

Tech Looks to Stay Hot Against Duke

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Duke's miserable season isn't looking any more promising as it travels to take on an upstart Georgia Tech team today at noon.

The Blue Devils' record fell to 0-6 (0-3 in the ACC) as they lost 63-14 to Florida State last week.

Meanwhile, Tech has won its last two games and ran its record to 4-2, 2-2 with a 52-20 drubbing of Wake Forest.

The Tech offense was impressive last week as quarterback George Godsey threw for a career-high 333 yards. The success of the Yellow Jackets' pass-oriented offense usually depends on the play of Godsey.

"We put so much on our quarterback that when he doesn't play well, we're not very good," Tech coach George O'Leary said.

Godsey has a strong corps of wide receivers as his targets. The receivers are led by junior Kelly Campbell who has 22 receptions for 444 yards and five touchdowns on the season. Last week, Campbell broke the career touchdown record at Georgia Tech with the 15th and 16th touchdown catches of his career.

In addition, the ground-game combination of Joe Burns, Sidney Ford

Duke at Georgia Tech



0-6, 0-3 ACC



4-2, 2-2 ACC

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Site: Bobby Dodd Stadium

Series Record: Ga. Tech 37-29-1

Key player: RB Chris Douglas (Duke) and QB George Godsey (GT)

and Sean Gregory provided a spark with a season high 245 yards rushing.

Tech's blossoming offense will look to exploit a Duke defense that is allowing 40.5 points and 487 yards per game. FSU quarterback Chris Weinke tore apart the secondary last week, throwing for 536 yards and five touchdowns.

While the offense continues to improve, Tech's defense has not been impressive this year. It ranks last in the ACC in passing defense and is allowing more than 400 yards per game.

The Yellow Jackets allowed 473 yards of total offense against a strug-

gling Wake Forest team.

Sophomore D. Bryant will start under center for Duke. Bryant made his first start of the year two weeks ago against Clemson because of a concussion suffered by starter Spencer Romine.

Bryant has seen action in all six games this season and has completed 40-of-102 passes for 426 yards and Duke's lone passing touchdown.

Meanwhile, Romine, who has only played in four games because of the injury, is 40-of-83 for 428 yards.

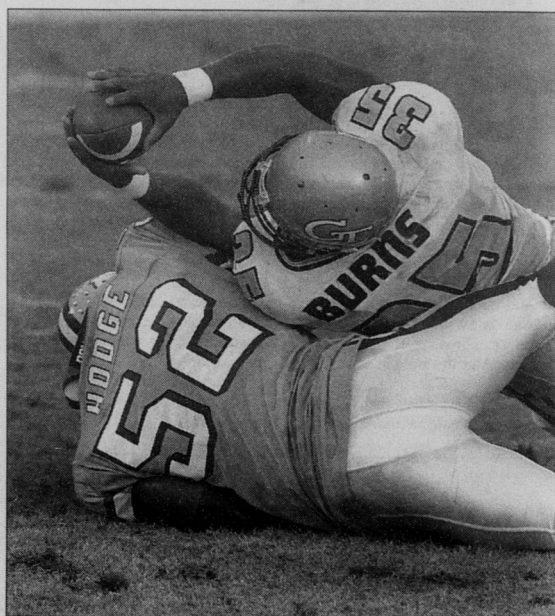
The Blue Devils will look for both quarterbacks to play today and contribute to their struggling passing game.

"Spencer will be eligible to play this weekend," Duke coach Carl Franks said. "We'll see how the game goes, but he'll play."

Though Georgia Tech clearly has the advantage on both sides of the ball, the Blue Devils have proved a tough match in the past for the Yellow Jackets.

Last season, the highly favored Tech squad, led by All America quarterback Joe Hamilton had to rally to score 10 points in the fourth quarter to pull out a victory.

"We try and treat every game as a season," O'Leary said. "All you have to do is take out last year's tape and see how Duke played us."



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Georgia Tech running back Joe Burns averages 73.5 yards per game, fifth in the ACC. He has 411 rushing yards and has scored six touchdowns this season.

Terps, Deacons Hope to Avoid Cellar

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Sometimes, ACC football gets ugly. When Wake Forest visits Maryland today at Byrd Stadium, it might be one of those times.

Winless Wake (0-6, 0-4 in the ACC) and muddling Maryland (2-4, 0-3) meet in a game that mercifully will not be on television.

Both teams are hoping to avoid ending the season in the cellar of the

ACC standings, and a victory here would give the winning team an edge against the loser and Duke in this three-team race of ineptitude.

The Demon Deacons are coming off a 52-20 loss to Georgia Tech, a game in which the Wake offense used a varied attack. Led by option quarterback Anthony Young and drop-back QB Andrew MacPherson, the Deacons rolled up 452 yards of total offense. The Wake defense, conversely, was porous, yielding 578 yards.

Wake Forest at Maryland



0-6, 0-4 ACC

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Site: Byrd Stadium

Series record: Md. 34-13-1

Key player: KR John Stone (Wake) and RB LaMont Jordan (Maryland)



2-4, 0-3 ACC

Wake must play without standout defensive tackle Nathan Bolling, starting safety Tehran Carpenter, and cornerbacks Quintin Williams and Obi Chukwumah, which means that stopping Terrapin running back Lamont Jordan might be a tall order.

Jordan is now 927 yards from the

all-time ACC rushing record. If he keeps up the pace he has set this season, however, he will not reach that mark.

Jordan is averaging 75 yards a game this year, far less than the 148 he averaged last season.

Jordan's subpar performance has

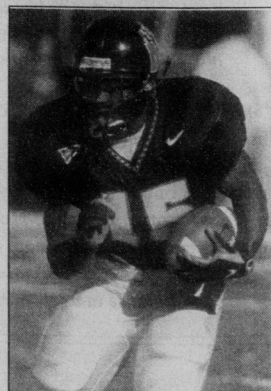


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Maryland running back LaMont Jordan has 449 rushing yards and seven TDs.

placed more of an onus on quarterback Calvin McCall, whose play has been less than stellar. McCall threw three interceptions against Clemson on Saturday, and the Tigers scored touchdowns after each one in their 35-14 victory.

"There isn't any consolation in not winning a game," Maryland coach Ron Vanderlinden said. "However, I was encouraged in the Clemson game with the way we competed, particularly on defense."

The offense, too, showed life as Jordan's 71 yards were the second-best rushing effort versus the Tigers this season.

Wake Forest coach Jim Caldwell could have been speaking for both teams when he said, "We have a lot to be motivated by. We have a team that needs a win."

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