Kele

of his players. “I would play for him four years over in a second,” said Eveland. Shymansky’s ability to balance the different aspects of the college game has impressed his starting setter.

“They way he controls the business part and the coaching part has always been extremely respectable,” said Eveland. Eveland said the coach has the respect of the entire team – no questions asked.

Basketball is another aspect of her life that she keeps close. It is Eveland’s favorite sport to play. “Probably because I rarely get to play it… I just go out and shoot — when I’m mad, or when I just need a release; from school, from volleyball, from people,” said Eveland. Understandable, but can she touch rim? “Oh no, this girl doesn’t jump well… I shoot, I’m a decent shooter and I have moves, but I don’t jump,” she said. That may explain the reason she choose setter.

It is actually high school basketball that draws the biggest parallel to her current college volleyball career. Her high school basketball team also experienced a breakout year during her junior season—similar to last year’s in volleyball. And like her senior basketball year in high school, the volleyball team faces high expectations coming into 2003. So, for Eveland, this may be a season of déjà vu—hopefully with a similar or better ending.

Family has played a crucial role throughout Kele’s entire life. “I couldn’t live without them, I love them…going home is just a big party,” said Eveland. In a family full of athletes, ‘the best’ is always a topic of debate. “My brother never gets mentioned, but he’s a great athlete too and claims he has the best shot and best hands in the family… but I can beat him in shooting.”

Deciding the best volleyball player is a different story—all four of the girls bring something unique to the playing table: Kele is a setter; of her two older sisters, one is a mean hitter and other plays the best defense; and her baby sister is the most athletic of the four.

They nearly make up an entire volleyball team. “We’re all so blessed to be athletic… I tell people that my mom played college volleyball, so we got a head start.”

So what happens when Tech volleyball has run its course? Eveland has contemplated playing basketball for Tech in the spring, but feels that it’s her time to relax. “It’s my spring time to enjoy life – I’m going to travel and watch my [older] sister run track at Kansas State and go home to see my little sister,” said Eveland.

After graduating from Tech, she would like to turn her attention to children in need. “I just want to guide kids in a good direction in life… God has blessed me with so much, if I can help someone out, then I will be happier because of it,” said Eveland. With such a positive and passionate outlook, Kele Eveland’s life should continue to be one blessing after another.
Georgia Tech vs. Auburn
Preview By: David Rottman

Advantage: Auburn

Quarterback:

True freshman Reggie Ball had an impressive debut in a tough loss at BYU. Ball went 15-24 for 147 yards and one interception. He carried the ball five times for thirty-nine yards. Ball has Tech fans excited about the possible second coming of Joe Hamilton. Is Reggie the next Joe? The jury is still out, but the hope is enough to keep Tech fans watching closely. Auburn has a firmly established starting QB for the first time since Ben Leard in 2000. Junior Jason Campbell has solid career numbers with 2453 yards, fifteen touchdowns, a 61.5 percent completion percentage and ten picks in 14 starts. Campbell came out of the gate struggling in Auburn's opener against Southern Cal. The pressure of USC's front seven forced Campbell into just a 46 percent completion percentage and one interception. Advantage: Auburn

Defensive Line:

The eligibility of Tony Hargrove and Alfred Malone has added salt to the wound of missing Greg Gathers with continued kidney problems. Tech's front four is marginal at best. End Eric Henderson and tackle Travis Parker both had solid freshman years, but without having Malone and Hargrove lined up with them, their productivity could diminish in the face of double teams. Auburn has plenty depth on the D-line. Defensive tackle DeMarco McNeill, a preseason All-SEC selection, is the only real star on a unit that will cycle multiple players in throughout the game. Advantage: Auburn

Wide Receivers:

One guy, Jonathan Smith. That's all Tech has in terms of consistent weapons for Reggie Ball to throw to. Smith caught nine balls for 147 yards against BYU, including a 56-yard strike. Backup tight end Kody Bliss will be the punter. Bliss averaged 38.7 yards-per-punt on six kicks in his debut against USC. Jonathan Smith will handle punt returns with track standouts Reuben Houston and Dennis Higgins also contributing in the return game. True freshman Reggie Ball had an impressive debut in a tough loss at BYU. Ball went 15-24 for 147 yards and one interception. He carried the ball five times for thirty-nine yards. Ball has Tech fans excited about the possible second coming of Joe Hamilton. Is Reggie the next Joe? The jury is still out, but the hope is enough to keep Tech fans watching closely. Auburn has a firmly established starting QB for the first time since Ben Leard in 2000. Junior Jason Campbell has solid career numbers with 2453 yards, fifteen touchdowns, a 61.5 percent completion percentage and ten picks in 14 starts. Campbell came out of the gate struggling in Auburn's opener against Southern Cal. The pressure of USC's front seven forced Campbell into just a 46 percent completion percentage and one interception. Advantage: Auburn

Offensive Line:

The strength of Tech's offense is the O-Line. Back watching Reggie Ball's blind-side is two time All-ACC selection Nat Dorsey. Kyle Wallace also returns at right tackle this year providing solid play on the other side of the line. The leader of the group is fifth-year senior center Hugh Reilly, a candidate for Rimington Trophy awarded to the nation's top center. Andy Tidwell-Neal and Brad Honeycutt will start at the guards. Monaco Crittenden is the anchor for the Auburn line at guard. The senior has been named to second-team preseason All-America by some publications. Advantage: Even

Running Back:

P.J. Daniels will again start for the Jackets. The former walk-on was decent against BYU gaining 77 yards on sixteen carries. Backing up Daniels will be sophomore Chris Woods, a transfer from I-AA Morris Brown College. Auburn has arguably the best backfield in all of college football. The Tigers legitimately go four deep at tailback. The dynamic duo of Carnell "Cadillac" Williams and Ronnie Brown are both preseason All-SEC picks and candidates for the Doak Walker award. However, Southern Cal was able to neutralize the talented backs. Advantage: Auburn

Defensive Backfield:

This one does not look good for the Yellow Jackets. Auburn is coming off a tough loss with a lot to prove and will take it on the thin and inexperienced Jackets. Look for the Auburn offense to perform to the level that is expected of them instead of turning in a repeat performance of the USC game. Compared to USC's "The Wild Bunch II," Tech's front four looks like a high school team. Tech fans are going into this game with realistic expectations as the 111-year old rivalry renews after a 16-year absence. Advantage: Auburn

Secondary:

Once again the linebackers are the strength of Tech's defense. Middle linebacker Daryl Smith and outside linebacker Key Fox are big time players and all-star candidates. Smith was named preseason All-ACC first team. Auburn has two of the best linebackers in the country in seniors Karlos Dansby and Dontarrious Thomas. Both are candidates for the Butkus Award and preseason All-SEC selections. Advantage: Auburn

Coaching:

Since Chan Gailey arrived on campus things have seemed to go wrong for the Jackets. Injuries, ineligibility and poor quarterback play has hindered Gailey’s return to the college game. Despite a 7-7 start to his Tech career, Gailey does have a history of success, a Division II title with Troy State and two NFL playoff appearances in his two years with the Dallas Cowboys. Auburn’s Tommy Tuberville has led the Tigers to three consecutive SEC West titles, with Auburn sharing the title the past two years. Advantage: Auburn

Outlook:

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Prediction: Auburn 42 - Georgia Tech 10
Analyzing the bright spots of this year’s football season

By Ryan Peck
Senior Staff Writer

As an avid sports fanatic, my calender year is broken up into seasons differing from those of a standard calendar. Allow me to explain.

The months of December-March are not referred to as “winter,” but rather “basketball season.” College basketball season, to be more specific. The glitz and glamour of college basketball is undeniable, and the mystique of March Madness captivates America for two and a half wondrous weeks.

As far as the NBA is concerned, I would much rather beat myself over the head repeatedly with a frying pan than watch prima donnas such as Allen Iverson shoot their standard 10-for-42 from the field. Kobe Bryant’s off-the-court antics piqued my interest more than a single NBA game season has in about 10 years. And my interest more than a single NBA season has in about 10 years. And certainly more than watch over-weight men in vainly attempt to bring home the hardware, but they’re coming to Bobby Dodd Stadium tomorrow and they don’t need any added motivation following the spanking administered by Southern Cal last weekend. I’m going to go with Texas. The Longhorns (ranked no. 4) are billed as National Championship contenders year in and year out, and each year they slip up along the way.

The annual Red River Shootout versus Oklahoma has become as much a mental hurdle for the “Horns as it is physical. You can chalk that one up as an ‘L,’” along with an October 4 visit from Kansas State, a November 8 trip to South Bend could be tricky, but many would argue the Trojans have already passed their stiffest test of the year with flying colors. Sophomore wide receiver Mike Williams may be the game’s best. Fellow sophomore, quarterback Matt Leinart, got the post-Carson Palmer era off on the right foot. Given their schedule, an undefeated season is very conceivable.

**Most Overrated:**
Auburn is an attractive pick, but it’s their coming to Bobby Dodd Stadium tomorrow and they don’t need any added motivation following the spanking administered by Southern Cal last weekend. I’m going to go with Texas. The Longhorns (ranked no. 4) are billed as National Championship contenders year in and year out, and each year they slip up along the way.

**Most Underrated:**
As an ACC fan, I’d love to insert Wake Forest here. And if Jim Grobe keeps doing the job he’s been doing in Winston-Salem, the entire country will soon recognize as well. But how about Boise State? The Broncos are coming off a 13-1 campaign in 2002 with a final ranking of 15, and quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie (2283 yards, 20/3 TD-INT ratio) returns to the controls in 2003. Head Coach Dan Hawkins will be a hot commodity in the years to come.

More fun picks:
**Offensive Player of the Year:**
Mike Williams, WR-Southern Cal

**Defensive Player of the Year:**
David Pollock, DE-Georgia

**Heisman Trophy Winner:**
Williams

**Can’t Miss Game:**
Ohio State at Michigan, Nov. 22

National Championship Game:
Southern Cal vs. Oklahoma, Sugar Bowl

Fans will always have differing opinions on who will win the big game and which individual players will bring home the hardware, but this much is unanimous among all parties: college football is the undisputed champion of the sports year.

It bears the check out of the Grand Poker Championships...
Ian Brewer
Junior
Hammer Thrower-Track & Field

Touted as Tech’s “first major league hammer thrower in the program’s history,” Ian Brewer has not only broken his own school record throwing 204’8” at the Penn Relays last season, but took the ACC title at the conference’s outdoor championships, and qualified for nationals.

The six-foot-seven, 240-pound Rhode Island native came to Tech after taking three state titles in his time at North Kingston High School. Ultimately wanting to compete in the Olympics sometime in the future, look for Brewer to be one of the top performers for Tech’s field team.

Lynnette Moster
Junior
Women’s Volleyball

Last weekend, Lynnette Moster, the all-American junior from Liberty, Indiana, racked up 11 kills in the recent win over Alabama.

Moster led the ACC last season and finished No. 17 in the nation in kills per game (5.20), while taking the school record in kills in a season with 629 overall. She earned all-ACC first-team recognition in 2002 and was on the All-ACC Freshman team in 2001. She also earned second team AVCA all-American honors in 2002, becoming the first Tech volleyball player in history to do so. Known for her power on both offense and defense, Moster has become an integral part of Coach Shymansky’s game-plan this season.

Eric Patterson
Junior
Baseball

Returning from a stint on the 2003 USA Baseball National Team, sophomore Eric Patterson had to settle for a silver medal in their 3-1 loss to Cuba in the gold medal game at the Pan American Game. The team finished their summer with a 27-2 record – the best season ever played by a U.S. baseball team.

Patterson was a first-team preseason All-America pick by Baseball America after earning freshman All-America and third-team All-America honors last year. He is also the third player in Tech history to steal at least 40 bases in a season.
BYU Game

Ball finished 15-24 for 147 yards and an interception resulting from a miscommunication with wideout Jonathan Smith. The jury is still out on Ball however, as Gailey eased Ball into the game with a number of screens and quick outs.

Ball consistently overthrew the deep ball throughout the game. He did not attempt any passes over the middle until late in the third quarter, so it is unclear at this point how adept he is at reading defenses, especially schemes using the spies that plagued last year’s quarterback, A.J. Suggs.

Jonathan Smith performed well on offense, making 9 receptions for 121 yards, including one 32 yard catch. His performance was marred by a lost fumble.

The Jackets lost three fumbles in the game, an area that will definitely have to improve in future games. Fullback Jimmy Dixon and wide receiver Nate Curry were the other fumble culprits.

One bright spot for Tech was the surprisingly good performance of the special teams units. Special teams accounted for all of Tech’s 13 points, including a blocked punt returned for a touchdown in the second quarter. Tech also did well on each of their two punt returns netting 15 and 18 yards. Tech also made both of its field goal attempts, as Burnett hit from 26 and 39 yards.

On defense, Tech did not perform well, giving up 403 yards of offense to the Cougars. The defense will have to improve against Auburn, especially against the run. Tech allowed 4.7 yards per carry to BYU’s primary back, Rey Brathwaite.

Overall, Tech played decently, but more importantly showed signs of being the type of team that improves dramatically over the course of the season.
Kele set to leave mark on Tech volleyball record books

By John Scaduto
Contributing Writer

Coming out of high school from Grand Rapids, Michigan, Kele Eveland was a high-touted player in both volleyball and basketball. As a freshman on Tech’s star-studded volleyball squad, she was the ACC Rookie of the Year. Eveland is on track to break the Tech all-time assists record this season.

She graciously concedes that life has been one blessing after another. Even her decision to attend Tech seemed too good to be true.

“During the whole recruitment process, I wanted to go to a school that had everything I wanted...a strong academic program first, a good athletic tradition, a good location and definitely warm weather...GT fit those categories,” said Eveland.

From the sounds of it, warm weather might have been tops on the list. “Ask anybody on the team, I freeze so easily,” said Eveland.

Coming from Michigan, one thinks that she would almost favor the cold, or at least be comfortable with it. Instead, at practice and during games she needs to wear several shirts just to maintain a comfortable temperature.

In high school, Kele would have to fill a bottle with hot water because her hands were so frigid. That could make playing sports tough, but her spirit is not the type that lends itself to excuses. Yet, it helps that she is now in the warmer climate of Atlanta—and is she ever glad to be here.

Her transition to Tech was as smooth as can be. Eveland says it was her freshman year during which she was least homesick. It was especially nice being on the same hall as fellow volleyball freshman from 2000, Geeske Banck.

During her freshman season, Eveland was awesome. She went on to lead a Tech offense that ranked no. 13 in the nation while picking up five ACC Rookie of the Week awards in the process.

The high school valedictorian isn’t shy when it comes to discussing her absolute enthusiasm for the sport. “When we’re winning and my girls are pounding, that’s when I am the most happy. I think I have too much fun.”

Kele Eveland
Tech volleyball senior

“The thing I love about volleyball is the system and the strategy of it all...I will lay in bed and just think of plays to run, and I know what ball I can set to beat the scheme on the other side,” said Eveland.

Her setter role is similar to that of a quarterback. “I run plays to work around the defense...I know what ball to set to who, and before it even happens, I already know its going to be a kill in my head.”

Eveland could not camouflage her love for the game if she tried. “When we’re winning and my girls are pounding, that’s when I am the most happy. I think I have too much fun...Fourth year and I still love it.”

Four years of unfaltering zeal is especially impressive when taken in context with other athletes of our time. But does the entire team share the same tenacity? “No, they tease me big time...they think all I think of is volleyball,” said Eveland.

“Really thinking about it, I have been so blessed, and this is probably one of the best decisions I’ve made, to come to Georgia Tech with the opportunities I have been given, it’s a straight blessing. Do I deserve it? I don’t know. But goodness, I am so blessed to be in the situation that I am,” said Eveland.

It has not always been good and blessed times for the player. During her sophomore season, Eveland had to play through serious back pain. This injury limited her numbers somewhat and repeatedly put pressure on the passion that requires so much energy to invoke.

“I was in tears before the games...that was the worst,” said Eveland. She remained strong, managed a spot on the second team all-ACC squad, and more importantly, helped lead her offense in setting the ACC mark for kills and assists—impressive accomplishments, injury or not.

Losing is never kind. It can be a major set back, often times worse than an injury. For an athlete with such a passionate and competitive nature as Kele’s, it can be devastating.

She knows that most times winning and losing are just out of your control. “Working hard, playing together, having fun, maintaining the cohesiveness of the team—those are the things you can control,” the former all-conference basketball star explains. This has led way to her realization that personal goals are irrelevant when it comes down to team success. It was difficult enough getting her to admit to caring about the assist record, and that might have been her most inimicile moment of the conversation.

She is also very fond of her coach, Bond Shymanksy, who has helped to instill that team mentality in all her athletes. Her leadership will play a huge role in this year’s championship run.

As setter for Tech’s volleyball team, Kele Eveland has a role similar to a football quarterback. Eveland has impressed many this season after achieving 108 assists at last week’s Courtyard by Marriott Classic.

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**Tech falls to Brigham Young**

**Jackets lose season opener 24-13, Ball shows quarback potential**

**By John Parsons**

BYU snapped Tech’s four-year season-opener winning streak last Thursday with a 24-13 victory over the Jackets.

The Cougars were led by quarterback Matt Berry, who was 31 of 46 for 276 yards with three touchdowns and one interception.

Brigham Young took control of the game with a pair of third quarter touchdowns that changed a 13-7 halftime deficit into a 21-13 lead. The first came on a 7-yard, 80-yard drive to open the second half. The second came on the very next drive after BYU pinned Tech deep in their own territory and got the ball back at Tech’s 43. The Jackets were unable to respond, as each of their last three drives ended with turnovers. The Jackets gave up fumbles to kill drives of over 60 yards on two of those occasions.

Georgia Tech’s freshman quarterback, Reggie Ball, enjoyed an moderately impressive debut as Jacket’s quarterback. Ball started impressively, but faded down the stretch as Tech’s offense was forced to play from behind. Ball’s most impressive moment came in the first quarter on Tech’s second drive when he ripped off a 33-yard run to BYU’s 4 to set up a field goal.

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**Volleyball kicks off season with thriller at tourney**

**By Boyd Ivey**

The no. 12 Yellow Jackets recorded 3-0 victories over Coastal Carolina, Alabama and Northwestern to win the Courtyard by Marriott Classic last weekend. If you went home for the Labor Day break and didn’t stay to watch the games, then you missed what is sure to be the season opener as Georgia Tech rolled over Northwestern. The atmosphere was spectacular Friday night for the season-opener as Georgia Tech rolled over Northwestern.

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Last year the team ended the season with a school record of 33 wins and six losses and a regular season ranking of no. 17. The team bowed out in the second-round of the NCAA tournament with a loss to no. 10 Minnesota. The team also brought home the second ACC Tournament Championship in its history.

Clubmates Lynette Moster and Alexia Press and Kele Eveland were named to both the ACC All-Tournament and East All-Region teams with Moster being named the Tournament MVP. Tech returns this year with the entire record-setting squad from 2002, along with new recruits Sarah Hall, Abby Shower and Jamaica Beebe. Second-year Head Coach Bond Shermansky said that the team will simply “ strive to get better everyday…with focus on success and beating the opponent we have next.”

This is certainly on the minds of the Yellow Jackets as they now begin the regular season with a record of 0-3. Kele Eveland, who walked away with All-Tournament honors, accounted for 108 of the team’s 154 assists in the tournament. Alexandra Preiss, who was awarded All-Tournament team and Tournament MVP, combined with Lynette Moster, also named to the All-Tournament team, and Lauren Sauer to have 108 of the team’s 467 kills. Defensefully, Tech posted 37 digs and 11 block assists. Moster had a team-high 11 digs, while Marina Anton and Eveland each added seven.

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**Longtime SID Edward “Ned” West dies at 91**

Last Saturday, Edward “Ned” West, the publicist for Tech’s athletic programs for 24 years from 1952-76, passed away. West made numerous contributions to his field including being one of five sports information directors to found the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). In 1964, he received the organization’s Arch Ward Award for his outstanding contributions to the field.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, Ginny Kitchens of Warren, Ga., daughter Kathie Covington of Salisbury, Md., son Ted West of Greenville, S.C., five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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**Basketball**

At the Courtyard by the Marriott Classic, Tech dominated the field by sweeping Alabama, Coastal Carolina and Northwestern in nine games.

O’Keefe gymnasium was packed with hundreds of loyal Tech fans.

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**Fall Madness**

Upsets galore are bound to happen as the college football season kicks off. Check out Ryan Peck’s analysis of all the crazy shenanigans. Page 32.

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**Settin’ the pace**

Kele Eveland looks to lead Tech volleyball in what could be its best year yet. Check out the woman behind the on-court heroics. Page 35.

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**Football forecast**

Tech vs. Auburn

Virginia vs. South Carolina

NC State vs. Wake Forest

Penn State vs. Boston College

Maryland vs. Florida State

Oklahoma vs. Alabama

Syracuse vs. UNC

Washington State vs. Notre Dame

BYU vs. USC

UCLA vs. Colorado

Submit your picks at: nique.net/footballforecast

See this week’s winner on page 34