Beyond the White and Gold

Roommate will feel my wrath for not watching series

By Derek Haynes
Sports Editor

At 11:04 p.m. Sunday evening, I was in a panic. I had just finished some homework at the Flag Building and was hurrying back to my room to watch the Yankees take on the Diamondbacks in game seven of the World Series.

I had run to my friend’s dorm, who is on the first floor of Sixth Street, and watched the eighth inning from outside. I saw the Yankees take the lead, I figured it was over.

I walked into my Eighth Street apartment and saw my roommate watching television. I could tell he was really into what he was seeing on the TV.

It wasn’t the World Series. I panicked.

I didn’t know what to say. I went quickly into my room, turned on my computer, went to mlb.com and tried to call up the New York Yankees–Arizona Diamondbacks contest.

Great. It cost 10 dollars to listen to the game.

I tried my radio. All I got was static.

As I sat in my room thinking what to do next, I heard screams. At that moment, I knew I was too late. The victory celebration was average—I finally got up the nerve to ask my roommate to switch the channel—but I will forever hold a grudge against him for not watching the World Series. The seventh game. The last inning.

There are simply some things you do in the United States. You eat McDonalds; you complain about the government; you hate the Yankees. For example, on the ajc.com Wednesday afternoon, a poll question asked which team would you most like to see disappear after the contraction.

67 percent of the pollsters said the Yankees.

What will I do to punish him for making me miss what might have been the last game of the best World Series in my existence? I might make him go to a Hawks game. I might make him go to a batting cage blindfolded. I might even read my Modeling, Analysis, Design, and Control of Stochastic Systems textbook out loud to him.

I do know this, roommate, consider the preceding words a stern warning.

A League Soccer

Rank Team
1 Captain Alleve and the ChE Bombers
2 Internationals
3 FIJI
4 TKE
5 Pi Kappa Phi
6 AEES All Carbon
7 Block This
8 Beta Theta Pi
9 Size Matters
10 Theta Xi

Women’s Volleyball

Rank Team
1 AXO
2 Alpha Xi
3 All-nighters
4 Alpha Gamma Delta
5 ADPi
6 The Insomniac Attack
7 Phi Mu
8 Katy Booble
Jackets back on track after stomping Heels

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Julius Peppers, North Carolina defensive end and Heisman candidate, summed up Tech's 28-21 victory in one sentence.

"They kind of picked us apart," said Peppers, who was held to two tackles in the Thursday night game. "They were running where they wanted to.

For the first time this season, No. 23 Tech played a complete game as Joe Burns ran for a career-high 198 yards and held the No. 21 Tar Heels, the ACC's hottest team, to just 13 yards on the ground.

Tech's usually strong special teams, which struggled in the homecoming victory over NC State, played a strong game led by junior punt returner Kelley Rhino's 111 yards on four returns and Kelly Campbell's 108 yards on four kickoff returns. Rhino nearly returned two of the punts for touchdown scores.

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"I'll line up early to get those tickets," said the Math major. "I want there to be a desire for the tickets. We want the tickets to be hard to get," said Akin.

Hewitt has made it a point of trying to reinstall the "Tholledome" atmosphere back into the Tech basketball program. The nickname came about during the late 1980s and 90s when the team played in front of large, boisterous crowds and tickets were very hard to get. Last season, Hewitt made the first steps in creating a larger crowd presence by moving the opponent's bench toward the student section.

"I loved the idea of getting the students closer," said Hewitt. "I'd like to seem them all down here someday."

Senior point guard Tony Atkins, who has seen the loud crowds at Duke and other ACC foes throughout his career, knew the Coliseum was missing something.

"I always wanted to get students closer, it's a great idea," said Akin. "we have played in soccer offensively, defensively and on special teams," said Rambling Wreck Head Coach George O'Leary. "I think we made some big plays in all of those areas."

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"The biggest conflict is that we're both trying to do the same thing," said Brian Alexy, President of Swarm, on the mandatory T-shirts for students on the floor. "But we do like the new seating." Rambling 'Reck members who are among the first 200 students at the game will be able to wear their shirts on the floor.
## No. 17 Georgia Tech (6-2, 3-2 ACC) at Virginia (3-6, 2-5 ACC)

### Coaches
Wahoo Coach Al Groh created chaos for the New England Patriots after coaching great Bill Parcells retired. Last year he came back to his alma mater where he has successfully turned a bowl-caliber team into one that with four weeks remaining is out of contention.

### Quarterback
For the second week in a row, Tech faces a system that is headed by two quarterbacks. This week it’s Bryson Spinner, who plays the role of the quarterback that can run but not throw, and Matt Shaub, who plays the exact opposite role. As always, the two-quarterback system will fail.

### Running backs
Last year’s ACC leading rusher Antoine Womack returns this week, however he will not be near 100 percent. Even if he was near last year’s status, Jacket Joe Burns would easily be able to outshine him—as long as his nightmare Maryland game doesn’t return.

### Wide Receiver
The Cavaliers have one of the best wide receivers in the nation in Billy McMullen. McMullen has already amassed 63 receptions for 791 yards and scored ten times. However, he does not have the supporting staff that Campbell has in Jonathan Smith and Kerry Watkins.

### Offensive Line
The Wahoo’s line features three returning senior starters from last season, one of which, Josh Lawson, was an All-ACC selection. Meanwhile, Tech’s young line is getting stronger each week and is giving Burns larger holes to work with. Hoo’s in a close one.

### Defensive Unit
Before last week’s game against Wake Forest Head Coach Al Groh dismantled his defensive coaching staff and also switched from a basic 3-4 formation to a base 4-3 scheme. Even with this new devotion to stopping the running game, the Deacons ran for 248 total yards with a backup running back amassing 151 yards.

### Special Teams
Last week was the most complete game of the season against UNC. However, hidden underneath the dominating performance of Kelley Rhino and Kelly Campbell was another missed field by Luke Manget. Hopefully this week he can return to his early season status.

### Forecast
It’s hard to tell which team the Jackets will play on Saturday, the one that beat Clemson in Death Valley or the one that lost at home to Wake Forest. Either way Tech should be able to build upon last week’s performance. Tech 35, Cavaliers 14.

### Back in Action
Virginia’s Antoine Womack, last year’s All-ACC running back, returns this week and will play sparingly throughout the game. He has been sitting the bench due to an ankle sprain that occurred during the Hoo’s opening game against Wisconsin.

### Honor Roll
A round of applause for Tech gridders Joe Burns and Kelley Rhino who received the ACC’s runningback and special teams player of the week awards, respectively.

### Stepping Up
Honorable mention goes to receiver Jonathan Smith, who had his best game of the season against the Heels, catching eight passes for 86 yards and a score.
Feeling lucky? You’ll need it in college football’s overtime

By Derick Stanger
Assistant Sports Editor

To Tech fans overtime is now considered blaspheme and is the Achilles heel of a potentially great football team. However, even if those two games which will live in infamy had ended differently, it should not change the way all college football fans feel about overtime.

It is during overtime that sports turn into something that is similar to a rogue basketball game (this will all make sense in a second). Soccer and NFL football have do-or-die type systems with their ‘golden goal’ and ‘sudden death,’ respectively, that matters. This is such a way to eliminate this unnecessary part of the game. Simply use the coin toss at the beginning of the game. The loser of the toss would be able to choose ball possession in overtime if they wish. This would bring a whole new advantage to deferring the coin toss to the other team and would make coaches ponder that first decision so much more. This would also eliminate that two-headed coin that is utilized so many times by the likes of FSU and UGA.

In Vegas people should now bet on who will win the overtime coin toss rather than the final score.

Joe Burns fumbles in the 20-17 overtime loss against Maryland, the second such overtime loss of the season. The first overtime game was a 47-44 defeat by Clemson in which Tiger Woodrow Dantzler ran for the final score.

By Shawn Scott - STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The first step to divining the solution is reinstating a phenomenon known as the tie. If two teams battle it out for 60 minutes, or what seemed to be several days in the case of the Razorbacks and Ole Miss, and they continue to match each other stride for stride, then a declaration of mutual cease-fire is called for. Of course, this would be discounted for the national championship game. As for the actual overtime, there are three possible situations. The first is to eliminate overtime entirely. This, however, would wreak havoc with the BCS computers and polls. The second is to make overtime similar to that of basketball’s system. Simply making something similar to a fifth quarter would ensure that the full capability of each team is tested. While some would argue that this would create a type of atmosphere similar to that of a baseball game in the 15th inning, it would also eliminate any possibility of the equivalent to a 25-inning game. Football is not meant for the casual fan and those 10 or 15 added minutes of heart-pounding drama that can send fans into cardiac arrest are all that matters.

For casual fans out there, I suggest an additional alternative. Use the exact same method that is currently in use but instead of teams starting at the opposing 25-yard line, have the ball kicked off. The special teams would be tested and complete playbooks would be usable. The respective red zone offense and defenses would be the only squads displayed. Instead, teams would have to march down the field and have to work.

The fault to this last system is that while it would dampen the effect of the lucky factor, it would not eliminate it. A fluke fumble would still destroy a strong team as it partly should. The most complete and favorable plan is that of the 15-minute overtime.

Overtime Solution

Overtime: A new system

- Base overtime possession solely on the opening coin toss.
- Make overtime play like regulation, complete with kickoffs and returns.
- Create one 15 minute overtime period or two 10 minute overtimes.
New basketball seating puts students on floor

By Derek Hayes
Sports Editor

When ACC basketball foes visit Alexander Memorial Coliseum next season, they will notice something drastically different.

Yes, the goal pudding has changed from black to old gold, but this is something bigger.

The press box has been moved from the sideline into the general attendance area, but that too isn’t the big change.

What they will notice is screaming, passionate and college-aged sea of gold—at least that’s what Paul Hewitt, coach of the Tech basketball team, Wayne Clough, President of Georgia Tech, and David Braine, Athletic Director, hope to see.

“We watch and people who watch, and there were people sitting down on the floor who never got out of their seat,” said Clough.

“It’s kind of ridiculous (for the students) to be way up in the corner.”

Tech’s new floor-level seating for students began last Friday when the women’s basketball team played the Virginia Island All-Stars in their first exhibition game. Seating, however, may not be the correct term.

Instead of seats, a set of risers have been installed behind the two goals where season ticket holders used to sit. The risers are three deep and resemble wide steps. Each endzone is expected to hold 200 students at court-level.

“We expect to have 100 students on each side, but that could change,” says Joeleen Akin, Director of Mar-

Student Seating

Students who would be interested in attending the Tech team’s October 10 exhibition game should speak with their respective coaches or contact Joe Braine, Athletic Director, at 404-894-2300 to reserve seats.

The Seahawks, the 2001 ACC Champion, take on the Cavaliers. The Seahawks won the season opener 1-0, and the Jackets last beat Virginia at home in 1990.

Football OT needs work

The 'Nique’s Derick Stanger feels the main component for a college football overtime victory is luck, not skill.

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Cavs look to upset Tech

The Cavs haven’t lost to Tech at home since 1990, the year Tech won the title. How do the Cavs look against the Jackets? Page 30

by the numbers

446
Season return yards by junior Kelley Rhine setting a new Jackets record.

200
Number of new courtside seats in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum available each game for students only. The seats will be located behind both baskets and will be accessible on a first-come, first-serve basis.

103.4
Rushings yard per game by Joe Burns. This comes after a 198-yard performance last week against the Tar Heels. He has managed this average even while playing limited time in four games.

7
Number of overtime victories in last week’s Arkansas-Mississippi gridiron contest, an NCAA record. Arkansas won 26-24 in seven overtimes.

football forecast


New on deck

Event Date

FB - Football TB - Volleyball TW - Women’s Tennis BM - Men’s Basketball BW - Women’s Basketball SD - Swimming and Diving

Men’s Basketball Student Ticket Distribution File

Tickets will not be distributed at the AA, seats will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis or by order basis. Students who have reserved their season tickets will not be able to switch seats with other students. Residents have been installed in the two endzones with enough space for a total of 200 students.

Students must have a special ticket to get the floor seating, the shirt will be distributed at the Nov. 16 game against Florida A&M and the Nov. 19 game against Pennsylvania.

By David Uhlk / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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Spikers kick Tar Heels out of first

By David Rottman
Staff Writer

Heading into last weekend’s final two regular-season home games, Tech was not playing up to its potential. Apparently, someone forgot to tell Majia Pachale. The senior and the Jackets did two ACC wins over North Carolina and NC State as Tech solidified their hold on third place in the conference.

In Friday night’s five-game victory over UNC (18-6, 10-3 ACC), Pachale hammered home 28 kills and hit an impressive .434. Pachale rounded out her game by adding a team high 17 digs.

“...a very dominant player...” said head coach Shelly Collier of Pachale. “We have a chance to win an ACC title if Majia’s going to play with that type of dominating net play.”

Joining Pachale in leading the Jackets were sophomore middle blocker Alexandra Peirs. Preis led the team with nine block assists and added 17 kills.

“We were keying on their outside hitters, number 8 (Nicole Reis) and number 11 (Laura Greene),” said Preis. “And I think we did a pretty good job.”

And a good job they did. Preis and company held Reis and Greene to a combined hitting percentage of .115.

Also key in the Tech victory was the play of sophomore setter Kele Eveland. Eveland led the way with 67 assists, 16 digs and even added 7 kills.

“The most important variable was that Kele Eveland set her best match of the season,” said Collier. “It really allowed our offense to run at a high level.”

Tech continued their hot play on Saturday night. The Jackets blasted NC State (6-18, 1-13 ACC) in three games on Senior Night. Pachale again led the way with 18 kills. Pachale, in the game, surpassed Chris Omiecinski’s record of 1,749 kills to become Tech all-time kills leader.

Joining Pachale, seniors Kyleen Bell and Dori Pap led the team to victory. Pap notched a career-high 12 kills while Bell added five kills, five digs and one solo block.

“Senior night was very special for us tonight and I was so happy to see Ky, Maja and Dori all play so well in such an exciting home event,” said Collier.

With the two wins, Tech improves to 6-10 and 4-1 in the ACC. The Jackets have two more matches— at Virginia and at Maryland— before heading into the ACC tournament on November 15.

The point by point matchup for the UVA game is located on page 30.

No. 17 GT at UVA

Who: No. 17 Georgia Tech (6-2, 3-2 ACC) vs. Virginia (3-5, 2-3 ACC)
Where: Saturday, Nov. 10, 3:30 p.m.
When: No. 17 GT at UVA
Where: Scott Stadium (6,100)
TV/Radio: None/ AM 790
Last Meeting: Tech 35, UVA 0, Nov. 9, 2000
Series: Tech leads 12-10-1

by Robert Dreier / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Joe Burns, who rushed for a career-high 198 yards in last week’s 28-21 victory over North Carolina, leads the Tech team into Charlottesville to take on the Cavaliers. The Jackets last beat Virginia at home in 1990.