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Senior Outfielder


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Golf ends regular season
Barbosa takes fourth at final meet; team prepares for ACC and NCAA competition

By Michael Warwick
Coordinating Writer

The Tech golf team is back on the putting green by June 5, stronger than ever. After winning the ACC championship last month, the Yellow Jackets will look to host the ACC tournament this year.

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Four Jackets take first in track and field events

By Matthew Winkler
Contributing Writer

The men's and women's track and field teams competed at the Spec Invitational over the weekend in Athens. Four Jackets placed first in their respective events.

Jerome Miller posted a mark of 7 feet, 0.25 inches in the men's high jump to take first place. The mark was a season best as well as an NCAA region mark. He also placed a mark of 46 feet, 0.25 inches in the triple jump to record a fourth-place finish.

In the hammer throw, senior Eric Massey had a career day. He set a personal record as well as an NCAA qualifying mark of 199 feet, 3 inches, to take first place in the competition.

In the men’s 1500m, junior David Herren placed first with a time of 3:54.32. Andriane Lapsley finished first in the women's 100m dash with a time of 11.48. She also finished 6th place in the 100m hurdles and 5th place in the triple jump to post her third top-five finish of the meet.

This weekend the track team traveled to Knoxville, Tenn. to compete in the Sea Ray Relays.

Jackets win two close matches

By Matthew Winkler
Contributing Writer

The men’s tennis team picked up two victories over N.C. State and Wake Forest this past week as they moved up to No. 27 in the nation. The Jackets are currently on a three-match winning streak.

Against Wake Forest on Sunday the Jackets overcome a 2-0 deficit to upset the No. 26 team in the nation. Four Jackets won singles matches to help propel the Jackets to a 4-3 victory.

Wake Forest started out strong by winning all three doubles positions to take the doubles point. The Demon Deacons then took the next singles point as No.13 Todd Paul defeated Marko Rajevac 6-4,6-3.

The Jackets responded by winning the next four singles points. David North upset No. 94 Andrew Hammar, 2-6, 6-0, 6-4. Zachary Rath, Jordan Delass and Scott Blackmon also claimed their singles matches to help propel the Jackets to a 4-2 lead. George Gvelesiani dropped his singles match in three sets, but the Jackets had already claimed the victory.

Against N.C. State, the Jackets picked up the doubles point by winning all three doubles matches. The Wolfpack responded by winning the next two singles matches to take a 2-1 lead.

North then tied the score at 2-2 by winning his match in two sets 6-1,6-1. N.C. State then regained the lead after Rath dropped his match in three sets.

The Jackets, trailing 3-2, needed the next two matches to take the victory. Blackmon won his match, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, tying the score at 3-3.

Marko Rajevac then had a dramatic point as No.13 Todd Paul defeated Marko Rajevac 6-4,6-3.

Sophomore Scott Blackmon won both of his singles matches in competition last weekend. The team downed both opponents 4-3.

With the two wins over the weekend, the Jackets move to 9-8 overall and 3-6 in ACC play.

The Jackets had a match yesterday against Boston College, but the results were unavailable at press time.

The Jackets face Maryland today at 3 p.m. at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. This marks the 27th meeting between the Jackets and Terrapins, with Tech leading the series 26-6.

For more information, visit the Jackets’ Facebook page and the Jackets’ Twitter feed. Also, please visit the Jackets’ Web site for the latest news and up-to-date information.
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**SMITH Eric, Washington, DC**<br>His game came to its demise in the most unlikely of circumstances. While engaging in two of his most pleasurable pastimes: talking about boats, with his other passion, a beautiful girl who seemed genuinely interested. They were even planning to go out in his 15-foot dinghy, only to hit unseen rocks in the form of The One Upper, the classic Gamekiller who lives by the motto “Anything you can do I can do better.” Sure enough, The One Upper claimed to not only know boats, but he also boasted of captaining his own 40-foot vessel. Eric tried to navigate to the calmer waters of car talk but was run over again by The One Upper’s supposed vintage German roadster. The tension quickly mounted, and soon the two were engaged in a ruthless game of one-upmanship. On and on they went, seeing what the other guy just said and raising him. When the smoke cleared, Eric had won the great feat, but the girl was nowhere to be found. No one likes a braggar. Eric’s game was last seen drifting away towards the vast sea of loneliness in an undersized boat. |

**UTSH Chad, New Brunswick, NJ**<br>His game was faring nicely at the local coffee shop with a seemingly receptive late drinker called Rita. He seemed well on his way to a little afternoon delight, that is until the cardio-excit Gamekiller known as “IQ” entered the picture. This pompous scholastic scavenger, famous for luring men into heated debates on subjects of which they know nothing, overheard the conversation turning to art and pounded. Immediately he steered the dialogue into an area known as Out Of Chad’s Deep where he would dish out over increasing portions of intellectual emasculation. Chad reacted as anyone with a 20 point IQ deficit facing “IQ” would: the wrong way. No, the answer to “What do you feel Picasso peaked?” isn’t to shove the questioner in the chest. Rita was left to apologize emphatically for Chad’s actions and asked if she could make it up to it in some way. Chad tried to recover, but it was too late. He had lost his cool, and his game would retire home, where it would begin its own blue period.

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**MASSIS Andre, Sao Paulo, BR**<br>Was lured away from a pretty young thing and into a hosted game of “foos” by his good friend Carl—more commonly known as “The Mayor of No Women’s Land.” While Andre made several attempts to step away and put himself back into contention with the said female, Carl’s relentless pursuit for “all things that don’t involve getting same was ultimately too much for the young Andre. He quickly found himself sweating it out over the air hockey table from where he could catch a glimpse of his young beauty heading out the door with another suitor. Andre’s game will be remembered by many, just not her.

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**NIEVES Fernando, New York, NY**<br>His game was alive and well on its way to a ten dollar exchange with a hostin known as Britney, but was suddenly bushwhacked by a classic Gamekiller, The Drama Queen. She ran into the scene, tears streaming, and sobbed a story of having seen her ex from four years ago. “I, I, I just can’t be done tonight, Brit.” Still a retrievable situation had Fernando kept his cool. But he didn’t. “Four years seems like a long time ago,” he said in all innocence. By the time The Drama Queen was done flipping the script, Fernando was recast in the role of “the villain” in front of a crowd of horrified onlookers. No one hooks up with an insensitive pig. Rest in peace Fernando, but you sleep alone.

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**SHIEH Hanwey, Los Angeles, CA**<br>Hanwey was chatting up a Latin diva at an apartment complex barbecue and his game was hot enough to cause a fire hazard, that is until his friend and cocoon of horror known as The Mass entered the picture and snatched Hanwey up like a flash flood of distraction. Somewhat of a loose cannon, The Mass immediately engaged Hanwey in the age-old male bonding tradition of lighting one’s own farts. Sure, there’s little more enticing than the ignition of one’s own combustible human gasses, but much like riding an electric scooter, you don’t look that cool doing it. When the laughter subsided, Hanwey was left with nothing but a good laugh and the faint smell of old eggs, while his lady was snared by a new suitor. Man, talk about blowing it.

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**DANIELSON Zack, Atlanta, GA**<br>It was early in the evening yesterday when Zack’s game left us, and while it didn’t go without a fight, Zack did have his arse unceremoniously handed to him. Upon returning from the bathroom, Zack found the girl he was seeing had been surrounded by a beady masomorph, Early Man, who tried to use his abundant muscle to strong arm him out of the picture. Zack did not keep his cool and accused his young lady friend of fritting with the first guy who came along. His girl, no doubt disgusted by Zack’s overt top bravado, fled the scene when her far from attractive jealousy escalated into Zack throwing a punch, which was caught in midair by something that looked like a hand, but felt like a 20lb vice. By the time Zack regained consciousness, he was home alone and unable to console himself with his dominant hand.

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**FOX Jan, Landon, UK**<br>Jan’s game, beloved to many a cheerleader and facilitator of the ménage of 2003, was faring well at a Gold Coast club with a delightful pair of sisters. That is until the playbook predator and full time Gamekiller simply known as Kash Munni entered the picture. A well-endowed socialite famous for trashy 5star hotel rooms, Kash had traveled in from oil rich lands wearing expensive Italian loafers and indoor sunglasses. Drinks were bought for willing and unwilling recipients alike with his family’s fortune, which he shamelessly flaunted in the form of an array of high status plastic. This caused Jan to suddenly lose his cool and go on the defensive by opening a tab of his own. On his debit card. After three rounds, Jan’s account was maxed. Shortly after he was dropped off alone would Jan learn the hard way that a woman’s affection should never be for sale, and that many a man has gone broke trying to prove otherwise.
Women drop first two ACC matches

By Asif Heerji
Assistant Sports Editor

Winning 16 of their last 18 matches, including an unbeaten 7-0 record against ACC foes, the Tech women’s tennis team faced their toughest stretch of opponents last weekend as they traveled to North Carolina to take on the No. 5 North Carolina Tar Heels and the No. 14 Duke Blue Devils.

Last Saturday Tech’s doubles duo of Kristi Miller and Lyndsay Shoeho, ranked No. 16 overall in the nation, upset the No. 7 team of Sara Anundsen and Jenna Long of North Carolina to tie the doubles point. The first doubles match went to the Tar Heels as Meg Fanojoy and Austin Smith defeated Kacie Anson and Alison Silverio 8-2.

In the final doubles, which would determine the doubles point, Kelly Anderson and Whitney McCray led 6-4 when play had to be moved indoors. Once the match moved indoors, UNC’s tandem of Caitlin Collins and Tanja Markovic rallied to win the doubles point from Tech, 8-6.

Top ranked singles player, Miller, led off the singles scoring as she defeated UNC’s top singles player, Collins, in straight sets to take the first point and tie the match 1-1. UNC matched their run as Smith, Long and Anundsen all won their singles matches against No. 71 Taryn Rudman, No. 52 Shoeho and No. 62 Silverio, to give UNC a 4-1 lead and clinching the victory over.

No. 94 Anderson and McCray clinched the victory as they went 6-0 on the doubles court led by an ace serve from McCray.

The Wildcats defeated the Devils, 4-3, with both winning their singles matches to clinch the victory. The Devils also took the final singles point to win the match by a final margin of 5-2.

Shoeho and Striplin were both defeated in straight sets, each being defeated by a higher ranked opponent. Silverio, Anderson and McCray each put up strong fights but fell in three sets, with two of the three players falling to higher ranked opponents.

The Devils had five singles players ranked overall while Tech has four players ranked.

Tech dropped two matches for the first time in two years. With the losses, the Jackets record now stands at 16-5 overall and 7-2 in the ACC.

Despite the two losses, Tech maintained its No. 12 overall ranking in the latest FILA Collegiate Tennis Rankings.

The women’s tennis team will wrap up the regular season this weekend with two home matches against Wake Forest and N.C. State.

Sophomore Whitney McCray split her singles and doubles matches in the state of North Carolina this past weekend. The Jackets fell to North Carolina and Duke for their first back-to-back losses in two years.

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Kindel and Payne. Kindel went 3-4 at the plate, and scored twice. Payne went 2-5, scoring twice and driving in two. Payne hit his seventh home run of the season in this game.

On Sunday, the Jackets played a double header that started at 11 a.m. This game started off much the same fashion, as the Hokies were able to get out to an early 5-1 lead against Tech starter Lee Hyde.

Wieters hit a three run home run to bring the game back to 5-4. This started an offensive explosion for the Jacket bats as they would go on to score 17 runs on the way to a 17-11 victory.

The game included an eight-run sixth inning that saw ten Jacket batters come to the plate and included a three-run home run by Wes Hodges. Wieters had a career-high seven RBIs in a game where he went 3-6 at the plate and scored a run as well.

The Jackets won the rubber match of the series with a score of 5-3. Junior Jared Hyatt started his first game of his career at Tech, and it was a good one. Hyatt threw 6.1 innings, striking out eight, walking one, and allowing only one run to bring the game back to 5-4.

However, the rest of the team did not follow as Duke took the victory. The Devils also took the first time in two years. With a walk and a run scored.

Wieters also came in to pitch the ninth inning for the Jackets. He picked up his third save of the season. Wieters did not allow anyone to get on base and struck out two.

The Jackets start a big three-game series tonight at 7 p.m. against the No. 5 Clemson Tigers. The Tigers are currently 9-3 in ACC play, putting them in second place in the Atlantic Division. Overall, the Tigers are 25-8. The Jackets and Tigers have played each other 180 times in history. This year, they will play nine times with each school winning 90 times.

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Sophomore Whitney McCray split her singles and doubles matches in the state of North Carolina this past weekend. The Jackets fell to North Carolina and Duke for their first back-to-back losses in two years.

Winning 16 of their last 18 matches, including an unbeaten 7-0 record against ACC foes, the Tech women’s tennis team faced their toughest stretch of opponents last weekend as they traveled to North Carolina to take on the No. 5 North Carolina Tar Heels and the No. 14 Duke Blue Devils.

Last Saturday Tech’s doubles duo of Kristi Miller and Lyndsay Shoeho, ranked No. 16 overall in the nation, upset the No. 7 team of Sara Anundsen and Jenna Long of North Carolina to tie the doubles point. The first doubles match went to the Tar Heels as Meg Fanojoy and Austin Smith defeated Kacie Anson and Alison Silverio 8-2.

In the final doubles, which would determine the doubles point, Kelly Anderson and Whitney McCray led 6-4 when play had to be moved indoors. Once the match moved indoors, UNC’s tandem of Caitlin Collins and Tanja Markovic rallied to win the doubles point from Tech, 8-6.

Top ranked singles player, Miller, led off the singles scoring as she defeated UNC’s top singles player, Collins, in straight sets to take the first point and tie the match 1-1. UNC matched their run as Smith, Long and Anundsen all won their singles matches against No. 71 Taryn Rudman, No. 52 Shoeho and No. 62 Silverio, to give UNC a 4-1 lead and clinching the victory over.

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be our starter. I thought he pitched great at Virginia Tech and has been a valuable player for us all year long,” Head Coach Danny Hall said.

So far this season, Berken is 4-2 with a 1.69 ERA and a 1.36 WHIP. On the final game of the series, freshman David Duncan will start for the Jackets against Clemson’s Stephen Farris. This season Duncan is 2-1 with a 5.57 ERA and a 1.61 WHIP. Farris has a 4-0 record with a 1.75 ERA and a 0.88 WHIP.

This game may have special meaning for Matt Wieters, a native from Goose Creek, S.C.

“Clemson is always a great team. It’s a special series for me because they are a hometown team. They were recruiting me a little bit coming out of high school. We’ll have a few people here rooting for me, but I don’t know if they will be rooting for Tech,” Wieters said.

Students organize racquetball tournament, Swing into Spring

By Patrick Odneal
Sport Editor

With the end of phase I intramural competition, a few campus racquetball players decided to organize a campus tournament to continue competitive play. Thus the "Swing into Spring" tournament was created, and hundreds of students expressed interest in competing in the event. The tournament featured a handful of players who are ranked in the state of Georgia.

Men’s 'A' Singles
1st: Matt Rahn
2nd: Aaron Luque
Consolation: Brett Bartel

Men’s 'B' Singles
1st: Patrick Lynn
2nd: Brian Kerster
Consolation: Ben Taylor

Women’s Singles
1st: Rachel Harris
2nd: Jessica Bartel

Men’s ‘C’ Singles
1st: Kyle Mueller

Men's ‘K’ Doubles
Paul Brown and Patrick Lynn

Men's 'B' Doubles
Martin Kolaski and Ben Taylor

Women’s Doubles
Jessica Sladky and Rachael Harris

Mixed Doubles
Jessica Sladky and Julian Dawson

“Swing into Spring” tournament was organized by some student racquetball players. Julian Dawson (above) partnered with Jessica Sladky (not pictured) to win the mixed doubles competition of the “Swing into Spring” tournament, which was organized by some student racquetball players.

The number of errors that the Tech baseball team had against No. 24 Georgia on Wednesday. This is the second consecutive error-less game for the Jackers who defeated the Bulldogs 8-2. The two in-state rivals will face each other again April 26 in Athens.

The number of home runs hit by freshman first baseman Whitney Haller this season. This number is in the top three in the NCAA for home runs this season.

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The last year that Tech's women's tennis team dropped two consecutive matches. They lost this past weekend to North Carolina and Duke.

Senior Kasha Terry was chosen by the Indiana Fever as the 26th pick in this year's WNBA draft.
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night, they were unable to get the ball rolling early.

It was a back and forth struggle with many lead changes. In the end, the Jackets fell 8-6. The Jackets dug themselves in a hole early as they gave up four first-inning runs.

Starter Blake Wood did strike out a season-high nine batters, but also surrendered six earned runs on eight hits. While his effort did not shut down the Hokies, they were able to stay in the game. Tech was able to tie the game twice, but was never able to take the lead.

Hokie reliever Josh Canova picked up the win by pitching 5.1 innings and allowed only two runs on three hits.

Among the leaders for the Tech bats in this game were outfielder Jeff See VT, page 33

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Haller continues early success

By Randy Damowsky
Contributing Writer

It's been a break out season for Whitney Haller, the freshman from Marietta, Ga. who holds the single season home run record in the ACC with 19 (and counting), plays first base and also acts as a relief pitcher.

Haller became the first Jacket ever to be voted as one of the top 25 finalists for the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award. She is one of just two freshmen on this year's list.

“It’s unbelievable and a tremendous honor to be in a list with all of those players [who are] nationally renowned,” Haller said. “I really don’t have words to describe how much of an honor it really is.”

Haller currently has 59 RBIs, a .367 slugging percentage and .422 batting average. She is also in the top five in the nation in RBI, is about to break the ACC single-season record for RBI and holds the school record for runs scored in a season.

Haller mentioned that the team is more important than individual records.

“It’s exciting to help the team so much and that is what is most important,” Haller said.

Haller is currently tied for second in the nation with the most home runs this season. When asked if she will become the nation’s leader in home runs, Haller could only manage to laugh in an attempt not to blush.

“There are so many good people in the nation. I am probably not going to finish on top.”

Haller's first year in college did not start off the best. She shattered her ring finger knuckle last summer playing softball and was forced to sit out for fall training.

“I was out for a good month. Plus, I had to get into the swing of things when everybody had already played. It was hard, but I made it work,” she said. “I think [the injury] made me want to be in action. That just makes you want it harder, and you know what it feels like when you come out here and you can’t have it.”

Haller is an all-around player. She’s a power hitter, a first baseman and a relief pitcher. From the pitcher’s circle, she currently has six saves and 19 strike outs in 41 innings pitched.

“I will probably close a couple games this weekend, and may get a save at the end of one of the games. It’s a thrill for me.”

The Jackets have two weeks left in the regular season play before the ACC tournament and NCAA competition begins.

“This is the season that you dream about, and I hope that it keeps going the way it is now,” Haller said.

Haller mentioned that post-season play is something that’s in the back of the players’ minds.

“It’s always on your mind as you go through conference games, like this weekend. We have to win the series, so it puts us in a good position to prepare for the end-of-the-season tournament. We’re playing the teams that we’re going to play in the tournament, so we’re scouting and seeing what we’re up against,” Haller said.
Hot bats and no errors help Tech down UGA 8-2

Baseball hosts No. 5 Clemson this weekend

By William Bretherton
Staff Writer

The Jacket baseball team plays a decisive series against the No. 5 Clemson Tigers this weekend, starting today. Tech is currently 8-7 in ACC play, and only 3-5 in their last six games in the conference. In all the time series against Clemson, the Jackets and Tigers have split the series 90-90. In the last two seasons against the Tigers, the Jackets have won six out of the last seven games.

The pitching match-ups are keys for both the Jackets and the Tigers. For Tech, the season has been a story of inconsistency. The pitching has shown signs of brilliance and at other times mediocrity. Against Clemson, Tech’s pitching staff will need to give a similar effort to the one they gave in the series against North Carolina earlier this season where the Tar Heels scored only three runs in three games. Today junior Blake Wood will make the start. This season, Wood has a 6-3 record, a 4.47 ERA and a 1.36 WHIP. The Tigers will throw their senior starter, Josh Cribb. Cribb is 6-0 with a 1.98 ERA and a 0.95 WHIP this season.

The probable starters for Saturday’s game are Jared Hyatt for Tech, and junior Jason Berkers for Clemson. Hyatt made his first start of his career against Virginia Tech last week.

[H]yatt’s going to start Saturday. With Gustatious out, he’s going to

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Softball picks up three wins against non-ACC schools

By Randy Darnowski
Contributing Writer

The Jackets swept the Furman Paladins during a doubleheader at Glenn Field Wednesday. Tech set school records for most stolen bases in a game and most runs scored and RBIs in a season.

Freshman Whitney Haller hit another pair of home runs Wednesday to bring her season total up to 19, an ACC record. Page 35