

Jackets strive to slow UNC

Game and Time: No. 8 Georgia Tech at No. 3 North Carolina. Tipoff is at 7 p.m.

Site: Smith Center.
TV/Radio: The game will be televised by ESPN. The Tar Heel Sports Radio Network will provide radio coverage; the broadcast will air on 100.7 FM and WCHL-AM, 1360.

Records: Georgia Tech is 11-2, 2-0 in the ACC. North Carolina is 13-1, 2-0 in the ACC.

Series: North Carolina leads 55-18.

Probable Starters:
Georgia Tech
G: Jarrett Jack, 6-3 JR
G: Will Bynum, 6-0 SR
F: Isma'il Muhammad, 6-6 SR
F: Anthony McHenry, 6-7 SR
C: Luke Schenschler, 7-1 SR

North Carolina
G: Raymond Felton, 6-1 JR
G: Rashad McCants, 6-4 JR
F: Jackie Manuel, 6-5 SR
F: Jawad Williams, 6-9 SR
C: Sean May, 6-9 JR

The Key Matchup: Georgia Tech PG Jarrett Jack versus North Carolina PG Raymond Felton.

The game will depend largely on which point guard can control the tempo of the game. Georgia Tech likes to get out in transition on occasion, but the Tar Heels look to push the ball on every possession.

The Yellow Jackets have one of the stingiest defenses in the ACC, yielding just 58.1 points per game. The Tar Heels have the most potent offense in the country, scoring 92.7 points per game.

When the teams met at the Smith Center last year, a 103-88 Tar Heel win, Felton scored 25 points and Jack poured in 22.

UNC likely won't need that type of point output from Felton tonight.

But the Yellow Jackets might need that type of scoring from Jack, because Georgia Tech will be without B.J. Elder, the team's second leading scorer, who is out with a strained hamstring.



Jack, the team's leading scorer at 14.8 points per game, has drained an astounding 58 percent of his field goals. He's also pulling down better than five rebounds a game.

Although Felton's scoring average isn't as high, he's making 52.6 percent of his shots and an ACC-best 55 percent on 3-pointers and also leads the conference with 7.8 assists per game.


The Yellow Jackets might have a slight advantage in the backcourt with Jack and Will Bynum, who also can run the offense, but Ga. Tech could have a tough time keeping up with the North Carolina frontcourt.


Isma'il Muhammad loves to get out on the break, but Anthony


THE LOWDOWN ON SATURDAY'S GAME


 Georgia Tech at  North Carolina
(11-2, 2-0) Smith Center, 7 p.m. (13-1, 2-0)

HEAD TO HEAD

Backcourt Jarrett Jack and Raymond Felton will be one of the best point guard matchups of the year. Ga. Tech has an advantage with Will Bynum, who can also run the point, but will miss injured two-guard B.J. Elder. **Edge: Ga. Tech** 

Frontcourt Ga. Tech center Luke Schenschler has struggled recently and will have a hard time keeping up with Sean May in transition. The Tar Heels could enjoy mismatches with Jawad and Marvin Williams. **Edge: UNC** 

Bench Ga. Tech freshman Anthony Morrow has emerged as a legitimate outside threat off the bench. Only time will tell if Maryland will serve as the breakout game for UNC sophomore Reyshawn Terry. **Edge: UNC** 

Intangibles The Yellow Jackets nearly won at Kansas' Phog Allen Fieldhouse, so they won't be intimidated by the Smith Center crowd. They also have plenty of experience, starting four seniors and a junior. **Edge: Ga. Tech** 

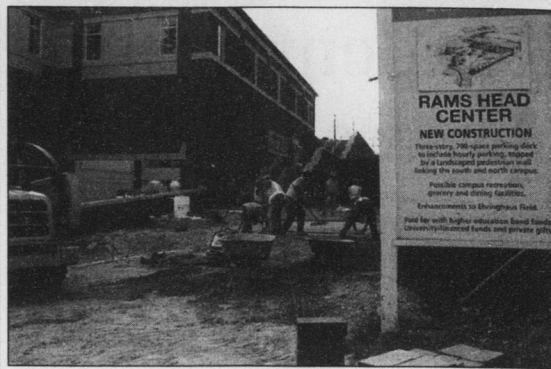
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McHenry and Luke Schenschler could have a difficult time keeping up with Jawad Williams and Sean May, particularly in transition.

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Workers lay concrete outside the Rams Head Center on Tuesday. The center is scheduled to offer dining services by late February or early March.

Projects closer to completion

Cameron Ave. to close for semester

BY STEPHANIE NOVAK
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While students ventured away from campus to enjoy three weeks of freedom, construction on campus continued to ensure that projects will finish on time.

Warm weather and a decrease in student activity allowed construction to continue on schedule, said Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for planning and construction.

"(It's been) very peaceful and quiet around campus," Runberg said.

Utility roadwork, including construction on sidewalks and roads, was much easier since there was not much traffic, added Ed Willis, director of construction management.

Construction of a utility infrastructure upgrade to support the new northeast chiller plant and parking deck will close Cameron Avenue to through traffic between Raleigh Street and South Columbia Street starting Monday. Through traffic is expected to resume on Cameron in May.

The parking deck will be built off Country Club Road behind the Center for Dramatic Art, the Paul Green Theater and Cobb Residence Hall.

Several other projects are scheduled to finish this semester, including the Rams Head Center

and additions to Carrington Hall and the School of Public Health building.

The Rams Head Center — a mixed-use dining and recreation facility being built near Kenan Field House — is slated to finish between late February and the first week of March, Runberg said. He added that while the dining services section of the center will be in place, the recreation space will take longer to finish.

"There is so much work, it's essential that we focus on food services," Runberg said. Finishing the Rams Head dining hall is a top priority because Chase Hall is scheduled to be demolished in March.

Construction on the Public Health building on South Columbia Street should finish in February, and the addition to Carrington Hall, which houses the School of Nursing, is scheduled to be completed at the beginning of April, Willis said.

He also said the modernization of Cobb should be finalized by early summer.

Other projects that are moving forward include phase two of the South Campus residence hall project and student family housing on Mason Farm Road.

Runberg said the \$1.3 billion construction program is one of the largest in the country for a university.

Willis said the various construction projects could be hindrances to students but added that they will ultimately be worthwhile.

"We know it's disruptive, and we do our best to accommodate problems," he said. "Bear with us as we build a bigger, better campus."

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Safety task force finalizes suggestions

BY ALEX GRANADOS
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Criminal background checks and stronger verification procedures are just some of the recommendations released Dec. 14 by a UNC-system safety task force.

The task force was created by system President Molly Broad after two students were murdered at UNC-Wilmington last year.

Committee Chairman Robert Kanoy, UNC-system senior associate vice president for academic and student affairs, said task force members spent the majority of their time reviewing application

procedures. "Most of the attention has been focused on the pre-admissions process," he said.

Steve Farmer, chairman of the panel's admissions subcommittee and director of admissions at UNC-Chapel Hill, said system schools are looking to standardize the questions they ask about their applicants' criminal and punitive histories.

"They are on their honor to explain to us anything related to their disciplinary history," he said.

But schools would not be required to rely on applicants' honesty.

Stronger verification procedures, such as a database of all students who have faced disciplinary action at any of the 16 system schools, also would safeguard against the admittance of students prone to violence.

Farmer said admissions offices will check criminal backgrounds if applications have significant omissions or raise suspicions.

"That might signal to us that we need to check a student's background more emphatically."

The task force's recommendations also extended to accepted students. Its environment subcommittee, headed by Garrie Moore, vice chancellor for student affairs at UNC-W, focused more on the status of campus safety.

"They were concerned with what is actually going on in the campus

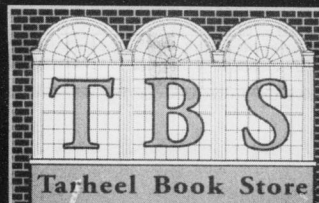
community and what campuses can do once students are on campus," Farmer said.

Campus safety committees, much like those already in place at many system schools, would be created or reinforced. Also, faculty would be trained to spot troubling behavior.

Finally, students facing judicial action would not be allowed to withdraw from school to avoid disciplinary action.


To prevent these safety recommendations from fading into the background of everyday campus life, Kanoy said, the committee periodically will meet to re-examine safety issues.

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Webster tapped as TSU coach

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NASHVILLE — Tennessee State University Athletics Director Teresa Phillips announced James Webster Jr. as the Tigers' new head football coach on Tuesday. The formal announcement comes after the Tennessee State Board of Regents approval of Webster's appointment.

Webster served the last four seasons on the coaching staff at his alma mater, the University of North Carolina. Webster was the assistant head coach and special teams coordinator at UNC. He had previously coached the team's defensive ends.

"This was a challenging search," said Phillips. "When we looked at candidates to head our football program here at TSU we wanted to make sure that we got the best total package. Coach Webster defines the total package — leadership, experience and passion."

Webster began his college football career as a player at North Carolina in 1968. He started at linebacker for three consecutive seasons. Webster was a stand-out defensive player for the UNC Tar Heels, and was named Most Valuable Defensive Player in the 1971 Gator Bowl. The following year, he received the ACC's Brian Piccolo Award and the Frank Porter Graham Award as one of the top 12 seniors at UNC. He graduated from UNC in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in education.

"This is a great opportunity for James and his family," said head coach John Bunting. "One of his career goals was to become a college head coach and I've supported him throughout this process. James did a terrific job as our assistant head coach and special teams coordinator and I know he will be missed by our players and staff."