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Tennis teams compete over break

By Kate Patton
Contributing Writer

The Tech men’s tennis team has suffered a series of losses through the past two weeks on the road dropping the once No. 23 ranked team to No. 32 in the ITA poll.

The Jackets went up against No. 1 ranked archival Georgia in Athens March 15th. Although Scott Blackmon and Zachary Rath won a doubles match, UGA ended up taking the doubles point. The disappointment continued as Jordan Guelzian won Tech’s only singles point which led to the Bulldogs winning 6-1 overall.

The Jackets lost 5-2 against No. 19 Texas A&M March 26th with George Guelzian and Delass winning at their doubles match and Delass and Rath winning at their singles matches.

After that, Tech tried to capture a win against No. 4 Duke March 25th, but came up short as Scott Blackmon scored the only point in his singles match which dropped Tech to 6-6 overall and 0-4 in ACC play.

Tech lost its most recent match Sunday, 5-2, against No. 12 North Carolina. Though Delass and Guelzian won their doubles match and Delass and Rath won their singles matches, the Tar Heels proved to be the better competitor. The Jackets now stand at 6-2 overall, 0-5 ACC. The team will return to Atlanta to host No. 11 Virginia today at 2 p.m. and No. 10 Virginia Tech Sunday at 12 p.m. in the Bill Moore Tennis Center.

The Jackets look to continue their winning streak as they host No. 13 Tech fell to No. 11 Baylor Friday, 5-2, against No. 12 North Carolina. Though Delass and Guelzian won their doubles match and Delass and Rath won their singles matches, the Tar Heels proved to be the better competitor. The Jackets now stand at 6-2 overall, 0-5 ACC.

The 12th ranked duo of Miller and Shosho is the only singles match. Shosho won his in the first singles match 6-0, 1-0. Striplin succeeded in winning singles match with 6-0, 6-0 win. McCray preserved a win for Tech after clinching her match 6-2, 6-0.

The No.1 ranked player in the nation, Miller, came back to win 6-4, 6-1. Anderson won her point 6-0, 6-3, and Silverio won 6-3, 6-2 to complete the 7-0 sweep.

The Jackets went on to shutout No.61 Boston College Sunday. The team won all three doubles matches earning the doubles point.

Striplin won the first singles point with a 6-0, 6-1 win while Anderson earned the fourth point 6-4, 6-0. McCray won in straight sets 6-3, 6-0 in the fifth match and Silverio won 6-2, 6-3. Miller clinched the match point in a 6-4, 6-1 victory and Shosho finished the sweep with a 7-5, 6-2 win.

Miller, the top-ranked singles player in college tennis was named ACC/Women’s Tennis Co-Performer of the Week for her part in leading the Jackets to wins against ranked ACC teams.

The Yellow Jackets look to continue their winning streak as they play at Miami today.

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Women’s rugby team prepares for inaugural season

By Matthew Winkler  
Contribution Writer

The men's rugby club has been around Tech for twenty six years, but for the first time this coming fall there will be a Tech women's rugby club.

It all started last fall when Jenny Rainwater, a second year aerospace student, was inspired by the men's team.

"Last semester I was walking back from the CRC, and I walked past the Burger Bowl and saw the men's rugby team, and I thought it looked awesome," Rainwater said.

She next decided to inquire on how she could get involved with rugby.

"I emailed the team over the break and asked whether or not they had a women's team and what one could do if they wanted to join." To her surprise there was no women's team. The men's team had tried in the past to recruit girls for a rugby team but no serious interest was ever shown.

"They said the difficulty would be finding enough girls who wanted to play rugby," Rainwater said.

She offered to head a recruitment endeavor to see if there were any other aspiring ruggers within Tech's female population.

"I agreed to put forth an effort to find girls, so the men's team agreed to help us out any way possible," Rainwater said.

After the break, she came back to campus with the motivation to find girls interested in starting a rugby team. She started out like any other new club on campus—she made fliers to pass out on Skiles.

"In the early weeks we made fliers, and I went with a couple of the guys from the men's team and started handing out fliers on Skiles. We did lots to get the word out."

Three weeks in to handing out fliers, not much interest was being shown, for a new rugby team.

"There was only Rachele Klein and me for two or three weeks, but we kept talking to people. We talked to every girl we could find in the gym, every girl we saw passing by, just to see if we could find girls who might be interested in playing," Rainwater said.

The recruiting paid off. After about four weeks of recruiting, some girls started showing real interest in forming a team.

"Believe it or not, it's a sport so many people go for. We ended up finding girls everywhere, some that you wouldn't even think of playing rugby. In about four weeks we had about twelve girls."

Now with a little over a month left in the spring semester, Rainwater now has enough girls to form a team for the coming fall.

"We have about 19 girls [16 active] that are on our roster now."

The team also has some help from a local rugby club in the Atlanta area as well as help from the men's team. The Atlanta Harlequins are one of the top ranked women's rugby teams in the nation.

"The Atlanta Harlequins are the fourth best women's rugby club in the United States, and five or six of their players play for the U.S. team. Our three coaches, Stephanie Iacobucci, Shelley Donaldson and Sharon Lau, are members of the Harlequins, and all three are very talented."

Rugby has also been perceived in the past as a sport that attracts only a select few people.

"People have a misconception that rugby is only for big, tough, huge people who spend hours in the gym and are blood thirsty, but really it's a sport for all people of all fitness levels, of all talents, of all skills and of all sizes," Rainwater said.

Women's rugby will officially become a club sport in the fall of 2006. They will compete in USA Rugby South, in the collegiate women's division of the Georgia Union. Currently, the team is scrimmaging until the official season begins.

"We want to stress it doesn't matter what fitness level you are. You'd be amazed to find what awesome people are collected into one group. It's a better environment than a lot of other sports, and I encourage anyone who is interested to stop by a practice," Rainwater said.

The team currently practices every Monday and Wednesday 8-10 p.m. at the Burger Bowl, and practices are open to anyone who is interested.

Anyone interested in playing rugby should visit www.georgiachrugby.com/women.
LSU roars over top seeds, wins Atlantic Regional

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

In a weekend that saw upsets around every corner, the Atlantic Region was no exception. Louisiana State University, ranked 13th overall, will be going to the Final Four from the region despite facing top seeded Duke in the Sweet 16 and No. 2 seed Texas in the Elite Eight.

The second weekend of the NCAA Tournament featured many shocking results. Every top seed during the weekend, and all of the higher seeded teams going into the Elite Eight were knocked off. One of the more surprising stories was George Mason advancing to the Final Four despite controversy on Selection Sunday as to why the committee even selected them to be in the tournament in the first place.

Tech’s new director of athletics and former LSU senior associate athletics director, Dan Radakovich, will be going to Indianapolis for the Final Four. He will accompany the Atlantic regional representative, LSU, who knocked off No. 3 Texas to win the 2006 regional 70-60 in overtime.

Despite bashing cramps all game and an injury to the team’s leading scorer, Thomas led the Tigers with 25 points and 13 rebounds. Thomas also blocked three shots.

Shelden Williams scored 23 points in the losing effort for the Blue Devils. J.J. Redick had one of the worst shootings nights of his career in his final collegiate game going 3-18 from the field.

“I take responsibility. I think we all could have a little bit better. The other team forces you into those situations. The game is tons of adjustments and I don’t think we’ve ever completely adjusted to the physicality of the game.” Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski.

LSU will face UCLA in the second game of the Final Four that starts on Saturday. The first game features Florida against the Cinderella story of George Mason.

Selection Sunday was the longest day for the LSU Regional at the Georgia Dome and will be hosting next year’s Final Four.
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first five innings. Hall then started pitching in place of the weekend on the ACC schedule. Tech took two out of three games in the weekend.

The Jackets traveled to Raleigh the Friday of Spring Break, but Tech pitchers struggled against the Wolfpack lineup all weekend long. The Jackets gave up eight runs through five innings of all three games in the series.

Danny Payne went two for four from the plate, but was the only Tech hitter to get anything off of Eryk McConnell in game one of the series. Wood picked up the loss despite giving up just two earned runs. North Carolina State capitalized on four Tech errors in the second game as Gustafson got his first start of the season. He had a rough return to the weekend rotation giving up seven earned runs in less than four innings of work.

After falling behind 9-3 the Jackets bats woke up scoring four runs in the seventh inning and adding two more in the eighth inning. The Jackets took the lead in the top of the tenth inning, but Wieters was unable to hold on for the victory. He gave up three runs in the bottom half of the inning to pick up the loss despite pitching 3.1 innings in relief. Tech dropped their third consecutive ACC game 12-11 in 10 innings.

Danny Payne closed the game out by getting the final five outs and picked up his first collegiate save for the Jackets in his third pitching appearance of the year.

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header, the Jackets defeated Virginia 7-4. Wood regained her original form after having a difficult game against the Longhorns.

Against UVA, she pitched six innings allowing six hits, four runs (only one earned), and two walks. Haller went 2-3 at the plate with 3 RBIs.

In the last game of the series, Virginia edged Tech 5-4. Denny went 2-2, with one run scored, and one run driven in.

After the Jackets played three road games in the state of Texas. They played the Baylor Bears in Waco, Texas March 21st and defeated the Lady Bears 8-0.

Wood continued her streak of good pitching by hurling five strong innings, allowing only two hits and one walk. She did not surrender any runs, and also struck out three.

Brown went 2-4 at the plate with two doubles, one home, one run scored, and four runs driven in.

Freshman Blair Shimandle, a native of LaGrange, Ga., stepped up her performance in this game by going 2-3 at the plate, with one home run, two runs scored, and one RBI.

On March 22nd, the Jackets softball team faced off against No. 3 Texas in Austin. They were unable to get the bar going as they were shut out 1-0 in game one, and lost 5-3 in game two.

In game one, the Jackets were shut down by the combination of Meagan Denny and Cat Osterman.

Denny pitched three innings allowing only one hit, and three walks, while striking out four.

On the mound, she tossed 10.2 innings allowing six hits, four runs (all earned), two walks and struck out four, but was the tough luck loser in the shutout.

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Over the break, Haller was 8-for-24 (.333) as she scored eleven runs, had six RBIs, hit three doubles, two home runs, and stole two bases.

On the mound, she tossed 10.2 innings and did not allow a single run to cross the plate. She also struck out three batters, did not walk anyone and picked up three saves in the process.

The Tech softball team will travel to Tallahassee, Florida to face off against the Florida State Seminoles this weekend.

The Seminoles are 25-15 on the season, and 3-3 in the ACC. The Jackets will play a double-header on Saturday that starts at 1 p.m.
Softball off to a quick start in ACC
Tech opens conference season 5-1, takes lead in ACC competition

By William Bretherton
Staff Writer

The Jackets softball team opened up ACC play this past week against Virginia and Maryland. Tech won five out of six of those games to start off the ACC schedule on a roll. Tech has won three out of their last five games and have moved in to the top 25 in the USA Today/ National Fastpitch Coaches Association poll as the No. 25 team in the country.

However, the softball team faltered against Texas in two straight games. They lost in Austin 1-0 in the first game and 5-3 in the second game. On Wednesday, they hosted No. 11 archrival Georgia, going in as the No. 25 ranked team in the country.

The Jackets split the two games with Georgia. The Jackets won the first game 6-4, while losing the second game 15-7.

Tech’s record now stands at 29-10 overall, and 5-1 in the ACC. Freshman Whitney Haller, from Marietta, Ga., picked up her first win of the season by pitching three innings of relief. In her relief appearance, she allowed just three hits, one earned run, and one walk.

Senior left fielder Amy Hosier, a native of Lakewood, Colo., was 1-3 with a run scored, a home run, and two runs driven in. Hosier’s home run was her fourth of the season. Junior right fielder Carlin Lever, out of Ambler, New York, was 2-3, with two runs scored, and one run driven in. Lever also hit her fourth home run of the season.

Senior shortstop Christine Schiattana, of Pasadenada, Md., was 2-4, with a triple, a home run, and three RBI’s. Sophomore Savannah Brown, from El Cajon, Calif., was 3-3 with a home run, one run scored, and two RBI’s.

In the second game, the Bulldogs picked up five runs in the top of the third inning as well as five more in the top of the fifth. Junior pitcher Sarah Wood, out of Marietta, Ga., was unable to keep her string of good pitching performances going as she surrendered six earned runs, six hits, and one walk in three innings pitched.

The Jackets returned home this past weekend to face off against the Cavaliers of Virginia. The Jackets took two out of three games from the Cavs.

In game one, the Jackets won 10-2. Brown had a good day at the plate going 2-3, with one run scored, one walk, and two runs driven in.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Jackets had chances, but stranded 10 runners in the 2-0 loss. It was the first shutout against Tech since last May when they were shut out 2-0 by Florida Atlantic.

Tech rebounded in game two of the series by knocking off North Carolina 11-1. The game was a pitcher’s duel until the eighth inning when the Jackets bats came alive and scored seven runs. Tim Gustafson picked up the win pitching seven innings and allowing one run on six hits and striking out a career-high seven batters.

“I wanted to redeem myself from last weekend,” Gustafson said. “I felt behind ahead on a few batters, but it was nice to put our team in a position to win.”

“Out of left-handers could see Bard’s pitches better than they could see Miller’s [pitches],” Head Coach Danny Hall said.

The Jackets won the third consecutive tightly contested game of the series on Sunday behind freshman David Duncan. He threw 5 1/3 innings and allowed two runs on six hits while striking out five. Duncan allowed first pitch solo home runs to the leadoff hitters of the third and fourth innings, but the bats paid him back. Tech scored one run in the fifth inning and added two more runs in the sixth inning to take a 3-2 lead, which would not relinquish. Matt Wieters picked up his second save of the year, retiring all five batters he faced.

“I tried to get ahead of [Benji Johnson] with a fastball and he hit it out,” Duncan said. “(Tim Federowicz) had a good swing on a split-finger fastball.”

In the sixth inning with Whit Robbins on third base and Steven Blackwood on second, Mike Trapani hit a sacrifice fly out to left field that scored Robbins and advanced Blackwood to third on the play. Wally Craner pinch hit for Andy Hawranick and drove in Blackwood with a single drive that hit the Far Heel pitcher Robert Woodard.

Tuesday night of this past week, the Jackets knocked off Western Carolina 19-3 despite the late arrival of the umpires which delayed the start for over an hour.

Sophomore pitcher Tim Ladd gave up three runs to the Catamounts before settling down and pitching four strong innings. Ryan Turner picked up the win as he pitched the next three innings without giving up a hit or a walk.

The Jackets did the bulk of the damage in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th innings scoring 16 runs during this time.

Whit Robbins and Wes Hodges both drove in four runs while Danny Payne scored four runs, all in the