

Volleyball extends streak, recognizes seniors

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Jayme Gergen goes up for the block in a match over the weekend. Gergen is one of five seniors on the team; the seniors were honored before their final ACC home game against Wake Forest on Sunday.

On a weekend that saw the seniors play their final home ACC games, Tech volleyball moved one step closer to being the first team since 1997 to go through the regular season conference schedule undefeated.

The team improved to 21-5 after sweeps of Duke and Wake Forest, and the Jackets have now won 19 consecutive games. Despite the late season surge, the Jackets remain just on the outside looking in for the USA Today Top 25.

On Friday, Tech preserved its undefeated ACC season and locked up the outright ACC regular season title for the second straight year. The Jackets swept Duke (30-28, 30-26, 30-23) and were led by a solid offensive and defensive performance.

Lindsey Laband recorded 58 assists while Lynnette Moster managed 21 kills and 16 digs. Lauren Sauer and Jayme Gergen had 15 and 13 kills, respectively. Defensively, Marisa Aston and Abby Shower had 20 and 10 digs, respectively.

In the first game despite leading most of the way, the Blue Devils pulled the game to within one at 29-28 before Tech finished them off. In the second game, Duke led 25-24 and had led for the majority of the way before Tech came back to grab the game from the Blue Devils.

In the final game the teams exchanged points until the Jackets took control of the game after Duke tied the score up at 21 points apiece. For the three games there were 30 ties and 30 lead changes amongst the two squads.

"I was a bit disappointed," said Head Coach Bond Shymansky. "Defensively, we played a sloppy game, but it shows the maturity of our team. I was happy that we pulled out such a hard fought match."

Before the Wake Forest game, five seniors were honored and recognized for their achievements over the past few seasons. Gergen, Sauer, Moster, Aston, and Laura Kuhn compiled a 30-2 ACC record and now are two

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Head volleyball coach

wins away from a perfect end to their ACC careers. Gergen ended her home career by garnering ACC Player of the Week honors for the second time this season.

"My favorite moment [with the seniors] was this year at UNC," Laband said. "We played really hard, and won a very tough match. It was very emotional watching them [before the game]."

"I'm really going to miss this group of seniors," Shymansky said. "They really put us on the map

and have helped to put us on the national stage.

"Their play has helped us to land some very good players, and set the program up for success in the years to come. The win today was a great way for them to end their careers here in front of our fans, but we are also looking forward ending their careers on a high note here at Georgia Tech."

In the final home ACC match, Tech defeated Wake Forest in three games (30-15, 30-22, 30-19). Gergen's 12 kills and seven blocks helped to pave the way for an easy victory by the Jackets. Out of a total of 55 digs, Aston, Showers and Laband had 13, 11 and 10, respectively.

Five Tech players managed to record service aces, including the first ace of Jacqui Beebe's career. Moster, Gergen, Aston and Jennifer Randall also recorded aces in the match.

In the third game of the match, Wake Forest led 14-13 and kept the game close, trailing 17-16 before Tech finally put them away after a timeout.

"I think that the [sloppy] play in the third game was due to the emotion of the seniors," Shymansky said. "At the end, they wanted it to be over, but we just didn't make the plays to finish the job"

The final home game for the seniors will be against Winthrop on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The Jackets will be in action this weekend at Maryland and Virginia.

Starting Tuesday, the team will travel to Charlottesville, Va. and stay until the squad is eliminated or wins the ACC Tournament Championship.

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no names, please
If FIGs was a fruit he would be a cumquat
Melvin licks figs goodies
I saw a drug raid on west campus in '99
they had big guns and kevlar
The dealers got kicked out of school and one got a decade
I am polite at UGA where there are hot girls!!
alcohol is a drug
caffine is a drug
if star bucks can make a buck off a drug why can't I
keep racism to a minimum, please
your momma slept with me for durgs
if I was a fruit I would star fruit or maybe a passion fruit
backdoors and hershey kisses are what figs likes the best
figs = hershy highway
I like freshman chicks with no underwear
thong or commando?
commando!!!!!!!
The only "datable" chicks on campus are freshman
the rest are to aloof
can i be excused? My brain is full...
Ray Charles = Jamie Foxx + Oscar
...can't we all just get along?
To the fellows - Bluntness is the way to a girl's pants
MIA: Phish. Small Brown East Campus Kitten. Have You Seen Phish????
Guy who called girls hungry children in a room with chocolate, your second date here was your last.

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The interception returned for a touchdown was one of three that Tech quarterback Reggie Ball threw, as part of a mediocre overall performance for the quarterback. Ball threw only nine completions out of 28 attempts.

He did, however, make the plays when they were needed, including an early touchdown pass to Jimmy Dixon in addition to the go-ahead scoring throw to Thomas, but with only 91 yards passing on the day, and a 60-yard interception return for a touchdown, the numbers were not pretty for the Tech passer.

Freshman phenom Calvin Johnson continued to impress with a spectacular 27-yard, one-handed reception. He had three total receptions for 47 yards.

The numbers were not expected to be pretty for the rushing attack either, considering Tech had not won without Daniels in the backfield.

An early injury to second-string back Chris Woods left the ground game in a precarious position, indeed.

Grant, the third string tailback out of Tampa, Fla. quickly showed everyone why there was little cause for alarm. With significant contributions from Woods and Ball, the team rolled up 178 net rushing yards.

With no turnovers other than through the air and fewer penalties than in previous games, the ninth victory in 10 years over N.C. State was crucial for the Jackets as they go on to face UConn this weekend.

Losing to N.C. State would have meant that the team would have needed victories over Connecticut and either Virginia or UGA, a daunting task for the team, to become bowl-eligible.

Now, a victory this weekend at Grant Field over Connecticut would ensure that the team will be bowl-eligible for the eighth consecutive year. The Jackets take on the Huskies this Saturday at 1 p.m.

Crew continues successful campaign

By Jennifer Allen
Contributing Writer

Every member of the Tech crew team knows and says the same thing; "You give it your all every time you get into the boat."

This is true for all sports, but especially in crew. Nine people get into the boat and nine people have to cross the finish line no matter what; crew is truly a team sport.

"The best part of being on crew is being able to be close with so many people," said first-year Meagan Norris. The "Crew family" has been expanding since it was founded in 1985 by Michael May and Mark Turner.

The crew season runs year round. The fall season races are head races. Head races are races where the boats go to the starting line and are launched at evenly spaced time intervals. The race course is 6,000 meters in length. Each boat is timed from the starting line until it crosses the finish line. The boat with the fastest time wins gold.

So far this fall season, Tech crew has been doing well; the team brought home the Team Points Trophy at the Head of Chattanooga and the Head of the Tennessee. The varsity competed in the Head of the Charles, the biggest regatta held in Boston, where the men's Champ 8 took 7th place and earned a berth to next year's regatta.

This past weekend Tech hosted its own regatta, the Head of the Chattahoochee.

The camaraderie and sportsmanship always comes out at regattas, and it was no surprise to see all the Tech rowers cheering on their teammates as they came down the course. "You know what they are going through because everyone is pulling for the same goal," second-year Kristie Ludvigsen said.

"When we are all catching to-



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The Tech crew team has been quite successful this fall. The group won the team points competition at the Head of Chattanooga and the Head of the Tennessee with many individual boats placing highly.

gether, it is the best feeling," fourth-year Alexis Fairweather said.

Catching together means that all the people in the boat are moving in sync with each other—they are moving as one. In crew this is the most important part. If the team does not move together, the boat goes nowhere.

Another major aspect of rowing is the coxswain, the person who sits in the front of the boat. He or she not only steers the boat, but also he or she keeps the rowers motivated. The coxswain can see all that is going on in the boat. With this viewpoint he or she has the ability to correct errors and to set a good rhythm. If rowers are not catching together it is the coxswain's job to try and get them back in sync.

"When I see all of the blades go into the water and catch at once, it's great. I call them my machine," said coxswain Janelle Springer.

The sport, while serious, does

have its fun side. The tent is the place where most rowers congregate after their race is over. The tent is a place to socialize, relax, stretch out and eat. It's first come, first serve

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Coxswain

here. "Food and rowing are wonderfully inseparable," third-year Hunter Dreidame said.

While food is an essential for rowing, as it supplies the rowers

with the needed energy, another interesting aspect of rowing is the difference between lightweight and heavyweight.

Being a lightweight or a heavyweight determines which boat you will be allowed to row in during races. To be considered a lightweight you must weigh-in at or below a designated weight.

The last race of the 2004 fall season will be this weekend in Tennessee. As the Tech crew fall season comes to an end, the rowers will begin to gear up and get ready for the spring season that starts in March. The spring season concentrates on sprint races. In a sprint race, boats row a shorter distance and the first one across the finish line wins.

If you are interested in joining the Tech crew team, then there will be meetings held in the third week of January, or you can go to the club's website, gtcrew.com for more information.

SLIVER

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If you see Phish, be nice to him. He likes tuna, milk, and sitting on printers.

I believe the question of stray cats around campus needs to be addressed. I mean, don't get me wrong, I love cats--but I could never eat a whole one.

Use the force, Mark!

...when does the hurting stop?

being in love sucks

The Two Bits man made me tear! Go boy show those sadomasochistic physics people what they deserve!

OH MAN i'm really sorry katherine

Bah! Bloody dromedaries!

What is the point of watching ghetto, overpaid athletes on TV who have way too big of an attitude and no respect for anything... oh wait, the NBA is on!

ESPN never looked so good- and the Tech special with our boys was hot!!! I LOVE YOU PAUL HEWITT!!

2004-2005 GT BASKETBALL: Yeah, baby! We never had it so good!

Wow, I got a lot of goodies at Insurrection, I mean 9 1/2 weeks for you old people... should start making this a weekly trip!

HEY POO: I LOVE YOU, BOO.

Bros before Hoes -Father Cornelius

Rhode Island boys do it better.

Can "Mr. Clutch" Will Bynum even drive a stick? I think the 'Nique needs to get an exclusive on that.

Let it rain, Room 413!!!

So I watched the CMA awards and it was the first time in a while that I saw an awards show without ass and tits hanging out everywhere.

It was kind of nice. Pretty good music too.

Nomar doesn't see well. Very disconcerting for a sight hound.

Why don't you ever eat the pretzels??

i think my boyfriend doesn't like me. actually i know it.

DotA 5.xx Pros Pick No DL.!

Figs = F+iggie Smalzs



GEORGIA TECH (5-3) VS. CONNECTICUT (5-3)

By Kyle Thomason



Four Key Questions

Tech, fresh off of a 24-14 win over N.C. State, needs one victory to become eligible for a bowl. This week they host Connecticut, the last currently unranked opponent on Tech's schedule.

Last week's win was marked by tough defense and a strong running attack. Against the Wolfpack, Tech's defense scored as many touchdowns as they allowed—one.

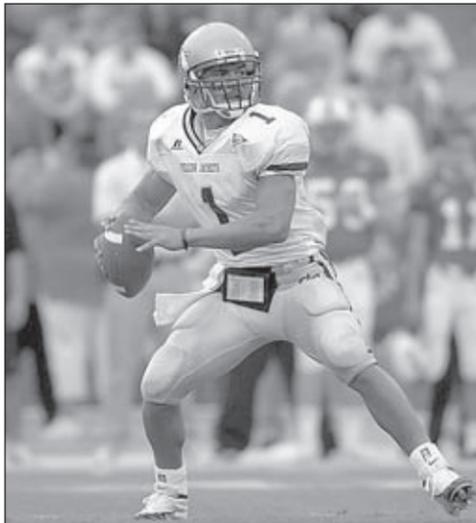
The offense was led by redshirt freshman running back Rashaun Grant, who turned in his first career 100-yard performance against the Wolfpack.

Tech and UConn have met once previously, two years ago in Storrs, Conn. The Jackets prevailed 31-14 in the contest.

"[The Huskies] have improved tremendously. Most of them were sophomores two years ago and now they are seniors and that makes a huge difference. So they really are a different football team."

Chan Gailey

Tech head coach



By Bill Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

• Will Connecticut star Dan Orlovsky have another big game for the Huskies?

Orlovsky, the starting quarterback for the Huskies, earned Big East player of the week honors for his last performance against Syracuse. He completed 39 passes for 445 yards. The 445 yards are the most thrown for by any quarterback against a BCS Conference opponent in the nation this year. Orlovsky was also efficient; he completed 76.5 percent of his throws, which resulted in three touchdowns.

Orlovsky holds the Connecticut record for passing yardage (9,715) and completions (821). He currently ranks fourth in the nation in passing and ninth in total offense. Orlovsky does a nice job of involving a multitude of receivers; seven Huskies have recorded at least 10 catches this season.

• How will Reggie Ball bounce back from a subpar performance against N.C. State?

Last week, Ball completed only nine of 27 passes for 91 yards against the Wolfpack. He was able to put points on the board, throwing for a pair of touchdowns, but was also intercepted three times in the victory. One of the interceptions was returned for a touchdown, and Ball saved another interception return from turning into a score by drawing a holding penalty as he chased down the Wolfpack defender.

Ball must complete a higher percentage of his passes to complement the strong running game the Jackets have demonstrated. Otherwise, it will be difficult for Tech to keep the defense well-rested and on the sidelines.

• Will Tech be able to keep its focus with a pair of games against ranked opponents ahead for the Jackets?

With games against Virginia and Georgia in the two weeks following this contest, it will be difficult for the Jackets not to look ahead. UConn, now a member of the Big East, is greatly improved from two years ago when the Jackets last played the Huskies.

Tech players know that they must win another game to become eligible. The Jackets have played in bowl games each of the past seven years, and the best chance for the team to go become eligible to extend the streak to eight will come on Saturday against UConn. This should be plenty of motivation for the team.

• Will Connecticut's defense be able to slow down the Jackets' rushing attack?

On the season, UConn has given up an average of 160 yards per game on the ground. The Huskies started out the season strong against the run, but have allowed 324, 199 and 281 rushing yards respectively against West Virginia, Temple and Syracuse the past three weeks.

The porous run defense has translated into the Huskies allowing an average of nearly 35 points per game over the same time period. If Tech can establish the run, as they have done in many of their top performances this year, a Yellow Jacket victory could be in the cards.

In their first season of full membership in the Big East, Connecticut is still finding a great deal of success. The Huskies went 9-3 last year, and they are 5-3 this season. They need one more victory to become bowl-eligible.

UConn throws the ball often; senior quarterback Dan Orlovsky has broken several school records, and the Huskies are near the top of the NCAA in passing yardage.

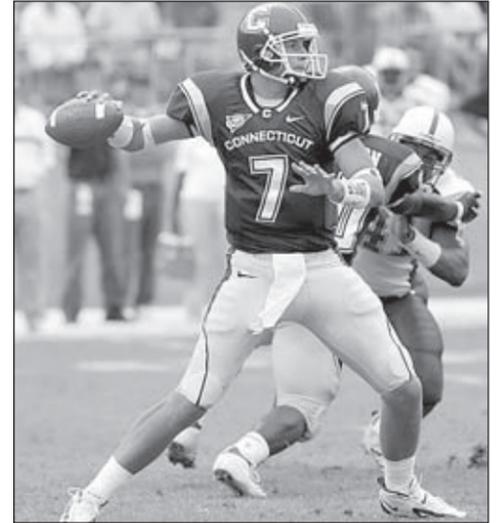
This team is more experienced and has played a much more challenging schedule to prepare for the game than the UConn team Tech defeated two years ago.

This is UConn's second game against an ACC opponent this season; they defeated Duke 22-20 on Sept. 11.

"None of us really care about individual records. The only record I really want is to have my name next to the best team UConn has ever had. We'll continue to work toward that goal..."

Dan Orlovsky

UConn senior quarterback



Courtesy of UConn Athletic Communications

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Athletes seek conversation, relaxation

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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Darius Williams and Ajenavi Ezemiefe sign autographs for fans. This is just one of the unique situations student athletes may encounter.

By Joshua Cuneo
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If you see P.J. Daniels, a third-year Management major, while you're walking down Skiles, he may approach you with a warm smile and a friendly handshake.

He'll then strike up a conversation, if for no other reason than to make a friend and break through your stares of star-struck admiration. After all, it's not every day that one gets to meet a star running back.

Most students aren't used to being greeted with this sort of silent awe, but for many of Tech's most prominent student athletes, it's a fact of everyday life. With their faces plastered all over television, newspapers and game programs, these athletes have become famous celebrities instantly recognizable to the majority of the Tech student

body.

"It's kind of weird when you're walking and people are looking at you funny, but they never really say anything to you," said Jarrett Jack, a third-year management major and a guard on the basketball team. "I think I'm a very approachable person, and I'd rather you say something to me rather than just look at me."

Jack's response is typical of many student athletes, who consider themselves ordinary members of the Tech student body.

"I look at it as, 'I'm just P.J., man,'" Daniels said. "I tend to forget sometimes... [When they stare], I say to myself, 'Man, am I that cute? Am I that handsome?'" he laughed.

Members of Tech's top athletics programs generally commit themselves to 15 or more hours of training a week. This means they usually have few opportunities during the season

to spend time with friends.

"[You] still have to study, have to keep your grades up," said B.J. Elder, a fourth-year Management major and a guard on the basketball team. "[You] try to squeeze it in where you can."

"Our days are very strenuous, and the workload here is definitely no secret," Jack added. "Managing our time is definitely a tough task."

With such schedules, athletes often have to wait until the off-season to enjoy the other aspects of college life.

"The spring-time is when we usually have a lot of our free time, and that's where we try and do as much as we can on campus," said Lynnette Moster, a fourth-year Management major and outside hitter for the volleyball team.

The time spent in practice comes on top of the time spent in class, where student athletes insist that their celebrity status affords them no special advantages.

"I mean, they do understand that when we go out of town, then we've missed certain things. They allow us to make it up, which I think is only fair," Elder said; he added that otherwise, "[We're] treated the same as all the other students."

However, Jack said that some professors remain wary around student athletes.

"They know you're a student athlete, and...they think you're going to use it to try to get over on them," he said. "That may not be the case. It's just, we have to go through a lot more things than the normal student."

"[The professors] don't do a lot of stuff for us, you know," Moster said. "Like, everyone says that, 'Oh, athletes get all of this.' It's not true. [The professors] understand that it's against regulations to do that."

Student athletes do receive the same impartial treatment from some classmates, although that doesn't stop some of them from expressing their admiration.

"Some of them are excited to be group members with us, 'cause they want to hear about our schedules and all the stuff that we have to do," Moster said.

While their sport is in season, student athletes find themselves socializing mainly within their team. According-

ing to Jack, this does not put them at a disadvantage. In fact, working together in close quarters for long stretches of time helps develop a personal bonding experience.

"I think we're a very, very close-knit team," Jack said. "[I] know that I can have a relationship with each one of them and not feel alienated at all." That sense of bonding means the friendship carries on outside of the team.

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However, other athletes like Daniels prefer to spend time outside of practice away from the team.

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In Saturday's play the Tribe lost to Illinois 15-10. "We came out pretty strong and led after halftime, but we let up a run, and they ended up winning. That was kind of disappointing because we definitely felt like we let that game get away."

After the loss to Illinois, Tech won their next three games. Those wins put the Tribe in second place going into the second and final day of play.

On Sunday the Tribe's first game was against the University of Colorado, the defending national champions. Tech lost 11-8. "I think Sunday we came out flat," Gajarawala said. "We got down early [against Colorado] 4-0 and couldn't get back all the way and ended up losing. That was kind of disappointing because we had higher expectations for Sunday after our great day Saturday."

Next, Tech played against two more teams that qualified for the national tournament last year. The Tribe beat Iowa and lost to Michigan St. giving them four wins and three losses at the two day tournament. The Tribe's overall record is now 9-6 this year.

The heart of the Ultimate season lasts from February to April on the road to nationals. To get to nationals, a team must advance first through sectional and then regional play. Only 12 teams in the nation play in the national tournament.

"I think always our goal is to make nationals. We haven't been there in a long time. We definitely feel we are capable of it," Gajarawala said.

Tech plays in the South section of the Atlantic Coast region. For sectionals, Tech competes against college teams from South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Regional competition features schools from a total of six states.

More information is available about the team at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/ultimate.

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Basketball defeats Kennesaw State in exhibition

By Vishal Patel
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Even though Tech moved up a notch to No. 3 in the preseason Associated Press rankings this past week, the team did not play up to its potential as evidenced by Coach Paul Hewitt's reaction to last weekend's 80-60 victory over Kennesaw State.

"I thought we weren't aggressive," Hewitt said according to ramblinwreck.com. "I thought Kennesaw State did an excellent job of putting us back on our heels."

Granted, KSU was last year's Division II champion, which is a level of skill that is different from past exhibition games in which Tech has often faced off against easier clubs and traveling teams.

A trio of returning starters, point guard Jarrett Jack, guard B.J. Elder, and center Luke Schenscher starred in their season premiere. Jack distributed the ball effectively with nine assists in the contest.

Jack also added 14 points and four steals while only committing a single turnover in the game. Sixteen points from Elder, and a solid six of seven shooting performance from Schenscher were enough to seal the outcome.

Despite the sharp performances from the veterans, Kennesaw State managed to expose several areas in which improvement is necessary for the Jackets.

The challenge of a tougher exhibition opponent brought out some of

the struggles of the second stringers as well as the new freshmen, who had their first look at competitive action in the NCAA. Even though the starters combined for 52 points in 101 combined minutes, the rest of the squad could only contribute 28 points in 99 combined minutes, with the majority coming in the second half when Kennesaw started chopping at the Tech lead, which was as large as 31 points at one time in the second half.

The Jackets led 51-28 at half-

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Paul Hewitt
Head basketball coach

time, but the team's second half performance was not nearly as impressive. KSU outscored Tech by three points as a less experienced Jacket squad spent most of the half on the court.

"Our freshmen are going to have to understand that they're playing against bigger, stronger guys who are well-coached," Hewitt said.

The team as a whole, though, had a tough time at the free throw line. Against KSU, they shot less than 50 percent from the charity stripe, a place where they shot just short of 70 percent during last year's campaign.

"[Head coach] Tony [Ingle] did an excellent job of getting them in our face in the last 10 minutes and making us look like we were timid," Hewitt said.

The struggles did not end with shooting. Among the other things that need to be addressed before the season starts is rebounding, a problem which the Jackets had last year, as opponents had relative freedom on the glass, grabbing roughly 37 rebounds a game. Against KSU, Luke Schenscher was held without a single board and freshman Jeremis Smith quietly led Tech with eight.

"Jeremis is not one of those guys who you have to worry about being timid," Hewitt said. "The mistakes he makes are out of aggression, and that's never bad. We've got to get everyone else in the same mindset." The freshman also added four points and two assists in 20 minutes of play.

Perhaps the centerpiece of future practices after Saturday could concern free throw shooting, which was a less than spectacular 9-for-21 in comparison to KSU's 15-for-20 performance.

"That was horrible," Hewitt said about shooting from the line as reported by the *Macon Telegraph* on Nov. 7. "We shoot 50 free throws a day. It's a matter of concentration.



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Forward Anthony McHenry goes up for a score in Tech's 80-60 victory over Kennesaw State in an exhibition game last Saturday.

These guys have to know that when they play college basketball, they have to be ready, thinking the game and seeing the game."

The Jackets have one more exhibition game this Sunday Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. against LeMoyne. The regular season starts Nov. 19 against Alabama State at home.

"I wanted to see what we would

do defensively," Hewitt said in a post-game recap, "because I knew they were going to throw some different things at us. We put in more sets, more concepts, if you will, for this game than we did by this time last year. It was good. It forced us as coaches to put a lot of stuff in. And it forced our players to really think the game."

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BRIDGET'S BACK

Bridget Jones is back on the big screen. The sequel does not live up to the expectations created by its predecessor. Page 22

GUARD DUTY

When the colorguard takes the field, there are always two members with different uniforms; they're the guys in the guard. Page 12



Grant, Jackets sprint past Wolfpack

By Andy Holt
Contributing Writer

On Saturday the Jackets and runningback Rashaun Grant proved that just because no one named P.J. is in the lineup does not mean Tech can't run the ball. Racking up 122 yards on the ground, Grant helped push the Jackets to a clutch 24-14 victory against N.C. State in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Jackets were able to bounce back from a tough loss the previous week against Virginia Tech and come through with an important victory. This time it was Tech's opponent who saw a late lead disappear.

The game wasn't over until the final minutes. A Travis Bell field goal began the fourth quarter scoring for Tech, pulling the Jackets to within a touchdown at 14-10. Bell, a redshirt freshman, has converted nine of 10 attempted field goals on the season.

A one-yard slant pass to Levon Thomas from quarterback Reggie Ball with 7:15 remaining pushed the Jackets into the lead for the first time in the contest.

It wasn't until the final seconds were draining away that the game was sealed as Kenny Scott ran the third interception thrown by the Wolfpack quarterback Jay Davis back 49 yards for the final touchdown of the game. With a 10-point advantage,



By Bill Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Redshirt freshman Rashaun Grant fights for an extra yard against N.C. State on Saturday. Grant, the Jackets' third-string running back, rushed for 122 yards in the Jackets' 24-14 victory over the Wolfpack.

the Jackets had officially taken the game away from N.C. State.

The defense had another very solid performance on Saturday. The unit kept the game close to set up the Jackets' fourth quarter rally. Scott's interception was joined by a pair from cornerback Reuben Houston.

Talented running back T.A.

McLendon was held to just 50 yards and the team to only 72 yards on the ground. This marks the fourth time the Tech defense has held an opponent under the century mark.

The Jackets also forced a fumble and recorded five sacks in the dominating defensive performance. Safety James Butler, who is among

the nation's best at the position, led the team with eight tackles. Of course, three missed N.C. State field goals and an interception return for a touchdown that was called back certainly did not hurt in keeping the Wolfpack's scoring total down.

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by the numbers

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The number of field goals redshirt freshman kicker Travis Bell has missed this year. Bell has hit on all nine attempts since failing to convert on his first kick of the season. Bell has also connected on all 19 extra point attempts this year. For his work, Bell has been named a semifinalist for the Lou Groza award, which is given to college football's top kicker.

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The number of combined Big East regular season championships Connecticut has won in all sports since 1990. The Huskies have also won 10 national championships, one of which resulted from Connecticut's victory over Tech to win the NCAA Tournament in basketball. This is UConn's first year as a full member of the Big East for football.

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Knockdown blocks recorded by senior offensive lineman Andy Tidwell-Neal in Saturday's game against N.C. State. Tidwell-Neal was named Wendy's Athlete of the Week along with tennis standout Kacie Anson for his performance against the Wolfpack.

Ultimate impresses in Athens

By Patrick Odneal
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Tech's ultimate team competed in the Classic City Classic last weekend. The Tribe finished with a respectable 4-3 record and handed eventual champion Kansas its only loss of the tournament.

The Tribe, Tech's Ultimate team, traveled to Athens this past weekend and matched up against some of the best teams in the nation in the Classic City Classic (CCC) tournament. On Nov. 6 the Tribe beat the club team from the University of Kansas 15-13. It was the only loss Kansas sustained en route to winning the tournament.

After being down 10-8 at half-time, the Tribe came back in the

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second half to beat the eventual champions. "We were really happy with the way we played," said Ultimate Club President Parag Gajarawala. "That was a big win for us."

The Kansas team was one of nine teams at the CCC that qualified for the national tournament last year. Tech faced five of those national qualifiers and beat three of them at the tournament this past weekend.

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Golfers place third after strong finish

The Jackets finished third overall in the Carpet Capital Collegiate in Rocky Face, Ga. this past weekend. The team posted an even-par 288 on Sunday, which tied for the best round of the tournament. Individually, sophomore Kevin Larsen tied for sixth overall, finishing four strokes over par for the weekend.

Women excel at Tech Invitational

The women's tennis team posted an impressive performance in the Georgia Tech Invitational over the weekend. Tech won nine of 12 doubles matches and captured 18 of 24 singles matches, competing against players from Florida State, Maryland and Marshall. Juniors Kelly Anderson and Kacie Anson led the Jackets, finishing undefeated in singles and doubles play.

Swimmers split with N.C. State

The men's swimming and diving squad defeated N.C. State, and the women fell by a single point to the Wolfpack last Friday. Senior Jaelyn Keys won the 50-freestyle for the women.

Junior swimmer Sam Morgan finished first in the 500-freestyle and the 1000-freestyle, and sophomore diver Tony Burkhardt captured victories in the one-meter and three-meter springboard events for the men.

Gergen receives Player of Week

After stellar performances against Central Florida, Duke and Wake Forest, senior Jayme Gergen was named the ACC Volleyball Player of the Week. This is the second time Gergen has won the award this season.

The middle blocker currently leads the ACC in hitting percentage and has the most blocks on the Tech squad. This marks the fifth time a Tech player has been named Player of the Week this year.

Grant, Houston earn ACC honors

Redshirt freshman runningback Rashaun Grant was named the ACC Rookie of the Week after rushing for 122 yards on 20 carries in Tech's 24-14 victory over N.C. State.

Junior cornerback Reuben Houston was selected as ACC Defensive Back of the Week for his performance against the Wolfpack. Houston intercepted two passes, both of which led to Jacket touchdowns.