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GT Track teams travel to Kentucky to defend ACC title and look for this year’s future rewards. Will it happen? Page 34.

Tennis takes on ACC’s

Men’s tennis team traveled to Wake Forest to compete in the ACC Championships. Check out the results. Page 33.

by the numbers

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Number of events the Georgia Tech men’s and women’s track and field teams combined to win Saturday at the Kentucky Invitational at the Wildcats’ Nutter Field House.

22

Number of points tallied by three-pointers.

17

The ranking of Tech’s women’s tennis team in the Omni Hotels Collegiate Tennis Rankings, which were released Tuesday by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. With three players ranked in singles and two in doubles, the No. 17 spot is the highest in team history.

7.41

Time set by Amandi Rhett in the 60 meters. Her time of 7.41 in the Kentucky Invitational, as she placed first in both the 60-meter dash and 200 meters.

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Jackets push past Phoenix in 66-47 victory

Bosh leads slow starting Jackets to quick finish

By Katie Neal

Sports Editor

Despite a first half slump and a low shooting percentage, the Georgia Tech men’s basketball team rallied in the second half of Wednesday night’s game to push by the Elon Phoenix.

While the game initially showed the Phoenix’s best win of the season against an ACC foe, the Jackets were able to weather the storm and defeat a tough ACC opponent.

Although Elon shot 52 percent in the first half, the team eventually resorted to throwing up what they could to beat the shot clock in the second half. Elon made only 7-of-28 in the second period.

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Bosh finished the contest with 21 points and nine rebounds, while Tech’s leading scorer, B.J. Elder, finished with 12 points and Ed Nelson added 11.

“...what does it represent? To enter email the Sports Editor at sports@technique.gatech.edu with the correct answer to the challenge. A winner will be selected from among the qualified entries. The winner will receive a pair of tickets to an Atlanta Thrashers home game, where admission is always $8 for a seat in the $36 section with a student ID. Visit www.atlantathrashers.com for more info on college nights.

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Since the 2002 season, the competition team has increased their training level and intensity, spending at least five hours in simulation training a day and working with their coaches to perfect their sport.

“Our goals have changed from the Collegiate Championship and our eyes are now set on the USPA Nationals with a plan to move into the AAA Advanced class next season,” said Brian Timberlake.

See Skydive, page 37.
Josh Howard proved to be too much as the Yellow Jackets fell short of the 19th ranked Demon Deacons, 73-66. Howard, one of two seniors on the young Deacons squad, dropped a game-high 30 points, and had his second biggest game this season, going 3-4 from three-point range and 11-12 from the line.

Howard has established himself as one of the premier players in the conference. "He made a pretty strong statement about being among the best, if not the best player in the ACC," said Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt. "I know I wouldn’t trade him for anyone in the ACC," Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser said. "I’m glad I get to coach him."

The Yellow Jackets got a solid performance from diaper dandy Chris Bosh, who led the Jackets with 22 points and added 10 rebounds. Sophomore B.J. Elder contributed 18 points. Wake Forest (12-1, 2-1 ACC) won their eleventh straight game at Lawrence Joel Coliseum, and their fifth straight home win against Georgia Tech (8-6, 2-2 ACC).

A key part of the Demon Deacons’ victory was the ability to control the glass. Georgia Tech was out-rebounded 48-38 by Wake, the ACC’s top rebounding team. Wake Forest, which leads the ACC in rebounding, have yet to be beaten on the glass this season by any opponent.

Wake Forest did a solid job containing the complementary pieces to the dynamic duo of Bosh and Elder; Tech’s top two scorers on the season. Key to this was holding the sweet-shooting guard Marvin Lewis, coming off a career-high 33 against Florida State, to just seven shot attempts. This game is the fourth of six losses by the Jackets of seven points or less, partially because of the youth and inexperience of the roster. Hewitt is confident that his young team will improve in the future.

"I’m not disappointed in my team, I thought they played very hard." Paul Hewitt
Men’s Head Coach

By David Rottman
Contributing Writer

Three-time ACC Rookie of the Week Chris Bosh shows what keeps fans coming. Tech usually has had at least two dunks per game.

Jarrett Jack, the Jackets’ freshman point guard, has had 59 rebounds, 23 steals, and 90 assists so far this season.
Beyond the White and Gold

A Super Bowl Itinerary for Columnists

By John Parsons
Senior Staff Writer

After putting my elbow on ice for a week, I’m back and ready to entertain for another semester. I’ll get to some sharp commentary on the Super Bowl, but first I’ll reach back a week and a half to talk about one the most compelling television events I’ve seen in a while. Yes, I’m talking about Man Vs. Beast.

If you find it odd that I’d write about this under the guise of a sports column, I’d just like to point out that ESPN’s Pardon the Interruption devoted close to half it’s air time the event in its show the next day. The show wasn’t compelling because of the events themselves. After all, only one event wasn’t decided within the first 15 seconds. No, it was compelling just in its concept. How could you not be intrigued by an orangutan participating in a tug-of-war against a sumo wrestler?

Even more interesting was the 44 little people trying to pull a jet further than an elephant. (By the way, this confirms my theory that you can sell anything that involves little people.)

I’ll summarize my observations here:

* It definitely seems like the sumo wrestler took a dive. He’s fine one second, then suddenly he’s flying into the mud.

* The obstacle course was clearly rigged against the chimp. Why was there 50 meters of running involved in the course? We already know a Navy SEAL can outrun a chimp.

* The zebra’s keys to the race have to be one of the funniest things I’ve ever seen on television. First, the zebra had to stay focused. Second, the zebra had to realize it’s a race. In fact, all of the shows most entertaining moments came when it tried to play itself up as being a legitimate sporting event.

* In case you actually care, the humans fell by a 4-2 score.

The timing of this column would seem to dictate that it should be a “shut up and play” column. Yep, there is a tried and true schedule to Super Bowl columns. On Monday, all of the go getters that are already at the site write columns about how the city is the (perfect/worst possible) place for the Super Bowl. The legitimate analysis peaks on Tuesday, but can be found sprinkled throughout the week.

The trendiest Super Bowl column comes out on Wednesday. It’s the one that points out how ridiculous media day is. You’d think that with so many sportswriters writing these columns, they’d stop asking the stupid questions that make the day so stupid. Apparently, they’ve got some kind of conspiracy going to give each other column material.

Then there’s Thursday, when reporters talk about how each team is handling the week. They have practice schedules. They’ve got the latest gossip on who broke curfew. Then they have sound bites from the coaches talking about how there teams are trying to stay focused.

Friday finally rolls along and sports fans can’t possibly take any more Super Bowl coverage. Knowing this, we writers just write about how we’re tired of the hype we’ve been creating all week.

After trying all week to pry the juicy quotes out of the players and coaches, we write columns about how they should shut up and play the game. Isn’t that clever? It’s just another way to go about creating one’s own column material.

During the weekend, everything gets hashed out all over again just case you actually have a job and couldn’t spend the entire week immersing yourself in the coverage.

Finally, the Monday after the game, you’ve got two types of columns.

First, every sportswriter in America offers their take on why the game turned out the way it did.

More importantly, there are recaps of the commercials that aired during the game. Isn’t that why everyone watches anyway? I can tell you I’ve been “ssh’ed” far more times for talking during the Super Bowl commercials than during the game.

When I lived in Germany and the Super Bowl came on at midnight, we recorded it, not to watch the Bills lose again, but to see the commercials. So, here’s to some great commercials.

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“I can tell you I’ve been “ssh’ed” far more times for talking during the Super Bowl commercials than during the game.”

Red-shirt junior guard Megan Town has been a large contributing factor to the Jackets’ offensive progress.

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Duke president pushes higher standards

By Will Rosenthal
The Chronicle

(U-WIRE) Duke University—In an op-ed piece published recently in the San Jose Mercury News, Duke University President Nan Keohane called for university educators to push for aggressive steps to improve the academic standards of college sports programs.

Writing with President John Hennessy of Stanford University, Keohane declared that "those of us charged with leading our nation’s major universities have a responsibility to restore the primacy of academics in the lives of student-athletes."

Highlighting the low graduation rates of many college sports teams and the increasing time demand of voluntary practices on athletes, the two presidents made several specific proposals for measures that would combat the problems.

"Whenever there is a proposal for change at the NCAA, you’re going to get some surprising responses and some unpredictable opposition because of the diverse range of the [NCAA’s] constituency,” Kennedy said.

The first proposal made in the article is to toughen the scholastic requirements of college-bound athletes when they are still in high school. Under NCAA rules, students must complete 13 core courses in high school to be eligible to play college sports. There currently is an NCAA initiative to raise the number of required classes to 14, and Keohane wrote that number should be increased to 16.

"Many of the NCAA’s efforts have brought the standards closer to what Duke’s already are,” Kennedy said.

Perhaps the most controversial proposal in the article is to punish schools with low graduation rates.

"We must develop sanctions with real teeth for programs that fail to achieve reasonable graduation rates,” the presidents wrote. Punishments could include disqualification from bowl games or post-season tournaments and a reduction in athletic scholarships.

Lew Perkins, athletics director at the University of Connecticut, said Christopher Kennedy, associate director of athletics at Duke, who helped Keohane draft the article.

B.J. Elder, Tech’s leading scorer, gave the Yellow Jackets their first 10-point lead with a steal and dunk in the Elon victory.10-point lead with a steal and dunk in the Elon victory.10-point lead with a steal and dunk in the Elon victory.10-point lead with a steal and dunk in the Elon victory.

ACC opponents fill remaining schedule
Skydive

While the goals of the competition team might sound lofty to the average person who is simply interested in skydiving, the club and team doesn’t trade all the fun out of skydiving. The competition team is made up of ultra-competitive and skilled skydivers who have practiced day-in and day-out for their competitions, yet the GT Parachuting Club offers all the same thrills to the students, faculty and staff of Georgia Tech, with less of the dedication and time-commitment.

For the safety-conscious sports fan, it is reassuring to know that the club prides itself on using strict health and safety precautions, such as weight and medical conditions. The team also uses state-of-the-art equipment (and returning Tech students use the gear for free!) to aid in making the experience as fun and rewarding as possible.

In general, at least a hundred Tech students jump per year, recording at least 500 jumps per year total. Some of the more active members are able to make around 100 jumps independently per year. If those facts don’t convince you to go jump out of plane, just think about this: Statistics show that there are more accidents associated yearly with SCUBA diving, mountaineering, boxing, and water sports, than there are in skydiving.

Still not convinced on taking the plunge? So how else are you going to get a chance to free fall at 180 MPH?

When you jump, once you leave an aircraft, you are moving horizontally at the same speed as the aircraft you jump from. Your body then accelerates for the first 10 seconds, increasing or decreasing because of the different techniques of either diving or “standing up” during the freefall. This is where the real fun begins.

The most experienced skydiver can reach from 180 MPH to even 200 MPH.

The highest recorded speed ever for a freefall is 321 MPH, but for you beginners, don’t worry about getting anywhere close to that anytime soon.

If you’re interested in finding out more about the club, it meets almost every Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Student Center in Room 320.

“We walked away from the meeting with four members who were dedicated to the team and to each other.”

Brian Timberlake
GT Skydiving Club

You’ve already turned the page around so keep on reading and get your portrait taken for the yearbook from page 40
Track starts strong at Kentucky, looks to weekend events

Men's and women's teams combine to take six events at first meet of season

By Finny Turner  Contributing Writer

Last weekend the Georgia Tech men's and women's track and field teams started the season with impressive performances and an excellent precursor for the season ahead. Tech combined to win six events Saturday at the Kentucky Invitational at the Wildcats' Nutter Field House.

The No. 25 women's team was led by a pair of victories from junior Amandi Rhett, as she placed first in both the 60-meter dash and 200 meters. She took the 60 in a NCAA provisional quality mark of 7.41, at that time the equal her career best. Her teammate Jessica DeFreitas finished second in the event. Rhett won the 200 meters in a time of 24.25, while sophomore Shanta Smith finished third. Rhett commented on the coming season, saying: "I have a heightened confidence in our ability to defend our ACC title."

The other victory on the women's side came from freshman Jessica Graff in the pole vault. She cleared a height of 12'9.5" to set a Tech school record and provisionally qualify for the 2002 NCAA Indoor Championships. "It was a great start," Graff said about her performance.

Freshman Kira Barcus took second in the pole vault and junior Jodie Netlles placed third in the competition. The Yellow Jacket women also had solid performances from sophomore Dana Rogers, who was third in the 60-meter hurdles, and senior Cassandra Worthy, who was second in the shot put.

Freshman Chaunte Howard finished third in the triple jump, sophomore Zeb Spence, and a mark of 47'4.50" to set a Tech school record and provisionally qualify for the 2003 NCAA Indoor Championships in the high jump clearing a height of 5'11.25" to earn the runner-up finish. Howard also took second in the long jump with a leap of 19'6.25". DeFreitas placed third in the event.

When asked about the rest of the season, Head Coach Alan Drowsky said, "As far as goals, they are pretty simple: We want to defend our ACC championship indoors and win the conference meet outdoors. We want to qualify kids and score at the national championship. We want to move into the top 20."

The Jackers' men's team picked up a trio of wins as well. Senior All-American Bryan Swarn won in a rare appearance in the 800 meters with a time of 1:51.94. "Overall it was a fantastic meet. Our team had a lot of great performances. A lot of people looked like they were in mid season form. If we keep working and stay healthy we will have a great season," Swarn said.

Junior Brendan Mahoney also placed in the 800 meters, finishing second. Junior Kyle Rabbitt posted a career-best time of 8:15.76 in a victorious 3000-meter race. "The first meet was a great indicator for the ultimate goal of winning the ACC championship," said Rabbitt.

Sophomore Neil McDonagh took second in the same event. The final win for Tech came courtesy of Michael Masssey, who won the high jump in a career-best leap of 6'11.50". Masssey thought on the meet was that all of the Personal Records and the team's overall performance at the Kentucky meet was very forewarning for the team's first ACC championship.

Other strong showings for the men came from sophomore Alex Berardi, who was third in the pole vault, senior Brian Fraser, who placed third in the long jump, sophomore Ian Brewer, who placed third in the weight throw, and sophomore Zeb Sion, who finished third in the shot put, both put in complete performances. Tech dominated the triple jump, placing second through fourth.

Senior Brian Fraser led the way with a runner-up finish and a mark of 47'4.50". Junior Spencer Irvine took third, while senior Chris Crawley placed fourth. "I have extremely high expectations for this team," said Hindale, who earned ACC Men's Indoor Track and Field Coach of the Year honors a year ago.

"When I look at this team on paper, it may be the most balanced team with talented depth that we've ever had here," Hindale added. "We were a very young team last year. That team has grown up and is poised for a big year."

Tech next indoor track action will be Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Middle Tennessee State University Invitational.
Intramural Notebook

First off, congratulations go out to all of the Fall intramural champions. The Bluetick Hounds and Pom Poms in Motion took the men’s and women’s flag football championships.

Lambda Chi pulled off a pseudo-sport trifecta by taking the ultimate, bowling and sand volleyball championships. Finally, FIJI and Alpha Xi won the men’s and women’s volleyball championships.

Spring intramurals kicked off this past Tuesday, with several B League divisions opening play. GT Band played Beta Pi in the first action of the season and finished with a 2-2 tie. Ruckus and Rangers both picked up 1-0 wins in their openers and have to be pleased to sit atop their respective divisions.

B League wallyball was supposed to get underway on Tuesday as well. This apparently comes as news to the teams that were supposed to play as all matches were won by forfeit. Hopefully there will actually be action to report on next week.

Co-Rec Basketball Top 10

1. Sigma Chi Co-Rec
2. ASCE
3. BGDs
4. Fiji Co-Rec
5. Killer Bs
6. Snipe Hunters
7. IBB
8. Crusade Ballers
9. TKE CR
10. Free Radicals

Women’s B-ball Top 10

1. Phi Mu
2. Romans
3. ADPi
4. Zeta Tau Alpha
5. Crop Dusters
6. Alpha Chi Omega
7. Alpha Xi Delta
8. Independent Women
9. Alpha Gamma Delta
10. ATLiens

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Go to www.carlwolfstudios.com. Click on Schedule, select Georgia Tech from the menu and press the GO button. Enter georgiatech as the user name and 0028 as the password. Sign up for an appointment, be there on time, and bring two dollars for the sitting fee.
Duke suffers first loss to Maryland

By Evan Davis
The Chronicle

(U-WIRE) Duke University—Duke was determined not to suffer a repeat of its 14-point loss at Maryland a year ago. On Saturday, the Blue Devils succeeded—they lost by 15 points instead. Led by Drew Nicholas’ 24 points and Ryan Ran-dle’s 17 rebounds, the No. 17 Terrapins (10-4, 3-1 in the ACC) overcame a six-point halftime deficit to upend the No. 1 Blue Devils (12-1, 3-1) 87-72 in the first meeting between the two schools at Maryland’s new Comcast Center.

“ Maryland played like a veteran team today, and we played like a young team,” Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski said. “Drew Nicholas was sensational, and Randle I think had more rebounds than all of our big guys together. He got every rebound and he played a great game. They just played better than we did. They deserved to win.”

Despite their youth, Duke’s shooting accuracy helped it in posting a 43-37 halftime lead. The Blue Devils shot 17-of-33 from the floor in the first half, including freshman Devins’ 3-of-7 half that we good players do that. We just tried exactly what we asked them to do. But shots. Our players were doing ex-

“ Maryland didn’t just stay focused—the Terps got motivated. As quickly as Duke built its halftime lead, Mary-

land had wiped it away. After Nicholas opened the second half with two free throws and a layup to cut Duke’s advantage to two, Maryland’s Tahi Holden blocked a shot by Duke’s Shavlik Randolph, then converted a layup on the other end to knot the score at 43-43. The Blue Devils would never enjoy another lead for the rest of the game.

“It would have been a different game if we came out in the second half with some spirit and excitement and not let them get a quick 6-0 run on us,” Duke point guard Chris Duhon said. “I think then it could have been a different game.”

But while Duke’s second-half efforts began to wane, Maryland’s only became more intense. “I thought that in the second half our exec-

utaion on the offensive end was as good as it’s been any year against a quality team,” Williams said. “We were able to get the ball where we wanted to.”

“Duke, however, was not. After Jamar Smith followed a Steve Blake miss with a dunk to give Maryland a 61-56 lead with 12:17 remaining, the Blue Devils looked to their out-

side shooting to close the gap. But while Duke was 5-of-9 from 3-point range in the first half, the final 20 minutes were a different story.

Duke’s next five field-goal at-

tempts were all from long range, and none found the basket. Two misses by Duhon, two from Redick, and one from Dulaney Jones—who led the Blue Devils with 26 points—highlighted Duke’s shooting woes.

“I only got three looks [in the second half], and only two of them were good,” said Redick, who scored 13 points before fouling out with 5:14 remaining. “They cut off my fo- steree, I didn’t knock down the two I had, and on one Nicholas blocked my shot.”

Duke’s field-goal drought ended nearly six minutes later, when Jones converted a layup with 7:19 remaining. By then, however, Mary-

land had built a 75-62 lead, a mar-

gin that Duke was not able to reduce to single-digits for the remainder of the game.

“When we did get the lead we had the patience to wait until we forced them into a couple of defensive situations where we either scored or they fouled us,” Williams said. The Terps made the most of their free throw opportunities, convert-

ing 29-of-31 attempts for the game. Duke, meanwhile, struggled mightily at the charity stripe, going 9-of-20 for the game, including 5-of-13 performance in the second half.

“We have to come into hostile environments and knock down free throws,” said Duhon, who finished the game with seven points and three assists. “That’s a key to us becoming a good team.”

While aware of Duke’s struggles at the free throw line, Krzyzewski maintained that his team has many other areas where improvement is needed. “We’re concerned about ev-

ers thing,” he said. “We’ve got a team that still has a lot of development, and this is not a good effort on our part.”

For Duhon, the Blue Devils’ lone captain, that development starts with him. “I’m responsible for these guys, and I didn’t do my job today,” he said. “I didn’t lead them, I didn’t give them the enthusiasm and ex-

citement that they need from their leader. I let my team down.”

Tennis has mixed results at ACC’s Scott Schnugg, advanced to the Round 16, but was eliminated before the semifinals. He began with a 6-4, 7-5 victory over FSU’s Hagen Endler.

By Scott Schnugg
Senior Staff Writer
Georgia Tech’s Men’s Tennis team opened up strong at the ACC Indoor Championships hosted by Wake Forest but faded out quickly on day two. Three singles players, Joe Menano, Fabio Campos, and Scott Schnugg, advanced to the round of 16, but all three were eliminated before the semifinals.

Menano, the defending cham-

pion in the event, opened with a win by virtue of a withdrawal due to illness on the part of UNCG’s Brad Pomeroy. He followed that up with a sec-

ond round win over Wake Forest’s Andrew Simpson by a score of 6-2, 6-2. In the third round, Menano fell to third-seeded Doug Stewart by a score of 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Campos also started the tourna-

ment off with a win by virtue of a withdrawal due to illness of a North Carolina player. Campos triumphed over Virginia’s Nick Meythaler in 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 fashion. Saturday saw Campos have to withdraw due to an injury in his match with fourth-

ranked Mike Murray.

Schnugg opened the tournament with a 6-4, 7-5 victory over Florida State’s Hagen Endler. Another straight set victory, 7-6(3), 6-4 over Virginia’s Travis Tripplet catapulted Schnugg into the round of 16.

On day two, Schnugg was the only one of the three to win a match, advancing to the quarterfinals by virtue of a 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory over fifth-seeded Alex Herrera. Unfor-

tunately his hot streak ended in the quarterfinals with a loss to second-

seeded Ludovic Walter of Duke in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4.

The two doubles teams had less success than the singles players. The team of Menano and Marko Raje-

vic won their first match over UVA’s team of Meythaler and Noen, by an 8-6 score, but the team had to withdraw due to an injury in their sec-

ond match.

The team of Schnugg and West Nott picked up a victory over UNCG’s team of Jonathan Janda and Andy Metzler by the same 8-6 score. Flor-

ida State’s third-seeded team of Matt Clor and Rodrigo Laub knocked out the Tech team by a 9-7 score.

By Al Przygocki