2006-2007 Georgia Tech Men’s Basketball

Projected Starters

RA’ SEAN DICKEY - Center
Vitals
Clio, S.C.
Year: Junior
Height: 6-10
GP: 37
PPG: 9.1
APG: 0.4
RPG: 4.9

Dickey is a second-year starter who came into his own last season by scoring in double figures in each of the last 13 games. He is a career 60 percent shooter and has developed a mid-range jump shot to complement his low-post game.

JEREMIS SMITH - Forward
Vitals
Fort Worth, Texas
Year: Junior
Height: 6-8
GP: 42
PPG: 8.3
APG: 1.5
RPG: 6.9

After being sidelined for most of his freshman season with a dislocated right kneecap, Smith bounced back with a stellar sophomore campaign. He recorded nine double-doubles, second most in the ACC, and was a strong defensive presence for Tech.

THADDEUS YOUNG - Forward
Vitals
Memphis, Tenn.
Year: Freshman
Height: 6-8
GP: N/A
PPG: N/A
APG: N/A
RPG: N/A

Young, ranked as high as No. 5 in the nation among 2006 high school recruits, is a highly-touted forward with long arms. He also has the ability to defend the perimeter and should fit in well in Coach Hewitt’s offensive schemes.

ANTHONY MORROW - Guard
Vitals
Charlotte, N.C.
Year: Junior
Height: 6-5
GP: 32
PPG: 10.0
APG: 1.0
RPG: 3.0

A sharp-shooter from the outside, Morrow led the conference in three-point percentage last season. He is a long player who has a quick release and good athletic ability. He was the top scorer on the team last season and looks to do the same again.

JAVARIUS CRITTENTON - Guard
Vitals
Atlanta, Ga.
Year: Sophomore
Height: 6-5
GP: N/A
PPG: N/A
APG: N/A
RPG: N/A

The highest-rated point guard nationally in the 2006 recruiting class, Crittenton is an explosive and muscular player with size and speed. He has a quick first step and has the ability to drive the lane and get to the basket while still being able to overpower defenders.

Paul Hewitt - Head Coach

Paul Hewitt is in his seventh season at Tech. He led the Jackets to the Final Four in 2004 and was named the ACC Coach of the Year in 2001. He has compiled a 107-83 (.563) record. This year will present a new set of challenges for Hewitt as his lone senior will be reserve guard Mario West. Last year’s team went 11-17, but they welcome the No. 7 recruiting class in the nation.

Quoted: “We always try to be sound fundamentally. What we did this year, different from other years, was to get more comfortable with what we’re doing offensively. There were times last year when we got off and free-lanced a little more than we normally would.”

Men’s Schedule

Date   | Opponent                  | Time
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11/4/2006 | vs. Morehouse (exhibition) | 4:00 p.m.  
11/10/2006 | vs. Elon                | 8:00 p.m.  
11/13/2006 | vs. Jackson State        | 7:30 p.m.  
11/16/2006 | vs. Georgia State        | 6:00 p.m.  
11/20/2006 | vs. Purdue (M)           | 6:00 p.m.  
11/21/2006 | vs. Oklahoma-Memphis (M)  | 7:30 p.m.  
11/22/2006 | vs. TBA (M)              | 7:00 p.m.  
11/28/2006 | vs. Penn State           | 8:00 p.m.  
12/3/2006  | at Miami                 | 5:30 p.m.  
12/9/2006  | at Vanderbilt            | 5:30 p.m.  
12/18/2006 | vs. Centenary            | 7:00 p.m.  
12/22/2006 | vs. Georgia              | 7:00 p.m.  
12/28/2006 | vs. Troy                | 7:00 p.m.  
12/30/2006 | vs. St. Francis (PA)     | 2:00 p.m.  
1/6/2007   | vs. Winston-Salem State  | 8:00 p.m.  
1/10/2007  | at Clemson               | 7:30 p.m.  
1/17/2007  | at Duke                  | 6:00 p.m.  
1/20/2007  | at Florida State         | 9:00 p.m.  
1/24/2007  | at North Carolina        | 9:00 p.m.  
1/30/2007  | at Maryland              | 3:30 p.m.  
2/2/2007   | vs. Virginia Tech        | 8:00 p.m.  
2/3/2007   | at Wake Forest           | 1:00 p.m.  
2/6/2007   | vs. NC State             | 7:00 p.m.  
2/11/2007  | vs. Connecticut          | 1:00 p.m.  
2/13/2007  | at Florida State         | 8:00 p.m.  
2/18/2007  | at Duke                  | 1:30 p.m.  
2/21/2007  | at Wake Forest           | 7:00 p.m.  
2/24/2007  | at Virginia              | 3:30 p.m.  
3/1/2007   | vs. North Carolina       | 9:00 p.m.  
3/4/2007   | vs. Boston College       | 3:00 p.m.  
3/11/2007  | ACC Tournament           | TBA

Reserves

ALADE AMINU - Forward/Center
Vitals
Year: Sophomore
Height: 6-10
Weight: 225
GP: 24
PPG: 2.4
APG: 0.3
RPG: 1.8

D’ ANDRE BELL - Guard/Forward
Vitals
Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.
Year: Sophomore
Height: 6-5
Weight: 210
GP: 28
PPG: 3.9
APG: 1.3
RPG: 2.1

LEWIS CLINCH - Guard
Vitals
Hometown: Cordell, Ga.
Year: Sophomore
Height: 6-3
Weight: 195
GP: 23
PPG: 8.9
APG: 2.1
RPG: 3.0

PACO DIAW - Guard
Vitals
Hometown: Dakar, Senegal
Year: Sophomore
Height: 6-6
Weight: 185
GP: 19
PPG: 0.8
APG: 1.2
RPG: 0.9

MOUHAMMAD FAYE - Forward
Vitals
Hometown: Dakar, Senegal
Year: Freshman
Height: 6-10
Weight: 208
GP: N/A
PPG: N/A
APG: N/A
RPG: N/A

ZACH PEACOCK - Forward
Vitals
Hometown: Miami, Fla.
Year: Freshman
Height: 6-8
Weight: 235
GP: N/A
PPG: N/A
APG: N/A
RPG: N/A

BRAD SHEEHAN - Forward
Vitals
Hometown: Latham, N.Y.
Year: Sophomore
Height: 6-11
Weight: 220
GP: N/A
PPG: N/A
APG: N/A
RPG: N/A

MARIO WEST - Guard
Vitals
Hometown: Douglasville, Ga.
Year: Senior
Height: 6-5
Weight: 210
GP: 71
PPG: 2.6
APG: 1.1
RPG: 2.2
MacChelle Joseph - Head Coach

MacChelle Joseph enters her fourth season as the head coach of the women’s basketball season. Joseph is 41-44 (482) as the head of the Lady Jackets. The team was 14-15 last year and has been one game under .500 in each of her three seasons. The team will look to replace Kasha Terry after she was drafted by the WNBA. The maturing team will look to fly under the radar in 2006, but they have the potential to upset anyone.

Quotable: “I think the fact that we have more experienced players and more talent at each position and a lot more depth six we were able to go and put a schedule together that would challenge us early and find out what our weaknesses are and our strengths going into ACC play.”

Women’s Schedule

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DAPHNE MITCHELL - Forward

Mitchell will look to replace Kasha Terry in the middle of the Tech lineup. Mitchell is a recipient of the Top-Six For Service Award for community outreach last season. She was ranked as the No. 3 power forward in the class of 2004 by All Star Girls Report.

APG: N/A
PPG: N/A
GP: 8
RPG: 1.4

JANIE MITCHELL - Forward

One of the most versatile players on the team, Mitchell can play four of the five positions. She can take work inside and shoot from the outside. She was a 38 percent three-point shooter and was named the most improved player last year.

APG: N/A
PPG: N/A
GP: 8
RPG: 1.4

CHIMA NNNAMKA - Guard

Originally from Sweden, Nnamaka has used her experience abroad and at Tech to become a force in the backcourt. She was the most accurate shooter from three-point range for Tech last season and ranks in the top 10 in Tech’s career three-pointers made.

APG: 0.8
PPG: 3.7
GP: 27
RPG: 4.0

JILL INGRAM - Guard

Ingram played all 27 games last year, and missed just two games due to injury during her freshman campaign. She has started in 43 of 54 games in her career at Tech and was ranked as the 24th-best player in the nation coming out of high school.

APG: 1.5
PPG: 8.5
GP: 27
RPG: 4.0

STEPHANIE HIGGS - Guard

A quick, aggressive and talented guard, Higgs is an experienced senior that can push the tempo and can drive the lane. She was named to the second team All-ACC Tournament team last year and was named Tech’s co-defensive player of the year.

APG: 1.5
PPG: 1.5
GP: 1.5
RPG: 3.8

Women’s Basketball Preview

Reserves

GIULIETT ANCORAG Guard

Hometown: Melbourne, Australia
Year: Junior
Height: 5-11
PPG: N/A
APG: N/A
RPG: N/A

BRIDGETTE ARDOSI Guard

Hometown: Melbourne, Australia
Year: Junior
Height: 5-11
PPG: N/A
APG: N/A
RPG: N/A

TAMMY BLACKMON Guard

Hometown: Gastonia, N.C.
Year: Junior
Height: 6-2
PPG: N/A
APG: N/A
RPG: N/A

ANGEL BUIE Guard

Hometown: Fredrick, Md.
Year: Senior
Height: 6-0
PPG: N/A
APG: N/A
RPG: N/A

NIA JOSIAH Guard/Forward

Hometown: Sanford, N.C.
Year: Senior
Height: 5-7
PPG: N/A
APG: N/A
RPG: N/A

TABITHA TURNER Forward

Hometown: Miami, Fla.
Year: Sophomore
Height: 6-1
PPG: N/A
APG: N/A
RPG: N/A

JACQUA WILLIAMS Guard

Hometown: Seattle, Wash.
Year: Sophomore
Height: 5-7
PPG: N/A
APG: N/A
RPG: N/A

KENNETHA WILSON Forward

Hometown: Deerfield Beach, Fla.
Year: Senior
Height: 6-0
PPG: N/A
APG: N/A
RPG: N/A
**Monday, November 6**

**Adaptive Technology Fair**
11:00 AM-11:30 PM, Piedmont Room, Student Center Commons
Come learn how technology can aid people with disabilities. This fair has a special focus on technologies developed by faculty and departments at Georgia Tech. Also, the winner of T-shirt Design contest will be announced. Co-sponsored by A.D.A.P.T.S., CATEA, and the GT MSPO Program

**The Plainsmen: A Native American Dance Troupe and Drum**
11:00 AM, Student Center Commons Stage
Experience the beauty and mystery of American Indian culture through dances and songs from many tribes.

**Tuesday, November 7**

“Psychological Disabilities: Creating Understanding, Fostering Support”
11:00 AM - Noon, Student Services, Room 217-A
Participants will receive general information on psychological disabilities and how they may impact GT students. We will also provide some tips on how to work more effectively with these students.

Presenters: Dr. Ruperto Perez, Director GT Counseling Center and Tameeka Hunter, Disability Services Specialist, A.D.A.P.T.S.

**Numerology**
5:00 PM, Student Center Commons, Piedmont Room
This workshop will open participant’s minds to the benefits of Numerology and its importance in our everyday lives. Our presenter has continuous dreams that guided him in the understanding that there is a mathematical design in our lives. Mr. Han believes that Numerology provides a way for us to understand a little more about our lives at present and future mathematically. He has assisted people with their business decisions which have advanced them in their careers as well as family decisions. Mr. Han will do a sample reading for one lucky audience member. If you are interested in having a sample reading, please contact Stephanie Ray at grazi@gatech.edu by October 31.

Presenter: Mr. Sidara Han

**Wednesday, November 8**

“Master of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics: Research/Design and Clinical Opportunities for Scientists and Engineers”
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, Student Services, Room 217-A
Learn about the latest technological advancements in the growing field of prosthetics and orthotics. Find out how you can participate in and contribute to this exciting field through the Georgia Tech MSPO program!
Presented by the Masters in Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics faculty and graduate students

2nd Annual La Unidad Latina Poetry Slam
8:00 PM, Student Center Theatre
La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity Inc. would like to invite you to its Second Annual Poetry Slam. The Slam provides a venue for college students to express their creativity in the form of poetry, spoken word or song. First Prize will be $250. No proficiency allowed. Email Michael Boyce at mbowee@gatech.edu to register today!

**Thursday, November 9**

Safe Space Training
11:00 AM - Noon, After registering on-line, www.safespace.gatech.edu participants will be given a location. Individuals will be trained to be able to provide support and information about resources to Tech’s GLBT community.

“Comparisons between Christianity and Islam: Similarities and Differences”
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, Boggs 6A Auditorium
Presenter: Dr. William Lane Craig
Dr. William Lane Craig is Research Professor of Philosophy at Talbot School of Theology in La Miranda, CA. He has authored or edited over thirty books, as well as over a hundred articles in professional journals of philosophy and theology. This program co-sponsored by the Christian Faculty/Staff Forum and Campus Crusade for Christ

**Conversational Sign Language for Beginners**
4:00 PM, Student Services, Room 117
Instructor, Cheryl Hallenger, Director, Access Center, Georgia Highlands College
This is a fun, interactive workshop on the use of American Sign Language. You will learn basic conversational sign language in a relaxed environment with no grading. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Deaf culture and communication.

**The Diversity Forum’s Panel on Business Strategies for Successful Corporations and Leaders**
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, ISYE Executive Classroom
Dialogue with corporate leaders to find out how work force diversity and inclusion can keep top companies on the cutting edge. Panelists include:
Frank McCloskey, Vice President for Diversity and Corporate Relations, Georgia Power;
Melanie Harrington, Executive Director American Institute of Managing Diversity, and Kevin Clayton, Corporate Vice President, Russell Corporation and founder of Axxis Consulting.

**Friday, November 10**

“Working More Effectively with Black Students”
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Student Services, Room 117
Moderator: Gordon Moore, OMED Managing Partner
A panel of Black student leaders will share their experiences and cultural needs to promote cultural awareness and sensitivity.

**For more information call (404) 894-2563 or TDD (404) 894-1664**
Co-sponsored by Diversity Programs, the ADAPTS Office and CATEA
Saturday night. The Jackets defeated the Demon Deacons to improve their ACC record to 5-8 for the year. Gray was impressive with a career high 21 kills and 15 digs on Saturday night.

Sophomore Talisa Kellogg added to the effort by recording 19 kills in the match. "It's that time of the season when you start playing conference teams a second time around."

The first game of Saturday night ended with an intense match up between the teams. Gray and junior Ulrike Stegemann led a 5-0 run to capture game one for the Jackets.

"If we made a mistake, we simply brushed our shoulders off after game three because we knew that we could win the next game. The night was so exciting," Gray said.

In game four on Saturday night, the Jackets led the scoreboard the entire time. After letting the Deacons close the gap to a single point, the Jackets swarmed past Wake Forest to take the victory.

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**Jackets stun No. 25 Duke**

By Randy Darnovsky

The volleyball team stunned ACC opponents with wins over No. 25 Duke (23-30, 30-27, 15-30, 30-28, 24-22) and Wake Forest (30-25, 30-27, 25-30, 30-25) at the O'Keefe Gym this past weekend.

"I believe one of the major factors going into this weekend was that we knew that we could feed off of the crowd. We knew that there would be a big turnout, thanks to our die-hard volleyball fans and leftover sports fans from the homecoming football game," said Lindsey Gray, Outside Hitter.

The match-up against Duke went into a fifth game after the two teams split the first four. The Jackets overcame an 11-point deficit to win game four by a score of 30-28 and force a game five against the tired Blue Devils.

"On Friday, there was excellent passing all around. [Duke] smoked us at their place and we wanted to get revenge," Gray said.

The Jackets defeated their opponent in a close fifth game 24-22. Gray had five of her 10 kills in the game. Callie Miller had a career-high 18 kills and finished the night with a .412 hitting percentage.

"We have been working so hard on defensive plays: hitting the heck out of the ball. Abby [Showers] has been getting the ball out and delivering key plays," Gray said.

Following the homecoming football game, the Jackets were more than ready for Wake Forest on Sunday, November 5.

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- Team Building

**Great to Good**
N.C. State (3-5, 2-3) vs. No. 20 Tech (6-2, 4-1)

By Michael Clarke and Asif Heerji

Four Key Questions

• Can Tech avoid a letdown against the Wolfpack?
The Jackets have had to play against two formidable foes on back-to-back weeks. Now they must focus their attention on a team capable of an upset. North Carolina State has defeated Florida State and Boston College, but they have lost games to Akron and Southern Mississippi. With a win on Saturday, the Jackets would need a victory over either Duke or North Carolina left on the conference schedule.

• Can Tech continue their dominance of N.C. State?
The Jackets have defeated the Wolfpack nine of the last 11 years, and they will look to continue that trend this weekend. Last year, N.C. State ended a run of four consecutive years of losing to Tech. During that time, the Jackets ended the National Championship hopes of the No. 8 Wolfpack and Philip Rivers in 2002. Chuck Amato’s squad was 8-0 when former Tech quarterback A.J. Suggs led the fourth quarter comeback for the Jackets.

• Will Reggie Ball be healthy enough to provide a dual threat for Tech’s offense in Raleigh?
When Reggie Ball is healthy, there are very few quarterbacks that are more of a threat to opposing defenses. With an injured foot, Ball is essentially a drop back passer. Ball was only three of 16 in the first half of Saturday’s game against Miami, but he hit James Johnson for a touchdown pass and threw for 101 yards. In the second half of the game, Ball completed eight of 11 passes for 87 yards and a touchdown pass to Calvin Johnson. Ball was only able to run one draw during the game, but rolled out of the pocket on numerous occasions.

• Will the Daniel Evan’s that played in his first two starts quarterback the WolfPack?
In Daniel Evan’s first two starts, he threw four touchdowns and only one interception. In those games, N.C. State defeated Boston College and Florida State. Since then, the Wolfpack has dropped three consecutive games to Wake Forest, Maryland and Virginia. In those games, Evans has thrown four interceptions and only one touchdown. If Evans is able to manage the game, the Jackets could have a tough time in Raleigh this weekend.

“[The problems] were on both sides of the ball. I have the coaches critique every game, and save it as useless knowledge.”
Chuck Amato
N.C. State Head Coach said on his weekly radio show

“With a victory over Miami last Saturday, Tech controls their own destiny in the ACC Coastal division with a 4-1 record. The Jackets have a one-game lead over Virginia, Virginia Tech and Miami, who each have two conference losses. In addition, Tech earned the tiebreaker over the three teams by defeating them earlier in the season. In essence, Tech has some wiggle room down the stretch.

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Tech came into last Saturday’s game with an opportunity to essentially clinch the ACC Coastal division and a spot in the ACC championship game with a win against the Miami Hurricanes. The No. 20 ranked Jackets did just that on homecoming day with a 30-23 victory.

“This was a game that we needed to have, it wasn’t one that we just wanted, we needed to have it,” said Head Coach Chan Gailey.

The Hurricanes would not go down easily, however. On the opening play of the game, quarterback Reggie Ball fumbled after defensive end Calais Campbell hit him from behind. The ball bounced right into the hands of linebacker Glenn Cook on his way to an 18-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown. Miami tacked on another field goal to give the Hurricanes the early 10-0 lead.

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Tech tied the game again with a 39-yard field goal. The fourth quarter belonged to the Jackets offense. After going three for 16 in the first half, quarterback Reggie Ball recovered finishing the game eight for 11.

After a one-yard touchdown pass from Ball to Calvin Johnson, the Jackets took the 23-16 lead. After linebacker KaMichael Hall forced a fumble at the Miami 27-yard line. Running back Tashard Choice put the Hurricanes away with a 24-yard touchdown run to put Tech up 30-16, and push himself over 100 yards. It was the first time this season the Miami defense had allowed a 100 yard rusher.

“They kept getting third downs and eventually we got a chance to get back on the field. When we got back out there, everyone understood that we had to score,” running back