Beyond the White and Gold

A hunger for hockey

By Derek Haynes
Sports Editor

74,544 people were in attendance at Spartan Stadium, home of the Michigan State Spartans football squad, last weekend in East Lansing, Michigan. There were thousands of people tailgating before the game; some of the tailgaters even arrived at the break of dawn. Many people gathered along the expansive green campus and threw footballs, watched football, and talked football.

Tickets for the game sold out in less than nine days, which is nothing unusual for the two rival schools.

During the game, the wind gusted up to 30 m.p.h. and the temperature was only 40 degrees.

The game, carried by Fox Sports Net, was available to over 38 million homes in North America.

When the final horn blew, the Spartans had extended their unbeaten streak against the Wolverines to four thanks to a 3-3 tie.

Now, a brain teaser. How could each team score three points if neither had a field goal?

By scoring three goals.

In the south, if I were to say 20,000 people could attend a hockey game the statement would cause more stares than the Olsen twins walking the halls of a Conyers middle school.

The weekend event in Michigan showed what I feel is the biggest difference between the north and the south: hockey.

Michigan and Michigan State have sold out their games for years. Their annual bash at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit is always sold out. Schools like Minnesota and Wisconsin have the same attendance stories; now the Badgers are rumored to be formulating a plan to break the attendance record by playing a game at 76,000 capacity Camp Randall Stadium.

People in the south are really blowing this one.

Ann Arbor News writer Antoinette Pitts feels there are three reasons why hockey hasn’t traveled down south. Number one, the money. It can cost almost a million dollars to start a hockey program. Number two, gender equality. Number three, facilities. How many schools in Georgia have an ice rink at them?

Look for the next sport to be added to Tech’s varsity lineup to be soccer, a relatively cheap sport to run. But can someone imagine 74,000 people attending a college soccer game? If they can, they might as well run by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. They’ve got to be carrying something.

A soccer game simply can’t imitate the college hockey atmosphere. Hockey games up north are comparable to basketball games at Duke.

Maybe the biggest reason to realize hockey can be popular in the south is to hear what Michigan Hockey Coach Red Berenson, who has coached a national championship team, played for a Stanley Cup, and scored six goals in a game, told the News’ Pitts about the game.

“If Red Berenson is using words like ‘awesome’ and ‘incredible’ to describe the game, you know it’s something good,” said Pitts.
Intramural Notebook

A League Flag FB Ranking

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The Georgia Tech world has anxiously been awaiting my championship football picks, and Big J delivers.

A League Fraternity

No team has been as dominating in recent football memory as the fleet-footed Phi Gams. Beta is talented, but I can’t go against experience. Look for the Morris twins to carry FIJI to yet another flag football championship.

A League Independents

Jack “Bigshot” Nimble don’t know a thang about the Independents. So this one comes down to the names. Just Another Team, I hate that name. Old Heads - that’s just boring. Crackhead Armidillos is kinda interesting. Backfield in Motion is creative and seems to hint at something more. I like that.

B League

AE: Pi is demoralizing. Disciplined. Determined. I like the fifth-ranked team in an upset. I wish I could think of another word that begins with a D.
Tarred spikers venture home after loss

By Derrick Stanger
Assistant Sports Editor

Throughout the course of a year everyone comes upon hard times sooner or later. Along with the up-turns are the downturns. This is not just true for individuals though. Groups and teams alike face the same ebb and flow. It is simply how teams deal with the highs and lows that develops character and sportsmanship that will show how they will endure the times to come.

At one point in the season, Tech’s volleyball team was ranked among the top 25 in the nation, since then they have dropped out of the rankings and are fighting to put their name back up on that board. A win against the currently uncontested leader of the Atlantic Coast Conference, North Carolina at Chapel Hill would have helped immensely. This is something that has not been accomplished since 1997 when Tech upset UNC 3-2. Coach Shelton Collier stated that “for us to win, we will need Kele (Eveland) running our offense at a high level, Ky (Bell) and Maja (Pachale) to play big games for us, and we will need a great defensive effort.”

It was not Tech’s day. The Lady Jackets played a game plagued by errors and lost to UNC in three straight games, 27-30, 26-30, 22-30. It was during the second game that Tech had its best chance to win a game, but the Jackets had ten errors and allowed the Tar Heels to rally. Despite the loss, Tech did have some dominate individual performances. Tech was led by sophomore Amanda Hess and senior Maja Pachale, who each recorded eleven kills, and freshman Lynette Moster who had ten digs.

The Yellow Jacket team returns home this weekend for three matches, the first of which is this Friday against Maryland. On Saturday, they face the Cavaliers of Virginia at 7 p.m. and on the following Sunday they play Arkansas at 3 p.m. All the matches will be played in O’Keefe Gymnasium. At home, the Rambling Wreck has won five of their seven games with their only defeats coming at the hands of No. 12 Colorado State and ACC foe Duke. Coach Collier says that “certainly our team plays well at home, and after a loss like we had on the road last week, it will be good for us to play in our gym in front of our fans in order to regain some confidence we may have lost.”

ACC Standings (as of 10-9)

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Swarm

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“The original Swarm consisted of 250 crazy fans in the Northeast corner of the football stands.”

By Rob Hill / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Swarm members cheer on the Tech football team in the North Stands of Bobby Dodd Stadium. The squad also has a B-League volleyball team that has finished a combined 15-3 in the past three semesters of competition.

By David Rottmann
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Georgia Tech is clearly restaking its claim as one of the nation’s top collegiate golf programs as they followed a disappointing 10th place finish in the Ping/Golfweek Preview Invitational with their third straight title in the Carpet Capital Collegiate.

Paced by junior Troy Matteson, who finished the tournament at 3-under-par and tied for third individually with Georgia’s Ryan Hybl, Tech strode to an impressive ten-stroke victory. Matteson got plenty of help from his teammates, especially freshman Chan Wonglueki, who finished tied for fifth with a score of 2-under-par for the tournament. Three other Jackets, Kris Mikkelsen, Matt Weilbring, and Nicholas Thompson, finished tied for eleventh, tied for seventeenth, and tied for twenty-third, respectively.

Following the departure of 2001 Collegiate Player of the Year Bryce Molder, Matteson has filled in nicely as the Jackets top gunner. Matteson is shooting a team low average of 72.00 per round, tops by almost a full stroke over the talented Wonglueki and over a stroke above the veteran Mikkelsen.

Up next for the 2nd-ranked Jackets is the Jerry Pate Intercollegiate in Birmingham, Alabama on October 15.
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has started every game he has played in. This year he will be moving from outside linebacker to inside linebacker and will be replacing his child- hood idol Jessie Tuggle, who recently retired. He has shown that this will be a breakthrough season and is already one of the best middle line- backers of this season.

Marco Coleman

Over the years Coleman has been a very consistent player. While he is currently playing for the Washing- ton Redskins in his tenth year in the NFL, he started off with the Miami Dolphins and later joined the San Diego Chargers. Coleman was a key member of the 1990 Championship- ship Jackets. He was twice voted All-ACC and was picked for the All-American second team. He also held the record for most sacks for a Yellow Jacket with a total of 28. He maintained this pace as a member of the Dolphins averaging over six sacks a year with the Dolphins. Last year Coleman became one of the few bright spots on an underachieving team. He recorded a career and team high 12 sacks, dethroning Bruce Smith as the statistical leader of the team.

LeBron Flowers

Since entering the NFL, Flow- ers has always been a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers. As a Jacket, Flow- ers placed himself among the great safeties in Jacket history by record- ing 238 tackles during his tenure. When the Steelers drafted him in 1995, his playing time sharply de- creased. While playing mainly special teams, he still managed to lead his corps in tackles. It was not until the 1998 season, when Carnell Lake moved to corner, could he show his full ability. He quickly tied Levon Kirkland for most solo-tackles that season with 94. Since then he has started every game he has played in.

Dorsey Levens

Levens has also managed to stay with a single team his entire NFL career. However, since the Green Bay Packers drafted him he has been plagued by injuries. He did not have this problem while a Jacket. He was a transfer from Notre Dame and quickly became Tech’s starting tail- back. He scored 15 times over the following two years and set a Tech record with a 7.2 yard per carry average his senior year. As a Packer Levens recorded two 1000-yard sea- sons in 1997 and 1999. His 1998 season was limited to four games due to a hold out during contract negotiations and injuries. In the 2000 season he again was injured and replaced on the starting lineup by Ahman Green. This season Levens will be fighting Green for as many rushes as possible.

Also in NFL

Nick Ferguson (N YJ), Joe Hamilton (TB), Charlie Rogers (Sea), Travante Killman (Buf), Dez White (Chi), Rodney Williams (Sea), Travares Tillman (Buf), YJ), Joe Hamilton (TB), David Duval (NYM), Doug Creek (TB), David Newhan (Pit), Jay Payton (NYM), Kris Wilson (KC), Jason Varitek ( Bos)

Also in professional golf

Kevin Brown

Brown is currently a pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers. He is also the oldest former Tech player in the majors. This past year was his 15th year in the pros and his 14th con- secutive year in the majors. Every year that he has played he has main- tained a superb ERA. His best year came in 1996 when he had a 1.71 record and a 1.89 ERA and helped lead the Marlins to win the World Series. This past year as a Dodger he bested his career average ERA of 3.18 with a 2.65 and had a record of 18-4.

PGA

David Duval

Alongside Tiger Woods, David Duval has emerged as one of the great golfers of today. While play- ing as a Yellow Jacket, Duval be- came one of the three college players ever to be named All-American four times. He was also named collegiate player of the year in 1993. Once he ventured onto the professional tour he quickly climbed up the money chart. In his second year he earned more than any other second-year player had won in PGA Tour His- tory. He has also won 13 PGA tour- naments but struggled when it came to the late rounds of majors. That is until this year, when he finally won that first elusive major at the British Open. In the years to come he should keep golf relatively interesting and provide Tiger Woods with some competition. Duval is one of the few people analysts feel can chal- lenge Woods tournament-by-tour- nament.

Stewart Cink

Stewart Cink has developed his golf game well over the years. While he is not on the leader board as often as Duval, he has won his share of tournaments. Cink turned pro in 1995 and has since won two PGA events, including the MCI classic, and one international event. He graced the leader board in this sea- son’s US Open for the first two rounds but could not pull off a vic- tory. His collapse at the Open was the subject of several feature stories. Time will tell how well Cink will prove to be in the upcoming years.

Also in professional golf

Bryce Molder, Matt Kuchar, Tripp Isen- hoot, Larry Mize.
Being Buzz: ESPN spot one of the many perks

By Robert Cunningham
Senior Writer

Anyone who has ever attended a Tech sporting event more than likely knows who Buzz is. The lovable Tech mascot is both cheerleader and ambassador, and is as much a part of Tech community as the Ramblin’ Wreck.

Although Buzz’s origins are rather ambiguous, it is known that Buzz showed up at a game sometime in the early 1980s as an unofficial cheerleader, and was soon adopted by the GT cheerleading squad. Today Buzz is actually a member of the cheerleading squad and even attends a special mascot camp hosted yearly by the National Cheering Association at Myrtle Beach.

Because of his popularity, Buzz is called upon for many duties as the official Tech mascot. Along with the obvious duty of attending sporting events, Buzz is involved with charity events, team photos, sports conventions, and official Georgia Tech events such as the annual President’s Dinner. Buzz can also be hired for social gatherings, such as weddings and birthday parties.

Another one of Buzz’s duties is to help choose a successor during cheerleading tryouts. Buzz hopefuls attend a three-day camp during tryouts in which they are taught how to be Buzz, learning the walk, mannerisms and hand gestures. After the workshop, tryouts are held, where the former Buzz joins other judges to decide who will receive the honor of being the next Buzz.

One must be in peak physical condition in order to be Buzz. In addition to the burden of wearing the Buzz suit during football games, Buzz must do push-ups every time the Tech football team scores. This may not seem bad at first, but imagine how difficult this would be during a game like this year’s Navy game, which Tech won 70-7. Since Buzz did push-ups every time Tech scored, then he did a total of 385 push-ups during the game. To maintain this level of fitness, Buzz works out almost every day with weights in the Wardlaw Building, located behind the south end zone of Grant Field.

To preserve the mystique of Buzz certain ground rules must be followed. The first rule is that nobody is allowed to know who Buzz is until after his term is complete. The second rule is that Buzz is not allowed to talk while in uniform. To compensate for this, Buzz makes great use of hand gestures to express his ideas and feelings. The final rule is that Buzz is never supposed to start a fight, but he is always expected to finish them. One example of Buzz having to defend himself happened at a Duke football game in Durham two years ago.

During the game the Blue Devil attacked Buzz with a giant flyswatter that he had made. Buzz fought back, grabbing the flyswatter away from the Blue Devil and beating him with it. After he had sufficiently embarrassed the Blue Devil, Buzz walked in front of the Duke fans and broke the flyswatter in half, throwing the remains into the trash.

Although Buzz is well known around campus he has also made quite an impact on the rest of the world, winning his third national mascot competition in 2000. As well as being the No. 1 mascot in the nation, Buzz has appeared in many sports television commercials, including one on ESPN’s Sports Center.

It’s hard to imagine life at Tech without Buzz. He has ingrained himself into students’ lives, even going as far as having his very own Buzz Card made. Always friendly and full of spirit, Buzz will continue to represent Tech as one of the best college mascots in the nation.
**Life after the White and Gold**

Few college athletes continue their careers at the next level, but several former Tech athletes are not performing but excelling at basketball, football, baseball, and golf.

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**Techsters swarm to join student-run cheerleading squad**

By Robert Cunningham
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