The year in sports: Tech teams triumph

By Katie Neal
Sports Editor

This past year was a stellar time for the Georgia Tech sports teams. With three teams capturing ACC titles and 15 teams of 17 going on to post-season play, the squads never looked so good. Sixty-three athletes earned all-ACC honors, setting a new school record for Tech.

Men’s baseball was one of the greater delights for sports fans this past year. The team finished as fifth in the college polls by both Baseball Weekly and Collegiate Baseball magazines, which was the highest the team has been ranked since coming in at number two in 1994.

“Everybody contributed on our team and on our staff,” Coach Hall said of the season. “This team has won more games than any other team at Georgia Tech. If you look in the Georgia Tech yearbook, you’ll see there was some good teams in the past at Georgia Tech.”

Five players were named to all-ACC team and sophomore pitcher Kyle Bakker was named to all-America. Freshmen Eric Patterson and Jeremy Slayden were both selected for the Freshman all-America team.

Tech’s Men’s Golf Team had golden swings right along with the baseball team. Coach Bruce Heppler was named as both the ACC and the National Coach of the Year, as he led his team to compete and place second in the NCAA National Championships. He rounded out the year setting a new school record for winning seven tournaments, including both the ACC tournament and the NCAA East Regionals. Junior Troy Matteson became the first Tech golfer to capture the NCAA Individual Championship trophy.

Tech’s women’s softball team also

By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech’s women’s softball team ended the season ranked No. 18 in the nation, making its first appearance in the USA Today/NFCA Division I Top 25. The team won the ACC championship for the school’s first time.

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Time run by Tech star Amandi Rhett in the 100 meters in San Antonio, Texas at the 2002 Powerade NCAA-CAC Under-25 Track & Field Championships. Rhett took first place medals in both the 100 meters and with the 4 x 100 relay team.

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The number of days from this issue's publication date until Tech's season opener. The Yellow Jackets will face off against Vanderbilt on Aug. 31 at 6 pm in their first game in the newly renovated Bobby Dodd Stadium.

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Number of incoming freshman that signed with Georgia Tech Women's Basketball freshman class. Prep-American Kashia Terry reaches up to 6'4'', and four other fellow teammates stand above the six foot mark. Ashley Guaranty of her fellow teammates stand above 6'1''. Terry reaches up to 6'4'', and four other fellow teammates stand above the six foot mark. Ashley Guaranty of her fellow teammates stand above 6'1''.

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Number of Tech student-athletes who earned all-Atlantic Coast Conference accolades this past year in sports. This sets a new school record for all-ACC athletes.

42,000

The seating capacity for Bobby Dodd Stadium at Grant Field for the 2002 campaign. The stadium is projected to hold 55,000 after the two-year expansion project is completed following next season.
Women's Swimming

On the women's side, the team had a record breaking inaugural season. At the ACC championships, the team broke 19 school records. Most of the swimmers posted lifetime best times at each meet. Last year the women did not fill the maximum capacity of 50 per cent of the men's team is comprised of walk-ons, compared to 20. Drosky estimates that 75 per cent of the men's team.

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SAC undergoes a new facelift

By Al Przygocki
Senior Staff Writer

Both the Student Athletic Center and Roe Stamps Field are currently undergoing a renovation process. The turf field is projected to be finished in time for leagues to start fall intramural sports at a slightly later date than usual.

On July 15, SAC fields were closed for resurfacing. The ten-week process will result in a vastly improved surface that should last for at least eight years.

The old turf was falling apart at the seams. Where the green turf met with a white stripe, there were rips, and tears in the surface that was made for dangerous situations. There will be only a minimal impact on the majority of students. Intramurals for the summer semester will result in a vastly improved, but just a little later than usual.

In many cases, this resulted in holes, lost to service vehicles until September 30. The resurfacing will be approximately four parking spaces for three months. There should be no dirt or noise pollution. Joggers will have to find a new place to run.

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Students with seats in Sections 132, 133, 134 and 135 should access the stadium through the newly numbered Gate 10 at the corner of Techwood Drive and North Avenue. Students will be directed down a stairway to a field level concourse from which they can access the seating bowl through three vomitories in the new south end zone front of the Wardlaw Building. The Georgia Tech Marching Band will occupy half of section 135 and all of section 136.

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GEORGIA TECH FOOTBALL
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*While tickets last

Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis at the GTAA Ticket Office from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. on each Monday listed, and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. the remainder of the week as needed until tickets are gone. Each student may bring up to four Buzz Cards, including those of co-op students, when picking up tickets. Guest passes will be available on a game-by-game basis for all games except Virginia and FSU. Guest passes are $10 per game and are available during normal distribution.

STUDENT GATE INFORMATION

For the 2002 football season, Georgia Tech students, the Ramblin’ Rock Club and flash card section will occupy the south end zone sections 132, 133, 134 and 135 in the new portion of the renovated Bobby Dodd Stadium at Historic Grant Field.

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2002 Georgia Tech Football Schedule

DATE OPPONENT TIME
8/31 Vanderbilt 6 pm
9/07 @Connecticut 12 p.m.
9/14 @Clemson 12 p.m.
9/21 Brigham Young 3:30 p.m.
9/28 @North Carolina TBA
10/5 Wake Forest TBA
10/17 Maryland 7:45 p.m.
10/26 Virginia TBA
11/02 @NC State TBA
11/09 Florida State TBA
11/16 Duke TBA
11/30 @Georgia TBA
New Year, New Direction
NC Wake Forest NC State Maryland Duke Virginia FSU

Wide Receiver/Tight End
As Tech’s top returning receiver, with 53 catches for 590 yards last fall, Smith is once again expected to be Tech’s big-play performer. His 18 in Tech history for career receptions and has a total of 60 catches for 670 yards. Smith, a highly rated recruit, has progressively improved over his last two years and, with the way things are going, should be a force for this season and next.

As the receiver who has caught more touchdown passes (17) than any other, except former teammate other than Kelly Campbell, Watkins is going to be the key player in any passing game Tech plans to run. Watkins ranks sixth in Tech history in career receptions and ninth in receiving yards. Watkins has been an influential player for the last three years, and with his seniority and experience, he should be a big team leader for the Jackets this season. His best game in 2001 was against Virginia, with nine receptions for 161 yards. He leads the team in yards per catch (16.4) and touchdown receptions (5), so hopefully, Watkins can continue his magic through this next season.

Offensive Line
As a first team All-ACC freshman and a firstteam All-American, the nosesophomore Dorsey is the largest player from Tech who is definitely going to have a big impact this year. Dorsey was the first true freshman to be named All ACC since Cornell lineman Anthony Simmons in 1995 and was one of only two true freshman linemen in the nation to make first-team all-conference last season. He has put on the preseason watch list for the 2002 Outland Trophy which goes to the top interior lineman in college football each season. He has been named the No. 8 tackle in the nation, and is expected to be the big man on the O-Line for Tech.

Defensive Line
As a first-time All ACC freshman and a firstteam All-American, the nose sophomores Smith (nicknamed Freddie) has a total of 60 catches for 670 yards. He is expected to be Tech’s big-play receiver, with 53 catches for 590 yards last fall. Watkins, Will Glover, and Jonathan Smith are all back after solid 2001 campaigns. Nate Curry will have little pressure to bounce back too quickly from his torn knee ligament, especially with Leon Thomas also on the depth chart. Even if an injury disaster were to strike, freshmen Xavier McGuire and LeKaldick Bridges would likely be able to step right in. There is room for concern at tight end, however, with no clear replacement for Russell Matray apparent.

Dorsey has made almost every pass as a first season firstteam All ACC and a second-time All ACC selection. Smith is expected to start right away at tackle. With his experience at left tackle and his strong performance last season, he is expected to be a first-team all-ACC selection.

Defensive Backs
Senior safety Jeremy Myers anchors the Tech secondary once again, but he will have more help this season. Morris Haster can be considered a solid cover corner, which leaves only one cornerback spot as a question mark heading into the season. Cory Collins is back at the other safety spot.

Spotlight: Jeremy Myers
Rated among the nation’s top 10 safeties, Myers has started 33 straight games and has 197 career tackles. He is a first-time ACC selection and was Tech’s third-leading tackler for 2001 with 83 tackles. Myers is Tech’s active leader with seven career interceptions and has been named Tech’s Most Outstanding Defensive Back the past two years. He came close to breaking the Tech record for tackles by a defensive back in 1999 with 18 against Wake Forest, so this being his senior year, he has one last chance at it.

Punter Dan Dyke is a solid field goal kicker and could be All-American with an excellent year. He is a first-team all-ACC pick by The Sporting News and was named to Sports Illustrated’s All Bowl Team for his performance in the Seattle Bowl. He was an integral part of the defense last year, as well as being Tech’s top tackle for the 2000 season. Smith has 155 tackles, seven sacks, 17 tackles for loss, and two interceptions in less than two full seasons. With a healthy elbow on his side, Smith should be able to upgrade his performance to full charge.

Special Teams
Kicker Luke Mangeot has made 131 consecutive extra points and could break the NCAA record of 161 this year. He is a solid field goal kicker and could be All-American with an excellent season. Punter Dan Dyke is back and should average well over 40 yards per punt. Kelly Rhone will be raising pulses again with his punt returns and will likely break the Tech career record for punt return yardage held by his dad. Freshman Jennifer Harris will get a shot at returning kickoffs.

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SPORTS

had a few impressive firsts in their season. They won their first-ever ACC championship and took a trip to the NCAA Championships for the first time in Georgia Tech history. Setting a school record for 52 wins in the season, the team’s performance kept getting better and better as the season went on. Coach Kate Madden was named the ACC Coach of the Year, with shortstop Tara Knudsen earning all-ACC and all-America accolades. Pitcher Jessica Sallinger was named the ACC Rookie of the Year and catcher Lindsay Wood earned all-ACC honors.

Tech’s women’s volleyball team also headed to the NCAA Championships this year for their second straight appearance. Maja Pachale was named the ACC Player of the Year and Lauren Sauer earned the ACC Rookie of the Year award.

Both the men’s and women’s track team competed successfully this year as well. The women’s track team won their first-ever ACC indoor title, upsetting the nine-time defending champion North Carolina. The championship was held at UNC, making it even sweeter. Renee Meurier earned four all-America honors this past season, also helping the cross-country team to its most successful season ever. The team won the NCAA South Regional championship and finished at No. 26 in the NCAA’s.

The men’s indoor track team also racked up trophies this past season. Coach Drosky and Glover Hinsdale received ACC Coach of the Year for indoor track. Runner Brendon Mahoney and javelin thrower Chris Sinotte were named as all-Americans, with Mahoney also being named the ACC’s Outstanding Performer for indoor track.

Tech football received its fifth straight bowl bid with an invitation to the Seattle Bowl where they faced Stanford. The Seattle Bowl win sealed the deal for Tech, making Tech the nation’s winningest bowl team with a 20-10 record. Eight Jackets were named to the all-ACC team.

The women’s basketball team was invited to post-season play for their third consecutive year. Four players made the all-ACC team, the most in Georgia Tech history. Tech’s men’s basketball team received quite a few awards as well, which were the results of a talented freshman class. Freshman Ed Nelson was named the ACC Rookie of the Year along with teammate B.J. Elder, made the ACC All-Freshman team. Senior Tony Atkins earned an all-ACC award as well.

“One of the things that I have learned this year is to really try to stay away from looking towards of the season,” Head Coach Paul Hewitt said. “At the beginning of the year I would always say that my goal was to get to the NCAA tournament and I think that goes without saying. This year has really taught me to focus what’s going on at the moment, don’t hurry up and get to the end of the season.”

Tech’s men’s and women’s tennis teams both advanced to the NCAA tournament, which resulted in women’s tennis player Jaime Wong becoming the first player in Tech history to go to the NCAA Individual Championships. The women’s Head Coach Bryan Shelton was named the ACC Coach of the Year and helped the team to its highest ranking in school history, finishing at No. 18 in the nation.

“Technically, we were a fun season and I think it was a great season for our program,” said Shelton. “I think when we look back in 10 years or so, we will say that this was the team that really got our program over the hump. Our team and our program is certainly ready to advance to the round of 16 and we know what it’s like to be in this situation. It was a great season and I know those players that are leaving will be successful in whatever they do and we are very excited to have the players that we have coming back for next year.”

The men’s swimming team finished strong, earning a second place finish in the ACC tournament. Five swimmers made all-ACC awards and Shilo Ayton earned a all-America award once again. The women’s swim team’s beginning season was considered a successful one, with freshman Cara Devincenzo qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

Overall, the year in sports looked great for Georgia Tech. This past season was one of the highest record-breaking seasons in school history.
GAILEY'S ROAD LEADS TO HOME

After departing his home state over 30 years ago, Coach Chan Gailey finds his way back and his place here at Tech.

By John Parsons
Senior Staff Writer

Chan Gailey begins his inaugural season at the helm of Georgia Tech’s football program on August 31, when the Jackets host Vanderbilt. Gailey, a Georgia native, will be coaching at the college level for the first time since leaving Samford after the 1993 season to become the wide receivers coach for the Pittsburg Steelers.

He was the head coach for the Dallas Cowboys for two years, where he compiled an 18-14 record and two playoff berths. His most recent position was as offensive coordinator for the Miami Dolphins, where he managed to piece together a respectable offense with no stars at any skill positions.

Gailey has been able to attain a 1,000-yard rushing completion in seven of his eight years of coaching or working as the offensive coordinator in the NFL. His former player, Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys, said of Gailey, “Chan Gailey is a very good football coach. He is also an outstanding person. From a football perspective, he knows how to move the chains and control the tempo of a football game. He knows how to score points and he knows how to win. Away from the field, he is a great person—about a solid a man as you are going to meet. He will have success at Georgia Tech, and I will be pulling for him.”

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Running Back for the Dallas Cowboys

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Offensive Coordinator Bill O’Brien. Gailey admits that he has often focused mainly on the running game. “When I grew up, it was run the ball, stop the ball, play great special teams. I will have deeply embedded in me that idea. But I’m about to come around to this passing game,” Gailey said.

Gailey is one of the most experienced coaches in college football today. He is the current active leader in ACC football for professional experience, having 14 years in the pro level.

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**The Aussie heads home**

*Tech's seven-footer leaves the U.S. for extra playing experience and a little bit of home*

Men’s basketball center Luke Schenscher took a trip home to Australia this summer, though he did not remain there for long. The seven-foot center spent the summer on the Boomers squad, which is the Australian men’s basketball team.

The Boomers, similar to the United States’s “Dream Team,” competed throughout Australia and took a tour to China that Schenscher was able to take part in.

“This team has a great mix of youth and experience,” said Boomers Head Coach Brian Goorjian. “We have more experienced players like Maher and Ronaldson as well as some exciting young talent like Schenscher. It was a great opportunity to gain experience for the younger players during our trip to China and to continue to evolve the new systems and team culture that we've been developing here at camp.”

Schenscher, one of the youngest members on the Boomers’ squad, will be a returning sophomore for Tech basketball this fall. He has had international playing experience while in high school at Lake Gininderra in Hope Forest, South Australia. He was a previous member of Australia’s national team, the only high-schooler to ever do so, as well as the Australian under-22 team.

This past year Schenscher was sidelined with a broken left foot, forcing him to miss 12 games in the middle of the season. His presence was missed, as Tech had no other player taller than 6’8” on the court.

Head Coach Paul Hewitt said he came back a smarter player, but he also came back a rested player,” said Hewitt, in an earlier interview. “He had been playing almost 12 straight months without a break. Having that time off gave him a chance to rest his body and mind. He's come back a better player.”

Hopefully, this summer in Australia and China won’t tire him out, but instead mold Schenscher into the experienced center that Tech needs.

“I envision him being one of the best centers in the ACC, certainly one of the best offensive centers,” predicted Hewitt. “As he gets stronger and bigger, he’ll be one of the better defensive centers too.”

Currently one of the tallest players in the ACC, perhaps even all of the NCAA, Schenscher’s future at Tech looks positive. He will be returning to the United States in time for fall classes.

“He’s got a tremendous work ethic,” Hewitt said. “That’s a cliche you hear a lot about players, but if you talk to anyone on campus from the academic advisor to the nutritionist, to the strength coach, you’ll be hard pressed to find a more dedicated, hard-working student-athlete on our campus.”

For Boomer coverage online see: www.basketball.net.au and for more Tech basketball information visit www.ramblinwreck.com.