Swinging for the fences
No. 1 Jackets trounce the Tigers 4-2, improving to 15-0

Tech’s baseball team is now just one win away from matching history and two from making it. With an undefeated homestand over Spring break and an impressive road win over No. 10 Auburn, Tech improved to 15-0 for the season and moved to just one win the best season start ever by a Tech team, which was set by the 1987 squad.

The first home series was against Georgia State. Sallinger only allowed one walk and one unearned run in the complete game victory. She also fanned seven Panthers in the first contest.

Number of straight dual match wins posted by the men’s tennis team. Both a singles and doubles victory from senior Roger Anderson, pushed the Jackets over Virginia Tech on Saturday in Miami, FL.

Number of games that the University of Georgia’s Bulldogs basketball team has left to play this season. After a NCAA investigation of the men’s basketball program, President Michael Adams and Athletics Director Vince Dooley decided to suspend head coach Jim Harrick, declare two starting players ineligible and ban the Bulldogs from playing in the SEC and NCAA tournaments.

Bash Lerner is a fixture at the Thrillerdome.

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 home game, where admission is always $8 for a seat in the $36 section with a student ID.

Lady Jackets lose to No. 2 Duke in ACC Tourney

Top-seeded Duke defeated Georgia Tech 76-52 in the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament Sunday. The Lady Jackets ended the season 20-10, and 8-8 in the ACC, securing a seat in the NCAA tournament for the second time.

Fallon Stokes led Tech with 14 points and Sonja Mallory, a 58 percent free-throw shooter, went 6-for-6 from the line. Duke became the first women’s team in ACC history to win four consecutive tournament titles with a 77-59 victory over No. 11 North Carolina, matching the Duke men as the only team in league history to win four straight titles.
**Crossword**

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Beyond the White and Gold

No sympathy for the Dawgs

By John Parrows
Senior Staff Writer

It’s been a great week for laughing at UGA. To start with, I have to say that they’re getting exactly what they should have expected out of Jim Harrick. He’s left a trail of NCAA violations everywhere he’s been. Anyone that thought things would be any different in Athens, well… dumb, even by UGA standards.

I couldn’t believe it when Harrick told Dick Vitale on ESPN that he hadn’t, until recently, heard anything about the sexual harassment lawsuit at Rhode Island.

The only way he can be construed to telling the truth here is if he’s splitting hairs, meaning he hadn’t been officially notified that a lawsuit had been filed. He certainly knew about the allegations, because all signs pointed to that being a reason for his departure from URI.

The only gripe I have with the coverage so far is the popular sentiment among the sports talking heads that the players are being unfairly treated with Georgia’s withdrawal from the SEC and NCAA tournaments.

I’m in… aren’t these the guys that are accepting the alleged illegal recruiting gifts and participating in the alleged academic fraud? Am I supposed to believe that these guys are the victims? That’s absurd. They knew they were participating in violating NCAA rules and they should have to share in the punishment.

And even if those players that had no part in any wrongdoing whatsoever, they still had to know that sleazy stuff was going on, but kept it tight-lipped. Sorry, they get none of my sympathy either.

I think any player dumb enough to go play for Harrick shouldn’t expect to have the consequences removed for what they should have known would eventually happen. You take a chance when you decide to play for a coach like that. Yeah, he’ll probably win, but with the way he always seems to get into trouble, you just have to hope you aren’t one of the unlucky ones that is still there when he gets caught.

Sadly though, I’m pretty much of the opinion that a player that would go to UGA as a result of that, is not a teammate to play with. That’s why I don’t I really hope I’m wrong on that one.

My guess is that they’ll get a huge settlement from UGA as compensation for lost NBA wages as a result of not being able to show off for the scouts in the NCAA’s.

It’s been a great week for laughing at UGA.

Technician names Bosh top rookie

By Steve Thompson
Technician

As the ACC is on the verge of winning its first outright ACC regular season championship since 1962, Howard is a shoo-in for ACC Player of the Year. Prosser’s being anointed ACC Coach of the Year is almost as certain.

That’s the way this crazy ACC season has gone. In addition to Wake, Duke and Maryland have remained dominant, but the rest of the league has been inconsistent to say the least. As the last week of the season winds down, it’s time to try and put it in perspective. Why not hand out awards?

All ACC First-team
Josh Howard, Wake (19.6 pts., 8.0 rebs., 2.2 asts.)
Steve Blake, Maryland (12.1 pts., 7.8 asts., 3.6 rebs.)
Drew Nicholas, Maryland (17.3 pts., 5.7 rebs., 2.8 asts.)
Julius Hodge, N.C. State (18.0 pts., 5.8 rebs., 3.6 asts.)
Dahnatay Jones, Duke (17.2 pts., 5.4 rebs., 1.0 asts.)
All ACC Second-team
Edward Scott, Clemson (18.3 pts., 5.5 asts., 3.4 rebs.)
Travis Watson, Virginia (13.2 pts., 10.3 rebs., 1.4 asts.)

All ACC Third-team
Tim Pickett, Florida State (17.1 pts., 5.7 rebs., 2.0 asts.)
Chris Bosh, Georgia Tech (19.4 pts., 9.2 rebs., 1.0 asts.)
Eric Williams, Wake Forest (8.6 pts., 4.6 rebs.)

Drew Nicholas, Maryland’s go-to scorer down the stretch, has been inconsistent to say the least. Nicholas gets the slight edge over Felton for Rookie of the Year. Any freshman who can average almost a double-double deserves such an award, although Felton is almost as deserving.

Gray has come on strong of late, and Williams is a force inside when he stays out of foul trouble. Redick’s performance tailed off as the season went on, but he’s still a great pure shooter.

Coach of the Year: Skip Prosser

If the whole “taking the preseason sixth place team to win the ACC championship” thing didn’t convince you that Prosser was the league’s top coach, perhaps the fact that he’s done so with a large contingent of freshmen should.

Sure, Howard’s been the main story. But Gray and Williams have matured a lot over the season. Over the last few years, Prosser has shown that he can recruit well. This year, he’s showing the ACC he can coach the guys he recruits.

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Record-breaking finishes, lifetime bests cap ACC meet

By Kimberly Rieck
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Men’s ACC Championships

At North Carolina’s Koury Natatorium, the Yellow Jackets rallied to take fourth place at the ACC Men’s Swimming and Diving Championships. Several Jackets made school history with accolades and record-breaking performances during the meet, which lasted from Feb 27 until March 1.

The Jackets defeated NC State, Clemson, Maryland, and Duke at the meet with 471 points, while Virginia earned its fifth consecutive team title with a score of 780 points.

Senior American Shilo Ayalon led the Jackets during the competition as he crushed school, ACC, meet and pool records. Ayalon destroyed his own school record in the 500 yard freestyle, 1650 yard freestyle, 200 free and 400 individual medley. He placed second in the 500 free for the second consecutive year and 400 IM.

Ayalon’s 1650 free time of 14:47.99 shattered all four records and garnered him his first individual ACC Championship title. Both his 500 free and 1650 free performances automatically qualify him for the NCAA Championships in Austin later this month.

In addition to capping off his senior season with a record-breaking seven ACC accolades, Ayalon was named Swimmer of the Meet at the championships.

Also shattering his lifetime best time in the 100 back race, sophomore Jeremy Raines won in 49.02. Raines had set the school record for the 100 back earlier in leadoff split in the 400 medley relay. Besides becoming only the third person ever in school history to earn an individual ACC title, Raines earned an NCAA B qualifying standard in the event.

Another school record came from senior co-captain Josh Hersko in the 100 free and earned an NCAA B cut as well. For the third time in his career, senior Tomonori Tsuji achieved an NCAA B performance in the 200 breaststroke. Since their freshman year, the senior class consisting of Ayalon, Hersko, Tsuji, Robbie Foster, Jorge Oliver and James Salazar has been the highest scoring class of swimmers and stepped up to the blocks at the right time again at the meet.

Rounding out the impressive list of swimmers who made NCAA B cuts on the men’s side were freshman Sam Morgan in the 1650 free, junior Eduardo Oliver in the 1650 free, sophomore Matt Figh in the 200 free and freshman Yonatan Cohen in the 200 IM.

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Additionally, sophomore Cara DeVvinney broke school records in both events. DeVvinney also won an NCAA B cut in the 200 fly. Freshman diver Laurissa Prystaj led the Tech divers with a school record of 418.75 on the three-meter board. The final individual school record of the meet went to classmate Laura Heiser who shattered the previous Tech mark in the 100 breast.

Throughout the meet, the relay squads of Raines, senior Robbie Foster, Kettunen and freshman Ryan Riebesell.

The next event on the schedule for the team will be the NCAA Championships at the University of Texas at Austin later this month. Ayalon has a guaranteed spot in the competition, while the rest of the swimmers will find out in the next two weeks.

Women’s ACC Championships

In only its second year, the women’s swimming and diving team made great strides by finishing sixth with 259 points at the 2003 ACC Championships held from February 20-21. The Jackets improved on last year’s eighth finish by crushing NC State and Duke while Virginia captured its fourth conference championship.

Sophomore Lisa Hancock led the fall of school records with a NCAA B cut performance in the 200 yard individual medley on the first day of competition. Hancock also achieved the NCAA B cut standard in the 200 fly.

Eclipsing the Georgia Tech records in two events, freshman Ashley Kracke placed fourth in the 200 yard backstroke and fifth in the 100 backstroke. Kracke earned NCAA B cuts in both events.

Another sophomore leading the way was Anna Saum, who broke the school record in the 100 butterfly and earned NCAA B cuts in the 200 back, 100 back, and 100 fly, as well. Both Kracke and Saum achieved NCAA B qualifying times in the event. Saum also broke the school record in the 100 butterfly.

Additionally, sophomore Cara DeVvinney broke school records for the second year in a row. She earned an NCAA B time in the 400 IM and placed fourth in one of the Jackets top finishes. DeVvinney also had a strong finish in the 200 breast.

In the 200 fly, freshman Meghan DeVinney also won an NCAA B cut. She also won the consolation final and set a school record in the 100 fly. Freshman diver Laurissa Prystaj led the Tech divers with a school record of 418.75 on the three-meter board. The final individual school record of the meet went to classmate Laura Heiser who shattered the previous Tech mark in the 100 breast.

Throughout the meet, the relay squads had record-breaking finishes.

In the 800 free relay, the team of Kracke, Jennifer Christensen, Hancock and DeVvinney posted a school record time of 7:33.75 to place sixth. Tech’s 400 medley team, consisting of sophomores Anna Saum, Moeko Wallis, and freshmen Lara Heiser, Meghan DeVinney shattered the previous school record.

In all, the Jackets set over ten school records and several lifetime bests while beating two established ACC programs.
Final track weekend results in two Lady Jackets going to nationals

By Finny Turner
Contributing Writer

At the end of the indoor season, the women's track team will boast two freshmen who will compete in NCAA nationals. Chaunte Howard and Jessica Graff will represent the Georgia Tech women's track and field team at the 2003 NCAA Indoor Championships. The championships will be Friday and Saturday at Arkansas's Randal Tyson Track Center. Howard will compete in the high jump, while Graff will go to compete in the pole vault.

Howard has been recognized as the 2003 Atlantic Coast Conference Indoor Track and Field Rookie of the Year. She enters the meet with a season-best mark of 6'0.75" in the high jump, which ranks second nationally. Howard placed first in five of her seven high jump competitions this season, including a victory at the ACC Championships. Howard also earned All-ACC honors with a third-place finish in the triple jump. Howard’s 6’0.75” performance ranks her as the second-best indoor high jumper in Tech history. She is Tech’s first NCAA qualifier in the high jump since Lynn Houston in 1999.

Graff’s first ever collegiate meet saw her set the school record in the pole vault. She won three competitions this season, with her season-best mark of 13’2.50” being made at the Virginia Tech Last Chance Meet. This performance ranks at No. 16 nationally. Graff is the first qualifier for NCAAs in the pole vault, male or female, in school history.

The teams as a whole had a busy spring break, competing in Iowa State’s Cyclone National Qualifier as well as at Boise State and Notre Dame. Tech had no national qualifiers at Boise State, but did set new school records.

Sophomore Zeb Sion eclipsed his own shot put mark for the second consecutive time with a second-place throw of 58’2.00”.

His teammate, sophomore Ian Brewer, also broke his own school record in the weight throw with a mark of 60’0.50”, also with a second-place finish.

At Iowa State, senior Jessica DeFreitas placed first and provisionally qualified for the NCAAs in the long jump, and sophomore Dana Rogers improved her provisional mark in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 7.43 and a fourth-place finish.

Two Jackets competed at Notre Dame’s Alex Wilson Invitational last weekend as well. Junior Brendon Mahoney was ninth in the mile in 4:07.45, while junior Kyle Rabbitt was placed fourteenth in the 5000 meters in 14:36.66.

This year is the first time that the Lady Jackets have sent two competitors in field events to the same championship, either in indoor or in outdoor competition.

The rest of the team is now training for the outdoor season, which will start March 22-23 at the Alabama relays.

The outdoor ACC tournament will be held April 18-19 in Raleigh, NC. Fans can see the track teams in action here in Atlanta at the Yellow Jacket Invitational, which will take place Saturday, April 5.

If the Jackets continue to progress, there is a possibility that some team members could make it to the NCAA East Regionals, which will be in Fairfax, VA or possibly the NCAA Outdoor Championships, which will be in Sacramento, CA.