

# Football Forecast

## WEEK NINE

	<b>Lange</b> (93-27) 12-3	<b>Toner</b> (90-30) 10-5	<b>Siva</b> (87-33) 11-4	<b>Jones</b> (87-33) 12-3	<b>Chin</b> (85-35) 10-5	<b>Grove</b> (83-37) 10-5	<b>Kazi</b> (82-38) 10-5	<b>Wiggins</b> (81-29) 9-6	<b>Freeman</b> (80-40) 10-5	<b>Scherrer</b> (80-40) 6-9	<b>Honea</b> (79-41) 8-7	<b>Hashmi</b> (75-45) 8-7
<i>North Carolina at Virginia</i>	UVA	UVA	UVA	UVA	UVA	UVA	UNC	UNC	UNC	UVA	UVA	UVA
<i>Maryland at Duke</i>	DUK	DUK	DUK	DUK	DUK	MARY	DUK	MARY	DUK	MARY	DUK	DUK
<i>FSU at Wake Forest</i>	FSU	FSU	FSU	FSU	FSU	FSU	FSU	WAKE	FSU	FSU	FSU	FSU
<i>Georgia at Auburn</i>	UGA	UGA	UGA	UGA	UGA	UGA	UGA	AUB	UGA	UGA	UGA	AUB
<i>Arkansas at Tennessee</i>	UT	UT	UT	UT	UT	UT	UT	ARK	UT	UT	UT	UT
<i>Alabama at Mississippi State</i>	MST	MST	MST	ALA	MST	ALA	ALA	ALA	MST	ALA	MST	ALA
<i>Wisconsin at Michigan</i>	UM	WIS	UM	UM	WIS	UM	UM	WIS	WIS	WIS	UM	UM
<i>Purdue at Michigan State</i>	PUR	MST	PUR	PUR	PUR	PUR	PUR	MST	PUR	MST	MST	MST
<i>Virginia Tech at Syracuse</i>	SYR	VAT	SYR	VAT	VAT	SYR	SYR	VAT	VAT	VAT	VAT	SYR
<i>Nebraska at Kansas State</i>	KST	NEB	KST	KST	KST	NEB	NEB	NEB	KST	NEB	NEB	KST
<i>Missouri at Texas A&amp;M</i>	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	MIZZOU	A&M	MIZZOU	A&M	A&M
<i>UCLA at Washington</i>	UCLA	UCLA	WASH	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA
<i>Appalachin St. at E. Kentucky</i>	APP	APP	APP	APP	APP	EKTY	EKTY	EKTY	APP	APP	APP	EKTY
<i>Alcorn St. at Alabama A&amp;M</i>	A&M	ALC	ALC	ALC	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M
<i>Davidson at Bridgewater</i>	DAV	DAV	DAV	DAV	DAV	DAV	DAV	BRI	BRI	DAV	DAV	BRI

There is no six-pont this week because Mindy, Scott, and Genay are all slackers. You would think with three writers, one of them would be available to do it. Unfortunately that is not the case.

# Basketball

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Babul both had 13 points, while Akins had 12 points, 6 assists, and two turnovers.

Then came the rain as Tech started out slow in the second half, making careless turnovers and playing lackluster defense. The lead was cut to 8 at the 12:30 mark. A symbol of the Tech collapse was displayed by Dion Glover as he limped across the court to join the Tech huddle when Crem-

ins called a timeout to stop the momentum of the California team. Glover smiled knowing that usually he is the one jogging over to the bench rather than being on the outside looking in.

However, junior Jason Floyd took over the game. After California closed the lead to two with 6:10 left, Floyd canned a three to push the lead back to 5. The teams traded baskets with

California coming out on top after an ill-advised three point attempt by Akins, which clanged off the side of the rim. However, Floyd sat and waited on an attempted crossover by Cali guard Ethan O'Bryant and ripped him for the steal. O'Bryant intentionally fouled Floyd on the layup and the junior made one of two free throws as Tech kept possession of the ball. Cali would not go away as they stuck close 83-83. Jon Babul then hit two free throws with 2:13 left to get the lead back.

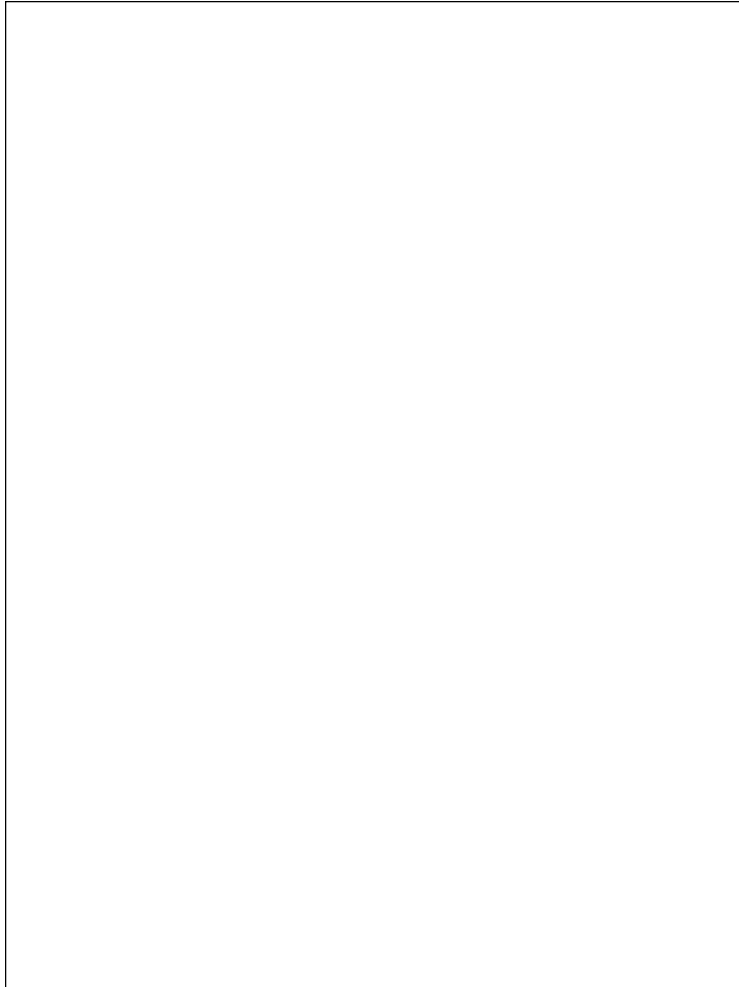
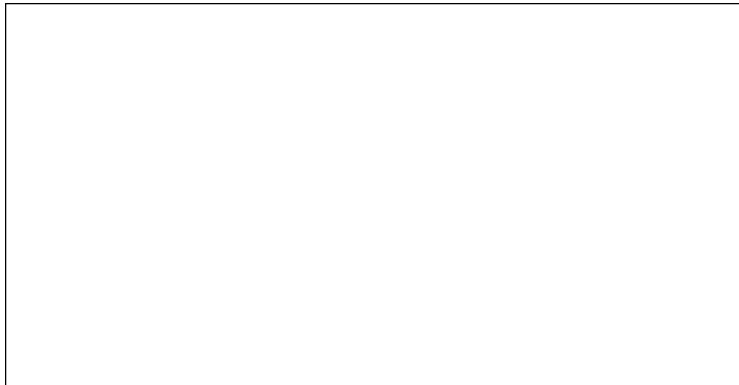
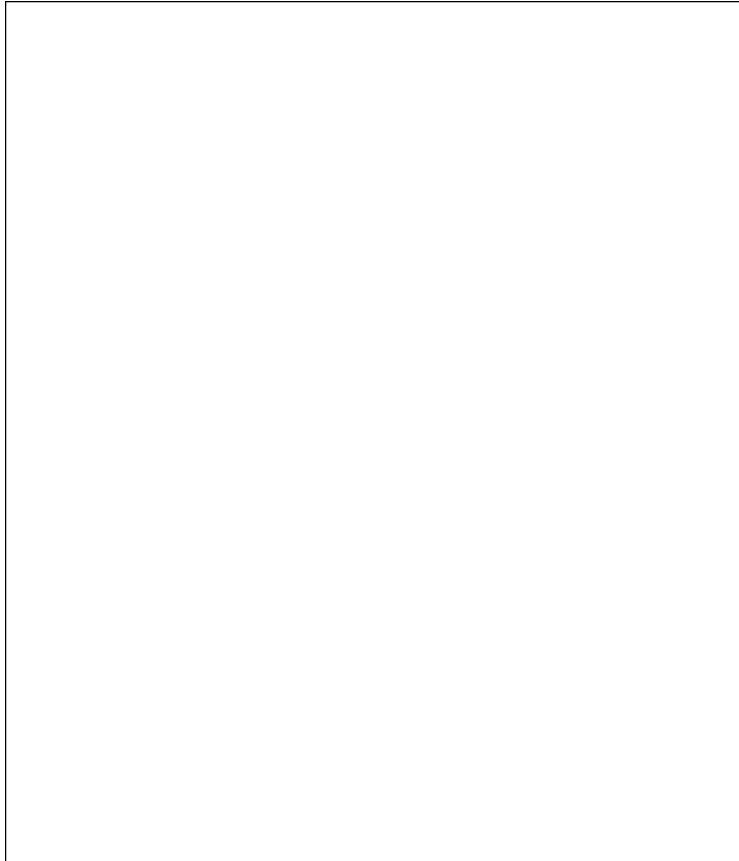
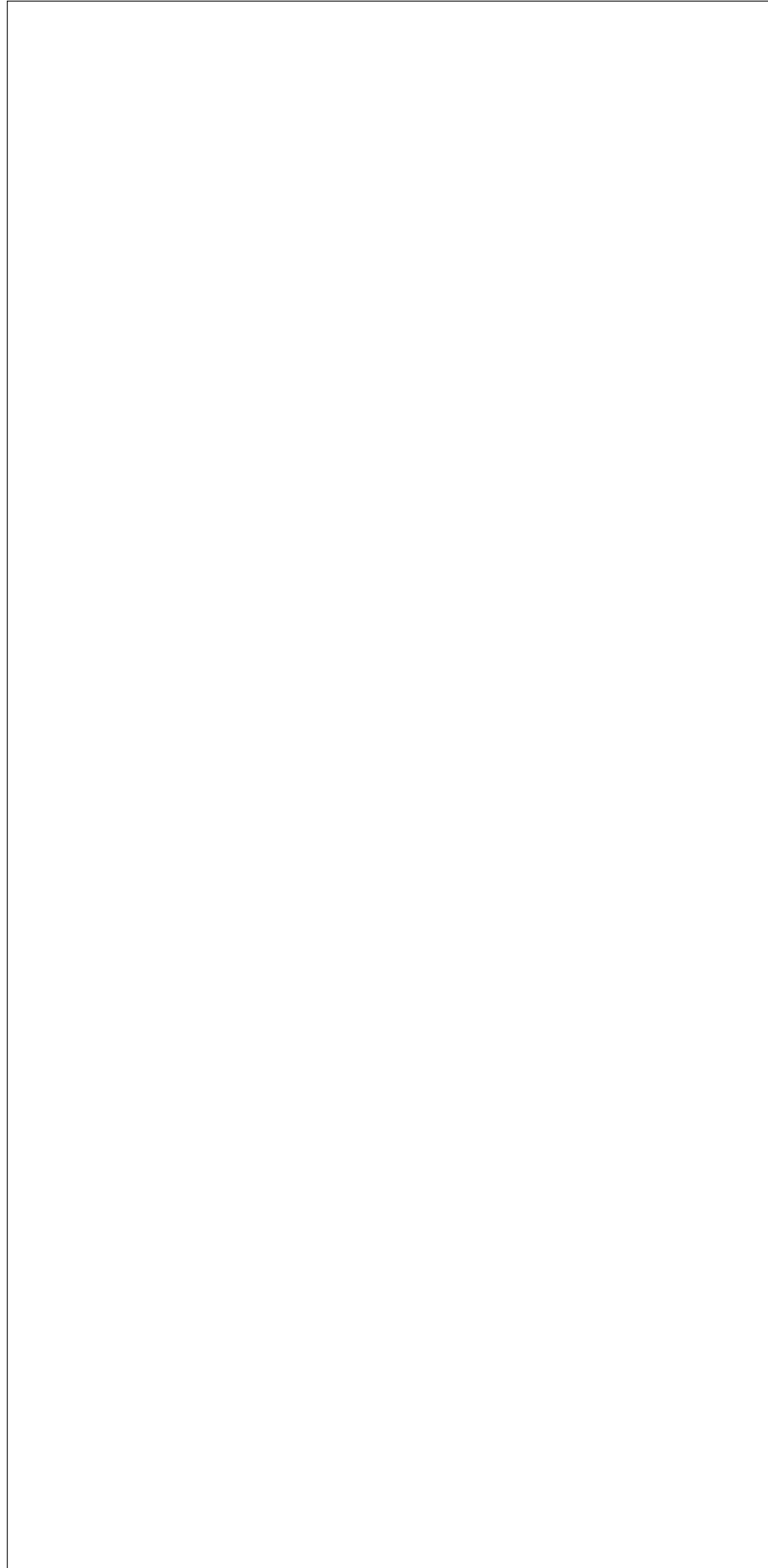
Then Floyd stuck the knife in the back, hitting a three pointer with 1:58 left as Tech hung on for a 94-89 win.

Leading scorers for the Jackets were Floyd, who finished with 25 points, and Job Babul, who had 21 points and 13 boards. Positive aspects of the game were Akins' hot shooting in the first half and 8 assists for the game. Alvin Jones went 4-14 for 12 points but he did snag 10 rebounds.

Negative points for the team were

letting the lead slip away—something they can't afford to do against better competition. Also, the team has not really displayed a scrappy kind of defense that they need to be successful. This can be expected, though, as fatigue becomes a factor with their lack of depth.

*Catch Tech in their first regular-season game of the year against Charleston Southern on November 12 at the ThrillerDome. Game time is 7:30 p.m.*



## The college football guru reveals the future

*Last night's Tech-Clemson football game took place too late to make this week's Technique. However, we can't have a football-less paper, so the Nique's college football guru has decided to impart his wisdom on us and let us know what will happen to the top college football teams in the nation by the end of the season.*

### 1. Tennessee

The Volunteers will defeat Arkansas tomorrow, win their next two and then beat Arkansas again in the SEC Championship, securing a Fiesta Bowl berth at 12-0.

### 2. Kansas St.

The Wildcats will beat Nebraska tomorrow for the first time since 1968. However, they will lose to either Missouri the next week or Texas A&M in the Big 12 Championship Game, costing them a Fiesta Bowl berth.

### 3. UCLA

The Bruins stand a good chance of losing tomorrow's game at Washington. If the Huskies can't get the job done, either USC or Miami will. The guru is not sure who will beat UCLA, but he is positive that one of those three teams will.

### 4. Florida/ 5. Florida St.

Both these teams will destroy their respective conference opponents tomorrow setting up next week's showdown in Tallahassee. Stakes are high, as the winner will get a Fiesta Bowl berth, and it could go either way. However, the guru feels that Chris Weinke's injury combined with Florida's swarming defense and the improvement of Doug Johnson will give the Gators their third consecutive win in this series.

### 7. Ohio St.

Having seen their national championship dreams go up in flames last week, the Buckeyes won't have as much fire in them and will lose to Michigan again.

*How will it all end? Florida over Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl.*

## Sports briefs

### *Ice Hockey Club sweeps two games from Florida*

Georgia Tech's ice hockey team traveled to Gainesville last weekend for a two-game series with the Florida Gators, last year's regular season champions. On Friday, the Yellow Jackets won their first game outside the state of Georgia for the first time in two seasons as they held back the Gators 9-6. Tech took an early 4-0 lead before Florida finally tied the game at 5-5 midway through the 2nd period. Monal Dhabliwala scored on the power play at 9:42 to give Georgia Tech the lead for good. Shawn Montague led all scorers with 4 goals and 4 assists, while Tim Jones of Florida also had 4 goals.

On Saturday, the Yellow Jackets completed a two game sweep with an impressive 9-1 victory over the defending champions. Tech had a 6-0 lead after the first period with Ryan Dawe leading the way with a hat trick. He finished the evening with 3 goals and 4 assists. John Fleming added three goals as well as the Jackets' offense controlled the play for most of the game, keeping pressure on the Florida goalie. Chris Melton was denied a shutout by a late third period goal as he turned away 13 shots.

### *Women's Basketball signs two players for next year*

Georgia Tech's women's basketball team added a pair of players for next season as head coach Agnus Beranato announced the signings of Amy Lingenfelder (Fairfax, Va.) and Sonja Mallory (The Bronx, N.Y.) to national letters of intent Wednesday, on the first day of the early signing period. Lingenfelder, a 5-foot-8 shooting guard, was an honorable mention All-Metro selection by The Washington Post as a junior and has been W.T. Woodson High School's most valuable player each of the past three seasons. Mallory, a 6-4 center, averaged 12 points and 12 rebounds per game last year for Brooklyn Technical High School.

### *Women's Tennis signs local star in early signing period*

According to Yellow Jacket head coach Sue Hutchinson, Mysti Morris (Cartersville, Ga.), one of the top girls tennis players in the state of Georgia, signed a national letter of intent to play for Georgia Tech women's tennis program. The announcement came Wednesday, on the first day of the early signing period. Morris attends Cartersville High School, where she claimed the 1996 and 1997 Region 7-AA singles titles. She was ranked number 32 in the south region in the 1997 girls 18-and-under USTA poll.

# Latvian women's basketball team enjoys stop at Tech on U.S. tour

By Matthew Memberg  
*Really excited about this story*

On Tuesday, November 3, the Georgia Tech women's basketball team hosted the Riga TTT women's basketball team in a scrimmage game at the Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The Lady Jackets came back from 17 points down in the second period, but TTT pulled away at the end and defeated Tech 96-91.

Though billed as a simple scrimmage game, the event provided Tech fans with a rare opportunity to watch one of the world's most successful basketball teams of all time. Though unbeknownst to American basketball fans, Riga TTT is a household name throughout Europe. The amateur women's basketball club is based in Riga, the capital of Latvia, and is sponsored by the city's mass transit system.

Since being organized in the late '50s, TTT has compiled a championship repertoire that even the Boston Celtics would be jealous of. Over the years, the team has won the prestigious European Cup 18 times and swept to the championship of the former Soviet Union 22 times. TTT's most outstanding player during its dynasty years, 7'-1" Uljana Semionova, has been considered as

one of the top women players of all time. In May of 1993, the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts, gave Semionova the distinct honor of being the first foreign woman player to be inducted to the shrine.

This year's TTT squad is comprised of players from both Latvia and neighboring Lithuania. The average age of the team is 19 years old, but there are several young stars in the lineup. Point guard Anita Mikale, who scored 22 points against Tech, is only 17.

The Latvian coach Juris Garkalns and his Lithuanian counterpart, Rimantas Daunys, brought their team to the United States for a two-week tour throughout the southeast. Though they enjoyed the time in America, the coaches kept the team focused on preparing for the next round of the Baltic Championships, which are being held next month in Estonia.

TTT arrived in Atlanta on Saturday, October 31, and got a chance to see some of the Olympic sites the next day. Monday, November 2, TTT played the first of nine games on the tour at Georgia State. Still jet-lagged and tired from the long journey from Riga, the team lost badly to the Panthers. The players were much more comfortable with

their surroundings when they played Georgia Tech the following night; hence, the 96-91 victory over the Yellow Jackets.

The victory was a payback of sorts for Latvian Zane Kackane, who attended high school for a year in New York at the Long Island Lutheran High School. Her team was eliminated from the state playoffs by Riverdale Country High School out of the Bronx. Riverdale Country's star player, Niesha Butler, is now a guard on the Georgia Tech team.

The remainder of TTT's schedule included games against three top ten NCAA teams: Georgia, Duke, and North Carolina. After competing against such tough opponents, the players ought to be well-prepared for their upcoming tournament.

The tour was organized by Latvian native, Atlanta resident, and Georgia Tech alum Uldis Palde (CE '62). Palde, a fervent supporter of Tech basketball, was all smiles at last week's Tech-TTT scrimmage.

"This culminated something I had been anticipating and hoping for several years," said Palde. "It was a very satisfying and enjoyable experience [to watch TTT] play my alma mater at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The hospitality exhibit-



By Carrie Chin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Kenya Williams and the rest of the Lady Jackets hope that the experience of playing Latvia's championship team will help them in ACC competition.**

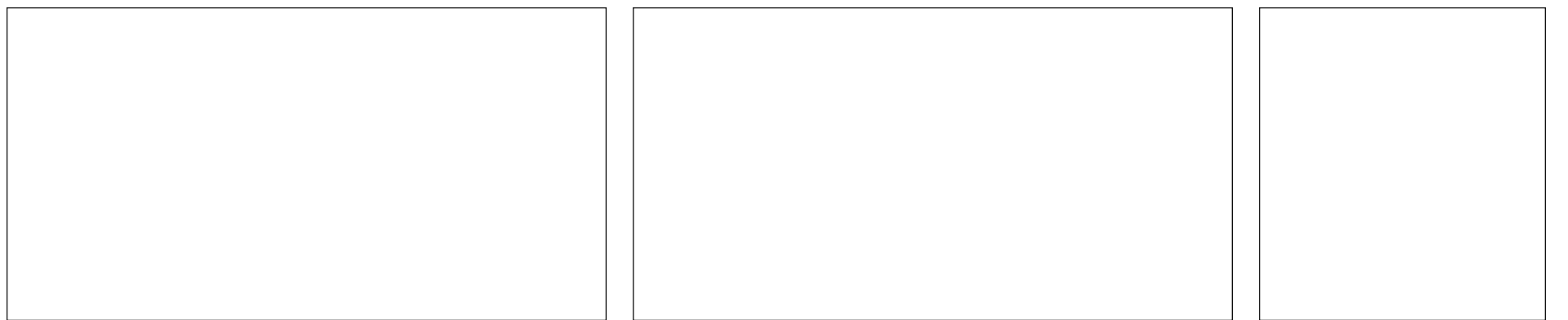
ed by [head women's coach] Agnus [Berenato] and her entire team was very gratifying."

Georgia Tech was just as happy to host TTT as TTT was to play here.

"[TTT] is the kind of team that we want to play from a basketball standpoint," commented assistant coach Candy Cage. "From a cultur-

al standpoint, our kids have been introduced to a country that they would never have been exposed to."

TTT played their last game of the tour against East Carolina last night and returned to Atlanta today. The weary players and coaches will head back to Riga tomorrow. Hopefully, it won't be too long until they are able to return to Tech.



## Golf team completes season

By Nate Owen  
Stealing from work

The fifth-ranked Georgia Tech golf team played their last match of the fall season this past weekend. At the Golf World/Palmetto Dunes Collegiate Invitational. The team shot a seven over par 295 Sunday to finish fifth at the challenging Arthur Hills Club in Palmetto Dunes, South Carolina.

Defending NCAA champion UNLV won the invitational title after finishing five under par as a team with a total of 859 strokes. This put the Runnin' Rebels three shots better than their closest competitor, the University of Georgia. The Jackets finished with a team total of 869 or 5 over par.

Oklahoma State's Edward Loar won the medallist honors in Hilton Head Island after firing a 67 in the final day to finish with a stellar 10 under par 206.

The "green" Jackets were led by Sophomore Bryce Molder and freshman Kris Mikkelsen who carded three round totals of 212, good enough for a tie for second. Molder, who entered the day leading the invitational, shot a disappointing 4-over 76 in the final round to end the tournament at 4 under par.

Mikkelsen had his best tournament of his young college career by carding two straight rounds of 70 to finish tied with the Molder, the reigning Jack Nicklaus Award winner.

Other Jackets posting scores at the Dunes were redshirt sophomore Wes Latimer, who ended in a tie for 35th. Latimer shot a 74 in the final day to finish the invitational six over par. Junior Matt Kuchar carded a 76 to end the tournament 10 over par and senior Mike Pearson shot a 75 to finish 10 over par.

The Tech golfers are now off for the Christmas season. The break should give Matt Kuchar a chance to heal his ailing back.

Heading into the break, Tech is ranked fifth in the latest MasterCard Collegiate Golf top-25 ranking. The Jackets were in the top five of each of the three polls released during the fall season. Only Clemson, Houston, Oklahoma State, and Georgia are ranked higher than the Jackets.

Among the individual rankings, Molder was ranked number three among the top 25 individuals. That ranking was a slight drop as the junior was ranked number one in the two previous polls. Molder, who finished the fall season with a 71.53 stroke average, was the highest ranked player in the poll from the ACC.

Despite his back problems, Kuchar managed to enter the break with a ranking of number 14. Playing in only three of Tech's five tournaments, Kuchar posted a 74.11 strokes per round average.

The Jackets' next contest will be the weekend of February 11-13 at the Big Island Invitational in beautiful Kona, Hawaii.

## Tennis teams post solid results in tournaments

By Mindy Wiggins  
Snake Goddess

The Georgia Tech tennis teams took part in their fair share of action last weekend, when the men's team participated in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Region II Tennis Championships and the women's team took part in the Yellow Jacket/Holiday Inn Midtown North Women's Tennis Invitational.

On Thursday evening, which was the first day of the men's tournament, Benjamin Cassaigne and Matt Cozad teamed up to defeat Virginia's Huntley Montgomery and Brian Hunter 9-7 in doubles play at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Complex on the campus of the University of North Carolina. Cassaigne and Cozad, the tournament's number 3 seed and the nation's 18th-ranked doubles team, advanced to the second round of the 32-team doubles tournament where they lost to Eric Jackson and Devang Desai of N.C. State on Friday.

The duo also competed in singles play on Friday. Cassaigne defeated UNC Charlotte's Jan Pollmuller 6-1, 6-2 to advance to the second round of play in the ITA Championships. Cozad, however, fell to Duke's Doug Root, the nation's 13th-ranked player, 6-3, 6-4. Romain Coirault also fell in the opening round of singles. He lost to Duke's Jordan Wile, 6-4, 7-6.

Cassaigne was eventually eliminated in the third round of singles



By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**The women's tennis team travels to Athens today to compete in the Rolex Southern Regional Championships, their final meet of the fall season.**

play on Saturday. He won his first match of the day against Roop Kalaio of East Carolina, 6-1, 6-2, but failed to advance to the quarterfinals when he lost to Vearverud in the third round, 3-6, 5-7.

The women's team experienced their share of success as well. Sophomore Bobbi Guthrie defeated Rice's Elle Lewis to capture the flight "A" singles championship on Sunday, which was the third and final day of their invitational tournament.

Additionally, Guthrie teamed with Xenia Uy to down the 28th-ranked doubles team of Erin Wolver-

ton and Shera Wiegler of Iowa, 8-4, in a consolation match.

Sybi Parker and Laura Ozolins both won their consolation matches in flight "B" and flight "C" singles, respectively. Parker topped Claudia Aguilar of Baylor, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6, and Ozolins downed Kristen Nicholls of N.C. State, 6-2, 6-2.

Tamarra Jenkin won her flight "C" singles consolation match, as well. Further success was found when Autumn Richards and Mason Miller teamed to win their flight "B" doubles consolation.

## SPORTS

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# Volleyball splits two games on season's final homestand

By Matthew Memberg  
Enough about last week

Last weekend was the final home stand of the year for the Georgia Tech volleyball team (21-10, 9-5 ACC). It was also the biggest home stand of the year, as the Jackets were fighting for their NCAA lives. The results of the weekend were bittersweet, as the Jackets lost a heartbreaker to Virginia but then beat up Maryland for their ninth conference victory of the year on Senior Night on Saturday.

The match against Virginia was essentially a play-in match for the NCAA Tournament. Entering the match, Virginia was in third place in the ACC, and Tech was in fourth place. A Yellow Jacket win would have flipped the two schools and put Tech right in the driver's seat for a NCAA berth; head coach Shelton Collier is certain that the top three ACC finishers will each receive invitations to the Big Dance.

Unfortunately, things did not work out that way. Virginia beat Tech in a tough five-game match to retain third place in the conference.

Characterizing the defeat as "crushing," Collier lamented that "the loss very well could have cost us any NCAA consideration."

The Jackets came out and executed their game plan perfectly in game one. When all the smoke cleared, Tech won the game 15-2. The team totaled 17 kills and committed no errors en route to a whopping .630

hitting percentage. Freshman Maja Pachale and junior Sara McKee had five kills each.

The Jacket offense struggled in game two, committing seven hitting errors and collecting only eight kills. Virginia took advantage of Tech's miscues and muscled into a 8-3 lead. The Jackets could not recover and lost game two 15-9.

Game three started out the

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Head Volleyball Coach

same as game two, but this time, Tech was able to make a comeback. Led by senior Carla Gartner's intimidating front court presence and senior Aimee Boulet's failproof serving, the Jackets were able to battle back from a 7-1 deficit to tie the score at 10 apiece. Alas, the game slipped away, and Virginia won 15-13 to take a 2-1 lead in the match.

Pachale and McKee powered Tech to a 15-12 game four victory, thus forcing the decisive fifth game. It was a back-and-forth nailbiter, but Virginia held on to claim the match by winning game five 15-11.

"We had [Virginia] where we

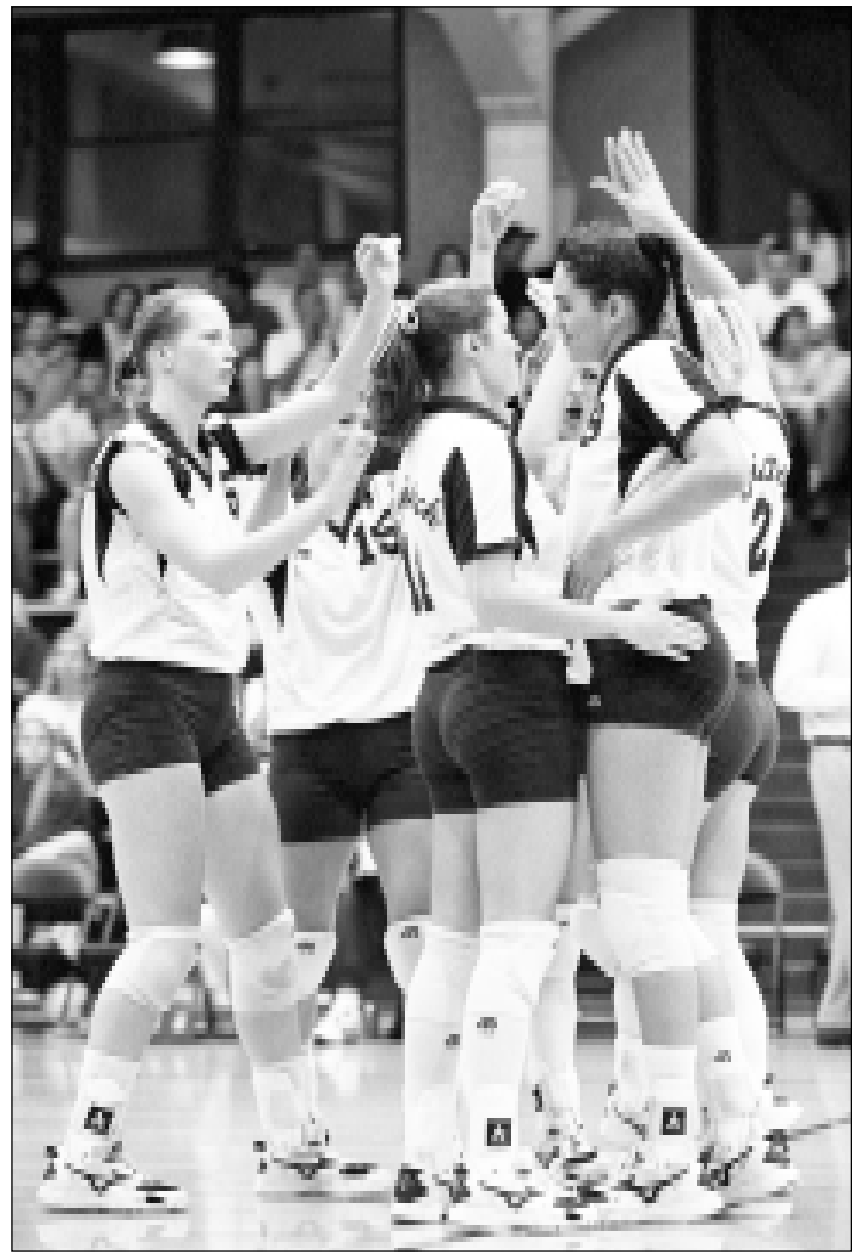
wanted them," said Collier about the match. "Our inconsistency came back to haunt us, and Virginia showed why they are one of the top teams in the ACC."

Tech took out their frustrations Saturday night against Maryland, winning in four games: 15-4, 15-10, 2-15, 15-4. The Jackets jumped out to huge leads in games one, three, and four and never really gave the Terrapins a shot at winning the match. Maryland's blowout in game three was made possible by Tech unforced errors, rather than Maryland offensive efficiency.

Sophomore Teryl Townsend had three kills in game one and four kills in game two to lead Tech to a two-games-to-none advantage. Freshman Kyleen Bell totaled eight block assists in the match, and Gartner added six block assists of her own. The Tech defense was outstanding, holding Maryland to a .091 hitting percentage on the night.

"Our players showed a lot of character by coming out and playing so well against Maryland," commented Collier.

The ACC Tournament gets underway next Friday at the University of Maryland. The Jackets have unfortunately not been able to solidify a NCAA Tournament bid in the regular season, so they must win the ACC Tournament in order to automatically qualify. This is something the team is certainly capable of; Tech has been in the championship match of the ACC Tournament in each of the past three seasons.



By Kristi Odom / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The volleyball team came through with a huge victory against Maryland last Saturday on Senior Night. However, the team still remains on the NCAA bubble.

## Men's basketball holds off California All-Stars



By Carrie Chin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Freshman point guard Tony Akins showed improvement in his second exhibition, scoring 16 points, including four three pointers.

By David Williams  
Optimistic about the season

The Georgia Tech men's basketball team took on the California All-Stars in an exhibition game Monday night at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The game was the second and final exhibition on Tech's schedule as the team prepares for the regular season starting next week. The California All-Stars touring team is composed of former college players that are from the California area. Contrary to one rumor, Ed O'Bannon of UCLA fame did not play. Even so, what looked like a blowout by the Yellow Jackets soon turned into a game that gave even more support to Alexander's nickname, the "ThrillerDome."

Sizewise, the two teams matched up rather well at each position, neither team being very big. Cremins went with the same starting lineup of Floyd, Babul, Jones, Vines and Akins, and it looks like it will stay this way until Jason Collier becomes eligible in December. Tech jumped out to a 30-17 lead with 10:43 remaining off a spectacular display of shooting by Tony Akins. Akins had a 2-17 shooting night in the first exhibition but hit

four threes in a row in the first ten minutes. Many of those were over the outstretched hands of guards four and five inches taller than him.

The Jacket offense featured four men on the perimeter with Jones in the middle. This left the guards open, and Jason Floyd began to capitalize on this towards the end of the half. Sparked by his own defense, he blocked two shots in a row. Floyd then hustled out on the break and made two three pointers from the left wing within 33 seconds to push the lead to 12.

California seemed to be fatigued and nonchalant, this being their eighth game in the last nine days. An old but still new face made an appearance for Tech with three minutes left in the first half as Kevin Kincaid (Milwaukee, WI) entered the game. Kincaid, 6-3 190 walked on two seasons ago, and played sparingly. After not playing last year, the junior is playing again and did a nice job snagging one rebound, dropping off one assist, making a steal, and taking a charge, all in the span of three minutes. Tech finished the half up by 17, 57-40. Floyd and Jon

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### TICKET BUZZ

The men's basketball team opens the season against Charleston Southern Monday night at 7:30 p.m. At halftime, the world-renowned Cirque de Soleil will perform. Ticket distribution will be Monday at the AA ticket window 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets will also be available at the gate.

The women's basketball team opens their season against American University Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Admission is free for all students.

Gametime for the Wake Forest game on November 12 will be 1 p.m. There will be no television coverage.

Kickoff for the Georgia game will be at noon on November 28. CBS will televise the game.

Final details for ticket distribution for men's basketball are posted on <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/tickets>. Email any questions or comments to [tickets@cyberbuzz.gatech.edu](mailto:tickets@cyberbuzz.gatech.edu).