and our rebounding was probably the best it has been all season,” said State coach Herb Sendek. “Our guys were focused, and there were really no defensive breakdowns.” Tech’s Paul Hewitt agreed. “They did a good job of contesting shots tonight,” he said. “We didn’t handle the ball very well, and State went after our shooters. We were lethargic tonight for some reason, and I couldn’t figure out why.” The key to this game was defense, rebounding, and free throws, with NC State dominating all of the above. State outrebounded Tech 39-24 and took 31 free throws compared to Tech’s 10. “Damon Thornton had 15 rebounds tonight, including seven on the offensive end,” Hewitt said. “It was something we were concerned about coming into the game. NC State hit the boards well and they have good size.”

Tech will have to improve on such basic fundamentals if they stand any chance of beating Duke Saturday in the Coliseum.

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Paul Hewitt
Head Coach

Regional Coach of the Year Award, in just three years.

Coach Peter McCarty will take over as defensive tackles coach, as former coach Dave Sollazzo left with former Offensive Coordinator Ralph Friedgen to Maryland. Coach McCarty was the defensive tackles coach at University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign for the last four years. Not only does he have a wealth of coaching experience; he is also familiar with ACC football, having spent six years at Maryland as defensive ends and linebackers coach. Although he has no former ties with Georgia Tech, like the other new appointees, he has a link to Coach O’Leary. Serving as a graduate assistant under Coach O’Leary at Syracuse. Coach O’Leary and his new staff are currently on recruiting assignments and were not available for comment.
Women on streak, play tough in ACC

By Chitra Parikh
How’s the weather

The Georgia Tech Women’s Basketball team has started this season on fire, especially the last 9 games. Tech is 10-5 overall and 2-3 in the ACC. Tech’s ACC wins have been against a couple of the conference powerhouses: UNC and the 25th ranked Virginia Cavaliers.

Tech’s outstanding record can be credited to the team’s balanced attack, and the outstanding leadership and performance of sophomore Neisha Butler. Butler recently earned ACC player of the week for her contributions in Tech’s wins against the Tar Heels and Cavaliers. She scored 25 points against UNC and 22 points against Virginia. Butler has also demonstrated her consistency for the Jackets this season, scoring in double figures in every game they’ve played.

The Jackets wins have also come largely in part to the balanced contributions of the team. Through the Virginia game, Senior Jamie Kruppa has been averaging 11.3 points and 7.0 rebounds per game, while Junior Milli Martinez has been averaging 13.3 points and 8.2 rebounds per game. Martinez is also leading the ACC with her outstanding .865 average from the line. She also leads the team with 31 steals.

Sophomore Sonja Mallory has also made her mark, averaging 12.7 points and 6.5 rebounds per game. Two other sophomores, Alex Stewart and Tamiaka Boatner, have also contributed to Tech’s success averaging 7.2 points and 4.5 rebounds and 8.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game, respectively.

This balanced attack has helped Tech win tough games and be competitive in a conference like the ACC. The Yellow Jackets have been playing well in this tough Atlantic Coast Conference. Two of their losses against ACC teams have been heartbreakers against the 5th ranked Duke Blue Devils and the 10-2 Florida State Seminoles. They lost to both teams by a combined total of only four points. These close games with the top teams of the ACC and the nation show Tech’s ability to do some damage during the remainder of the season.

Sophomore Alex Stewart played in every game her Freshmen year and this year leads the team in assists with 48, and is tied for the lead in steals with 31. Stewart is third in the ACC in assist/turnover ratio with 1.50.
Recap

coach Paul Hewitt. Fifth year se-
nior Shaun Fein showed his leader-
ship in a big way, scoring 25 points and
putting it away from beyond the arc,
most importantly hitting a clutch,
fall-away 3-pointer with Tech hold-
ing a slim two point lead with only
46.9 seconds to play. That shot put
Tech up 71-68 and all but sealed
the victory. “I knew the shot clock
down was to three, two, maybe one,”
Fein said of the high arching fade-
away from deep along the right wing.
“Just let it go. It felt good.” “To-
night we finally put a 40-minute
game together. I think everyone
ought hard tonight, scratched and
clawed we came out with a win,”
said Fein. Halston Lane had a nice
game as well, adding 10 points on
4-5 shooting in just 16 minutes of
action. Said Coach Paul Hewitt,
“This wasn’t a must win, but it was
pretty close.” No one could have
expected the Jackets to pull of the
upset of number 10 Virginia on the
road after their performances against
UNC and Maryland. At home, it is
fair to say the Jackets have a 50/50
shot against most anyone, but on
the road, especially in the ACC,
coming away with a victory is like
striking gold.

After coming home from the big
victory in Charlottesville, Tech had
little time to prepare itself for the
number 6 Wake Forest Demon
Deacons. Brimming with confidence
though, the Jackets came out and
jumped on the Deacs early. The
game started off, appropriately
to open looks for guys like Tony
Akins, Marvin Lewis, Shaun Fein,
and Halston Lane. After an alley-
oop dunk and foul on Wake’s Ant-
wan Scott early in the second half,
the game would soon turn as Scott
shot an airball from the free throw
line and Halston Lane starting shoot-
ing the lights out on the opposite
end. Lane scored 23 points in the
game and shot 4-5 from 3-point
range to spark the Jackets to a two-
point lead late in regulation. After a
last second shot and tip in by Wake
Forest’s Ervin Murray to tie it up,
the game was headed for overtime.
The Jackets had a relatively easy
time putting the Deacs away on the
extra period as two of the Deacs
leading scorers fouled out and their
All-ACC point guard Robert
O’Kelley went cold from the floor.
“We knew we were playing the No.
6 team in the nation tonight,” said
Alvin Jones. “I don’t know who
they thought they were playing. It
feels great to beat two top-10 teams
in four or five days. I guess practice
pays off.” Everybody on this team
can score and this was just my night
said Halston Lane, who hit three 3-
pointers in a two-minute, 50-sec-
ond stretch after Wake had taken a
46-44 lead. “If you’re going to back
down from them, they’ll be sharks,
they can smell blood. We don’t back
down from anybody,” Indeed, Tech
has proven itself to be a never say
die team, a team that refuses to quit.
For the first time in nearly 16 years,
Tech knocked off two top 10 teams
in a one week span. Not since Bob-
by Cremins led the Jackets to victo-
ries over Duke and UNC in the
ACC Tournament have the Jackets
been able to accomplish the task.

After the exuberance of such a
compelling and emotional week, the
Jackets were bound for a letdown.
And what more of an inviting place
for Tech in its games against top-ranked ACC
opponents Virginia and Wake Forest where he shot over 73 percent from the floor.

I think the best proof of intelligent life on other worlds is that they haven’t actually tried to contact us! -Calvin
LSU’s audible, Rohan Davey, does in Yellow Jackets

By Kristi Odom / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Free Safety Jeremy Muyres and Defensive End Greg Gathers, both Sophomores, bring down LSU’s Domanick Davis at this year’s Peach Bowl. The Jacket Defense has been a strong presence despite it’s youth.
The Yellow Jackets fought hard this season to show the football world that Georgia Tech could play with the big dogs. Tech’s surprise win over then 4th ranked Clemson in Death Valley provided the proof they needed.

By Terrence Jones

So what if Tech lost the Peach Bowl to a team they should have beat? Sure it leaves a bitter taste in your mouth at the end of the season, but fret not, get that chin up, take a deep breath, and then take a long look at what the team has accomplished this season and in the last four years.

George O’Leary has slowly begun to establish Georgia Tech football as one of the premier football programs in America. Stand up and take notice people, the signs are all there, Tech has arrived. Take off those shortsighted glasses and the team will begin to come into focus.

This season Tech pulled off what many deemed impossible, winning without Joe Hamilton. Joe Hamilton was a great player, sure, but a team consisting of 85 players cannot be judged by one individual. There was no doubt in George O’Leary’s mind that this year’s team would be successful, with or without Joe Hamilton, Der White, Tra-vares Tillman, whoever.

With the high quality of talent and depth Tech has been assembling at every position for the past few years, the loss of one or two players merely becomes a fact of life, not the end of the world. And that is why Tech has become a premier football program, quality players and quality depth combined with long term, stable coaching.

Take a look at a team like Wake Forest two years ago, something like 30 seniors on the team translated into a winning season and an end of the year bowl victory over Arizona State. The next season? Right back to the bottom of the ACC. One year after that, fired coach.

No depth, one good season every 8-10 years, it’s the plague of the small time college football world. Look at the big dogs across the nation, snatching players away from the FSU’s, the Nebraska’s, and the UCLA’s of the world.

Recruiting has been the biggest reason for the success of the program the last four years. That fact was especially evident this past year, a year in which Tech was supposed to finish close to the bottom in the ACC, 4-7 maybe, 6-5 at best. The team went out and showed the nation they have moved into the upper echelon, that is consistency. Yeah they lost the Peach Bowl, so what? Bowl games that don’t involve national championships or big time rivalries are of little importance in the big picture anyhow. Beating Notre Dame in 1999, now that was key, but losing to LSU? So what? It’s just a hiccup in the grand scheme of things.

The most significant thing to happen this year was Tech overcoming the four year hump, the one that so many teams struggle to get past, a mark of consistency and tell-tell sign that a program has arrived.

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New Tech coaches are friends of the program

By Joseph Joeng

A-R-A Double-J

Football coach George O’Leary got a belated Christmas present when he was named the 2000 Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year. He did not rest on his laurels very long as he got right back to business and appointed Lance Thompson, Glenn Spencer, and Peter McCarty to his coaching staff to open the new year.

The Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year award, considered by many to be the national award, for Coach O’Leary was his accolade for the season as he also picked up his sec- ond ACC Coach of the Year award earlier in the season. The Bobby Dodd Foundation, which hands out the award, considers not only suc- cess on the gridiron but off the field success as well, such as academic and personal development of play- ers off the field. This is consistent with the coaching philosophy that legendary coach Bobby Dodd espoused in his 22 years at Georgia Tech.

This is a homecoming of sorts for Coach Lance Thompson. He served four years under Coach O’Leary as an assistant coach, two years as the defensive line coach and two years as the tight ends coach. He was also the recruiting coordi- nator for those four years. He then moved on to Alabama as the defensive line coach before Coach O’Leary lured him back to The Flats. He will take over as tight ends coach from Eddie Wilson and recruiting coordinator for Bill O’Brien, al- lowing Coach O’Brien to concen- trate on being the Offensive Coordinator. Thompson enjoyed much success as a recruiting coordi- nator in his four previous seasons at Tech, and hopefully he has not lost his magic touch in that area.

Coach Glenn Spencer takes over as running backs coach, the posi- tion that Coach O’Brien vacated when he was promoted to Offen- sive Coordinator. Coach Spencer is a Tech graduate who was a team- mate of current defensive coordi- nator, Ted Roof. After lettering four years at Tech as a defensive tackle, he took on coaching duties at West Georgia for 11 years, the last three years as a head coach. He brings with him an impressive history of success from West Georgia, where he has won two conference titles, two NCAA Division II playoff ap- pearances, and a NCAA Division II team championship. So Coach O’Brien has a solid replacement.  

By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

In this year’s Peach Bowl LSU rendered both Tech’s passing game and Quarterback George Godsey useless. Tech was held to only 177 yards in the air and disabled Godsey with a torn ACL late in the fourth quarter.

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Lady Jackets look for ACC win over Maryland

By Chirita Parikh

Decline to Comment

The Yellow Jackets are set to play ACC rival Maryland Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The Lady Terrapins have not had an outstanding record in the ACC this season winning one and losing four and posting an overall record of 10-6.

Maryland has had some bad losses to teams that Tech has played well against, such as the Virginia and the Florida State. The Terrapins lost in a blowout to Virginia 82-41 and played evenly poor against FSU losing by a 31-point margin. Despite the record Maryland has showed they can play well against good teams with a close 75-64 loss to 5th ranked Duke.

The Terrapins lean on their strong offense and turnovers. They have a great assist to turnover ratio of 0.9 and average 10.8 steals per game. Their offense has been good so far this season, scoring 72.2 points per game and having a field goal percentage of .465.

The recipe Tech needs to win is to pull down more boards than Maryland and contain Renneil Johnson (guard) and DeeDee Walley (forward). The two players who average double figures for the Terrapins with 12.9 and 12.2 points per game respectively. Maryland has not shot well from behind the arc, with an average of only 3.3 treys per game Tech can focus on stopping Maryland on the inside.

This will be Tech’s last home game before they take on the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest on January 25th.

Baseball ranked No.1 in preseason

The Yellow Jackets are set to take on the Hokies in Blacksburg this weekend where they’ll seek a win in eight events. This weekend they head to Virginia Tech to take on the Hokies in Blacksburg.

Swimming and Diving faces Dogs

Sophomore Shilo Ayala set a 1,000 yard record in Tech’s victory over N.C. State. The Jackets look to take home a win today over UGA in Athens.

Track and Field sets pace at Wildcat

Jacket squad had a strong showing at the ACC competition with wins in eight events. This weekend they head to Athens.

Volleyball falls in first round of NCAA

The Jackets fell to Colorado in a disappointing first round loss in the NCAA tournament. The loss came early in December after the last Fall issue of the Technique.

Jacket squad needs to rebound against Duke

By Terrence Jones

Missing his usual

Rebound is right. If the Yellow Jackets stand any chance against second ranked Duke this Saturday they must crash the boards with more authority than they did Tuesday against NC State.

The Jackets were outrebounded 39-24 against the ACC rival, with the Wolfpack grabbing 18 offensive rebounds to the Jack- et’s 8. Tech shot 40 percent from the field, with NC State just a shade better at 41 percent. Sec- ond chance points, created by offensive rebounds, proved the decisive factor in the outcome of the game.

Tech’s perimeter shooting went cold much of the second half, and although Alvin Jones played well on the inside, the inside game alone isn’t enough to carry the Jackets to victory on most nights. Tech relies heavily on its outside shooting and establishing an early lead, they will need to do both to handle a tough Duke squad. If Tech stands a chance of victory, they must control the game by controlling the ball, which they can not allow themselves to get down early in the game, if they do, things may get out of hand quickly.

When the Jackets have shot the ball well, they have looked almost unstoppable, but when they have faded into slumps, things have gotten very ugly, very fast. The Jackets rely heavily on their showing to establish the press, when they don’t make their shots on offense the transition defense has to step up, and that has been a point of weakness for Paul Hewitt’s club this year.

Duke likes to run and they play with a lot of intensity, how- ever, they only go six deep on the bench, therefore if Tech can establish the press and physical- establish the press and physical- establishment, therefore if Tech can establish the press and physical- establishment, therefore if Tech can establish the press and physical- establishment, therefore if Tech can establish the press and physical-...