Will the Jackets crash the “big dance?”

Women’s Basketball

Sonia Mallory will be the starting center again this year for the Jacktis. The 6’5” senior earned second-team All-ACC honors last season.

By Finny Turner
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On Oct. 18, the Georgia Tech Women’s Basketball team kicked off what promises to be an exciting season with its annual Midnight Madness. At the event, the ladies signed autographs, had a photo op, and gave away pizza to the first 100 fans. Not only was it a fun way to introduce the returning freshmen to Tech supporters, but it was also the start of the important team-building process.

Coach Agnus Berenato, who is starting her fifteenth season as the head coach, said, “For us, practicing at midnight has become a tradition. We’ve worked really hard to establish some traditions in our program that we can carry into the season.”

Women’s “game night” at Georgia Tech is a great way to open the season. The Jackets made it to the winners’ bracket in the first round and then went on to win the championship. The team won the ACC championship and made it to the ACC Tournament final.

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Maryland 34, Tech 10

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The Georgia Tech football team has made it to the ACC Championship game, where they will face off against the University of Virginia. The Jackets have a tough schedule this year, but they have the talent and experience to make a run at a national championship.

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Akins will be the hardest for H ewitt to replace, given Akins’ perimeter play and leadership. This burden will most likely fall upon highly touted freshman center Jack. Jack, who stands at 6’3”, is the only true point guard on the roster, and thus will be thrown into the fray early. Jack appears to be the tallest in line of great Yellow Jacket point guards. Joining Lewis and Jack in the backcourt will be sophomore B.J. Elder. The 6’3” senior forward should bring tremendous athleticism and a =6’2” sophomore point guard, Isma’il Muhammad, a =6’0” senior small forward, Tyler Hansbrough, and the =6’7” sophomore guard/forward, Chris Bosh. The rim is deep and talented, and this club have a shot at being a tough defense to this team. How-
Beyond the White and Gold
My chance to be the Ramblin’ Wreck

By John Parsons
Senior Staff Writer

In honor of Homecoming Week, I’m using my favorite column gimmick, the random collection of babble. I’ll call this my impression of a Ramblin’ Wreck.

• After game two of the World Series, finishing 11-15, a number of players from both teams jumped on the conspiracy theory bandwagon and claimed the ball was juiced.

• My explanation? I think the Michael Vick case has arrived, it is time to gripe again about 1 point being awarded to teams for overtime loss. Excuse me. Did you say points for loses? I know it’s overtime but, they lost. The BCS isn’t retrograded.

• The first BCS standings are out and UGA is number five. Any one think this will last? No one outside Athens, of course.

• Is there anything more useless than the first two months of the NBA and NHL regular seasons? When over half the league makes a few high scoring games be expected?

• The second half against Maryland, tech has allowed a few high scoring games. The 49ers Kevan Barlow couldn’t be stopped, he decided to run out of bounds just after the time expired in the fourth quarter. Good job there, guy.

• While we’re on the Niner’s, yes, Terrell Owens is a jerk, but if…never mind, the England/Macedonia who tied Liechtenstein would seem to be worth the exorbitant pay-per-view fee, in a group of 5-10 fellow boxing fans, of course.

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• I don’t normally plan more than a two or three weeks in advance, except in the case of March 1, 2003. Roy Jones Jr. versus John Ruiz for the WBA heavyweight crown. It’s one fight that’ll be worth the exorbitant pay-per-view fee, in a group of 5-10 fellow boxing fans, of course.

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Tech will top Cavs 24-21

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Quarterback:
For Virginia, Matt Schaub has put up good numbers overall, but they are slightly skewed by a pair of 300 yard games against Wake Forest and Duke. He has failed to break the 250 yard mark in the last two games. Tech is still waiting for a quarter back to step up. Suggs and Bilbo both have TD/INT totals to close in on 10-0.

Running Backs:
Eziozi and Clinksake have been serviceable running back since Hollings’ injury, but Virginia has a good one-two punch in Wali Lunsford and Alvin Pearman. Still, Virginia averages just 124 yards rushing per game, while Tech has averaged 200 yards rushing per game, while Tech has averaged 10.4 yards per carry, than Virginia, despite equal linemen.

Wide Receivers:
Virginia will have the most talented player on the field in Billy M Cleveland. He draws a lot of double coverage, but the rest of the corps is talented enough to make up for that. Tech needs Jonathan Smith to be more consistent, so as to compliment Watkins and Glover. With Suggs and Bilbo both having TD/INT ratios to close in on 10-0.

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Pass protection is about equal. Tech has managed almost a full yard more per carry than Virginia, despite equal talent in the backfield. Keeping the ball on the ground would seem to bode well for Tech as Virginia’s run defense has been porous. Other than the second half against Miami, Tech’s run defense has been good. Both lines get to the quarterback.

Advantage: Virginia

Linebackers:
The tackle numbers jump of the page for Virginia’s linebackers, but Virginia has faced almost twice as many plays as Tech. W has scaled down the numbers even more. The linebackers are the heart of both defenses and both teams can expect good play here.

Advantage: None

Secondary:
Once again the position is kind of dead. No real easy go to’s, except for Virginia’s defensive backs, but Virginia’s defense is question marks.

Advantage: None

Special Teams:
Despite M’s angst being 2-7 on field goals, he hasn’t been kicking terribly. All of his misses have been from at least 45 yards out. Virginia has seen four misses inside 40 yards.

Tech has an advantage in the punt game as Tech has gotten better punts and returns from their personnel.

Advantage: Tech
The abundance of injuries sustained by Tech may very well be an indicator of poor conditioning. Other than the injury to the Jackets defense on several occasions in the decisive second half. The other number was obviously surrounding T Tech head coach Chan Gailey said. "I don't really know what happened. I think we had guys in the right spots, but we just weren't tackling."

"We missed a field goal, fumbled on the 20, things that you can't do and win in this conference," Chan Gailey, Head Football Coach.

Tech secondary. There were also far too many arm-tackles and Terps skill players were able to break free and simply outrun the Jackets defense on several occasions in the decisive second half.

According to Gailey, the Jackets have but one way to approach this difficult stretch. "The honest game is the next game," he said. "You don't look any further than the next game, and you try to find a way to win this one. You challenge your players to regroup. You go practice, you go hang together. That's the way. I know how to do it. I have no magic wand you can wave. It takes hard work and focus to get it done."

This final stretch will be tough. Luckily, the Jackets have won three of the past four games.

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that she is soft and tender, a real people person who gets her biggest joy from helping kids and soothing up their innocence.

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As a volleyball player and coach, Eveland has always been a student of the game. She was a member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic women's volleyball team and a member of the 1995 Pan American Games team. She also served as an assistant coach for the American women's volleyball team at the 1996 Olympics.

In addition to her coaching duties, Eveland is a committed volunteer for the American Red Cross, serving as a Disaster Action Team member and a member of the Special Olympics Volunteer Corps.

In her free time, Eveland enjoys spending time with her family and friends, as well as reading and listening to music. She is a devoted daughter to her parents and a loving sister to her two brothers.

Eveland is an inspiration to everyone who knows her, and her dedication to her craft and her community is truly remarkable.
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and the sports bar at the track.

After some time spent perusing the tents and ogling the cars, the roar from the track beckoned once more. The cars themselves were impressive enough, but the feeling of them passing as you stood next to the track was even more exhilarating.

Due to human nature, the most exciting part of every race is seeing wrecks occur. Unlike NASCAR, Indy, and other circular track racing, ALMS races require that you have a little luck to be in the right place at the right time to see a crash, but in a 1,000 mile race, there are always bound to be plenty.

There were many spectacular ones this year, with some cars colliding while others suffered mechanical failures and just careened into a tire wall. Seventeen of the Forty-eight cars in this year’s race did not manage to complete it.

The race was on record pace before a long series of cautions around 4:15 p.m ate up almost forty-five minutes of the race under a full course caution.

However, once the race was back up and running, the competition was fierce up until the end. The Audi teams dominated, showing their superiority for yet another year. Once the #2 car crossed the finish line, fireworks went up and the celebrations began. Some drivers celebrated victories, some celebrated completing the race, and others just celebrated the end of the season.

The fans all seemed exhausted following the long day, but everyone seemed satisfied with the experience. It was definitely the most racing one could take in for a $45 ticket. One year from now, Oct. 18, 2003, the roar of those engines will once again return to Road Atlanta and provide a good day’s escape from the average day in the life of a Tech student.
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is not the only title to be had. In ALMS racing, there are 4 individual classes of cars.
The LMP900 and LMP675 classes are purpose built race cars, while the GT and GTS classes are modified street cars such as Porsches, Ferraris, and BMW's.
The cars on the track were not the only ones that were impressive to behold.
In the infield, there were many displays of cars by manufacturers such as Panoz, as well as parking for the many car clubs in Atlanta. Even the cars of many spectators were an impressive sight to behold.

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Wandering through the paddock next to the pits was always interesting, as you could see cars being worked on, the remains of earlier wrecks, and had the chance to talk to team members and drivers to gain their perspective on the sport.
The track also included a vendor village halfway between the start/finish line and the far end of the course, which was handily placed to take a short break and enjoy some browsing through all sorts of race merchandise and eating some unreasonably overpriced food. There was relatively wide variety between the vendor village, the Paddock Grill, and Spectator Hill.