Tech Hockey survives tough tourney

By Michael Clarke Contributing Writer

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Championship Game

The red-shirt freshman's only mistake came against the College of the Canyons two years ago. The Jackets defeated the College of the Canyons 4-2 in last year's championship game.

"Reggie didn't make any dumb mistakes," Gailey said. "If Tech can utilize its strengths — its talented backcourt, transition game, outside shot, depth and veteran leadership — then the team will definitely be a threat in the ACC.

Even though the ACC is predominantly a guard-oriented league, Tech is still relatively shallow on talent when it comes down to their frontcourt, which only contributed 7.2 points and 6.1 boards last year among 6'8" senior Robert Brooks, 6'9" sophomore Todd Straver, who will likely be Bosh's replacement, and 7'1" junior Luke Schenscher in comparison to the 23.7 points a game and 15.5 boards that Bosh and Nelson put up during the same time.

After his sophomore campaign, Schenscher stayed in the States to help improve his speed, shooting, and aggressiveness.

The hockey team will face Clemson at Gwinnett Center, immediately following the Gwinnett Gladiators.

W-Ball

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No. 4 volleyball scores wins over ACC foes

By John Scaduto
Contributing Writer

Georgia Tech’s volleyball program reaffirmed conference dominance this past weekend with wins over North Carolina and North Carolina State. The Jackets made a strong statement in a game against North Carolina, losing only one game in the two matches played.

In front of a packed house at O’Keefe Gym on Friday night, Tech overcame a game three lapse to take North Carolina in four, 30-21, 30-25, 28-30, and 30-22. The balanced attack of the Jackets continued to overwhelm opponents, as Lynnette Moler led the way with 21 kills, followed by Lauren Sauer with 18 and Alexandra Press with 16.

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SPORTS

faces in the crowd

Jonathan Cox
Senior
Football-Cornerback

At 5’10” and 190 pounds, Jonathan Cox, the senior corner back from Chicago, IL, isn’t that big of an imposing figure, at least not until he steps on to the field. Tech’s only returning starter in the secondary for this season, Cox started every game for the Jackets for the 2002 season after missing the final two games of the 2001 season due to a concussion.

Cox started five games as a true freshman and made 13 tackles in his first season with the Hokies and Gold. Cox grabbed 51 tackles last season, with three for a loss and one sack. His career highs is currently nine tackles against Georgia. This season he had 38 tackles for as well as a fumble return for 17 yards.

Megan Isom
RS Senior
Basketball-Point Guard

Megan Isom, a red-shirt senior, transferred to play for Tech from Tennessee Tech after her freshman year. Isom led the Lady Jackets with 58 three-point shots for the season and was Tech’s third-leading scorer last season, averaging 9.8 points per game and averaged 4.2 rebounds and 2.1 steals per game.

Isom, who took on the starting guard position in her second season with the lady jacks, started all 31 games last year. She became second in school history for three-point attempts after shooting 17 three-point shots against Clemson, racking up 23 points in the game. One of Tech’s top outside threats, she was no. 19 scoring leader for the league.

Jarrett Jack
Sophomore
Basketball-Point Guard

Jarrett Jack, the Jackets’ sophomore guard from Fort Washington, Maryland, evolved from a highly-touted high school player to a jacket team leader on and off the floor. Jack averaged six assists per game, which ranked him fourth in the ACC and as No. 24 in the nation. Jack’s 185 assists in his first season put him in the seventh position on the all-time Tech assist list for a single season.

Jack had a 1.75 assist-turnover ratio, which placed him as fourth in the ACC. He had the second most free throw attempts for the team, as well as leading the Jackets with 51 steals for the season. Jack had 14 double-figure scoring games for the season, with 16 points in Tech’s win over Georgia.
Durham: I think like a lot of guys doing this, I wanted to stay in contact with sports somehow. I played football, basketball, baseball and soccer. I realized at an early age that I wasn’t going to be a college athlete or most certainly a professional one.

Nique: What made you want to come to Georgia Tech from Vanderbilt?

Durham: The ACC played a big role in it. I think the fact that Atlanta was such a great market for the ACC and Tech spread its influence, too. I was successful in football and basketball. So I appreciated the experience. But I never thought I’d be in football and basketball. So I was successful in football and basketball, too. I was able to do both, but I never thought I’d be in football and basketball. So I was successful in football and basketball, too.

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With the legendary Al Ciraldo who retired in 1997 after 43 years on the radio, Durham had big shoes to fill after taking over the job from the iconic Al Ciraldo in 1995. Durham has been the “Voice of the Jackets” since then, and his role has expanded to include play-by-play broadcasts for all Tech football and basketball games. Currently in his ninth season, Durham serves as the “Voice of the Jackets.”

Technique: What made you want to get into radio broadcasting?

Durham: I did PA in high school. Then I worked for my dad. When I told him what I wanted to do, he was great about putting me in situations. I wasn’t on the air but I was around enough to know and learn. When I got into college, I had a great college experience. I’ll never be able to repay the people at Elon enough for what happened there. I did 150 games over four years.

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Tech ready to challenge conference rivals with Joseph

By Katie Neal
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After the most successful season in program history, the Lady Jackets’ basketball team has a lot to live up to in the coming season. After last year’s 20-11 season, the first trip to the NCAA tournament since 1993 and tying a school best 8-8 conference record, the team’s last season under Head Coach Agnus Berenato looks tough to beat.

But the outlook for new Head Coach MaChelle Joseph’s team not only looks favorable, but downright fantastic for the season. The Lady Jackets return four starters and 12 letter-winners from last year’s team.

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Stewart, who stepped in after injuries to both Nina Barlin and Mallorie Winn, led the team and the ACC with 5.55 assists per game and 172 on the year. She also led the ACC in free throw percentage at 85.1.

Junior guard Megan Harpring

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the event followed by senior Eddy Oliver. Treweap of the heaven came at a crucial point and separated the team from the Wolfpack. Treweap had earned the team 16 points. Mark earned an 1,000 free throw with a time of 9:21.6. Figh also took home his first place in the 200 free for Tech.

Freshman Ryan Bishop began his collegiate career with a bang after setting a new pool record in the 200 individual medley and 200 breaststroke events. In the 100 free, sophomore Brian H. Uflick put up a win with a time of 47.16.

In the one and three-meter diving events, freshman Tony Burkhardt placed second and earned regional qualifying mark of 301.43 on the one-meter board.

To thunderous cheers and applause, the men's team defeated NC State in the final 4-0. He swept the 100, 200, and 500 free as well. He took the 200, and 500 free and won the breast and free relay," Baron said.

W hile the men were engaged in a heated competition, the women earned their seventh straight victory over the Wolfpack. The women won 13 events with a score of 152-91.

Breaking two school records, freshman Verna Stojanovska won the first two events, the 200 and 100 free. "Verna set the tone for the women winning the first two events and the woman followed her lead. They kept the pedal to the metal and Stojanovska later captured the 500 free as well.

In the 200 IM, junior co-captain Luke Shencher and take off record with atimeof 2:07.54. Sophomore M. Eleanor Devlin took home first place in the 200 backstroke. Another impressive win was Ashley M. Waller's first place finish in the 100 backstroke in 1:05.55.

Junior Laurissa Prystaj dominated the women's diving competition in both the one-meter and three-meter diving events. Prystaj won both events and scored in the N.C.A.A. Regional with a mark of 277.05 in the three-meter.

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**Georgia Tech 7, Maryland 3**

Wreck defeats Terps in nailbiter

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Contributing Writer

Maryland came into Atlanta ranked No. 2 in the ACC, but the Terps should know that things are anything but normal in Thursday night games. It is somewhat ironic that Maryland’s quarterback Scott McBrien’s number seven because a touchdown is exactly what the Terps were missing on the board as the Jackets’ defense sent McBrien out with a concussion.

With solid field positioning and constant play, it warranted another win by two Joe Bibb and then in 2004.

H owever, it wasn’t offensive play that highlighted Thursday’s game, but rather the Jackets’ defense and their ability to force turnovers.

Free Safety James Butler walked away with two interceptions, one from each of Maryland’s quarterbacks; making him the new ACC leader in the area. Jonathan Cobb’s return of an untouchable Maryland fumble late in the third quarter set up Tech’s scoring drive.

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**Ramblin’ with Wes**

Every week, thousands of White and Gold faithful tune into one man—Wes Ecard. Learn about his long journey to the Flats.

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hint: Speedos

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After last week’s stellar defensive effort in the Jackets’ victory over Maryland, seniors Keyaron Fox and James Butler earned ACC Player of the Week awards. Fox earned ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week while Butler earned ACC Defensive Back of the Week.

**atlanta thrashers number challenge**

hint: Speedos

132

Here’s the number...what does it represent?

To enter email the Sports Editor at sports@technique.gatech.edu with the correct answer to the challenge. A winner will be selected from among the qualified entries. The winner will receive a pair of tickets to an Atlanta Thrashers regular season game, where admission is always $10 for a seat in the $36 section with a student ID. Visit www.atlantathrashers.com for more info on college night.

**On deck**

Event | Date
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Hoopsgiving MB & VB | 11/1
VB at UVA | 11/1
VB at Maryland | 11/3
MCC at ACC Champs | 11/1
WCC at ACC Champs | 11/1
MB-Men’s Basketball VB-Women’s Basketball | 11/1
WCC-MCC’s Cross Country | 11/1
Women’s Cross Country | 11/1

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