by the numbers 14.6

A number of points that the Georgia Tech football defensive unit has allowed per game. The Jackets currently lead the ACC in the scoring defense.

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Timmerman by senior Katie Griffin at the Great American Invitational. Griffin finished T20th out of almost 200 runners in the five-kilometer race at the extremely competitive meet last Friday.

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Score shot by senior Troy M. Attan last Saturday at the Panther Capital College Invitational in Dalton, Georgia. This score tied his career best and was 8 under par for the course.

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Hit percentage of Lauren Sauers in T 1st place in the match against N.C. State. Sauer had 17 kills on 18 attempts which ranks second in N.C.A.A for hitting percentage in a match. The win over the Wolfpack put the Lady Jackets at 3-0 in the ACC.

Kayak Club represents U.S. in Italy

By Kimberly Riek Senior Staff Writer

The recent success of Tech's Sprint canoe and kayak team earned it a number of honors and a trip to Italy.

In May, the team competed at the 2002 College Canoe and Kayak Championships at Chula Vista, California. The team placed second overall in the nation. Tech also placed first in the K-2 Men's 500m and 1000m, K-4 Men's 500m and K-4 Women's 500m. Stanford placed first in the collegiate nation.

The championships were held at Sun Canoe and Kayak Club. The event included the first and second place winners from each event to represent the United States at the 2002 Bari World University Flatwater Championship in Bari, Italy.

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Fall practice on for Tech baseball

Tech's baseball team opened four weeks of fall practice on Monday. The Jackets, with their highly-touted, nine-member freshman class, will hold their annual fall practice at Russ Chandler Stadium. Last year's team won a school record 52 games and finished fifth at the N.C.A.A College World Series. Returning for the jackets are all-Americans Kyle Baker, Eric Patterson and Jeremy Slayden. Matt M urton, a top prospect for the 2003 Majo League draft, will also be returning.

N C A A drops b- ball suspensions

An obscure N.C.A.A rule that could have left three Tech players suspended for games in an un sanctioned summer basketball league neveroverturned this week. The Kenny Smith Pro-Amateur League at M orehead College submitted the complaint to the NCAA for the league's play. The mix-up resulted in the cancellation of approximately four days of sanctioned play. Two Georgia players and seven Georgia State players faced similar penalties, but all have been cleared. Coach Paul Hewitt never released the names of the players in question.

Golf swings into action

Troy M. Atten takes over the Carpet Capital. Check out golf opener in Dalton, Georgia. Page 31.

Are you a winner? Check out the winners from Football Forecast and submit your picks for this week. Page 28.

Cross Country heads to championships

By Finny Turner Contributing Writer

Both Georgia Tech's men's and women's cross country teams are off to an amazing start this year. With three meets under their belts, the Jackets will be ready to compete in Atlanta this weekend in the Georgia Tech Intercollegiate.

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The Georgia Tech women's cross-country team placed 22nd at the extremely competitive Great American Invitational and the men's squad finished 25th.

Freshman Rob Uohn was Tech's top finisher for the second time this season. He ran an 8K time of 28:31.0 to finish 97th. Senior Joe Poliseo was the Jackets second finisher (112th) in his first action of the season. Sophomore David Jones (134th), junior Daniel Mosi (151st) and freshman Mark Rufle led out the team's jackets scoring.

With a great showing last weekend, the team is ready for its second appearance in Atlanta this Saturday. Since both teams have an amar.
Jody says “Yeah, c’mon!”

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Last week’s winners:
Andrew Evans
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Al Przygocki

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nique editor-in-chief Jody Shaw 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 in the next issue.

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ing work ethic they are sure to come away with amazing times and make the Jacket community proud.

“It truly is awesome, and as a coach, I’ve never witnessed anything like it. I am literally in awe at how hard they train,” said Coach Alan Drosky.

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they were all ripped," said Clark.

After the opening ceremonies, the U.S. had to participate in weigh-in of the kayaks. The U.S. team was the only team that did not bring its own boats, therefore, they had to rent boats from CUS-Bari. While the legal weight for a K-4 boat is 250kg, the U.S.'s boat weighed 38kg and was solid wood.

"When we did weigh-in, they didn't know what kind of hull shape it was, so they put down "legend." Other people had "fury" and "Olympic warrior" but for ours they didn't have any idea because it was old," said Clark.

Horrors of weather conditions also plagued the U.S. during the competitions. The team survived the initial elimination rounds for all of their events on the first two mornings for competition. However, during the afternoon semifinals and finals, the conditions dramatically affected competition. During the K-2 500m semifinal, the team of Goodwin and Clark faced bouncing standing waves in the water. The water pounded against the boat so much that the boat number fell off the boat and water went into the boat cockpit several times. By the end of the race, the boat number was floating in Goodman's lap.

Considering the athletes were using an antiquated boat and facing the worst conditions of their racing careers, the U.S. side performed remarkably well. While the U.S. didn't win any medals, the team reached remarkably well. While the US did not win any medals, the team reached a level of professionalism and the way we were treated. We were treated as world class athletes and it was a great experience overall," said Rousis.

Next year the world championships will be held at Lake Lanier, so the Americans will have the opportunity to compete against international counterparts again.

In the meantime, the Kayak Club will use its international experience to its advantage in its upcoming regattas, which include the Head of the South regattas in Savannah, a few races in Florida and next year's South regatta in Savannah, the best. It was the new experience with all of the athletes, just mingling and socializing. Even though most countries didn't speak English, we really bonded with each other. That was probably the best thing about the whole trip," said Rousis.

The team mostly hung out with the South Africans and the Canadians due to the language barriers with the other teams. The team swapped U.S.A.C.K. gear for international uniforms and apparel. The U.S.'s uniforms were extremely popular so the men were able to obtain a complete Slovakian uniform, hats and other items. The team also visited local restaurants and historical sites.

On the final day of competition, Team Canada ended up winning the highest amount of medals with eight. Romania won the most gold medals with five and had two other medals as well. Germany earned seven medals in the competition. After the awards ceremony there was a farewell banquet attended by the President and Vice-President of the Italian Olympic Committee.

After the banquet from Italy, the students flew home with fond memories of the time in a brand new world's best.

"The whole thing through it all I was really impressed with the professionalism and the way we were treated. We were treated as world class athletes and it was a great experience overall," said Rousis.

"How about the defense? Our defense gave up a couple of big plays, but really for the most part would not let them get down in the end zones," said Galley.

"I knew that he had ability, but whether he would do that or not I had no idea. A couple of those runs nobody touched him for 15 yards, too." said Galley.

"He got told a lot of things that (not fumbling) was his No. 1 priority," Galley said of Eziemefe. Galley added, "Our running game is not explosive without Tony because he can take it 60 in a heartbeat, but our running game was solid and our passing game stepped up." A.J. Suggs struggled for the second straight week as he went three for seven with an interception. Suggs was replaced in the second quarter by Damarius Bilbo. The talented freshman sparked the Jackets with his ability to come up with a key fourth down pass to Kerry Watkins along the way to a touchdown pass, also to Watkins.

As with any freshman, Bilbo showed off both the good and the bad. He forced an ill-advised across the field throw for an easy interception. Following the interception, Suggs came back in to stay and seemed to regain the poise and command that marked his first two games at the helm.

Commenting on his passes, Galley said, "I thought A.J. threw the ball very criplly on third down on one throw. The U.S. side performed remarkably well. While the U.S. did not win any medals, the team reached.

No Hollings? No Sweat. Georgia Tech used a stifling defense and a sustained ground attack to defeat North Carolina for the fifth straight time by a final score of 21-13.

The Yellow Jackets won the battle in the trenches and controlled the clock and the ball for the majority of the game, clearing the way for much-heralded freshman Ajenavi "Ace" Eziemefe to run for 136 yards and one touchdown on 32 carries.

Head Coach Chan Gailey wasn't surprised by Eziemefe's performance stating that, "I knew that he had ability, but whether he would do that or not I had no idea. A couple of those runs nobody touched him for 15 yards, too."
Heartbreaks & hooligans: What’s not to love?

By John Parsons
Senior Staff Writer

I think I am beginning to understand soccer hooliganism. I state that as a heartbroken fan of Bayern Munich after their home defeat by AC Milan this week. (That sound you hear is all the soccer-haters on campus turning the page.) Bayern’s 2-1 defeat leaves them with a single point after three Champions League matches and they will likely not qualify for the next phase.

So how does this allow me to understand hooliganism? Well, when the normally sure-footed star striker manages to miss from a scant five yards out, down a goal with less than ten minutes left, no potential projectile within arm’s reach is safe.

That’s not to mention the fact that both of Milan’s goals came as a result of a defender falling asleep for just a split second. If you had watched the game with me Tuesday afternoon, they may have been moments when you may have feared for your life.

To add to my misery was Manchester United being themselves as they romped over Greek side Olympiakos by a 4-0 count. If you don’t understand, think New York Yankees losing to a far superior Inter Milan side, in Milan, and A.E.K. Athens managing a draw with the defending champions, Real Madrid.

Athens blew a two-goal lead, but anyone that can take points away from Real is my hero. Athens is still a longshot to move past the Angels, but I’ll take them on top of their group.

Now as reward for those of you that are still reading, I’ll offer some initial observations on the baseball playoffs. First, I offer the disclaimer that I watch through Braves-tinted glasses, which means yawning at good pitching and expecting big name hitters to choke at the most inopportune times.

In the A’s-T wins series, I don’t see any way the Twins could win the series. While it was a huge accomplishment that they took game one after falling behind on terrible mistakes, the A’s have too much pitching and more than enough hitting. They win recording, but not catching, the infield pop early in the game one is easily the moment of the playoffs so far.

The Dodgers were dealt a huge setback when Randy Johnson was shelved 12-2 in game one by the Cards. Coming into the series, the D-backs had to be feared because the tandem of Johnson and Schillinger could pitch four of the five games.

Part of that mystique is gone now. I think the Cards will take the series with their far more potent lineup. As for the Braves, I have a suggestion. Now that the bullpen is the strength of the team, maybe they shouldn’t have a starting rotation. Let shave a “starter” go 2-3 innings than star cycling through Remlinger, Holmes, Androm and so on. Now that’s a change from ’93 when the starter had to go at least 7-8 innings to avoid giving the bullpen ample time to blow the game. I much prefer the current situation.

Lastly, there’s the Yankees-Angels series. It’s 0-0 tober, so it’d be stupid to pick the Yankees to lose, but I can hope (don’t we all?).

Their lineup will take turns delivering the clutch hits needed to propel them past the Angels, but I’ll be rooting vainly against them the whole way.

The Jackets finished in a disappointing 15th place in their first outing. They will return to action when they travel to Stillwater, Oklahoma, to compete in the Ping/Golfweek Preview Invitational on October 7-8.

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Golfers swing back into action

By Al Przygocki
Senior Staff Writer

Tech entered the Carpet Capital Collegiate tournament as the three-time defending champs in the event. Unfortunately, the team struggled from the outset and finished a disappointing 15th in the 18-team field, 22 strokes behind top-ranked Clemson.

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Demon Deacons next challenge for Tech's gridders

By Ryan Peck
Contributing Writer

Fresh off its first conference win of the season last weekend in Chapel Hill, the Georgia Tech football team returns home to square off against ACC rival Wake Forest in a 3:30 p.m. regionally televised game on ABC.

The Demon Deacons self-destructed last week in Winston-Salem, squandering two 17-point leads and eventually dropping a 38-34 loss to the Demon Deacons after getting throttled by N.C. State, 41 overtime loss to Northern Illinois, the Deacons rebound to nois, the Deacons rebounded to

Coach Chan Gailey hinted that the platoon experiment at quarterback would continue. "I think [Bible] does have some talent," said Gailey "and we’ll continue to put him into the game to help us try to move the football." Eziemefe was spectacular in his first start for the Jackets, rushing for 136 yards on 32 carries and scoring Tech’s final touchdown. The Deacons have proved to be quite an enigmatic bunch through the air. The progress made in the passing game last week suggests that the Jackets may point to this game as the day that the aerial assault finally clicked on all cylinders.

True freshman Ajenavi "Ace" Eziemefe gained 136 yards and a score on 32 carries in his first collegiate start last week against North Carolina.

Conversely, Tech’s defense has been stingy all year long. The Jackets are allowing only 14.6 points per game and rank near the top nationally in total defense, surrendering just 299.4 yards per game. Defensively, Wake has struggled, allowing Virginia to survive in a comeback. The Deacons are allowing a woeful 401.8 yards per game. Costly turnovers by the opposition have allowed Wake to survive in a few games, and prevented them from perhaps getting blown out in others.

Wake’s passing game is not very diverse, but opportunistic. Putting the ball in the air may be an afterthought, but the Deacons and senior quarterback James Mapherson have a few targets capable of making big plays through the air.

The biggest Deacon playmaker is Fabian Davis. Davis has racked up 266 yards receiving, and Wake likes to get him the ball by any means possible. Davis also has 262 yards rushing on 24 carries, good for over ten yards per clip. Senior Jax Landfried and sophomore Jason Anderson are Wake’s other leading pass-catchers.

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