Women from page 24 second half. They then went on a 21-5 scoring run and never looked back. The Jackets coasted into the final minutes with a 20-point lead and comfortably won the game.

Tech's home opener at Alexander Memorial Coliseum saw the Jackets hosting Arkansas-Pine Bluff. Kasha Terry picked up her second career double-double. She went 4-8 from the floor for 12 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

Mitchell, Higgs and Jacqua Williams all scored in double figures with 15, 10 and 10 points respectively. The game started with the Jackets and Golden Lions trading shots, and the Lions even led by two points early on. The Jackets didn’t last more than two minutes as the rest of the half saw the Jackets outscore the Lions 26-4 finishing the run with the Jackets leading 32-12. The rest of the game went by pretty fast with the Jackets never leading by fewer than 10 points and going on an 18-1 scoring run halfway through the second half. LaToya Thomas led the Golden Lions with 11 points and eight rebounds.

Tech won 66-50 against the College of Charleston. Higgs led the scoring with 17 points. Mitchell had a double-double as she scored 14 points and had 10 rebounds. Jill Ingram rounded out the top scorers with 13 points of her own. Tech scored 21 points from the free-throw line in 26 attempts. The Cougars were held to just 11 free throws, which proved to be the difference in the scoring as Tech never led by fewer than 10 points.

Tech downed Appalachian State 68-45 on Sunday. Nnamaka was 3-4 in three-point shooting and finished with 10 points against the Mountaineers. Terry was a perfect 6-6 from the floor and Higgs went 5-13 as both finished with 15 points. Tech never trailed in this game and led by as many as 27 points. Tech made three more three-point shots and had 10 more free throws while Jacket bench players outscored the Mountaineers bench 24-19.

The Jackets play No. 17 Georgia this Sunday at 2 p.m. The women’s team won’t play a conference game until next semester when they face Miami on Jan. 3.

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Sophomore guard Zam Fredrick (35) shoots over Illinois-Chicago's Rob Bush (14). Fredrick led the Jackets that game with 17 points.

By Alkhy Amaraneni
Contributing Writer

Even though Tech never led against the Michigan State Spartans, the Jackets were never far behind in Wednesday night's contest, which was part of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

With six seconds left in the game while the Jackets were behind by five points, RaSean Dickey hit a crucial three-pointer to keep the Jackets' hopes alive by bringing the team within two points, 88-86. The Jackets hadn't been within two points since the first half with 15 minutes left.

After the Spartan inbound pass, Anthony Morrow immediately dribbled Michigan State's Paul Jorgensen, who would have two free-throws to try to put his team ahead.

But when Davis missed both of his free throws, the Jackets had one more chance. After moving the ball down to the other end of the court, Dickey led the Jackets with 24 points, followed by Morrow who scored 23, Jeremis Smith picked up 16 points with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Fredrick scored 11 points.

Tech opened up the 2005-2006 book with back-to-back wins in double-figures, 81-69 win last week against the Michigan State Spartans, while the Jackets were never far behind in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

Sophomore Jerome Smith was the second leading scorer with 14 points, nine rebounds and three steals. Dickey hit 12 points with six rebounds. Freshman Lewis Clinch added 13 points and was 1-3 in the three-point shooting.

Unlike last year, where there was a transition from seasoned starters to freshmen, the Jackets started this year with a completely new starting five as well as very a good team.

After moving the ball between the two of them, Tech scored 11 points, while Clinch added 14 off the bench. The Jackets defense allowed more than the season average in this game than the first, as the Jackets won 81-69 over the Elon Phoenix.

For the second game in a row, Morrow scored better with 16 points, while Clinch added 14 off the bench. Morrow, who went 7-12 shooting, provided most of the confidence for the offense. Clinch shot 5-8, including 2-6 behind the arc, and hit six out of nine free throws.

The Jackets allowed more points in this game than the first, as the Phoenix had three starters score in double figures.

Halfway through the first quarter, after leading 26-17, Tech scored 11 unanswered points to take a 37-17 lead. Dickey made two free throws to start the scoring drive. Turnovers and missed shots for Elon led to a nine-point scoring drive for the Jackets.

The Jackets led by as many as 22 points and took a 19-point lead entering the second half of the game at the end of the game, however, and cut the lead from 17 to 10 with two and a half minutes left on the clock. Keys to the game by freshman Jerome Smith helped the Jackets hold on to the win.

In the second game of the season, the Jackets used fewer bench players as the Jackets won 81-69 over the Elon Phoenix.
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Tech falls to rival in low-scoring game

By Patrick Odneal
Sports Editor

The Jackets took an early 7-0 lead with ten minutes left in the first quarter as quarterback Reggie Ball connected with Calvin Johnson from the two-yard line. Five minutes later the Georgia Bulldogs scored to tie the game, and the contest would remain tied for most of the rest of the game.

The Bulldogs scored with about three minutes left in the game to take the win. To start that drive, Thomas Flowers returned a Ben Arndt punt 33 yards to the Tech 39-yard line. Bulldog quarterback D.J. Shockley completed three passes in a row to drive to the Tech 24-yard line. A 5-yard offside penalty against the Jackets moved the Bulldogs within the red zone.

Georgia next turned to sophomore tailback Thomas Brown, but Gerris Wilkinson and Eric Henderson shut Brown down for no gain on the run.

On second down, the Bulldogs went to the passing game again, and Shockley connected with Bryan McClendon for the 19-yard touchdown completion. With 5:18 left on the clock, the Bulldogs were up 14-7.

After the kickoff, the Jackets started from their own 26-yard line but would quickly move downfield. After a six-yard rush by senior P.J. Daniels, Ball connected with tight end George Cooper for a 16-yard completion as the Jackets moved to midfield. On the next play Ball took it himself and ran for 30 yards to the Georgia 22-yard line.

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Sophomore Calvin Johnson’s reception over defender Demario Minter scored Tech’s only touchdown of the game. Johnson had just two catches in the game that saw very few big offensive plays.

Sophomore Chioma Nnamaka was an impressive last season. Since scoring 74 points against UAB in triple overtime, Nnamaka made 4-7 from behind the three-point arc and also made all four of her free-throw attempts.

Junior Stephanie Higgs also scored in double digits with 11 points. Solid free-throw shooting helped propel the Jackets to the victory. The team was 16-22 from behind the line, including a streak of eight in a row in the final 45 seconds of the game.

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Junior defensive end Eric Henderson was picked to the second team. Fellow members of the defense Greg Blue and Daron Landry join Henderson as second-team selections along with running back P.J. Daniels. Senior tackle Brad Hon- eycutt received honorable mention recognition.

On the volleyball team, Senior setter Lindsay Laband and sophomore hitter Ulikie Seggmann were selected to the all-conference second team. Talisha Kellogg and Callie Miller were chosen for the six-person All-ACC freshman team.

Women’s hoops starts 5-0

By Akshay Amanareni
Contributing Writer

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