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difference in the game was clutch defense by the Jackets. In order for Tech to put Navy away for good, Tech's offense had to keep its defense off of the field so it could get some much-needed rest.

Fifteen minutes must have been enough because the Tech defense stopped everything that Navy could throw at them coming into the third quarter. Navy went three and out for the first time on the day, and punted to Tech.

Tech's offense gave thanks to its defense for its valor and courage with a 50-yard touchdown pass from the Godsey to Campbell. The touchdown pass was the longest play from scrimmage for Tech in the 2000 season. Godsey led Campbell, who was the only player that could catch the ball, perfectly down the sideline for the long-bomb. The extra point put Tech up 20-6.

Navy's fortune kept going downhill from there. On the next drive, Navy's quarterback pitched to a running back who bobbled the ball and fumbled. Sophomore defensive end Greg Gathers scooped it up the errant lateral and took it in for the touchdown. That was the straw that broke Navy's back; Tech now led by the score of 27-6.

Navy had trouble getting anything started on the next possession, and the only thing that kept the drive alive was a facemask penalty on a sack by Gathers. From there, the drive whittled away to a third down and 12. Navy's quarterback Brian Broadwater attempted a deep pass down the middle, overthrowing both the intended receiver and the Tech defender. The "Boo"s can still be heard coming from Bobby Dodd Stadium. Contrary to

what most fans with eyes would see, the referee called defensive pass interference on the play to Navy's advantage. Capitalizing from the fifteen-yard penalty, Navy used a surprising Wide Receiver Option (the quarterback throws the ball to wide receiver who throws it down field to another receiver) to score a touchdown late in the third quarter. Tech now leads by a score of 27-13, due to the gift TD.

After Navy's last touchdown, Tech completely took over the

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Head Football Coach

game, offensively and defensively. Tech continued to pound in the run to waste the clock, but it incorporated the passing game enough to score another touchdown early in the fourth quarter. Glover scored his second touchdown of the day on a ten-yard pass from Godsey. Tech now led 34-13.

Tech's run defense was solid. They closed in on every Navy run stopping it before it had a chance to start. Navy could collect only seven more yards rushing in the fourth quarter, a true sign of the great adjustments made by the Tech defense.

Another Navy blunder put Tech next to the goal line once

again. Stuffing the defensive line was no test for the aggressive offensive line of Tech. Running back Sidney Ford ran in another touchdown from the one-yard line. Although the extra point was no good, the nail had been driven deep into the coffin of Navy, and it had already been put into its grave in the sea. Tech led 40-13 with under two minutes remaining.

The only aspect of Navy's game that could hold water anymore was its passing game. It completely abandoned its once dominant running game, and used short passes to gain yardage. However, Navy's obstinance was quelled by the defense of Tech. The crowd counted down the clock as Navy could only look on.

Despite the outcome of the game, Tech needs to improve on its game. "I thought we played well enough to win...but we could play better," Coach O'Leary commented after the game. The Tech defense had a tough time at the beginning of the game adjusting to the running game of Navy. "We weren't used to the speed of the option...and the pitch relationship," O'Leary commented.

However, the defense did make some great adjustments later in the game to stop the running game. O'Leary said, "I thought we made some big plays when we had to make them." No matter how you look at it, it was a win, and a win needed to show everyone including the team that they could blow someone out. Still, the jury is still out on this year's squad, and the N.C. State match should help them prove their mettle if they can vanquish the Wolfpack.

"Good win for us," quoted O'Leary. He's right. Good win for the players, the coaches, and the fans.



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Split End Nate Curry (above) slipped through the gaps against Navy. Linebacker Matthew Etheridge (below) forced a fumble that led to the game's final touchdown.



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Rugby Update

By Juergen Pabel
Contributing writer

The Tech Rugby squad ventured up to Knoxville this past weekend for its second test of the season, against the number three ranked team in the South, the University of Tennessee.

Tech came out solid against a bigger, more physical Tennesseeside, and controlled the pace for most of the first half. Despite a well earned try and conversion by Justin Germany, Tech trailed 17-7 at the half due to Tennessee's 60+ meter intercepted pass and try, and another late first half drive to the try zone by the UT forwards.

The second half of the game was no kinder to Tech, as Tennessee ran a well orchestrated set of forward attack phases against the Yellow Jackets. By controlling the ball and the play, UT kept Tech off the scoreboard, while adding to their lead through additional tries and penalty kicks. The final result was 38-7.

Despite the result, there was some gutsy play by the Yellow Jackets; namely Patrick Nix, Justin Germany, Juergen Pabel, and freshman newcomer Jacob Townson. With his toughness and key play in the lineouts, Matt Rhyner was a stand-out, and Man of the Match for Georgia Tech.

The next match will be Saturday, September 23, at 1 p.m. in the Burger Bowl. Their opponent will be Jacksonville State University

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weren't quite premier enough. And so, a tiered system was created. The idea is simple—play well in a lower division and get promoted; play poorly in a higher division, and get sent down.

It only seems fair that in Division "I", which is might well be translated in Europe to "Premier", should aspire to a similar standard of quality. On the football end of things, how might this be implemented? Gather the top 60 teams from the current Division I, and let them stay. Boot the other 50+ teams down a level, perhaps lumped with Division I-AA.

These 60 teams are then split into six ten-team divisions, with each team playing every other team in the division once (no Big Ten (11) schedules here). Groupings would, of course, be determined by a combination of grouping by region and balancing skill across divisions, which, of course, contrasts sharply with the current practice of randomly joining a conference that is generally close to them and somewhat close to them in skill level. Of course I use those terms loosely.

"What about the tradition, the rivalries?" some might cry. It's in there. Each team is allowed to schedule 3 rivalry games (12 games total, reflecting soon-to-be-enacted NCAA policy), which are not counted either for or against them in the final standings. If you have more than three significant rivalries outside of your division, get over it, you need to hold fewer grudges and quit us-

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Rob Kischuk
Sports Editor

ing them as excuses to play teams that now suck.

So far, it only really differs from the current system in actually trying to balance the conferences instead of allowing the likes of the "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" Big Eight Conference (R.I.P.) to continue for years. In addition, it would make a framework even more friendly to an eventual playoff to determine the national championship, which would be played out in the bowl games. This would all be a welcome change, but not yet worth the trouble without the "relegation" part of it.

There would also be a relegation playoff where the bottom 16 teams would compete in another set of playoffs, fighting for their lives, to determine who gets the drop to I-AA. There's also a need for I-AA playoffs to determine who gets promoted to Division I. Heaven forbid results be determined on the field.

What a bonus for the bowl games and all of their commercial sponsors! Now, there's not just room for the Humanitarian Bowl, the Motor City Bowl, and the Iron Bowl,

we need more bowls for all of these games, bring on the Jiffy Lube Bowl, the Papa John's Pizza Bowl, and the Marriott Sodexo Food Quality Bowl, and who knows, maybe a few dozen more dot-coms can bring us a game. Who could refuse the Techiegold.com bowl, complete with goldfish mascot? Perhaps we can have the pets.com sock puppet run out in the middle of the halftime show instead of the traditional college marching bands.

It's a boon of commercialism, with room for everyone to jump in, and thousands more fans more involved in the game, because something's actually at stake, rather than mere bragging rights over Prairie View A&M in the Oahu Bowl.

It adds a greater sense of urgency, and forces schools to put forth more than just athletic scholarships and the appearance of support to field a team at college's highest level—it also requires proving that you belong there (Hello, Duke).

It acts as a filter of sorts. Teams that have a terrible season get the chance to rebuild amongst less competitive teams and build confidence

before they're thrust back into the Maelstrom, while teams that were content to languish in easy schedules are not rewarded until they demonstrate actual proficiency.

So who would oppose such a measure? First, and most obviously, the conferences. It strips them of their control over both teams and the bowls, but I believe the conferences could still retain their names and revenues under the new system. It would require the NCAA to assert itself as it did when it wrested control of the college basketball postseason from the NIT.

Still, the conferences would rather delude themselves—the head of Conference USA has gone so far as to say that fans have not shown any signs that they want a playoff system. I have yet to meet a single fan who agrees with him. I'm sure they're out there, but most fans seem to think that playoffs would be nice, but the money speaks louder.

Why not have both, and strip the teams that don't belong of their Division I status at the same time. Raise the level of competition, the amount at stake, the number of games, and the post-season attendance, and you have the ultimate win-win for all except the Division I pretenders, who don't really belong in the first place.

Too bad it won't happen that way—we'll just let formulas, hippies from Michigan's computer rankings, six other randomly selected statistical rankings, and a convoluted strength-of-schedule system tell us who deserves the goods amongst the 112 teams of the bloated Division I field of teams.

Football Forecast

WEEK FIVE

	Kischuk (11-4) 39-10	Freyman (11-4) 39-10	Shaw (14-1) 38-11	Dykes (10-5) 35-14	Graybeal (9-6) 34-15	Flagg (12-3) 33-16	Guest (Dime) (11-4) 33-16	Baucom (10-5) 32-17	Hinkel (10-5) 32-17	Uhlig (10-5) 32-17	Cutri-Kohart (9-6) 31-18
<i>Tech at N.C. State</i>	TECH	TECH	TECH	TECH	TECH	TECH	TECH	TECH	TECH	TECH	TECH
<i>Duke at Vanderbilt</i>	VAND	VAND	VAND	DUKE	VAND	VAND	VAND	VAND	VAND	VAND	DUKE
<i>Clemson at Virginia</i>	CLEM	CLEM	CLEM	UVA	CLEM	UVA	UVA	UVA	UVA	CLEM	UVA
<i>Louisville at Florida State</i>	F\$U	F\$U	F\$U	F\$U	F\$U	FSU	LOU	F\$U	F\$U	F\$U	F\$U
<i>MTSU at Maryland</i>	MARY	MARY	MARY	MARY	MARY	MARY	MARY	MARY	MARY	MARY	MARY
<i>Marshall at UNC</i>	MARS	UNC	MARS	UNC	MARS	MARS	MARS	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC
<i>Southern Miss. at Oklahoma St.</i>	USM	USM	USM	OSU	USM	OSU	USM	USM	USM	USM	USM
<i>San Jose St. at South Carolina</i>	USC	SJSU	USC	SJSU	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	SJSU	USC
<i>Notre Dame at Michigan St.</i>	UND	MSU	UND	MSU	UND	UND	MSU	UND	UND	UND	UND
<i>Michigan at Illinois</i>	MICH	MICH	MICH	MICH	MICH	ILL	MICH	MICH	MICH	MICH	MICH
<i>Harvard at Brown</i>	BROW	BROW	BROW	HARV	BROW	HARV	HARV	HARV	HARV	HARV	HARV
<i>Navy at Boston College</i>	BC	BC	BC	NAVY	BC	BC	NAVY	BC	BC	BC	NAVY
<i>Tennessee St. at Florida A&M</i>	FAMU	FAMU	FAMU	FAMU	FAMU	TSU	FAMU	FAMU	FAMU	TSU	FAMU
<i>South Florida at Baylor</i>	USF	USF	BAY	BAY	BAY	USF	BAY	BAY	BAY	BAY	USF
<i>MIT at Curry</i>	CURR	MIT	MIT	MIT	MIT	CURR	CURR	CURR	CURR	MIT	CURR

Yes, I finally did it. In spite of the fact that Christina is STILL tied with me, I moved her behind me. She's okay with it. Who's not okay with what I did? Jody. He's pissed. We decided that giving him an initial 4-0 record wasn't fair to us, so we gave him 2-2 instead, leaving him squarely in third place. I decided this week to make the guest a dime. You know, the coin. Since Matt Flagg forgot to give me his picks, I let a penny serve in his place. Well, I'm apathetic today. I'm going to let Jody finish the six-point box. Chris might join in as well. Happy filling to all!

Now that the pre-Olympic ogre has retired to his dorm room, I can express my true feelings about the thorough shaft I recieved in the Football Forecast. Do you know what my record was last week? 14-1. Who picked UCLA's upset of Michigan? Me. Did anybody else? No. What did I get for my prowess of prognostication? Third place. That, ladies and gentlemen, is the ultimate shaft. My overall record of 36-9 means I'm picking at far better than a .500 clip, but that's what they awarded me for week one. Kudos to E.W. for giving me that good start, too bad I've had it ripped from my bosom. But do not fear, my geriatric friend Rob will only occupy first place for a week. Next week at this time, the prize will be mine. Actually, next week at this time I'll be in bed. Hopefully, I'm the Managing Editor, I shouldn't be here at this time. Everyone else is gone now, except for Chris and Jen. Speaking of Jen, I'd like to thank her (and Ankur Goel) for throwing me a fantastic birthday party on Saturday evening. If you would have liked to come

to the party, but weren't properly informed, feel free to blame either one of them. Anyway...for those of you who didn't know, I turned the big 1-9 on Saturday. I'm feeling pretty old now, not as old as Rob or anything, but I am pretty ancient compared to my fellow freshmen. I got some "interesting" gifts. Christina gave me a nightlight. Apparently she thinks I am so young that I am still scared of the dark. That's not the case. I do, however, plan to put the glowing red lips to good use. My witty roommate Robert also provided me with a lovely gift, cleverly disguised in a Victoria's Secret box. Thanks buddy! All in all it was a fun weekend, particularly the dip in the fountain at 3:00 am. I'm losing my ability to spell now, so I'll turn the rest of this space over to the lovely and talented Christopher Lee. Sorry about the ranting.

Wow. My first stint as six-point man! I'm at a loss for words. I can say, however, that I was traumatized this week by the christening of three previously inviolate *Technique* landmarks: the cubicle of love, the turney thing of makeoutdom, and my very own desk. Yes, not even my office is sacred. Apparently, Randy isn't just the name of TQ's favorite campus personality. Ahem. Okay, I just need to squeeze two more lines out of this. Well, two and a half, anyway. Tonights deadline theme was QUARANTINE. Yes, both Sarah and I were sick, and I think Becca was sick, too, by the time she left. So that explains the umbros and warmup pants. And I've reached the end of the box. Until next week, dear readers, I'm six-point man!

Volleyball

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the match, including Maja Pachale, who had 11 kills and 12 digs on the night. Ida Mabry had 10 kills and four blocks. Bell had 23 kills while Eveland had 26 assists.

The win improved Tech to 8-2 as they looked forward to their showdown with Colorado State. But yet, they could not overlook their sec-

ond round opponent Massachusetts who came into the match 3-4. Tech won this game in straight sets also 15-3, 15-6, 15-11. Tech was not particularly accurate for the match only posting a .365 hitting percentage. Bell had 18 kills while Teryl Townsend had 13. Pachale had 12 digs proving she can be counted

on to perform every match. Freshman setter Eveland had 33 assists.

Once Massachusetts was disposed of, Tech could now look forward to their match-up with fourth ranked Colorado State. After losses to tenth ranked Minnesota and eleventh ranked Pacific earlier in the season, Tech hoped to beat a powerhouse and take their game to the next level. Unfortunately, Tech could not pull it off losing three straight games and the match 6-15, 6-15, 2-15.

The home crowd was with the Rams who hosted the tournament, but it was GT that jumped out early 5-0. State had four unforced errors and Pachale added a kill as Tech looked to be in good shape. But once again they could not hold on as the Rams rebounded to tie the game at six apiece. They never looked back as Tech committed several errors in route to their 15-6 loss. Not much changed in game two as State grabbed a commanding 12-3 lead. Tech did well defending but could not score. Thus, State just slowly added points while Tech could not keep pace offensively. Pachale and Townsend scored the last three points for Tech to get their 6.

Tech tried to fire it up in the last set, but it was to no avail with State riding Tech's .172 hitting percentage to an 11-2 lead. They finished it off with the final score of 15-2. Pachale had 15 kills while Eveland had 31 assists.

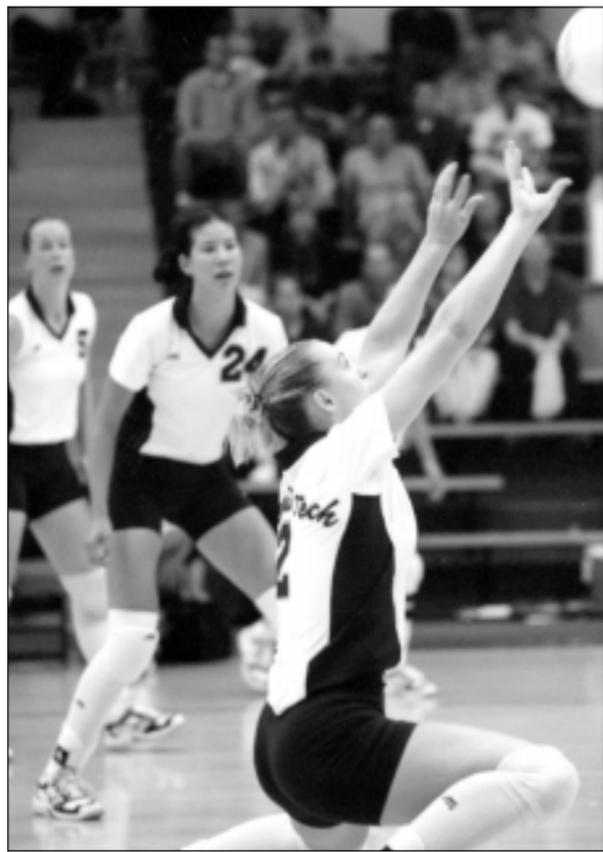
Good points for Tech were that Eveland and Bell both were named to the all-tournament team. Also, the good competition definitely got them ready for their ACC play, which begins 7 P.M. today at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. Bad points were in trying to make the NCAA National Championships, Tech does not have any wins against a ranked opponent. Still, with play like this, such a win is coming soon..

Upcoming games for the volleyball team include a two game

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jaunt onto Tobacco Road for matches at UNC in Chapel Hill and at N.C. State in Raleigh. The team will then return home next weekend for a pair of matches in O'Keefe Gym-

nasium. The opening match is against Virginia on Friday, and will be followed by a match against Maryland on Saturday. Both games will start at 7 p.m. Students get in free.



By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Christine Shelby gets down to set the ball as hitter Pachale looks on in anticipation, ready to attack the ball at the net.



By Marques McMillan / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The ladies celebrate the end of the game during a home match. Moments like this have been quite common, as they have recorded a season-to-date record of nine wins and three losses.

Thursday night on ESPN provides much-needed mid-level opponent

By Rob Kischuk
Sports Editor

By press time, the result of the Thursday night match between the N.C. State Wolfpack and the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets on the gridiron will be over. Obviously, a full in-depth preview is not in order, but let's look at the likely factors.

First, if we win, which is quite possible, there are plenty of reasons. In spite of the short week of practice, O'Leary certainly knows what to expect and work on. State's passing attack is infamous, leading the NCAA in total offense with 355.3 yards per game. On the other hand, take into account that the opponents have been marginal opponents Arkansas State, Indiana, and Southern Methodist, with the first two games won by a combined ten points.

The running game will be a factor, with tailback Ray Robinson accounting for 210 total yards and an average of 4.2 yards per carry. Still, the focus seems to be the passing attack, which accounts for the lion's share of their offense for the year. Such predictability may play right into the hands of defensive coordinator Ted Roof. When a team readily shows such one-dimensionality, if a team can shut down that one attack down, the entire offense can grind to a halt in the wake of such defensive dominance.

On the flip side, it is also entirely conceivable that Tech fans are mourning a loss this morning. In that case, the Wolfpack will likely have used their weakness as an advantage. The one-sided passing attack led by freshman quarterback Philip Rivers has accounted for over 1,000 yards in N.C. State's first three games.

Tech's defense has yet to prove that it can reliably stand strong against the air attack week

in and week out. The best performance so far was against Florida State, considering the opposition. Still, lesser opponents such as UCF and Navy have been able to post similar numbers on the defense. Regardless of opponent, it has also proven highly susceptible to breaking the big play. Against Navy, several third and long situations went awry as the first-downs were converted with another ten yards to spare.

The offense has proven itself highly capable as well, but similarly spotty in the consistency department. Quarterback George Godsey has proven time and again that when crunch time arrives, he is quite capable of running the offense efficiently and moving the ball down the field and into the end zone in record time.

Still, such situations would not become necessary if both sides could play to their potential for the four quarters of each game. It is likely that unless changes are made, a game will arrive when both offense and defense are playing down, and when that day arrives, a Tech loss is certain. Still, the most likely scenario for a loss is the Wolfpack passing offense dominating the scoreboard.

N.C. State's defense is nothing any more stifling than past opponents, so it is likely that the offense will put points on the board. Competent efforts on both sides of the ball, along with even average play by the special teams will seal a victory. The way to lose this game is to play below average. It is once again a question of playing to the team's potential versus playing down to the level of the opponent. The Yellow Jackets clearly outclass their conference foe in this week's game, and weighed on skill, the score is certainly a blowout. Still, the reality of college football is that games are played for a reason. Hopefully, this result was predictable.

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Georgia Tech

VS



N.C. State

How they match up . . .

(2-1)	Record	(3-0)
(0-1)	ACC	(0-0)
George Godsey	Quarterback	Philip Rivers
544	Passing Yards	1,069
7	TD receptions	10
0	Interceptions	2
TB Joe Burns	Rushing Leader	TB Ray Robinson
157	Total Yards	210
40	Carries	50
3.9	Average	4.2
FL Will Glover	Leading Receiver	WR K. Robinson
14	Catches	19
119	Yards	376
8.5	Average	19.8
2	Touchdowns	4

By Gary Bridges / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The N.C. State offense has exploded on lesser defenses. The passing attack has been a force to be reckoned with, almost doubling Tech's season passing output thus far.

Golf team opens post-Kuchar era at the Ping/Golfweek Invitational anchored by familiar upperclassmen Bryce Molder and Matt Weibring

By David Williams
He's a bad man

The Georgia Tech Golf Team sets off the 2000-2001 season with the Ping/Golfweek Invitational at Duke University September 24-26. Longtime followers of the program will have much anticipation as there is a degree of uncertainty after losing solid players Matt Kuchar and Carlton Forrester to graduation. The only nationally recognized name will be senior Bryce Molder, leading some golf fans to think Tech's prominence might fall off this year. Further probing shows a crop of new talent that just might keep Tech near the top of college golf.

Molder comes into the season having already primed himself for top level golf. He made it to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Amateurs

before losing 1-up to Northwestern star Luke Donald. Molder then led the United States to the World Amateur Championship by capturing first place for the tournament after shooting 69-71-65-68—273. Interestingly enough U.S. Amateur champ Jeff Quinney finished 15th after shooting 71-72-71-76—290. Such is golf, and the virtues of having a solid stroke play game versus maybe a streaky match play game.

That is why winning a U.S. Amateur does not guarantee success on the PGA Tour, Tiger Woods and Kuchar exempt of course. Molder will definitely have to be the anchor of this team hopefully shooting in the 60's all four rounds for the majority of the year. That is a high but achievable goal seeing how he can reach the green on a lot of par 5's in two and does not blow many holes.

Who will be Pippen to Jordan on this team, everyone asks? Right now it looks like junior Matt Weibring has made a strong move at becoming the next GT star. The Plano, Texas native did well in stroke play at the U.S. Amateur before losing to eventual champion Quinney in the first round. He also did well at the NCAA's last year shooting the lowest score for all players on the team.

When asked about who will play, Coach Bruce Heppler had this to say, "We have qualifying for every tournament so there are no favorites. We play four rounds and take the low scores out of that so yes, if Molder has a bad day he will not travel. You would expect Wes Latimer and Kriss Mickelson to come out of the bunch since they have a lot of experience playing as juniors. Latimer had to sit at home a lot last year after not scoring well at the qualifying but now is his time." Matteson finished second at the Palmetto Dunes Invitational last year proving he can play under the gun.

Such is golf, the numbers dictate who will play, not the coach's prerogative. Also pushing for a chance to travel will be Troy Matteson of Austin, Texas. Matteson qualified for several tournaments last year with a best of seven under at the U.S. Collegiate Championship.

Adam Cranford of Augusta, GA will try to bring a little Green Jacket flavor to the squad after redshirting last year. All it takes is getting on a little roll and all of a sudden the game gets easy. Both will benefit from experience they gain that comes from sharing the burden of the team's success this year.

Also making a run will be freshman Wren Fowler of Thomson, GA, which is a mere 20 minutes from Augusta. Frosh Jake Ellison of Utah will also try to stake claim to a traveling spot.

The Duke course is 7100 yards long and will prove formidable for all. When asked how to use this



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Following last year's near victory at the NCAA Championships, the reins passed to Bryce Molder to serve as the team's leader, in score and spirit.

tourney as a measuring stick for the rest of the year, Heppler had this to say, "Well, the course is the site of the NCAA Championships this year so this will give all competing teams a chance to preview that before the real thing. We also want to see where we stand because we have lost two key players in Kuchar and Forrester. It should be interesting."

Check the next week's issue of the Technique for results from this event as well as a preview of upcoming events, including the upcoming Carpet Capital Collegiate which will be held in nearby Rocky Face, GA. Future coverage will also follow the professional progress of alumnus Matt Kuchar as he joins the ranks of David Duval in the PGA.

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Men's Golf Coach



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Head golf coach offers helpful tips to Matt Weibring. Weibring is expected to be part two of Tech's one-two punch on the links this season.

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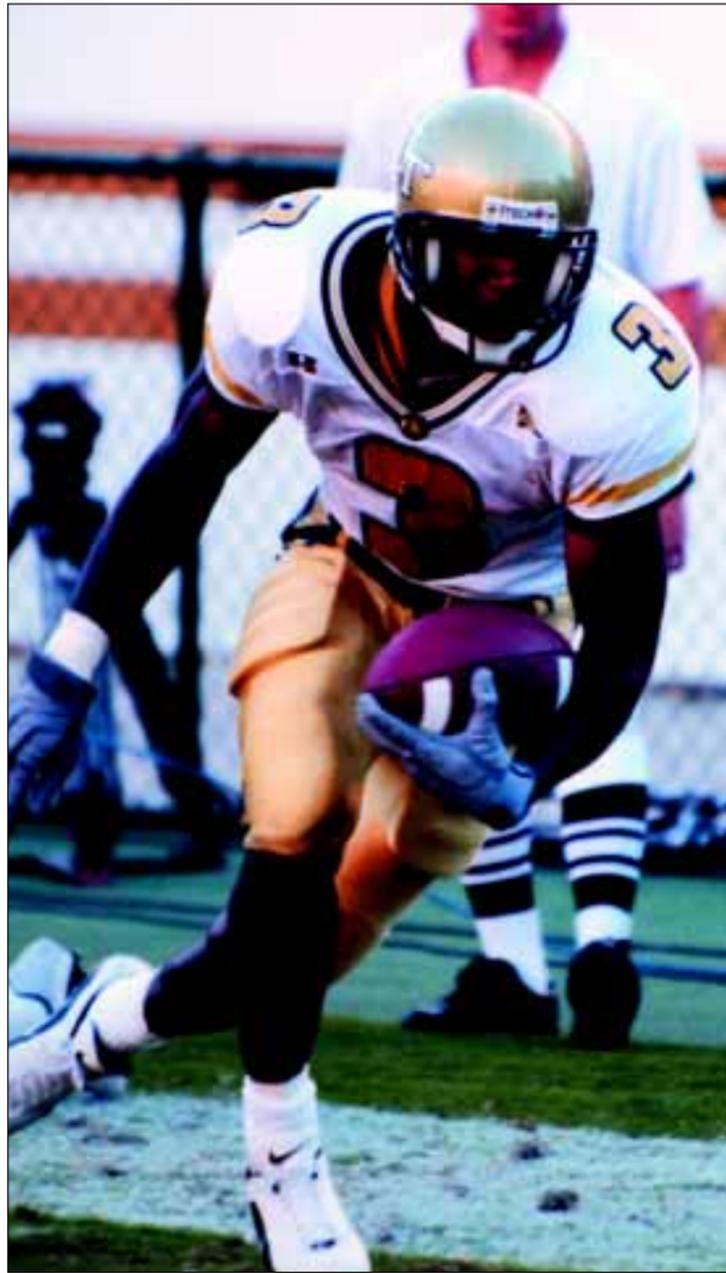
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Offense foils midshipmen upset bid in high-scoring rout



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sophomore flanker Will Glover was instrumental in the victory over the Navy midshipmen. He had three receptions, two were for touchdowns.

By Michael Tiemeyer
Rookie of the game

Everyone went to the football game last weekend expecting to see a more relaxing game than the previous two had been. No one thought they would see any nail-biting last minute plays or blatantly blown calls that cost the game—Saturday, Georgia Tech played Navy. Big deal, right? At stake was Tech's reputation—a true contender or a mere year-to-year flash in the pan.

Well, Navy came out the door running with all kind of sneaky tactics and tricks. On the initial kick-off of the game they tried an onside kick, and recovered it. This surprising strategy made Tech do a double take on the Midshipmen.

Navy quickly ran many option plays that left the defense guessing about who they should tackle and which lane to take. After entering the Tech red zone, Navy took a timeout that might have cost them a touchdown because the timeout gave Tech's defense some time to gain their bearings, and sure enough, Navy had to settle for a field goal.

On its first possession, Tech used some of its own running game and a short pass to run deep into Navy territory. Joe Burns gained 34 yards rushing and 29 yards receiving on the first possession, so far proving to be a force that Navy couldn't stop. However, after a penalty and botched George Godsey pump-fake, Tech answered Navy's surprise attack with a 34-yard Luke Manget field goal.

Throughout the rest of the first quarter, Navy basically owned the football, allowing Tech only another 1:07 in time possession. Also, the running game of Navy continued

to perform well against Tech because of the many variations of the option, pitch, and draw used, which accumulated a total of 85 yards rushing on twenty attempts.

Tech had a hard time getting anything started in the first quarter because their offense spent only 4:22 on the field against the fresh and aggressive defense of Navy. Tech could only tack on 29 yards passing—all coming from the 29-yard scamper of Burns that came from a pass into the flat. Despite the first drive, which accrued 35 yards rushing, the Tech offense could only muster two more yards during the rest of the quarter.

Navy had possession to start the second quarter, camped on their 33-yard line, but was unable to move the ball any further down the field without the aid of a referee. A defensive pass interference was called, which allowed Navy fifteen yards; they still could not gain any more yardage, so they had to punt.

Along with Godsey's first two down-field completions to Burns and Glover and Burns' rushing, Tech was able to make another march to the goal-line, but they were stopped short and had to settle for three points by way of a Manget 26 yard field goal.

Tech did a much better job of hanging onto the ball by keeping it in offensive hands for 4:19. The scoring drive used thirteen plays to advance sixty-seven yards for the score.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Navy special teams tried to do their best impression of the 1999 AFC Champion Tennessee Titans by using a lateral pass to fool the defense. However, it was an embarrassing failure because the passing Midshipmen

threw the ball forward several yards. Needless to say, the touchdown was called back. It was some comic relief to an otherwise close game.

Navy's running game still had Tech's number; they rushed for more than thirty yards before the defense could hold them. Thus, Navy had to punt. Glover was deep to receive the kick, but in his attempt to run before he caught the ball, the ball came loose, and was recovered by Navy in Tech territory. Despite the blunder, they were able to keep the ball for only one play when a sack produced another fumble that Tech recovered.

Tech capitalized on their second chance. Using short passes and a variety of lateral rushing, the offense was able to eat the clock and make its way down the field. Tech used 5:31 and fourteen plays to advance 57 yards for the touchdown score. Godsey passed to Glover over the middle for eleven yards resulting in a touchdown that put Tech ahead by ten points.

During Navy's last possession of the half, it tried a completely different strategy, the passing game, and it worked. Using short passes and runs to mix up their offense, they quickly made their way down. Thanks to a false start penalty, they had to again settle for three points on a field goal, leaving only 0:11 in the half.

Godsey tried a Hail Mary pass to close the half, but to no avail, the pass was long. Tech was able to take its fair share of the ball during the second quarter, yet it was still behind on possession time. Also, Tech was still being out-rushed in the game 140 yards to 99 yards; the

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Volleyball bids for elite status with second place ranking in Coors Light Invitational

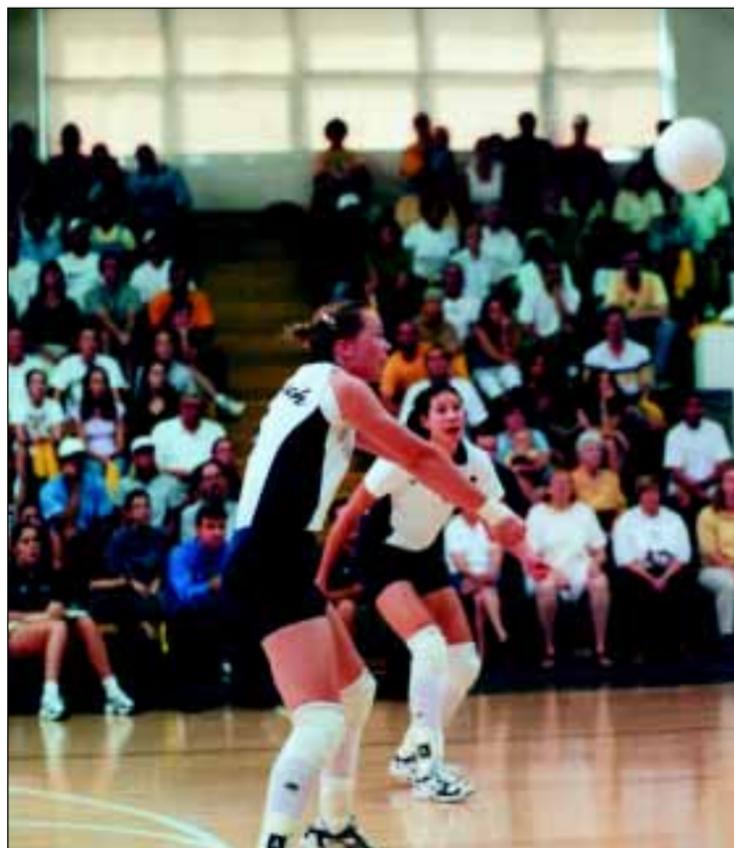
By David Williams
Earns his varsity letter

The Georgia Tech Women's Volleyball Team competed last week in the Coors Light Classic that was hosted by Colorado State. The team fared well winning two and losing one to take second place.

Tech once again had a chance to prove to itself that it should be ranked nationally but could not pull off the win against number 4 State, leaving the validity of their claims still to be determined.

The first match saw Tech take on Loyola-Chicago and the Yellow Jackets came through in straight sets (15-10, 15-8, 15-11). Loyola made it to the NCAA Tournament last year so this was a quality win for GT. Even more impressive was Tech held their opponents to a .000 percentage in the first set. Tech was never really threatened their lead growing to eight at one point in the second set.

The Ramblers tried to make a little run in the third game getting as close as 13-11 but Amanda Hess and Kyleen Bell closed it out with two kills. There were outstanding players for Tech in



By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Junior outside hitter Maja Pachale prepares to bump as Kyleen Bell looks on to continue the volley. Both have been centric to this years successes.

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Sports Commentary

Look to soccer to solve woes of bloated Division I football

By Rob Kischuk
Sports Editor

Ever stop to look around Division I football? Ever wonder what some of the teams are doing there? Ever get tired of teams from no-name conferences griping about not getting a better post-season bowl? I might just have the answer.

First of all, what is the root of the problem? I believe the problem is mediocrity (some call this parity). Teams are attempting to compete at the highest level of intercollegiate competition that do not play at the highest level. The result is a few traditionally powerful conferences (look at BCS automatic bids for a good start) and several distinctly second-tier conferences. Sure, Marshall may have gone undefeated, but how many other ACC or SEC teams could have matched that feat playing the likes of Bowling Green, Buffalo, and Akron?

It sounds like an entire conference of NCAA basketball tourney bubble teams that didn't make the cut. And you think you deserve what bowl game? Too bad there's no NIT for football...

All of these maladies and more lead me to a modest proposal, an idea that isn't even my own. I stole it. Snagged it wholesale from the world of Premier League Soccer. The word is relegation. What, you may ask, is relegation, and what does soccer have to do with football?

Well, apparently at some point, people decided that if they were going to call a grouping of teams the "Premier League", they ought to also do something to make sure that the teams occasionally resembled premier-level play. The problem? Many teams that might wish to play in the league

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