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UConn plays football?

Tech takes its first road trip for the season to face the Huskies on Saturday. Page 35.

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by the numbers

110

Number of yards that Kelly Rhino ran for against Vanderbilt in Saturday's game. With this amount, Rhino surpassed his father's record for career punt return yardage.

3

Number of touchdowns that starting Tech quarterback A.J. Suggs threw for in last Saturday's opener against Vanderbilt. Suggs was 10 of 13 for 132 yards— with two touchdown passes to Will Glover and Kerry Watkins.

153

Number of yards ran by Tony Hollings in the Tech-Vandy game. Hollings became the first running back in school history to run for more than 100 yards in his first game.

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Number of players in the Georgia Tech baseball team's recruiting class who were selected in Major League Baseball's June draft. The freshman Tyler Greene, Micah Owings, Jason Neighborgall, and Jon Crosby all enrolled and attended classes, thus sealing their fates as Yellow Jackets for this season.

football forecast

NC State vs. Navy
Texas A & M vs. Pittsburgh
Delaware vs. Richmond
South Carolina vs. Virginia
Louisiana Tech vs. Clemson
North Carolina vs. Syracuse
East Carolina vs. Wake Forest
Furman vs. Vanderbilt
Miami vs. Florida
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on deck

Event	Date
WV vs. Florida A&M	9/6
WV vs. Louisville	9/6
F at Connecticut	9/7
CC at Bulldog Stampede	9/14
F at Clemson	9/14
WV- Women's Volleyball, F - Football	
CC- Men's and Women's Crosscountry	

Tech sinks Commodores

By Al Przygocki
Senior Staff Writer

The Chan Gailey Era at Tech began with a bang and a whimper. Fortunately for Jacket fans, the bang came from Georgia Tech's explosive offense, and the whimper came from an overmatched Vanderbilt.

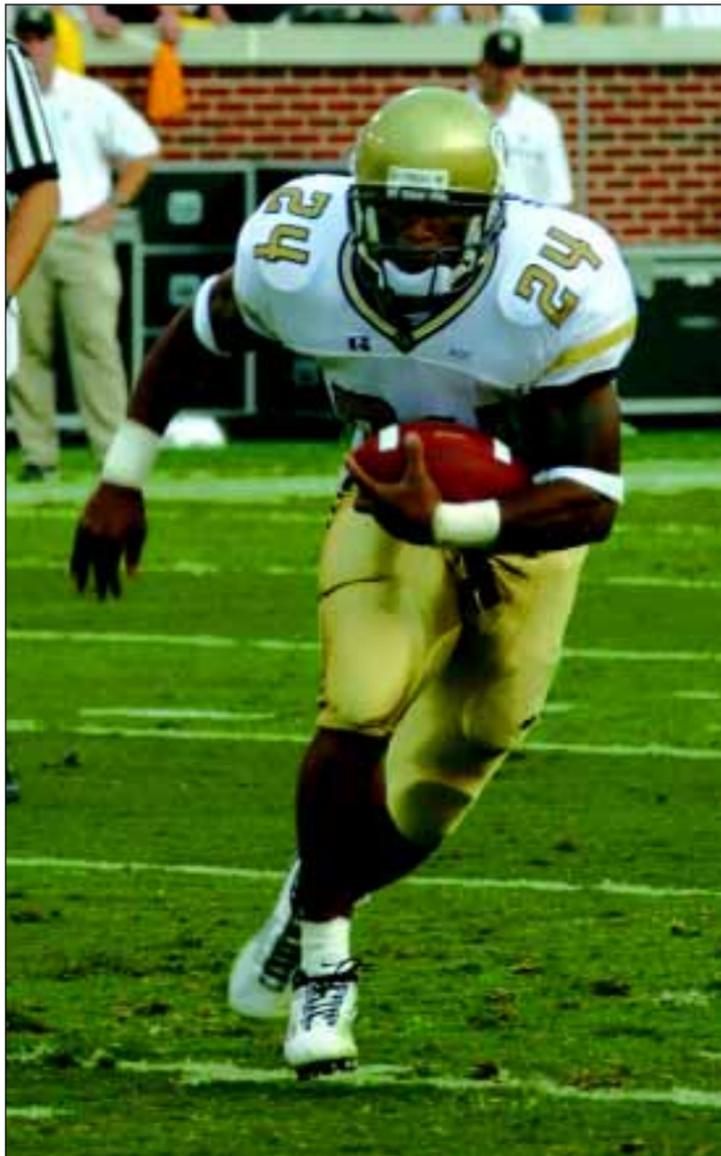
In a contest that was over before it began, Tony Hollings ran for 153 yards and A.J. Suggs threw three touchdown passes as Tech crushed Vanderbilt 45-3. It took a while for the quality of the game to rise above that of a scrimmage as the first quarter featured both sides committing mental mistakes and penalties resulting in a scoreless quarter.

Tech scored on the first play of the second quarter on a beautiful, leaping one-handed catch by Will Glover in the corner of the south end zone. Once Tech broke the ice, the onslaught began, and before the half had come to a close, the Jackets held a commanding 31-0 lead.

Tech took control of the game with a powerful running game, running mostly behind potential All-America left tackle Nat Dorsey. Tony Hollings, a converted safety, was able to rush for 153 yards, marking the first time that a Tech runner had debuted with a 100-yard day. Hollings got the starting nod as the incumbent, Sidney Ford, sat out with a concussion sustained in practice.

So far, it looks as though Head Coach Chan Gailey has made the right decision in making A.J. Suggs his starter. Suggs was adept at running the offense, showed poise in the pocket, and made all the throws he needed to make in racking up 132 yards passing and three touchdowns in little more than a half of action.

Backup quarterback Damarius Bilbo entered the game in the sec-

By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Tony Hollings, a converted safety, became the first running back in Georgia Tech history to run for more than 100 yards in his first game.

ond quarter with a comfortable 21-0 lead and showed off his athleticism with several quality runs. He led two scoring drives including one capped by his first career rushing touchdown. However, he also

showed signs that he is not yet ready to run the show. He may one day be the Lord of the Flats and there is no questioning his talents, but a year of

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Lady Jackets score stellar recruits for new season



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Junior Fallon Stokes dribbles the ball against Maryland. With Stokes returning, the women's squad should be strong with new recruits.

By Jimmy Henderson
Contributing Writer

After several years on the cusp of greatness, Georgia Tech women's basketball is ready to take the next step and join the top tier Division I teams in the 2002 — 2003 season.

With the most heralded recruiting class in school history, led by Georgia natives Kasha Terry and April Johnson, the Jackets will vie for the ultra-competitive ACC title with the likes of national powers Duke, North Carolina and Virginia. In fact, the Lady Jackets are among five of the nine Atlantic Coast Conference teams included in the pre-season "Early Bird Top 50" list on womenscollegehoops.com.

Returning starters Nina Barlin, Sonja Mallory, and Fallon Stokes will set the tone for the team on the floor. Mallory, a second team All ACC selection in 2002, led the team in points and rebounds per game last year with 14 and 8, respectively. While Mallory leads the scoring attack, Barlin returns to lead the passing game.

Barlin's return is especially sweet after a season-ending knee injury

Tech Motorsports sponsor Drive Day

Georgia Tech Motorsports will be holding a car demonstration event at Tech on Saturday, Sept. 7. The Drive Day event is from 12 noon until 5 p.m. The demonstration begins at the Mechanical Research Building and continues to other locations around campus.

For more information about GT Motorsports, visit their website at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/motorsports.

Priess named MVP in tournament

The Georgia Tech Women's Volleyball Team defeated George Mason in three games and lost one to No. 14 Northern Iowa in the George Mason Tournament. Alexandra Priess, a Junior from Berlin, Germany, was named MVP because of her domination at the net with both her blocking and hitting. Priess is one of the team captains for the 2002 season. For more information about the volleyball team's performance, read the full story on page 32 of this issue.

Tennis players named to 50th Anniversary Team

The ACC announced their 50th Anniversary Women's and Men's Tennis Team this week, including four Tech women's tennis players and three men's players. Bobbi Guthrie ('97-'01), Kristy Kottich ('88-'91), Leigh Roberts ('87-'90) and Jaime Wong ('99-'01) made the list for the women's team. Bryan Shelton ('85-'88), Jens Skjoedt ('87-'90) and Kenny Thorne ('85-'88) made the men's team.

last year forced the team captain out for surgery against Florida State on January 20.

According to head coach Agnus Berenato, "Having Nina back in the lineup this year will be a huge boost for our team. Last year she had really developed into our floor leader and losing her midway through the season certainly hurt us. She has worked hard in the offseason to rehab her knee and having her healthy will certainly be key for us to get to where we want to be."

Stokes is also a consistent threat with 10 points per game and 4.9 rebounds per game last year, with the ability for explosive scoring as well.

The Lady Jackets will have an early opportunity to showcase their skills in this year's WNIT Preseason Tournament on November 17. For the first time in school history, Tech was selected to join the field of 16 teams and host its first round game against UNC—Charlotte.

"I'm very excited about our schedule for the 2003 season," Coach Berenato said. "This year we will

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experience reading defenses and gaining confidence in his abilities seems to be in order.

Tech's hopes for an opening game shutout were dashed by a Greg Johnson field goal with 3:26 remaining. It would have been the first shutout since a 2000 blanking of UVA and the first season opening shutout since a 1963 win over Florida.

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Football Notebook:

This season is filled with many questions. Some of them were answered Saturday, but some were not. The biggest question on the minds of Tech fans was whether or not the stadium would be ready. The answer is yes. The newly remodeled Bobby Dodd stadium is a thing of beauty. The field looks great and the new seating arrangements seem to be to everyone's liking. The chair-backs and luxury boxes in the East stands look pretty good and the new bowled configuration should add to crowd unity and, unfortunately, the return of the wave.

Some of the questions on of-

fense look to be answered. It seems clear that Suggs is the better choice as the starting quarterback. The running game was also big question mark, but the Jackets have found something special in Tony Hollings. When Sidney Ford returns, the Jackets could have quite the productive tandem in the backfield. The offensive line is still a bit of a question mark, but there is reason to understand the hype surrounding left tackle Nat Dorsey.

The defense has been a question in years past, but it looks like the Jackets may have that part of the game under control. Between increased team speed and sure tackling, Tech was able to keep Vanderbilt under wraps all game.

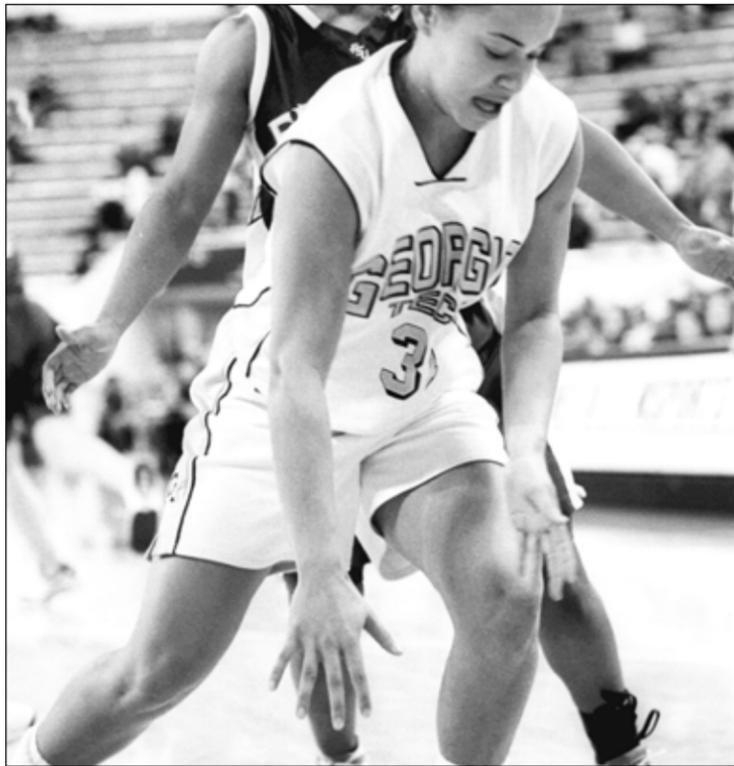
One thing to keep in mind is that this game did a better job of showing how bad Vanderbilt is than it did to show how good Tech is. After a second consecutive week against a weak opponent in Connecticut this weekend, the Jackets will begin to face sterner tests in Clemson and BYU. Although Tech looked good against Vanderbilt, it won't be clear what direction Chan Gailey's first season on the Flats will take until October.

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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Will Glover (No. 3) strains over a Commodore for the first completed touchdown pass from starting quarterback A.J. Suggs at the beginning of the second quarter. This pass was the first of three TD's thrown by Suggs.



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Milli Martinez drives the ball to the hoop against Florida State. Though Martinez and others are gone, the future looks bright for the Lady Jackets.

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reach two great milestones in our program. The first of those is to be invited to play in the Preseason WNIT. The committee could have selected any teams from around the country to play in the event, and to be selected not only to compete but also to host a first-round game is very exciting for our program.”

Berenato added, “The second milestone is to have a game televised nationally on ESPN2. We have a great rivalry with Virginia and it should be a very competitive game. We’ve taken our recruiting to a national level and this is a huge step in the direction that we want our program to be headed in.”

A team may participate no more than once in a four-year period, and only one institution per conference may play in the tournament in the same year. A win at home against the Lady 49ers would set up a possible showdown with perennial power Kansas State, ranked 10th in preseason polls, played at a location

to be announced.

This year’s stellar recruiting class certainly wasn’t an accident.

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Head Basketball Coach

phenomenal job of bringing in the best class we have ever had here at Georgia Tech,” Berenato said. “We expect all of them to contribute immediately this season.”

Starting time could be given immediately to McDonald’s All-American Terry at 6’3” in the post, or the All-State Johnson at 6’2” on the wing.

In addition All-American honorable mention Megan Harpring will contend for playing time at guard after an outstanding career at Marist High in Atlanta. Harpring is the younger sister of Georgia Tech legend Matt Harpring, currently playing with the Utah Jazz.

The eight woman class also includes Jessica Williams, a 6’1” All State forward from Riverdale, GA, 5’11” guard Mallorie Winn from San Diego, CA, and 6’3” center Ashley Guerrant from East Lansing, MI. Cheytoria Phillips, a 6’0” forward from Raleigh, NC, and Kaylin Wells, a 5’10” guard from Marietta, GA round out the class.

The new year also brings change to the coaching staff, with the addition of ACC standout Brenda Kirkpatrick as an assistant coach. After a prominent career at Wake Forest and a year in a European league, Kirkpatrick comes to Tech with a wealth of experience sure to benefit the program.

For more information on women’s basketball visit ramblinwreck.com.

Jody says "Yeah, c'mon!"

football forecast

nique.net/footballforecast

'Nique editor-in-chief **jody shaw** remained on top after week one. He challenges the entire tech community in this season's football forecast.

Play online, and if you pick more games correctly than jody, your name will appear here in the next issue the 'Nique.

Spikers start off strong



By Dan Olausen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech volleyball game takes the court in its first home match this Friday after finishing 3-1 at a tournament last weekend in Fairfax, Virginia.

*By Al Przygocki
Senior Staff Writer*

The Lady Jackets started the Bond Shymansky era in fine fashion with a 3-1 mark in the Doubletree/Bri- on's Grille Patriot Invitational George Mason Classic in Fairfax, Virginia.

Tech opened the tournament with an opening round 3-0 win over Villanova. Sophomore Lynnette Moster led the way with 17 kills and 8 digs. Junior Kele Eveland had 30 assists in just two games as the Jackets cruised to victory.

Tech tallied a second victory with a 3-0 victory over Rice in round two. Moster again led the way with 12 kills and 14 digs. Eveland again racked up an impressive assist total with 41 assists. Tech was dominant both offensively and defensively as the Jackets hit .423 as a team while holding the Owls to a .094 percentage.

"I thought tonight we played dominant, which was great to see," said Head Coach Bond Shymansky. "Our offense fired on all cylinders, our defense was inspiring and our ball control was definitely the anchor to our success."

In round three, Coach Shymansky suffered the first loss of his ca-

reer as the Jackets fell to 14th ranked Northern Iowa in four hard-fought games. Moster again paced the Jackets with 15 kills and 15 digs with support from Alexandra Preiss with 12 kills and four block assists.

"We came out of the gates on fire, and had next to perfect execution, which is what we needed to beat Northern Iowa," said head coach Bond Shymansky. "Our inexperience as a team got exposed later in the match, but overall, we made a lot of positive improvements as a squad and I see a bright future in the rest of the season."

Tech downed George Mason in three straight games. Moster paced the attack with 15 kills and a career-high five service aces. Preiss once again controlled net play both on offense and on defense.

"George Mason is a quality team and made us work for ever point. I thought our outside hitters had a great performance, and Alexandra dominated at the net both with her blocking and her hitting," said Shymanski.

Tech finished the tournament as runner-up. For their efforts, Alexandra Preiss received Most Valuable Player honors, while Lynnette Moster was named to the all-tournament team.

Hewitt's No. 9 recruiting class pushes Tech to the top

By Finny Turner
Contributing Writer

After the unfortunate loss of teammate Michael Isenhower to leukemia over the summer, the Georgia Tech men's basketball team has even more reason to play with vindication. In spite of losing key players Tony Akins (17.9 PPG) and Clarence Moore (9.4 PPG), the team will return five starters, and boast a recruiting class ranked as high as ninth in the nation.

Yes, there were seven starters last year, but Coach Hewitt says that he feels who starts is not what matters, but who finishes the game when the

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Dean Keener
Men's Assistant Coach

score is close.

Robert Brooks, BJ Elder, Marvin Lewis, Ed Nelson and Luke Schenscher can definitely look forward to the depth the freshman class will bring along with them. With accolades too numerous to list, the incoming freshman will round out a team ready to win.

Incoming freshman Chris Bosh, from Lancaster, Texas is no stranger to high pressure play. He led his basketball team to an undefeated 40-0 record and to a state championship his senior year. As a 6'10" power forward weighing in at 210 pounds, he is ranked as one of the top ten recruits by nearly all polls.

During Bosh's senior year, he was named to first team all-American in *Parade* magazine, McDonald's, *Basketball America*, *SLAM* magazine and EA sports. He also won the distinguished second team all-American for USA Today. Named Mr. Basketball and Gatorade's player of the year in Texas, Bosh participated in USA's basketball Junior National Team. They competed in the World championships and won a bronze medal. As a left handed shooter, he averaged 21.8 shots, 12.2 rebounds and 3 blocks per game.

Jarrett Jack will be the much-anticipated replacement at point guard at 6'3", 198 pounds and wear the number 3 for Georgia Tech. From Fort Washington, Maryland, he comes in boasting 20.2 shots, 10.5 assists, 7.1 rebounds and 3.1 steals per game his senior year. Jack is ranked in the top 50 in the nation for the freshman class and in the top ten in the nation for point guards.

Assistant Coach Dean Keener, said Jack has an excellent chance to start considering the loss of four year starter, Tony Akins.

Theodis Tarver, wearing the number 44 for Tech, is a center/forward from Monroe, Louisiana. Tarver stands at 6'9" and weighs in at 230 pounds. Tarver led his high school basketball team to a state title. He comes in with over 20 point per game average and he also posted 13.8 rebounds and 5.2 blocked shots on average his senior year. Tarver was ranked No. 21 for power forwards in Rival Hoops.

Like the Australian Luke Schenscher, the team will gain another player who comes to Tech from overseas. Wearing number 10, freshman, Jim Nyström is from Stockholm, Sweden. As a 6'4", 200 pound, guard/forward, Nyström played in Sweden's basketball league for three years.

As a member of the Solna Vikings, Nyström was apart of three Swedish League Championships. He

averaged over 11 points per game and was recently named to the Sweden National Team.

Finally, freshman Mario West, will round out the 2002-2003 recruit class. A 6'3", 215 pound Georgia native from Douglasville, West averaged over 22 points per game, and received an all state honorable mention. He lettered all four years and was the team captain both his junior and senior year. Mario was named the MVP in the Morgan County Christmas Tournament.

Without a doubt, the freshmen will add to the already wonderful Jackets basketball program.

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people. They all come from good families and fit Georgia Tech, both athletically and academically. I hope that they will not only create good chemistry, but be good team players," Assistant Coach Dean Keener said.

The coaching staff is looking forward to the start of practice, which officially begins on October 12. Until then, the team will participate in weights, individual practices and yoga. Since the players are very young, the future looks bright for Tech men's basketball, especially since there will not be any graduating seniors next spring.

For more coverage of Tech's basketball squad, visit the AA website at www.ramblinwreck.com.



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The ACC Rookie of the Year Ed Nelson was a big impact for the team. The new freshman class is slated to bring even more success of the program.

Beyond the White and Gold

John Parsons tries his hand in the big leagues of money and pro baseball

By John Parsons
Senior Staff Writer

Before you read on, I have to warn you that I'm about to start acting like a professional baseball journalist, which means that I'm going to throw useless information at you until you run from the room screaming (great for my reader base, I know).

With the baseball strike looming last week, I started playing a game of "Who Makes How Much" using a website that listed salaries of selected players. What did I discover?

It seems that since A-Rod's mega-contract, a lot of players have been able to slip by with \$15 million deals seemingly unnoticed.

Who in the Yankees organization decided to pick up Raul Mondesi's \$13 million option for next year? On the other end of the spectrum, it's always funny to see young guys

like Lance Berkman making a cool half-mil this year.

What I ended up doing, of course, was putting together a small market all-star team and a team of overpaid has-beens. Take a look at this lineup for the small market team:

1. Rafael Furcal 2B \$405,000
2. Paul LoDuca C \$380,000
3. Lance Berkman LF \$500,000
4. Albert Pujols 3B \$600,000
5. Adam Dunn RF \$260,000
6. Nick Johnson 1B \$220,650
7. Juan Pierre CF \$500,000
8. Jimmy Rollins SS \$365,000

Take this lineup and add a starting rotation consisting of Roy Oswalt, Mark Buerhle, Jarrod Washburn, Barry Zito, and Wade Miller, then top it off with Eric Gagne at closer and other solid players filling out the roster and you've got a World Series Championship for less than \$10,000,000.

Of course, it would be impossible to get a group this solid while they're all still on their rookie contracts, but I can dream.

Now for the fun part. Don't we all love taking cheap shots at overpaid scrubs? My goal here was to spend more than the Yankees, yet have a team that would lose 100 games easily.

The monster that I have put together has a batting average of .231 and an ERA of 6.11 for the starting rotation.

Behold ladies and gentlemen, the All-Scrub Team:

1. Jay Bell 2B \$8M
2. Jeffrey Hammonds RF \$7M
3. Ken Griffey Jr. CF \$12.5M
4. Frank Thomas 1B \$9.927M
5. Matt Williams 3B \$9.5M
6. Greg Vaughn LF \$8.75M
7. Todd Hundley C \$6M
8. Rey Ordonez SS \$6M

Starting Rotation:

- Brad Radke \$8M
- Todd Stottlemire \$8M
- Chan Ho Park \$11M
- Mike Hampton \$8.5M
- Wilson Alvarez \$8M

Then I could anchor my DL with Kevin Brown and Darren Dreifort for \$15M and \$9M, respectively, and I've spent \$130.177M on the worst team in baseball.

There are a few warranted observations here. First of all, I've just signed the 1994 All-Star team, which just illustrates the fact that teams tend to way overspend on over-the-hill players.

I'll never understand why a guy that's 35 can still get a huge long-term contract so easily, based on what he did six or seven years ago.

Second, the beauty of this team is that most of the players are injury prone, so I could blow another 50-

60 million on players I'd need to actually play (read: lose) the games.

Since the strike in 1994, Williams, Hammonds, Hundley, and Griffey have combined for nine healthy seasons between them.

Add in the fact that Thomas and Vaughn have been hurt a lot in the last few years and I need players to fill in at six positions.

Finally, it's a miracle that the Diamondbacks were able to put together a World Series Championship team with \$25.5M tied up in terrible contracts with Bell, Williams, and Stottlemire.

It's amazing how much it can help to invest approximately \$20 million in both in Schilling and Johnson.

Fortunately for Orioles fans, Peter Angelos (owner of the Orioles) won't ever see this. If he did, he might be jealous of my money-wasting skills and try to top me. Now that would be bad for baseball.

Georgia Tech (1-0-0) at Connecticut (0-1-0)

Preview By: David Rottman

Coaches

New Tech head coach Chan Gailey, has plenty of experience coaching in the NFL, most recently as offensive coordinator of the Miami Dolphins. Gailey has a career record of 55-32-1 as a college and professional head coach. Connecticut's Randy Edsall, who served as defensive coordinator for the Jackets in 1998 under George O'Leary, has a career record of 9-25 as a head coach.

Advantage: Georgia Tech

Quarterbacks

The Jackets are lead by A.J. Suggs, a junior transfer from the University of Tennessee. Suggs is consistent and efficient in leading Chan Gailey's offense down the field. Sophomore Dan Orlovsky takes the helm for the Huskies. Orlovsky is coming off a mediocre performance against Boston College where he threw two interceptions and only one touchdown.

Advantage: Georgia Tech



Offensive Line

Tech's offensive line did not allow a single sack against Vanderbilt. Let by Sophomore All-America Nat Dorsey, the Jackets should dominate in the trenches. The Huskies allowed two sacks against Boston College, a team with a weaker pass rush than the Jackets.

Advantage: Georgia Tech

Defense

Tech returns eight starters from a year ago, including All-America defensive end Greg Gathers. Anchoring the defense with Gathers are arguably the ACC's top linebacker corps, led by junior middle linebacker Daryl Smith and senior outside linebacker Ricardo Wimbrush. The secondary is led by senior free safety Jeremy Muyres. Connecticut returns ten of eleven starters from a year ago. Topping the list is 2001 team MVP, strong safety Chris Meyer, who led the Huskies with ninety-four tackles and four interceptions a year ago.

Advantage: Georgia Tech



VS.



Running Backs

Georgia Tech got a tremendous debut from converted defensive back Tony Hollings against Vanderbilt. Hollings rushed for a game high 153 yards and two touchdowns. Tech also hopes to get senior tailback Sidney Ford back this week. Ford missed the Vandy game with a concussion. The UConn backfield starts two true freshmen in tailback Terry Caulley and fullback Deon Anderson.

Advantage: Georgia Tech

Wide Receivers

The Jackets have one of the most potent receiving corps in the nation. Tech's top wide-out, junior Jonathan Smith, could be back this week from an ankle sprain. However, if Smith cannot return, the Jackets will still get plenty play-making ability from seniors Will Glover and Kerry Watkins, sophomores Nate Curry and Levon Thomas, and highly touted true freshman Lekeldrick Bridges. Connecticut's Wes Timko, Matt Cutaia, and Shaun Feldeisen are slated as starters. However, the UConn offense will spread the ball around to a wide variety of targets.

Advantage: Georgia Tech



Special Teams

Georgia Tech returns one of the top special teams in the ACC from a year ago. Senior kicker Luke Manget is as consistent as ever with his ACC record of 137 PAT's in a row. Kelley Rhino is Tech's all-time leader in punt return yards after he surpassed his father Randy Rhino against Vanderbilt. Rhino was first team All-ACC a year ago. Connecticut has a sound kicking game, returning both their place kicker and punter from a year ago. Huskies' punter Adam Coles is on the preseason watch list for the Ray Guy award, given to the top collegiate punter each year.

Advantage: Even

Outlook

In the Huskies' debut in Division I-A, they made a strong showing against a solid Boston College team. The Jackets are coming off a blowout of Vanderbilt to kick off the Chan Gailey era. Tech will use a balanced attack to march the ball downfield against the Huskies. Connecticut does not have the experience or talent on offense to handle the veteran Tech defense. On paper this game is a blowout in the making, but do not underestimate a young team like the Huskies, who put on a good show before losing the lead in the second half against Boston College.

Prediction: Georgia Tech 42 - Connecticut 13