewart, the tournament's number two seed, won the title with a 7-5, 6-4 win over No. 1 seeded Monroe.

After completing their tournament at Wake Forest, the Yellow Jackets will next play host to Georgia Southern Jan. 31 at 1 P.M.

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**Kenny Thorne**  
Men's Tennis Coach

# faces in the crowd

by kimberly rieck



**Itai Eden**  
Senior  
Swimming

One of three Israeli swimmers on the men's swimming and diving team, Itai Eden is making his impact on the team in and out of the water. Eden has exemplified the team "student-athlete" with his Dean's List grades in electrical engineering and in his role as team captain. Eden made the ACC Honor Roll last year.

Before coming to Tech, Eden was a two-time finalist at the European Championships and named best junior swimmer at the 1998 Israeli Championships. At last year's ACC Championships, Eden placed 12th in the 200 butterfly. Eden also competed in the finals at the conference meet in the 500 free and 200 free.



**Lisa Hancock**  
Junior  
Swimming

Hailing from Pendleton, South Carolina, Lisa Hancock came to Tech after leading the state in track, cross country and swimming. Hancock was a six-time South Carolina state champion in cross country and received the state Female Runner of the Year Award. Hancock has consistently made the Dean's List at Tech, majoring in management.

On the swimming side, Hancock is one of two collegiate swimmers in the family—her older sister swims for Duke. The two-time team captain is one of Tech's top individual medley and long distance freestyle swimmers. Hancock took eighth place in the 200 butterfly at the ACC Championships last year and posted a NCAA 'B' qualifying mark in the 200 IM.



**Luis Muguruza**  
Freshman  
Tennis

One of the world's top junior players, Luis Muguruza burst onto the scene by winning the prestigious Orange Bowl tournament. Muguruza has reached a singles ranking of No. 17 in the International Tennis Federation poll and No. 54 in the doubles' poll. A highlight from Muguruza's career includes defeating the U.S.'s Brian Baker, the third-ranked junior player in the world. In 2002, Muguruza teamed up with teammate Zachary Rath to reach the doubles quarterfinals at the USTA International Grass Courts Championships.

Muguruza was also the only Tech player to advance past the round of 32 at the ACC Indoor Championships last week.

# ramblin' with david nelson

by katie neal and ryan peck



Photo Courtesy Georgia Tech Athletic Association

**After three years of dedication with little playing time, walk-on David Nelson earned a scholarship for his senior season. Nelson is an outstanding student, having made the Dean's List in Mechanical Engineering.**

When Isma'il Muhammad delivers a thunderous dunk, the crowd *oohs* and *aaahs*. When Will Bynum crosses up defenders and makes them look foolish, the crowd chirps and mocks. When David Nelson enters a basketball game for Georgia Tech,

the crowd simply goes bonkers.

One such cacophonous ovation serenaded Nelson on Dec. 23, when he sank a jumper after taking a Marist player through a bevy of pump fakes during Tech's 90-40 triumph. When he simply touches the ball, the deci-

bel level in Alexander Memorial Coliseum suddenly mirrors that of a Kid Rock concert.

Arguably Tech's most beloved roundball participant, the diminutive Syracuse, New York native has earned the admiration of both teammates and fans. Nelson's tireless efforts in practice, as well as during Tech's strenuous conditioning regimen, has earned the former walk-on a scholarship for the 2003-2004 basketball season. Off the court, Nelson is a Dean's List student majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

We sat down with "Little Dave" in an effort to discover more about the crowd favorite that wears no. 51.

**What has been your favorite memory in basketball while you've been at Tech?**

My most memorable moment in basketball while here at Tech would have to be playing against Syracuse in the Carrier Dome. This memory brings mixed emotions, however. We lost by a lot so that was horrible, but I got to play in the game. I have liked SU basketball since I was little and being able to make a three-pointer there was a great feeling. Especially doing it with my family and friends in the stands and my girlfriend cheerleading for SU.

**What teammate or coach has taught you the most, or you have learned the most from, about the game?**

Coach Hewitt has definitely taught me the most about the game. He is the one that is there night in and night out watching video and coming up with philosophies. I never

knew so much went into one play until I heard Coach Hewitt talk.

**What teammate do you admire the most?**

I admire a lot of the people on the team for many different reasons, but I would have to say that I admire and respect Marvin Lewis the most. I just really think that Marvin is a stand-up guy who carries himself very well. He is quiet leader. He leads in a way that is different than most people would expect, by example and not by blurting out or yelling.

**What sports did you play as a child and why did you decide to focus on basketball?**

As a child I played basketball and baseball. I really liked both of them, but I decided to focus on basketball because baseball was just too slow of a game for me. I got sick of waiting in the outfield for a ball to be hit to me.

**If you could play any other sport here at Tech, what would it be and why?**

I would probably have to say baseball since I played that along with basketball since I was just a little guy. But I have had increasing interest in golf lately and I plan on picking that up when basketball ends.

**Do you have any pre-game rituals and what are they?**

I don't really have any pre-game rituals, but Luke and I have a joke going since it always seems like we are going to the bathroom right be-

fore the game starts at the same time.

**Which one of your teammates, according to you and most of the team, has the most annoying habit(s)?**

Everyone has something, especially since we spend more time with each other than we do with our family. But my annoying quality, that I am sure everyone would agree with, is that I like to talk a lot. Most guys don't like that.

**How do you think most of your teammates would describe you personally? (What would they most likely say to describe you?)**

If I were to guess they would probably say something like, Lil' Dave is smart and always has something to say and never shuts up.

**As a senior who has seen the evolution of the team, how do you think the group has changed over the years?**

It is definitely evident that the team is more mature in that on and off the court we work together a lot more than we used to. We are no longer a group of guys playing basketball together, we are a family.

**What do you want to do after graduating from Tech?**

I really wish I knew or had something concrete, but I will be graduating with an ME degree. I think that I would like to work for a financial firm or with business consultants and then in two or three years go back to school to get an MBA.

**If you could tell next year's freshman recruits just one thing, what would it be?**

Get ready for conditioning because it'll get ya.

## Swim

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

Divers 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. The pair traded spots on the three-meter board as Burkhardt captured first place with a tally of 303.45.

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

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

Junior 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 relatively tired team right now. We've not begun to rest for the conference meet which is five weeks out for the women, six weeks out for the men. We still have a couple more weeks of hard work...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 got beat."

Tech will next travel to Clemson Jan. 24.

## Lady Jackets face wrath of Tigers in ACC battle

By Vishal Patel  
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One bad scoring run for Clemson was all the Lady Tigers needed to secure their 13th victory of the season and third against the Jackets last Sunday afternoon.

The ladies in orange went on a 24-3 run early in the first half leaving the Lady Jackets without an answer for the rest of the game. The run was the product of the oft-touted Clemson shooting from beyond the three-point arc led by starting guards Julie Talley and Lakeia Stokes, who went 4 of 7 and 3 of 5, respectively.

The Jackets knew what was in store for them against the Lady Tigers, according to head coach MaChelle Joseph. In recent weeks, Joseph has coached the team against No. 1 Duke and to her first ACC win against Florida State.

"We knew who the three-point shooters were," Joseph said.

"We talked about that for two days now. They made big shots but they got great looks, and defensively, we can't give up those kinds of looks at the basket with the three-point shooters that Clemson has."

Clemson stretched the lead to 25 with barely two minutes left in the first half and never looked back despite a quelled Tech comeback in the second half, where the Lady Jackets scored the first 12 points of the half and managed to knock Clemson's lead down to only eight points. The Tigers scored 32 of their first half points off of 15 Tech turn-

overs. Overall, 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 Lakeia Stokes, who scored 25 points, nine from downtown, nabbing 10 boards, helping out her fellow teammates with four assists and squashing the Tech offense with four steals.

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

Perhaps the biggest bright spot for Tech, despite the loss, was the gradual maturation of freshman starter Kentrina Wilson who put up 13 points and swiped nine boards in her second start of the season.

Despite losing in the end by fourteen, the ladies played solid basketball after a disastrous first half and look to improve upon their careless mistakes and defense around the perimeter as the season progresses over the next few weeks.

The loss is the fourth in a row for Tech, all of which have come against ACC teams bringing their ACC record to 1-4.

The Jackets next face Florida State Jan. 25.

"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



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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.

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## Game, set, match

Led by a talented mix of seniors and freshmen, the men's tennis team travels to Winston-Salem to compete in the ACC Championships. Page 25

## For love of the game

While other students only dream of playing with the Jackets, David Nelson balances his rigorous studies with his walk-on hardships. Page 26



## by the numbers

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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 at Lawrence Joel Coliseum. Instead, the game was the Deacons' first loss since Feb. 21, 2002.

# 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 Wendy's Georgia Tech Student-Athlete of the Week award for his efforts.

# 2:31.84

Amount of time it took Laura Heiser to win the 200 breaststroke for the second consecutive meet. Heiser led the women's team with the win. Freshman Alison Walker finished second behind Heiser.

# 2

Number of top five finishes senior Amandi 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.

## Atlanta Thrashers number challenge

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## Bynum leads Tech to ACC wins

By Joseph Jeong  
Contributing Writer

If any doubts were raised about this year's basketball team after dropping two in a row, those doubts were eliminated after going 3-0 against conference opponents this past week. After dropping the conference opener to North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Tech bounced back to hold their own at home against Virginia and Maryland and went on the road to snatch a big win over Wake Forest at Winston-Salem. With the three conference wins, Tech is sitting right behind Duke for second in the ACC, tied with the fast starting NC State.

Coach Paul Hewitt sported a new lineup for the first time this season against Virginia in the opening home conference game. Instead of long-time starters Marvin Lewis and B.J. Elder, Hewitt went with the explosive duo of Will Bynum and Isma'il Muhammad. Clarence Moore also took Anthony McHenry's spot in the starting rotation.

According to team captain Lewis, the changes were not just for a new look and to reward the good play of the trio from the bench thus far. "Coach wanted us to set the tone in the first five minutes. Not let the game come to us like we have, but to set the tone. Those guys [Bynum, Muhammad and Moore] add an intensity to the lineup that helps us do that," Lewis said.

It didn't really seem to work in the beginning, as Virginia actually took the early lead 15-11 behind some very torrid shooting by the



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Arizona transfer Will Bynum led the Jackets in wins against ACC rivals Maryland and Wake Forest over the past week. The Jackets are now in a tie for second place in the ACC. The team faces N.C. State Saturday.

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## sports shorts

### Montrell Person earns ACC honors

Junior Montrell Person has been named ACC Indoor Track and Field Performer of the Week after he led the men's track and field team at the Kentucky Invitational last week. Person broke the school record in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 7.94 seconds. He bested his time in the finals to earn fifth and a NCAA Automatic qualifying time of 7.50. Person also had a season-best time of 6.90 in the 60-meter dash.

### Smith joins Fox in all-star game

Linebacker Daryl Smith has been added to the South Roster for tomorrow's Senior Bowl all-star game. Smith also recently competed in the East-West Shrine Game. Smith will join teammate and fellow linebacker Keyaron Fox in the game. The Senior Bowl will be on ESPN tomorrow at 5 p.m.

### Dorsey, Hargrove join NFL draft

Juniors Nat Dorsey and Tony Hargrove have signed up for the April 24 NFL draft. Dorsey and Hargrove are among 41 players who met the league's three-year eligibility rule and renounced their remaining college football eligibility.

## Aquajackets race against nationally-ranked FSU



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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.

By Kimberly Rieck  
Sports Editor

In the past whenever Tech's swimming and diving teams have faced Florida State, it's always been a battle to the finish. However, in last Saturday's competition, FSU's men's and women's swimming and diving teams were out for more than just points and wins as the team re-wrote Georgia Tech Aquatic Center records.

On the women's side, Tech faced tough competition from the Seminoles' squad. The Seminole women went into the meet with an undefeated conference record. In the first event, FSU's 'A' team defeated Tech's 'A' and 'B' teams while the Seminoles' 'B' team was disqualified.

In the 200-yard butterfly event, sophomore Meghan DeVinney finished second behind FSU's Lisa How. Junior Moeko Wallis was the fastest woman in the pool for the Jackets

with a second place time of 52.85 seconds in the 50-free. Wallis was defeated by the Seminoles' Emily Breen who earned a NCAA 'B' qualifying mark.

For the second consecutive meet, Laura Heiser won the 200 breaststroke. Heiser's time was 2:31.84.

Freshman phenom Vesna Stojanovska earned a third place mark in the 200-yard freestyle, second place in the 500-yard freestyle and third place in the 200-yard butterfly.

On the diving side, Amy Sutton and Laurissa Prystaj dived well against stiff competition from

FSU's highly ranked squad, finishing third and fourth respectively.

Florida State's women team proved to be too big of a challenge to overcome as the Seminole women broke five pool records and won 143-86. The Jackets' women's team is now 0-3 against FSU.

"They're diving well. They're very consistent and being very competitive right now. They're doing a very good job."

Seth Baron  
Head Coach

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