

Sports

Here comes Tech

Talented Georgia Tech to meet UNC Saturday at 2

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The Georgia Tech basketball team is doing its best this season to imitate many past Atlanta sports legacies — you know, high expectations, but disappointing results.

If you're a Tech fan, it makes you want to go slap Ted Turner or Joe Torre for creating this monster, doesn't it?

Yellow Jacket head coach Bobby Cremins said at the beginning of the season that his squad was overrated, but with a powerful frontline tandem of senior Duane Ferrell and junior Tom Hammonds added to freshman sensation Dennis Scott and steady sophomore Brian Oliver, you couldn't help but grin mischievously at the Silver Fox's words.

However, the Jackets had lost two straight ACC games, including an embarrassing performance at Virginia last Saturday, before evening their conference record at 2-2, 14-4 overall, with a win over Clemson Tuesday.

Saturday, Cremins must take his club on the road once again, this time to Chapel Hill to face the third-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels.

"It's just another typical great North Carolina team," Tech coach Bobby Cremins said.

The recurring problem of having no legitimate center must surely haunt Cremins late at night. Not since the "Haitian Creation," known to the rest of the world as Yvon Joseph, have the Ramblin' Wreck had a strong man in the middle.

Cremins' latest project there is 6-foot-11 sophomore James Munlyn, who has more talent in his left foot than Cremins' last project, Antoine Ford, who mercifully transferred to Virginia Commonwealth.

But Munlyn has yet to make his mark on the basketball world, averaging just four points a game.

So, therein lie the Jackets' woes. But in case you have hibernated up to this point in the season, let's recount the strengths of the Techsters. The 6-foot-7 Ferrell has been a

| | Georgia Tech | Edge | UNC |
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| Guards | Brian Oliver (12.7 ppg) is solid, Bruce Dalrymple-type player. Craig Neal (7.3 ppg, 7.3 apg) leads the ACC in assists and is playing solid at the point. |  | Ranzino Smith (12.8 ppg) is more of a leader than many think. Junior Jeff Lebo (13.7 ppg) has a sore knee, but should play. He's a strong point, too. |
| Forwards | Frosh Dennis Scott (14.8 ppg) hit for eight treys in one game this year, and isn't shy of the drive. Duane Ferrell (19.4 ppg) is a tough, explosive player. |  | Scott Williams (12.6 ppg) may have played his best game Sunday. Steve Bucknall (8.7 ppg) also had a solid effort vs. State, but stability needed. |
| Center | Tom Hammonds (18.3 ppg) at 6-9 has been playing out of position for past two seasons. Strong on defense, but can anyone slow down J.R. Reid? |  | This space should be left blank — it's hard to say anything else about J.R. Reid. Hits for 20 ppg, pulls in 8.6 rpg. Would and will be a great NBA player. |
| Bench | The Jackets' biggest weakness. Top sub James Munlyn (3.6 ppg) gives Hammonds a breather, but could cause him hyperventilation. |  | Tar Heels go four deep on bench. Good help from Kevin Madden (16 points Sun.), Pete Chilcutt (7.4 ppg) and freshmen Fox and Rice. |
| Coaching | Bobby Cremins is 111-70 in six seasons in Atlanta. He is a great recruiter and motivator, but his teams have often been lacking. |  | So what if he doesn't have a great hairdo like Bobby's — Dean Smith is 625-177 for his 27 years in Chapel Hill, and 27-5 against the Jackets. |

mainstay in the ACC since his Rookie-of-the-Year 1984-85 campaign. He is an explosive player who currently averages 19.4 points and 6.5 rebounds per contest. This guy should be a ferocious NBA player.

For a forward, the 6-foot-9 Hammonds plays center pretty well, as he has been doing for two years now. He hits for 18.3 points and 6.1 boards per game and will probably draw J.R. Reid in Saturday's contest due to his

tough defensive play.

Scott came to Chapel Hill last summer for the U.S. Olympic Festival very overweight, but he has slimmed down since then.

The 6-foot-8 forward/guard averages 14.8 points and provides Tech with a legitimate three-point threat, so much so that former Maryland coach-turned-bad-TV-commentator Lefty Driesell said last week, "You've got to let a guy like that keep shootin'

the three-pointer because he may turn around and hit 10 in a row."

Oliver is a solid guard who averages 12.2 points a game. At the point is senior Craig "Noodles" Neal, who is probably pinching himself constantly these days because of his highly improved play.

"Our confidence level right now is not very high," Cremins said. "We're struggling, and we need a big boost. We need to get a good game from everyone. That's something we haven't been able to do yet."

Dean Smith brings his squad into Saturday's game considerably disappointed after last night's shocking loss to Wake Forest, 83-80.

In the last week the Tar Heels are 1-2, losing to fifth-ranked Duke 70-69 before downing N.C. State 77-73. Who knows how this team will react Saturday against Tech?

Leading the way for 14-3, 3-2 North Carolina is, of course, Reid, who muscles and drop-steps his way to the tune of 20 points per game.

Junior point guard Jeff Lebo adds 13.7 points as well, but has a sore knee.

Swimming hosts Virginia, Bulldogs

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Swimmers and divers from Georgia and Virginia will invade Koury Natatorium this weekend to take on two hungry Tar Heel squads that have something to prove.

UNC's 11th-ranked women's team dives into action Friday afternoon against the University of Georgia's sixth-ranked women. The Tar Heels will be looking for the upset that escaped them two weeks ago against a strong Clemson team.

North Carolina swimming coach Frank Comfort said the Georgia squads will be a strong challenge for both the men's and women's teams.

"In the women's meet, we're looking to be competitive against a top team and we think we can be," Comfort said. "The men's meet looks like an even matchup — anything can happen there."

The UNC men's team, with a record of 7-0 (3-0 in the ACC), looks to continue its winning streak against Georgia before their Super Sunday showdown at 1 p.m. with the defending ACC champion Virginia Cavaliers.

The men have defeated two nationally ranked teams this year, but have not yet been welcomed to the Top 20. A victory against Virginia might open some eyes.

The 5-2 Cavaliers (2-0 in the ACC) stroll into town to face a Tar Heel lineup that can't forget its big loss in a dual meet at Virginia last year.

Sophomore sprinter Tod Schroeder, who has the best time in the country (20.21) in his 50-yard freestyle event, tells the tale.

"If there was a revenge factor (earlier this year) against Clemson, you wouldn't believe the way we look at Virginia," Schroeder said.

But Comfort spoke of the Virginia meets as he would any other.

"I don't feel like I have to say much (in preparation) about winning and losing," Comfort said. "I just tell them to concentrate on performing to the best of their abilities and leave the rest to them."

For the women, "the rest" will fall on the shoulders of Susan O'Brien, Kim Beattie, Wendy Powers and Co. when the Tar Heels confront the 15th-ranked Virginia women (6-2, 1-1 in the ACC).

The 7-1 Tar Heels (2-1 in the ACC) will face the top relay teams in the country, but will try to utilize their depth and balance to rise to the occasion.

Comfort said that history favors the Tar Heels.

"Our women have never lost a dual meet to Virginia," Comfort said. "We've worked hard, and I trust that the streak will continue."

The streak's future depends on the performance of the Tar Heel All-American trio of O'Brien, Beattie and Powers against a Virginia squad led by national powers Sudi Miller and Betsy O'Donnell along with super freshman Melanie Valerio.

O'Brien, who has two of the best backstroke times in the nation, said that the relationship between the two teams is not a friendly one.

"There are more bad feelings for them than for any other ACC team," O'Brien said. "There's always been a lot of animosity between us."

O'Brien added that it's going to take a team effort to get the win.

"The strengths and weaknesses of both teams don't always match up," O'Brien said. "Whoever dominates their stronger events will get the win."

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MENS FENCING in dual meets at University Park, Pa., 8 a.m.
TRACK at University of Florida Invitational.
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