Hewitt gets Wow’d

Coach Paul Hewitt announced that Yao Ming’s younger brother, Wow Ming, intends to come play for the Jackets next season. Page 37.

Tiger comes to Tech

PGA swing man Tiger Woods is taking time off to come teach golf at Tech. Who will assume the No. 1 position during his leave? Page 38.

Red Raiders rob Tech’s NYC trip

Sophomore B.J. Elder and freshman Chris Bosch each threw in 21 points a piece, but couldn’t push the Jackets over the top in their semifinal loss to the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

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Virginia Tech’s Carrie Mason hit a game-winning layup with 1.1 seconds left to pull the Hokies over the Jackets 61-59.

Reality we didn’t have anything designed, Mason said about her final score. “Nobody stepped up, and I had the layup. Fortunately, it fell for me.”

The Jackets women’s basketball team suffered a tough loss on Saturday in the first round of the East Regional of the NCAA tournament. This was the first time since 1993 that the Lady Jackets had been invited to the Big Dance.

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USA Baseball’s final selection of the athletes, which will be the team representing the USA at the 2003 Pan Am Games, is subject to the approval of the United States Olympic Committee. The official team roster will be determined and announced on June 27. Nickeas is Georgia Tech’s leading hitter in the Atlantic Coastal Collegiate Conference. The team hosted their first ever Gymnastics meet Saturday. Six teams, including Tech, Miami of Ohio, Xavier, University of Buffalo, High Point, and Emory competed in the event.

The Jackets won the Classic with a score of 139.65 points, with Miami following in second with a score of 132.9 points. For the Jackets, Stephanie Carter took first in All-Around, Mary Lambo took first in the vault, and Tara Hayden grabbed second in the floor and vault, and a third place in the All-Around category.

The team’s next meet will be against Emory on April 2 at 8 PM.
Mason’s winning shot came after she drove past Alex Stewart, the Jackets’ best on-ball defender.

“Basically, I was trying to body up with her,” Stewart said after the game. “I didn’t want to foul her, and I gave her too much space and she hit the shot.”

The Hokies led the entire first half by as many as 10 points but were hurt repeatedly by turnovers and fouls. Virginia Tech pulled out a victory, despite being out-rebounded 15-6 on the offensive glass and surrendering 23 points off turnovers to the Tech team.

The Lady Jackets pulled within one point at the half, and took its first lead on two straight baskets at the start of the second period by Stewart, who finished with 10 points.

Tech had one final try to tie the game, but Fallon Stokes’ shot off an inbounds play was off the mark at the buzzer.

“Everybody’s going to remember the last play,” Tech coach Agnus Berenato said, “but the game didn’t come down to the last play. The game was a game of possessions. Any possession could have changed the outcome of the game.”

Stokes led the Lady Jackets with 25 points and added five rebounds and three steals.

The Hokies managed just three field goals in the game’s final 7:21. Two of those were 3-pointers from Kublina and Chrystal Starling that broke a 53-53 tie.

Tech’s press kept the game tight all the way to the end and a Hokie turnover brought about a game-tying basket from Stokes with 19 seconds left. Then came Mason’s game-winner.

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remaining in the game.

“I was really proud of the kids who played,” Berenato said. “We’re not ready for the season to be over, and we were ready to move on.”

She added: “It was over a minute too early for us to be ready to move on.”

After the game, Knight spoke to the fans, and honored the seniors on the team.

He also observed Jack Dale, who has been calling Texas Tech basketball games on the radio for 50 years and is retiring after the season. Dale had told Knight earlier in the season that he had never been to Madison Square Garden.

“So that’s a hell of an anniversary present,” Knight said to the crowd and to Dale. “Let’s get ready to go to New York.”

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