Softball triumphs in home opener

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Although the softball season may have only just begun, the Jackets have defeated a top ten team and won their home opener against Furman. The team will compete in the Georgia State Tournament this weekend.

By Edward Tamsberg

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All-American shortstop Tara Knudsen and junior Liz Bartle each drove in two runs as the Tech softball team shut out Furman 8-0 and 2-0 in a double-header Tuesday afternoon at Glenn Field.

In the first game, the Jackets took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning. Soraya Reddick led off with a walk and a stolen base that sophomore outfielder Amy Hosier then followed up with a hit over the left fielder’s head for an RBI double.

Tech tallied two more runs in the third inning as Knudsen smacked a two-run homer after a Reddick single, giving Tech a 3-0 lead.

Then in the bottom of the fifth inning with the bases loaded, Bartle came up to bat and sent a drive off the top of the center field fence to score two Jackets and increase the lead to five.

Junior second baseman Katie Donovan followed Bartle’s double with an RBI single up the middle making it 6-0.
This was followed up by senior Tasha Waugh, who then pinch hit for the Yellow Jackets, knocking a sacrifice fly to right field to bring in Bartle and push the Jackets’ lead to seven.

The game ended in the bottom of the sixth inning, 8-0, when senior outfielder Sara Wissmann singled to right field with the bases loaded after a little more than five innings of play.

Voeltz threw all five innings for the Ramblin’ Wreck, retiring 11 straight and striking out six, allowing just one hit in the ballgame, and freshman pitcher Sarah Wood threw a scoreless sixth inning for Tech, allowing one hit and struck out one.

However things were not over as the nightcap began with an electric pitcher’s dual between Sallinger and Furman’s Kristy Goodrich. Neither pitcher surrendered a run through the first four innings of play, with the Jackets leaving four runners on base. However, Reddick broke the scoreless tie in the bottom of the fifth inning, hitting a two-run homerun after Wissman was hit by a pitch, giving Tech a 2-0 lead.

Sallinger continued the effort retiring 19 batters in a row after letting Furman’s leadoff batter reach on an error. But in the seventh inning the Lady Paladins’ Joni Lockridge ruined Sallinger’s bid for her fifth no-hitter in her career with a one-out single to left field.

However Sallinger was not down, as she then recorded her tenth strikeout of the game and induced a ground out to end the game.

The Jackets scored two runs, on five hits and committed two errors, while the Lady Paladins had no runs, on one hit and one error.

Knudsen, Bartle and Reddick led Tech offensively with Knudsen perfect on the day, going 4-for-4, with two RBIs, a home run and three walks. Bartle went 2-for-5, with two RBIs, and Reddick finished 2-for-5, with a walk, stolen base and a game-winning home run.

Tech pitchers also did well as Erin Voeltz and Jessica Sallinger each tossed one-hitters, while senior outfielder Soraya Reddick delivered a game-winning two-run homerun in the fifth inning of the nightcap for the sweep.

“I thought we came out with a lot of intensity in game one and did a lot of things well,” said head coach Ehren Earleywine.

“We lost a bit of our intensity in the second game and weren’t as focused. We had great pitching performances in both games, but we were not aggressive in game two. It was nice to get back on the diamond and I was pleased with the end result.”

The Ramblin’ Wreck will remain in Atlanta as they head to Georgia State for a tournament, Feb. 21-22. The Yellow Jackets improved to 5-1, while Furman fell to 1-6.
Basketball forward Clarence Moore greets fans eagerly waiting for tickets at last month’s Duke game. Earlier this season, Coach Paul Hewitt labeled Moore his “most valuable player” for his contributions to the team.

By Ryan Peck
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Regardless of the situation or setting, Clarence Moore tends to stand out in a crowd.

He’s easy to spot in pre-game warm-ups, where “Mo” literally skips and dances to a seemingly perpetual beat in his head. On and off the court, he typically fashions a smile accompanied by numerous jovial facial expressions. His hair, a vivacious array of braids, would appear to be a byproduct of his fancy-free disposition.

“That’s just me,” said the 6’5”, 215-lb. redshirt-senior. “I’m a fun guy...a good guy to hang around. There are so many things you can be down about. I just try to keep a positive attitude about everything. I’m always up, rarely ever down.”

Despite his propensity to accentuate the positive and evade the negative, the Norco, LA native found himself smack in the middle of the doldrums following Tech’s 2001-2002 season.

Moore was coming off his most successful season on the court at Georgia Tech. On the heels of a promising freshman campaign in 1999-2000, Moore broke his foot during the offseason and was forced to take a medical redshirt during Tech’s NCAA Tournament season of 2000-2001. The following year, a healthy Moore emerged as a leader on an extremely young Tech team. More valuable than his 9.4 points and 5.4 rebounds per game were the intangibles that he brought to the table. Moore was among the more outspoken players on the team, and his intensity helped Tech win eight of 10 games down the stretch. Head coach Paul Hewitt recognized Moore as an indispensable cog in the Tech machine, labeling him “the most important player” on the Jacket squad.

However, Moore’s passion for the game diminished in the summer of 2002. Off-the-court issues sent him into an emotional tailspin. He conceded that his
heart was not where he thought it should be. Hewitt granted Moore a subsequent leave of absence from the team, acknowledging that the door would remain open for a potential return.

Moore attributes his stint of despondency to the loss of his mother, Avis, who succumbed to cancer in 1999. The usually carefree Moore could not help but dwell on the melancholy event, and basketball suddenly didn’t seem all that important.

"[Her death] was pretty much the key factor in me deciding not to play last year," Moore said. “My [little league] coach always told me that if it’s not fun anymore then you shouldn’t be doing it, because you’re not going to be out there for the right reasons. I felt like ‘Hey, I’m not out here giving 110 percent, and if I’m not going to do that then I shouldn’t be out here at all, because I’m not only hurting myself, but I’m hurting the team, because I’m not playing up to my potential.’"

The time off served Moore well. The respite enabled him to put everything into perspective, which allowed him to overcome his personal obstacles.

“‘The year I had off just really matured me a lot. I really didn’t have too many people to depend on, so I was depending on myself, and it just kind of made me grow up a little bit. I figured that a man would finish something that he had started...so I wanted to come back and show everybody that I’m not a quitter, I’m a fighter.”

“Mo” has done his part since returning to the team, recording 6.1 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. He’s also opportunistic behind the three-point arc, where he knocks down threes at a 44.2 percent clip. His welcomed return has bolstered a potent Tech attack.

Little was expected of the Jackets this year, due in large part to the defections of big men Chris Bosh (NBA) and Ed Nelson (transfer). However, with six games remaining in the regular season, Tech has already eclipsed last year’s win total by two games, and the Jackets are positioning themselves for a nice seed in next month’s NCAA tournament. It’s no coincidence that Moore’s return has been accompanied by such a positive turnaround.

“Before I made any decisions [on returning to the team], I talked to a lot of [teammates] and they all felt comfortable with it,” Moore said. “One of the main factors in me coming back was wanting to prove to the guys that I wanted to help finish what we started.”
Men’s tennis downs Middle Tenn.

Scott Schnugg returns a serve during Monday’s tennis matches against Middle Tennessee State. Schnugg was victorious in both singles and doubles events. Tech defeated MTSU 5-2 at the Bill Moore Tennis Center.

By Kimberly Rieck
Sports Editor

The Jackets’ men’s tennis team remains undefeated at 5-0 for the season after a victory over Middle Tennessee State Monday at the Moore Tennis Center.

Senior West Nott led the team with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 victory over Middle Tenn.’s Kirk Jackson. Down break point in the third set and tied 1-1 in set wins with Jackson, Nott pulled ahead to win 6-4.

“I got down a break in the third set and needed to break back immediately,” Nott said in a press release. “I just let loose. I went for all my shots and they all went in.”

Tech began the day with a hard fought doubles match between Tech’s team of sophomore Trevor McLeod and senior Joao Menano and Middle Tennessee State’s Trevor Short and Greg Pollack. McLeod and Menano won by 8-6.

The pair of Jose Luis Muguruza and Pieters added another win to the Jackets’ tally by knocking off MTSU’s Andreas Siljestrom and Rishan Kuruppo. Muguruza and Pieters won 8-4.

Down 4-1, Tech’s Scott Schnugg and Marko Rajevac battled back to tie the
pair of Brandon Allen and Kai Schledom, the No. 46 duo pair in the nation. Schnugg and Rajevac won 7-2 in the tiebreaker, with the final match score being 9-8.

In the singles competition, the Jackets gained an early lead after both their No. 1 and No. 3 singles players were victorious. No. 3 Pieters defeated MTSU’s Schledom, 6-0, 6-1. Remaining undefeated for the day, No. 1 Schnugg swept MTSU’s Short 6-1, 6-4.

However, after Tech’s early wins, MTSU’s players fought back to win the next two matches. MTSU’s Siljestrom defeated No. 2 Mugurua in three sets-4-6, 6-2, 6-2. Rajevac lost to MTSU’s Kuruppo in two sets. “Once they got that win at No. 2, the momentum shifted,” said head coach Kenny Thorne in a press release. “Everything was a dog fight from there.”

The final match of the day was between Tech’s Menano and MTSU’s Sitaram. Sitaram took the first set 6-4. Menano preceded to take the second set 7-5. In the final match, Menano and Sitaram duked it out and played a tie break, with Menano taking the win 11-9.

Tech will face Illinois tonight at 6 p.m. in Champaign, IL. On Saturday, the Jackets will take on Louisville at the Illinois Complex. The team’s first ACC game will be against Duke Feb. 28.
Track and field teams set to compete in ACC championships

By Kimberly Rieck
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The men’s and women’s track and field teams will head to Clemson, S.C. today for the 2004 ACC Indoor Track and Field Championships. The team has broken several school and track records at the Clemson venue.

“The ACC Championship weekend is the most important weekend of our indoor season,” said men’s head coach Grover Hinsdale.

Men’s outlook

On the men’s side, the competition is shaping up to be a fierce battle for the top four spots between Maryland, North Carolina, Tech and Florida State, who won last year’s championship.

“We’re expecting to go out and be very competitive. We’re hoping for a top three finish,” Hinsdale said.

A trio of seniors are leading the way for the Jackets. Brendon Mahoney, Michael Massey and Kyle Rabbitt all hold top times in the ACC.

Mahoney holds the ACC’s fastest times in the 800 meters and mile races. He earned All-ACC honors in both events last year and was recently named ACC Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week. According to Trackwire, Mahoney is No. 26 in the nation in the 800 meters and No. 15 in the mile. Besides leading the pack speed-wise, Mahoney leads the team off the track.
“I would love to have a dozen Brendon Mahoneys on my team every year. His heart, his leadership and his competitiveness, you just can’t put a value on it,” Hinsdale said. “He’s an incredible young man who’s our captain, and he’s kind of our bell cow. We all look to him to lead the team as he should and as he’s done in the past.”

In the high jump event, Massey has come into his own this year. He has held the high jump top mark the entire season, after tallying a jump of 7’1.50” at the Clemson Invitational. Massey has previously received All-ACC outdoor track honors. Massey ranks No. 8 in the nation for the high jump.

“Michael has really come into his own this year. I’m really happy for him about that. He’s worked real hard and has been focused this year. It’s not by accident that he’s leading the event in the conference this year,” Hinsdale said.

At last year’s indoor meet, Rabbitt broke school records in the 3000 and 5000 meters. He currently holds the conference’s top time in the 3000 meters after clocking in at 8:11.00. He has not run the 5000 meters this season.

All-ACC Montrell Person will lead the way for the Jackets in the 60 meter hurdles. He holds the conference’s fastest time and has the No. 4 ranking in the nation.

Shot putter Zeb Sion will try for his first indoor honors after receiving All-ACC honors at least year’s outdoor meet. Sion’s season-high toss of 56’6.50” ranks fifth in the ACC. The Idaho native is also No. 29 in the nation in the event.

Two strong candidates for All-ACC honors in the long jump event are Holt McPherson and I-Perfection Harris. McPherson is No. 6 nationally in the event and has a season-record of 24’11.75” meters. Harris ranks in the top 15 with a jump of 24’5.5”.

“We’re probably as balanced a team as we’ve ever been, having competitive people in almost all areas,” Hinsdale said.

Women’s Outlook

It was only two years ago that Tech’s women team claimed its first conference title, overthrowing North Carolina powerhouse, and the team is looking to repeat that feat this year. The competition is tight this year as Tech is ranked No. 6 in the nation and UNC is right behind at No. 7, according to Trackwire rankings.

“This is probably the best women’s conference that I’ve seen heading into this weekend. North Carolina is a very good team, they always are, and I think we’re a very good team,” said head women’s coach Alan Drosky.

“Clemson is stronger than they’ve been in a few years. Even beyond that, I’ve seen some teams that are much improved on the track side like N.C. State and Duke that have traditionally been strong in the distance events, but this year had really good track kids in the sprints, hurdles and jumps that they have not had in the past.”

Defending ACC champion Chaunte Howard has dominated the high jump this season and holds the No. 1 mark in the conference and nation. She set the Clemson Indoor facility record on Dec. 6, 2003, with a jump of 6’2.25”. Howard is No. 29 in the nation and No. 2 in the ACC in the long jump. Drosky said Howard will be a key factor at the meet for the team.
In addition to Howard, junior Shanta Smith is also a defending indoor ACC champion. She won the triple jump at last year’s championships and holds the school record with a jump of 43’4.50” earlier this year at the Clemson track. Smith has suffered back problems this season but is expected to still compete. Smith also ranks among the top 20 in the nation in the 400 meters.

Freshman Ashlee Kidd has tallied an ACC best time in the 400 meters going into the meet. Kidd ranks in the top 20 nationally in the event.

“Ashlee has done extremely well, no matter the year, but especially for a freshman. I hope she can continue that,” Drosky said.

In the hurdles, All-ACC performer Melanie Waits and Dana Rogers will compete. Rogers and Waits rank second and eighth in the hurdles, respectively.

Rogers holds the league’s top time in the 55-meter hurdles.

After garnering two runner-up finishes for Tech at last year’s championships in the 60- and 200-meter dashes, Amandi Rhett is a contender for the gold after holding the league’s top time in the 200 meters and second-fastest time in the 60 meters this season.

Besides Tech’s history of competing well at the new venue, the close proximity of Clemson will be a welcome change. Last year’s conference meet was held in Chapel Hill, over a six-hour drive from Tech. Clemson is a short two-hour drive for the teams.

Although Tech may not be hosting the meet, the two teams may have an advantage over other rivals due to Clemson hosting it.

The men’s and women’s teams have competed at the Clemson Indoor facility three times previously this season, and the building was only built this year.

“I think it is an advantage to have run on the track you’re competing on for the conference meet. Outdoors, I don’t necessarily think it’s that big of an impact. The radius of the curve [on each indoor track] is different, it’s a lot more magnified than in outdoors.” Hinsdale said.

Besides sprint events, knowing the track can also make a difference.

“Runways are going to be different at different tracks and for the jumping events- being able to get your steps right is very important. Being familiar with the runaway and having a number of opportunities to compete on the runway certainly helps,” Drosky said.

Besides the conference championship being on the line, the ACC meet is one of the few chances Tech athletes will have to qualify for the March’s NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. Several individuals including Person, Massey, Mahoney, Howard and Kidd have already qualified. The outdoor season will commence in mid-March.
No. 5 golf wins big at Waikoloa Intercollegiate

By Clark Nelson
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Battling strong winds and strong competition, the Tech golf team stood tall and won the Taylor Made-Waikoloa Intercollegiate in Waikoloa, Hawaii last week. The team finished with a score of 841, three strokes better than UCLA.

Tech led wire to wire after jumping out to a ten shot lead after the first round. Three golfers shot 69 for the Yellow Jackets on the final day to clinch the title, their fourth in the previous seven trips. Chan Wongluekiet, Mike Barbosa and Kevin Larsen paced Tech who continued their dominance in the Big Island tournament. Only once in the past seven tries have the Jackets finished out of the top five.

“This is a great way to start the spring season, but we have to realize there is still a long way to go. We have to keep working hard and keep improving” said Head coach Bruce Heppler, in a press release.

Coming into the tournament, Tech boasted three top forty golfers in the nation according to Golfweek: number 18 Nicholas Thompson, number 21 Robert Castro and number 40 Kevin Larson. Thompson, a junior from Coral Springs, FL, had surgery on his knee after the fall season. He has rebounded quickly; winning Tech’s pre-tournament qualifying by a wide margin.

“It didn’t really affect his golf swing in the fall, but it was very painful for him to walk,” Heppler said.

The star for the Jackets in the Aloha state was Chan Wongluekiet, a junior from Bradenton, Florida, who shot under par all three rounds. Chan finished the third round with a 69 to finish in fifth place individually.

Heading into the final day, Tech was holding on for dear life as hard-charging UCLA, UC Davis and Washington had swung their way within three strokes of the Jackets. Tech had shot 19 shots higher the second day (291) than the first. However, three players scored under 70 for the Yellow Jackets to seal the victory.

“I’m proud of the way our guys came back today,” Heppler said.

Anthony Kim, a freshman from Oklahoma, won medalist honors by shooting 11-under (205) for the tournament. Four Tech golfers finished in the top 18 overall.
Women’s swim team heads to Charlottesville for ACCs

Tech’s two women divers, Laurissa Prystaj and Amy Sutton, rank among the ACC’s top-scoring divers. The women’s swim team is looking to improve on last year’s sixth place finish with the help of added talent.

By Kimberly Rieck
Sports Editor

The women’s swimming and diving team will be competing in the 2004 ACC Championship today through Saturday at the University of Virginia’s Aquatic and Fitness Center. The event is the Jackets’ third ACC championship, as the team was formed in 2001.

“This is what we’ve been working for all season. Our training and preparation have been geared towards this competition. Our women are excited about the prospect of swimming fast and highly motivated to accomplish personal goals, which hopefully will lead to accomplishing team goals,” said head coach Seth Baron.

Preliminaries for the championship will be held at 11 a.m. today and tomorrow and finals will commence at 7 p.m. each day.

One-meter diving preliminaries began last night after the swimming preliminaries. Three-meter preliminaries will take place after today’s swimming prelims, with the finals for the event being held tomorrow night.
This year’s championship marks a milestone for the team, as its the first time the Jackets have come into the meet with experienced ACC veterans.

“One of our biggest problems we had the first two years with a brand new program was a lack of leadership. But now we have some seasoned veterans who have been to two ACC Championships and understand what’s expected and what to expect once they get there,” Baron said.

The team’s main goal, according to Baron, is to move up from last year’s sixth place finish by at least one spot, an improvement from the opening season’s eighth place finish at the conference meet.

“Across the board, we’ve got the opportunity to score in a lot of events. We’ve got a little bit more consistency from one event to the other that we didn’t have a year ago.” Baron said.

“If you look at last year’s finishes, Clemson was in fifth place, and I would say they’re probably statistically the team for us to beat this year for the last place spot,” Baron said.

Besides the junior leaders, the Jackets will bring several freshman to the meet.

“I think the freshman have got a lot of excitement and maybe some nervous energy... This is a meet that is a lot different from anything that they’ve ever experienced. It’s going to be something... that they can feed off the amount of energy and enthusiasm it generates,” Baron said.

Freshman Vesna Stojanovska leads the way for the Jackets, ranking among the nation’s best swimmers in the ACC and NCAA in the 200 free, 500 free and 200 butterfly events.

Stojanovska has the ACC’s best time in the 200 fly, with 1:58.82 minutes, ranking her No. 11 in the nation. She is ranked second in the conference in the 200 free and No. 40 in the NCAA. Her fastest 500 free time going into the conference meet places her eighth in the ACC.

Leading the backstroking events, sophomore Ashley Kracke, junior Anna Saum and freshman Dana West are set to make their marks at the meet.

Saum placed first in the 100 and 200 backstroke events against Emory University last month.

Kracke is the school record holder in the 200 and 100 back events. Her top finishes last season were at the ACC championships. Kracke came in fourth place in the 100 back and had an NCAA ‘B’ qualifying time in the event.

“Our breaststrokes are strong with Alison Walker and Laura Heiser [competing in them],” Baron said.

Heiser, a sophomore, set a school record at the ACC championships last year in the 100 breaststroke. She finished in 11th place in the event. Heiser also finished in 20th place at the 200 breast event.

In the diving events, sophomore Laurissa Prystaj has posted top 10 scores in the ACC. She broke her own school record on the three-meter board versus Emory.

Prystaj is ranked eighth in both the three-meter and one-meter diving events. Prystaj has qualified for the NCAA B Diving Championships. Teammate Amy Sutton has qualified for the B championships as well.
On the opening day of the competition Wednesday, North Carolina scored 74 points, leading Florida State, Maryland and the rest of the field.

Tech scored 50 points, after placing sixth and seventh in the 200 yard medley and 800 yard freestyle relays, matching Clemson’s opening day total. Both relay teams posted new school records.


Updated results for the meet can be found at www.theacc.com.
ACC Round-Up

Clemson upsets No.13 N.C. State

After upsetting Duke, the No.1 team in the nation at the time, No.13 North Carolina State missed its shots and lost to Clemson, currently ranked last in the Atlantic Coast Conference 60-55. It was the second victory over a ranked opponent for the Tigers and first-year coach Oliver Purnell since Clemson defeated No. 12 North Carolina 81-72. NCSU missed its first four shots and hit only 30.2 percent from the floor. The Wolfpack only scored 19 points before halftime, its fewest total all season.

Duke wrestling defeats Campbell

The Duke Blue Devils improved to 8-6 after defeating Campbell University 37-3 in men’s wrestling. Duke won nine of the ten matches. Senior Michael Mitchell led the Blue Devils with a 25-7 victory over Campbell’s Josh Kalafchi. Duke’s Christian Smith won for the 26th time this season. Duke is currently No. 1 in the ACC for men’s wrestling. N.C. State is No. 2 on the conference poll.

ACC teams rank high in lacrosse

The Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association(IWLCA) has ranked five of the ACC’s women’s lacrosse teams among the top 15 teams in the nation. Three of the top four teams are from the league: No. 2 Maryland, No. 3 Virginia and No. 4 Duke. North Carolina is No.11 in the poll. Princeton University stands atop the poll. Lacrosse play begins next week. UNC will play eight of the top ten teams this season.

FSU gets state-of-the-art golf course

Florida State University’s Don Veller Seminole Golf Course is undergoing extensive renovations, including redesigning and rebuilding 18 greens on the course and installing TifEagle ultra dwarf turf. FSU is completely redesigning the 14th hole. The renovations begin March 1 and will end in September later this year. The new design is by Bob Walker, who designed the St. James Bay and Regatta Bay golf courses, renowned in Florida. The Tallahasee course will remain open throughout the renovations.
Faces in the Crowd

Tyler Greene
Sophomore
Baseball-Shortstop

Following in the tradition of outstanding shortstops from Tech, Tyler Greene wears jersey No. 5, the same number sported by former Tech stars Nomar Garciaparra and Victor Menocal. He’s among five Tech players named to Baseball America’s preseason All-America team.

Greene was drafted in the second round by the Atlanta Braves last year and turned down a sizable signing bonus to play for Tech. He is one of the highest drafted players to enroll at Tech, along with Owings. Green was third baseman for the USA Baseball National Team last summer.

Micah Owings
Sophomore
Baseball-Pitcher

Micah Owings’ three-run home run was the highlight of Tech’s home opener win against Savannah State earlier this week. An All-America player, Owings has established himself as Tech’s No. 1 starter. He owns a 90 mph-plus fastball and led the Jackets in both wins and home runs as a freshman.

As a freshman, Owings was the 2003 ACC Rookie of the Year and an All-ACC selection. He was a second-round draft pick of the Colorado Rockies in 2002 and turned down a large signing bonus to play for Tech.

Jessica Sallinger
Junior
Softball-Pitcher

Last week against Furman, Jessica Sallinger retired 19 batters in a row. Only a one-out single ruined Sallinger’s bid for her fifth no-hitter. Strike-outs are nothing new for Sallinger who holds the school record in career wins, strikeouts, ERA and complete games. She was an All-ACC Pitcher in 2003, the 2002 ACC Rookie of the Year and made the first team of the 2002 All-Southeast Region.

A Georgia high school standout, Sallinger received the Georgia Pitcher of the Year award in 2001. She is majoring in management.
Sport Shorts

Ga. Force honors Tech legends

Over thirty Tech football legends will be honored Sunday at halftime when the Georgia Force takes on the New Orleans VooDoo in the Arena at Gwinnett Center. Some of the many former Jackets in attendance include Taz Anderson, the 1961 NFL Rookie of the Year, George Godsey, Ryan Stewart and Kelley Rhino. The game will be televised at 3 p.m. on NBC.

For more information, visit www.georgiaforce.com.

Lady Jackets to face UNC

The women’s basketball team will face ACC rival North Carolina Monday at 7 p.m. at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The game will be broadcast live on WREK-Radio 91.1 FM in Atlanta and online at www.wrek.org.

No. 5 Beesball takes on Villanova

The No. 5 Tech baseball team will play a triple header against Villanova this weekend. The first game is today at 4 p.m. at Russ Chandler Memorial Stadium. The Jackets will then compete against Villanova Sat. at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.
by the numbers

12: Number of straight weeks the Jackets' men's basketball team has appeared in the top 25 Associated Press poll and in the ESPN/USA Today poll. Tech debuted at No. 13 in the AP poll Dec. 1, 2003.

13: Number of points the baseball team scored against visiting Savannah State Wednesday. No. 5 Tech defeated Savannah 13-4. Tech's starter Philip Perry struck out six in the win.

3: Number of shots Tech defeated UCLA by at the Taylor Made-Waikoloa Intercollegiate in Waikoloa, Hawaii. The team closed with a 10-under-par 278 with a 23-under 841 total. Three players, Chan Wongluekiet, Mike Barbosa and Kevin Larsin, shot 69 on the course.

4: Number of women's basketball players who scored in double victories against Maryland. The Jackets defeated ACC rival Maryland 58-57. Senior Fallon Stokes was the leading scorer with 18 points, followed by Megan Harpring's 12 points, Alex Stewart's 11 points and Megan Isom's ten points. Tech is now 13-11 overall and 4-8 in the conference.

6'2.25": School record mark in the high jump, held by sophomore All-American Chaunte Howard. Howard is the defending ACC champion in the high jump and holds the top mark going into tomorrow's conference championships.

215: Here's the number...what does it represent?

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