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Forward Clarence Moore signs a fan's t-shirt at a post-game celebration. A large crowd greeted the Jackets upon their arrival back to campus late Wednesday night. The team snapped a 15-game losing streak to Duke.

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Jackets' bench spilled out onto the floor in celebration.

"To come in this building and play the way they did, I can't tell you how proud I am and happy I am for them," said head coach Paul Hewitt. "We came into this building the last three years and walked out of here feeling pretty low." The win is Hewitt's first against Duke in

eight tries.

In addition, Duke is the highest-ranked opponent Tech has beaten on the road since a 1994 win against No. 1 North Carolina. Previously, the Jackets had lost to the Blue Devils at Cameron by margins of 20, 25 and 44 points.

"We never could match that intensity for 40 minutes," Krzyzewski said. "They just came in here and outplayed us."

Jackets break records at ACC meet

By Kimberly Rieck
Sports Editor

Last weekend at the ACC Championships, the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Teemu Kettunen, Ryan Riebesell, Brian Huff and Jason Howard broke the school record with a time of 3:01.64 on the last day of the competition, as the Jackets placed fifth at the conference meet. The team scored 392 points at the championships, held at the University of Virginia's Aquatic and Fitness Center. UVA won its sixth straight men's ACC title after accumulating 848.5 points. The Cavaliers defeated second place Florida State by 311.5 points.

Previously during the competition, the 200 free relay team of Kettunen, Riebesell, Huff and Howard had broken the school record and finished fifth for the Jackets.

Sophomore Sam Morgan led the Jackets with a fourth-place finish in the 1650 free. Morgan posted an NCAA 'B' qualifying time of 15:07.52 in the event. Morgan placed eighth in the 500 freestyle event with an NCAA 'B' cut time of 4:26.73.

Freshman Tony Burkhardt led Tech in the diving events with a season-high score of 495.85 in the three-meter competition. Burkhardt finished fifth in the event. Senior Paul McCarty finished sixth in the event with a score of 486.20.

Freshman Ryan Bishop received All-ACC honors after placing third in the 400-yard individual medley



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The men's swimming and diving team placed fifth at last weekend's ACC championship, after scoring 392 points. Standouts from the meet included Ryan Bishop and Sam Morgan, who both had NCAA 'B' cut times.

with an NCAA 'B' cut. Bishop earned another NCAA 'B' time with his fifth-place finish in the 200-yard IM. In addition, Bishop placed eighth in the 200-yard breaststroke.

In the 200-yard freestyle event, junior Matt Figh finished fourth in an NCAA 'B' time of 1:37.95. Figh also posted a NCAA 'B' time in the 500 freestyle and finished sixth in

the event. Howard was the fourth person to earn a NCAA 'B' time after placing eighth in the 200-yard freestyle finals.

Ryan Riebesell led the Jackets in the sprint events, after placing seventh in the 50 free. Kettunen earned a 14th place finish in the event.

Tech defeated sixth-place North Carolina State by over 50 points at the meet.

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sacrifice bunt, but managed to get on first on a fielder's choice and then stole second base to put runners in scoring position with no outs, just like in the first inning. Jeremy Slayden hit a sacrifice fly with one out to drive in the first and only run of the game for Tech.

Brian Burks had a solid outing for Tech on the mound, giving up just four runs on seven hits in six innings, and only one of the runs was earned. Tech's defense committed three errors in the game, all of which led to runs being scored for the Titans. Romero pitched a complete game for the Titans. He gave up just four hits while striking out twelve and walking one.

On Sunday afternoon, No. 17 Oklahoma finished off the sweep of Tech, winning 6-2. Patterson led off the game with a double and ad-

vanced to third when Slayden struck out on a pitch in the dirt. Remole left him stranded on third when he grounded to second base to end the inning.

Much like what happened in Saturday's game, Andrew Kown opened up the game with a shaky start, but was able to settle down quickly.

The bases were loaded with nobody out when Matt Bose singled to left field to score the first two runs of the game.

Andrew McGuire followed that up by being thrown out at first, which led to runners on second and third with only one out. The Sooner shortstop followed up with a single to right field, scoring two more runs, and giving Oklahoma an early four run lead. Kown only gave up one hit in the next four innings of work before the game was handed over to the bullpen.

Jason Neighborgall was sent to

the mound in the seventh inning, and left without retiring a single hitter. Neighborgall walked Scuderi to leadoff the inning. Then, he threw a wild pitch to send the runner to second, and he threw his second wild pitch to allow the runner over to third base. Neighborgall proceeded to walk Raley. Raley stole second base to put runners on the second and third with nobody out in the inning.

Sheldon became the first hitter of the year to put a ball into play against Neighborgall with a double off of the center field wall. Bose reached first on a fielding error on a sacrifice bunt to put runners on the corners with nobody out. Coach Hall then sent out John Goodman, who pulled Tech out of the jam without giving up any additional runs.

Tech finally managed to score in the eighth inning when Jeremy Slay-

den hit a two-run homerun with two outs in the inning, both of which were unearned. The homerun was Slayden's first of the season and would become his last. Coach Hall announced Tuesday that Slayden will be out for the rest of the year with a torn rotator cuff in his shoulder.

After returning from the Kia Bash, Tech dropped its fourth consecutive game, losing 6-2 at No. 9 Auburn. The Tigers scored two runs in the first inning, but Tech responded in the top half of the second inning. Nickeas and Owings put themselves into scoring position with no outs, and with two outs in the inning, Wes Hodges was able to reach first base on a throwing error by the Tigers' third baseman. Owings attempted to score from second but was thrown out at the plate. Auburn tacked on three more runs in the fourth inning to give the Tigers a commanding 5-1 lead. Patter-

son hit a one-out double in the second inning to score Blackwood and draw the game closer, but Tech was unable to score after that. Chuck Jeroloman hit a solo home run in the seventh inning to regain the four-run cushion on the Jackets.

Freshman Ryan Turner gave up five runs in three-plus innings of work, but the bullpen only allowed the homer by Jeroloman for the final six innings of the game in an attempt to keep the Jackets in the game until the end. Tech went 1-for-13 with runners in scoring position, including six strikeouts. Not counting the first inning of the USC game, Tech has gone 1-for-31 with 17 strikeouts when runners are in scoring position.

The Jackets look to rebound this weekend when they return home to face Rutgers in a three-game series at Russ Chandler Stadium, beginning today at 4 p.m.

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Duke
Last ACC Tournament Championship / No. of Championships: 1998 / 15

Postseason Projection: NCAA lock
Outlook: Roy Williams' return to Chapel Hill has not gone as smoothly as was initially expected, but the 'Heels have come on strong of late, winning five of their last seven.



The 'Heels arguably have the best starting five in college basketball, and when they are all on the same page, Carolina is one tough customer. Sean May's return has bolstered the Carolina attack. The 6'9" sophomore missed the majority of his freshman season with a broken foot, but he has showed no ill-effects this season. The Tar Heels are in a similar position to Georgia Tech, but if they lose to Duke on Saturday they will most likely be the ACC's fifth-seeded team, barring an FSU upset in Atlanta.

North Carolina State Wolfpack 18-8 overall, 10-5 ACC (No. 16 AP / No. 19 ESPN)

Team Leaders:
 Points: G/F Julius Hodge-Jr. (17.8 ppg.)
 Rebounds: F Marcus Melvin-Sr. (8.3 rpg.)
 Assists: G/F Julius Hodge-Jr. (4.0 apg.)

Remaining Regular Season Games: Sat. at Wake Forest
Last ACC Tournament Championship / No. of Championships: 1987 / 10

Postseason Projection: NCAA lock
Outlook: N.C. State may be the surprise of the ACC this season. A team that is short on depth and size has managed to win 10-of-15 conference games and is in a solid position to lock up an upper-division

seed in the ACC tournament. Coach Herb Sendek has implemented a Princeton-style halfcourt offense, which is predicated on motion and cutting to the basket. The Pack doesn't win pretty, but they just win. With the exception of North Carolina, which swept the Pack, N.C. State has given ACC opponents fits, sweeping FSU, Georgia Tech and Virginia, while splitting with Duke, Clemson and Maryland.



Virginia Cavaliers 16-10 overall, 6-9 ACC (unranked)
Team Leaders:

Points: F/C Elton Brown-Jr. (15.1 ppg.)
 Rebounds: F/C Elton Brown-Jr. (6.5 rpg.)
 Assists: G Todd Billet-Sr. (3.3 apg.)
Remaining Regular Season Games: Sun. at Maryland

Last ACC Tournament Championship / No. of Championships: 1976 / 1

Postseason Projection: NIT
Outlook: Well look-ey here! The Cavaliers have reeled off a few nice wins in the past couple of weeks and are making a push for an NCAA tournament bid. The Cavs have won four of their last five ACC contests, upsetting three Top-25 teams in the process. Senior Todd Billet has been the hero, hitting game-winning shots versus Georgia Tech, Clemson and North Carolina during that stretch. Virginia's only hope is to keep on winning and that needs to continue with a Sunday date at Maryland. The Cavs, with an RPI of 52 and a schedule strength of .39, cannot afford a slip-up or they'll



be headed back to the NIT for the third consecutive year. It's likely that the selection committee will grant the ACC, the nation's top RPI-rated conference, six bids to the NCAA tournament, so UVA could feasibly step up and seize a spot. Virginia could end up anywhere from a No. 6 to a No. 8 seed, but one of the lower seeds is more likely. Maryland's win over N.C. State hurt the Cavs' NCAA chances.

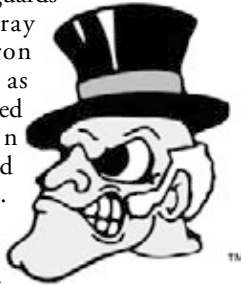
Wake Forest Demon Deacons 19-7 overall, 9-6 ACC (No. 11 AP / No. 11 ESPN)

Team Leaders:
 Points: G Justin Gray-So. (17.0 ppg.)
 Rebounds: F Jamaal Levy-Jr. (8.6 rpg.)
 Assists: G Chris Paul-Fr. (5.8 apg.)
Remaining Regular Season Games: Sat. vs. N.C. State

Last ACC Tournament Championship / No. of Championships: 1996 / 4

Postseason Projection: NCAA lock
Outlook: Wake Forest is one of the hottest teams in America, prevailing in six of their past seven games. The Deacs are spearheaded by a dangerous backcourt, which features hot-shooting guards

Justin Gray and Taron Downey, as well as poised freshman point guard Chris Paul. Skip Prosser, in his third season in Winston-Salem, has done a phenomenal job at the helm. Prosser directed the Deacs to a regular season ACC crown in 2003 and boasts an impressive 65-25 mark as Wake's headman. The Deacs possess the deep guard play that could play a role in potentially unseating Duke as ACC champions. Wake has not advanced past the ACC semifinals since 1996.



Going for the gold



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech's club gymnastics team placed third in their first home meet. The team will compete in a dual meet against Emory March 26.

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Water polo places second at tourney

Tech's club water polo team placed second last weekend at the Chris Young Memorial Water Polo tournament in Auburn, Alabama last weekend. The team lost in sudden death overtime to the Charlotte Sharks club team in the championship game. Standouts Logan McLeod and Chris George were instrumental in the game. The water polo team practices Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8p.m. in the CRC.

Rugby battles Vanderbilt in close game

Tech's rugby club team hosted Vanderbilt last Saturday in the Burger Bowl for its final conference game. Vanderbilt led 22-3 with 15 minutes remaining, when Tech fought back to close the gap to 22-13. Tech played the game with ten new players, out of 15 total.

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Off-road team prepares mini-bajas for cross-country race



Photo Courtesy the Georgia Tech Off-road Club team

Tech's Off-road club team not only builds cars for fun, but the team also races them cross country. This year's competition will lead the team to Portland, Milwaukee and Canada. The race will take several weeks.

*By Fenton Gardner
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Although the meeting didn't begin until 7 p.m. that night, Kris Porter, a member of the GT Off-Road Team, had been in the shop since 3 p.m. working with some new parts that had just arrived.

Actions like those embody the spirit of Tech's team. From its inception in 1999, it seems the GT Off-Road team has been destined for excellence. In 2002, they were one of six teams to compete in all three US competitions, with two cars finishing that year with a third place finish in the Iron Team Award

race.

The Iron Team Award goes to the teams with the highest combined overall score from three yearly competitions: Mini-Baja West, Mini-Baja East and Mini-Baja Midwest.

A mini-baja car is a dune buggy type car and has to withstand all

types of tests and competitions. This year's Mini-Baja West, East and Midwest are in Portland, Montreal and Milwaukee.

The team will travel from April 17-May 10 on a trip that spans 8,800 miles. Currently the team has about 20 members ranging from freshman to fifth-year seniors with all types of majors. Right now the team is working on two cars, one in which they have to modify or upgrade a previously used car, and another in which they have to start from the ground up and design a car.

"The car that we built last year, it was driven by a single-sprocket reduction, so our change for this year is we are custom designing [the transmission]," Porter said. The cars are tested in three different areas: static judging and safety, dynamic events and an endurance race that lasts for four hours. There is even one event where the cars are tested on floatability, so the vehicles have to be able to float as well as trek over all types of off-road courses.

In the team's shop, there is a prominent "wall of shame," a shelf that has all the parts that have failed, and the team keeps them to remember past failures.

The annual budget to build and compete is about \$50,000. GT Off-Road has a plethora of sponsors including the School of Mechanical Engineering as well as companies such as General Motors and John Deere. They have meeting Mondays and Thursday nights in the Tin building at 7 p.m.

They would love to see more new faces. Senior Andrew Sherwin just joined this semester and said, "These guys have been real helpful showing me how to do stuff, [yet] at the same time they also expect you to figure [some] stuff out on your own, which is helpful because if...all you are is a middle man, you don't really learn anything."

"If you are remotely interested in cars, or remotely interested in building something, come by and talk to us. You will definitely have a good time doing it. You'll learn a lot...the learning curve is just incredible," Porter said.

Not everyone is an expert mechanic or racer. "We have some people who don't know the difference between a claw hammer and a sledge hammer," Cox said.

The team members hope to be done building the cars in the next two weeks. There are over 100 pages of rules they have to follow, so they have their work cut out for them. One regulation is "we cannot touch the engine, the engine is supplied to us, but pretty much everything else we have to fabricate," said David Cox, chief engineer of the mini-baja cars.

Bert Atkinson, president and a member since 1999, said he is extremely proud to see the level of competition that the Tech team has reached.

For more information on the team, check out www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/minibaja.

March Madness kicks off with ACC tournament action

By Ryan Peck
Senior Staff Writer

ACC basketball fans will flock to the Greensboro Coliseum in North Carolina Thursday, March 11, to witness the opening ceremonies of the 51st Annual ACC Men's Basketball Tournament.

The festivities will get underway Thursday night with the play-in game, featuring a match-up between the eighth- and ninth-seeded teams. The tournament concludes on Selection Sunday (March 14), when the 65 participants for the 2004 NCAA tournament, as picked by the NCAA basketball selection committee, will be unveiled at 6 p.m., following the conclusions of all of the conference tournaments.

The ACC tournament is widely regarded as the most prestigious conference tournament in all of college basketball. Over the years, the tournament has provided lasting memories and heart-pounding thrills. This year looks to be no exception, with several teams jockeying for conference supremacy, as well as an NCAA tournament bid.

Clemson Tigers

10-17 overall, 3-13 ACC (unranked)

Team Leaders:

Points: F Sharrod Ford-Jr. (11.9 ppg.)

Rebounds: F Sharrod Ford-Jr. (7.2 rpg.)

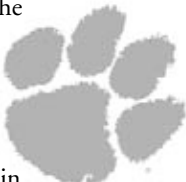
Assists: G Vernon Hamilton-Fr. (3.3 apg.)

Remaining Regular Season Games: None

Last ACC Tournament Championship / No. of Championships: Never / 0

Postseason Projection: None

Outlook: The Tigers have struggled in Coach Oliver Purnell's first season, and it's no secret as to why. Clemson is shooting just 43 percent from the field on the year, and the team averages only 65.2 points per game. Both of which are league worsts. Clemson, the No. 9 seed, will have to pull off the biggest miracle in ACC history in order to win four games in four days and claim the championship. It won't happen, but a win or two would be a nice building block. Depending on this weekend's action, the Tigers could play either Florida



State, or the loser of Sunday's match-up between Virginia and Maryland in Thursday's play-in game. The Tigers were swept by Maryland and Virginia, and managed a split with FSU during the regular season.

Duke Blue Devils

24-4 overall, 12-3 ACC (No. 3 AP / No. 3 ESPN)

Team Leaders:

Points: G J.J. Redick-So. (16.4 ppg.)

Rebounds: F Shelden Williams-So. (8.1 rpg.)

Assists: G Chris Duhon-Sr. (6.3 apg.)

Remaining Regular Season Games: Sat. vs. UNC

Last ACC Tournament Championship / No. of Championships: 2003 / 14

Postseason Projection: NCAA lock

Outlook: The Devils will be gunning for their sixth consecutive ACC Tournament Championship, and they will undoubtedly be the odds-on favorite to come away with the hardware. The Devils dropped two tough road games at N.C. State and Wake Forest, suffered a shocking home loss Wednesday night to Georgia Tech and fell short in an early-season setback to Purdue, but they have been otherwise invincible. Steady senior point man Chris Duhon runs the show, and he is surrounded by a slew of talented supporting cast members. If any of the other eight conferences members wish to entertain thoughts of an ACC Championship, they'll have to go through the top-seeded Blue Devils to get it. Duke will play the winner of Thursday's play-in game. The Devils swept all of the teams in the running for the No. 8 vs. No. 9 game (FSU, UVA, MD) in the regular season.



Postseason Projection: On the NCAA bubble / NIT

Outlook: Florida State has been one of the surprise stories in all of the country this season. Second-year head coach Leonard Hamilton deserves all of the credit for turning things around in Tallahassee. The 'Noles have become one of the toughest customers for visiting teams to deal with in the ACC. The only problem is the Seminoles can't seem to figure out how to win on the road (0-7 in ACC road games). FSU will get one last shot to halt their road skid on Saturday in Atlanta. If they are unable to upset Georgia Tech, the 'Noles will need a nice run in the conference tournament to solidify their NCAA tournament aspirations. The last 6-10 team to qualify for the Big Dance was, you guessed it, FSU in 1998. Florida State is the likely No. 6 seed, which would pit them against the likely No. 3 seed, Wake Forest. The 'Noles split with the Deacons in the regular season, winning 75-70 in Tallahassee and dropping a 90-87 overtime heartbreaker in Winston-Salem.



Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets

21-8 overall, 8-7 ACC (No. 19 AP / No. 22 ESPN)

Team Leaders:

Points: G B.J. Elder-Jr. (16.4 ppg.)

Rebounds: C Luke Schenscher-Jr. (6.2 rpg.)

Assists: G Jarrett Jack-So. (6.0 apg.)

Remaining Regular Season Games: Sat. vs. Florida State

Last ACC Tournament Championship / No. of Championships: 1993 / 3

Postseason Projection: NCAA lock

Outlook: Tech's resume can match that of any other team in the country. The Jackets have seven wins against RPI Top-50 teams, including a stunning 76-68 decision Wednesday over Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium, as well as routs over then-No. 1 ranked UConn and a solid Texas Tech team in November's Preseason NIT. Tech's win



over Duke snapped the Devils' 41-game home winning streak. Tech could reasonably finish anywhere from third to fifth in the ACC, depending on this weekend's outcomes. Although Tech doesn't need the wins to secure a postseason berth, the Jackets would like to reverse a miserable trend in ACC tournament play. Tech has won just one ACC tournament game (2001 vs. Virginia) since 1996.

Maryland Terrapins

15-11 overall, 6-9 ACC (unranked)

Team Leaders:

Points: G John Gilchrist-So. (14.7 ppg.)

Rebounds: C Jamar Smith-Sr. (8.9 rpg.)

Assists: G John Gilchrist-So. (5.0 apg.)

Remaining Regular Season Games: Sun. vs. Virginia

Last ACC Tournament Championship / No. of Championships: 1984 / 2

Postseason Projection: On the NCAA bubble / NIT

Outlook: Gary Williams' Terps find themselves in unfamiliar territory, near the ACC cellar. The 2002 National Champs have struggled in ACC play due to a youth-filled roster. Still, the Terrapins have garnered huge non-conference victories over the likes of Florida and Wisconsin. Maryland boasts a solid RPI ranking (No. 35) and has entertained one of the toughest slates in the entire country (No. 4 Strength of Schedule). The Terps recorded a huge win in over N.C. State in Raleigh on Wednesday, which will be difficult for the selection committee to ignore. If the Terps can take care of UVA on Sunday, they will most likely sew up an eleventh consecutive NCAA tournament berth.



North Carolina Tar Heels

18-8 overall, 8-7 ACC (No. 14 AP / No. 16 ESPN)

Team Leaders:

Points: G Rashad McCants-So. (19.5 ppg.)

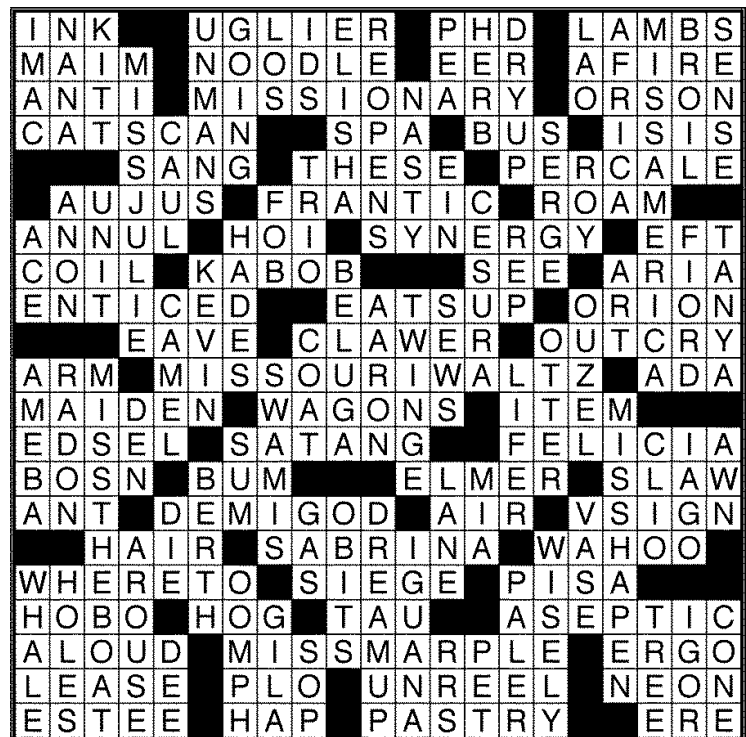
Rebounds: C Sean May-So. (10.0 rpg.)

Assists: G Raymond Felton-So. (7.4 apg.)

Remaining Regular Season Games: Sat. at

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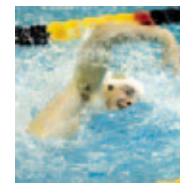
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Off-road adventures

Competing amongst top schools, Tech's Off-road team has managed to make a name for itself with its fast cars and skillful maneuvers. Page 26.

Aquajackets triumph!

Not only did the men's swimming and diving team defeat ACC rivals North Carolina State and Maryland, the team set new records. Page 23.



by the numbers

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Number of consecutive games at home No. 3 Duke had won before the team's loss to Tech Wednesday night. The Blue Devils had not lost a game at home since a 2001 loss to Maryland. Tech defeated Duke 76-68.

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Highest ranking of the women's softball team in the latest *USA Today/NFCA* Top 25 poll. The Jackets earned the ranking after they defeated No. 14 Nebraska and No. 16 Fresno State at the NFCA Leadoff Classic. Tech is No. 25 in the ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate Top 25 poll.

392

Number of points the men's swimming and diving team scored at last weekend's ACC Championships in Virginia's Aquatic and Fitness Center.

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Number of times senior guard Fallon Stokes has received All-ACC honors. Stokes received second-team All-ACC honors after leading the Jackets in scoring with 16.4 points per game and rebounding. Stokes is seventh in Tech's all-time scoring charts with 1,346 career points.

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Number of wins the men's tennis team has earned this season after a thrilling win against Wake Forest Saturday. The team defeated the Demon Deacons by a narrow 4-3 margin. With the win, Tech improves to 6-3, 1-1 in ACC action.

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No. 19 Cagers wreck Duke streak

By Kimberly Rieck
Sports Editor

Coming off a road win against Clemson, the No. 19 Jackets snapped Duke's 41-game home winning streak Wednesday night at Cameron Indoor Stadium, 76-68. Previously Tech had lost 15 straight to Duke—the last time the Jackets beat Duke was under former head coach Bobby Cremins during the 1995-1996 season.

Jarrett Jack was the lead scorer for Tech with 15 points. Luke Schenscher scored 14 points, including several key baskets in the second half. B.J. Elder and Isma'il Muhammad each had 12 points.

"Over the years, Duke's been the elite team in the conference, especially winning the tournament five years in a row," Jack said. "Coming out and beating them on their home floor is a big statement."

Tech dominated the game from the start with its athleticism and speed, penetrating Duke's famed defense. The Jackets shot 51 percent. The team's physical man-to-man defense blocked 11 of Duke's shots and held the Blue Devils to 34 percent shooting. Duke finished the game with 20 turnovers, its second highest turnover total for the season. The Blue Devils turned over the ball a season-high 21 times against Tech in Atlanta Jan. 31.

Initially, the Blue Devils led 16-14 midway through the first half, but then the Jackets went on a 17-3 run that gave the team a 12-point lead. Although Duke tied the game in the middle of the second half, Tech never allowed the Blue Devils to pull ahead.

Duke's J.J. Redick scored 20 of his 24 points in the second half.

Redick had tied the game at 56 with a three-point shot with seven minutes left in the second half. However, Elder put Tech back ahead eight seconds later with two free throws. Then Schenscher proceeded to score six straight points, including a dunk off an assist from team captain Marvin Lewis.

Duke's Chris Duhon cut the deficit to three at 67-64 after scoring a layup. However, Jack responded by taking advantage of a lapse by the Devils' defense when he weaved behind freshman standout Luol Deng for a reverse layup, bringing the score to 69-64. The Jackets had a stellar performance behind the free throw line to seal the win, going 7-for-8 behind the line during the last 90 seconds.

Duhon had 11 points, seven assists and seven steals. The Jackets limited Deng to three points. Deng shot 1-for-14 from the field.

Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski received a technical foul after arguing a non-call in the first half. Despite the loss, Krzyzewski's Devils have already clinched a share of the ACC regular season title for the sixth time in eight seasons. However, a win would have given Duke the title outright. Now there is a chance that North Carolina State could claim a share of the title.

"They just wanted it more than us tonight, and it hurts to say that," Duhon said. "For us to come and let another team want it more than us, it's sickening."

"We should have been maniacs. Instead, we let our coach be the maniac and we didn't respond to him. And we got what we deserved."

Once the buzzer sounded, the

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No. 13 baseball upset at Kia Bash

By Michael Clarke
Contributing Writer

The beesball Jackets were stung last weekend in Fullerton, California at the KIA Baseball Bash. Tech has now lost six out of its last seven midseason baseball tournaments in California. They also remained winless against Southern California and No. 19 Oklahoma in the all-time series. The Jackets fell from the No. 5 to the No. 13 spot in the Baseball America rankings.

Tech opened up the KIA baseball bash against Southern California last Friday. The Jackets scored the first run of the game in the top of the first when Tyler Greene walked with one out in the inning, and Jeremy Slayden followed up the walk with a single. Clifton Remole drove in Greene on a two-out single.

Micah Owings suffered his first loss of the season despite a decent outing. He struck out a season-high eight Trojans in five innings. Owings seemed to settle down after a

rough first inning. He gave up a lead off a single to USC's Michael Moon, which was followed up by a Jon Brewster double.

With runners on second and third and nobody out, Owings proceeded to walk Joey Metropoulos to load

"Brian Burks had a solid outing for Tech on the mound, giving up just four runs on seven hits in six innings..."

the bases. Owings appeared to be pulling out of the jam when he struck out Jeff Clement but proceeded to throw a wild pitched to Blake Sharpe that scored the first run of the game. Later in the at-bat, Sharpe was hit by a pitch to load the bases once

again. Owings walked Frost and Perales to score the other two runs of the inning.

Tech made it a 3-2 game in the top of the fifth inning when Wes Hodges hit his second homerun of the season but that would be the last run scored by the Jackets. The Trojans responded with an additional run in the fifth, two more in the sixth and scored their final three runs in the eighth inning to give Tech its first loss of the season 9-2.

No. 17 Cal State-Fullerton managed to knock off Tech in the second game of the weekend Saturday night, 7-1. Tech tried to strike early and capitalize on a lead-off walk to Mike Nickeas and a double from Clifton Remole, but the Titan's Ricky Romero was too strong as he managed to strike out the next Jackets to come to the plate. In the third inning, Andy Hawranick led off the inning with a double.

Eric Patterson followed with a

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Slayden sidelined with injury

Junior outfielder Jeremy Slayden will miss the remainder of the 2004 season with a torn rotator cuff. Slayden will undergo surgery next week on his right throwing shoulder. A preseason All-American, Slayden was hitting .286 with one home run and eight RBI through the first nine games of the season.

ACC honors Stokes, Stewart

Senior Fallon Stokes has been named a second-team All-ACC selection, while fellow senior point guard Alex Stewart received honorable mention honors. Stokes received the honor for the second-straight season.

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