



2005 Schedule

All times Eastern, subject to change
 Home games in ALL CAPS
 RSN - ACC regional TV
 (Fox Sports Net South,
 Sunshine Network, Comcast)
 FSNS - Fox Sports Net South

February

11	Fri.	GEORGIA STATE	2 p.m.
12	Sat.	at Georgia Southern	1:30 p.m.
13	Sun.	at Georgia Southern	1:30 p.m.
18	Fri.	IONA	4 p.m.
19	Sat.	IONA	1:30 p.m.
20	Sun.	IONA	1:30 p.m.
22	Tue.	at Georgia State	4 p.m.
25	Fri.	RUTGERS	4 p.m.
26	Sat.	RUTGERS	1:30 p.m.
27	Sun.	RUTGERS	1:30 p.m.

March

1	Tue.	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	4 p.m.
2	Wed.	vs. Atlanta Braves (Orlando, Fla.)	1 p.m.
4	Fri.	at Duke	4 p.m.
5	Sat.	at Duke	2 p.m.
6	Sun.	at Duke	1:30 p.m.
8	Tue.	WILLIAM & MARY	4 p.m.
9	Wed.	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	4 p.m.
11	Fri.	WAKE FOREST	4 p.m.
12	Sat.	WAKE FOREST	1:30 p.m.
13	Sun.	WAKE FOREST	1:30 p.m.
18	Fri.	NC STATE	7 p.m.
19	Sat.	NC STATE	7 p.m.
20	Sun.	NC STATE	1:30 p.m.
22	Tue.	AUBURN [FSNS]	7 p.m.
25	Fri.	at Miami	7 p.m.
26	Sat.	at Miami [RSN]	1 p.m.
27	Sun.	at Miami	1 p.m.
29	Tue.	WESTERN CAROLINA	7 p.m.

April

1	Fri.	MARYLAND	7 p.m.
2	Sat.	MARYLAND	7 p.m.

3	Sun.	MARYLAND	1:30 p.m.
5	Tue.	at Auburn	7 p.m.
8	Fri.	WINTHROP	7 p.m.
9	Sat.	WINTHROP	7 p.m.
10	Sun.	WINTHROP	1:30 p.m.
13	Wed.	at Georgia	7 p.m.
15	Fri.	FLORIDA STATE [FSNS]	7 p.m.
16	Sat.	FLORIDA STATE [RSN]	1 p.m.
17	Sun.	FLORIDA STATE	1:30 p.m.
20	Wed.	GEORGIA	7 p.m.
22	Fri.	at Virginia	7 p.m.
23	Sat.	at Virginia	7 p.m.
24	Sun.	at Virginia	1 p.m.
26	Tue.	vs. Georgia (Turner Field) [FSNS]	7 p.m.
29	Fri.	at Clemson	7:15 p.m.
30	Sat.	at Clemson	7 p.m.

May

1	Sun.	at Clemson	2 p.m.
6	Fri.	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	7 p.m.
7	Sat.	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	7 p.m.
8	Sun.	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	1:30 p.m.
10	Tue.	COASTAL CAROLINA	7 p.m.
13	Fri.	VIRGINIA TECH [FSNS]	7 p.m.
14	Sat.	VIRGINIA TECH	7 p.m.
15	Sun.	VIRGINIA TECH	1:30 p.m.
19	Thu.	at North Carolina	6 p.m.
20	Fri.	at North Carolina	7 p.m.
21	Sat.	at North Carolina	2 p.m.
24-29	Tu.-Su.	ACC Tournament (Jacksonville, Fla.)	

June

3-5	Fr.-Su.	NCAA Regionals, sites TBA	
10-13	Fr.-Mo.	NCAA Super Regionals, sites TBA [ESPN]	
17-27	Fr.-Mo.	College World Series, Omaha, Neb. [ESPN]	



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Just Georgia Tech, Please

Georgia Tech University sounds official, but it's incorrect. The Georgia Institute of Technology is the school's official title, but Georgia Tech will work fine, or just Tech (unless you're in Virginia or Texas). We would appreciate it if you would use our name in those ways. Thanks.

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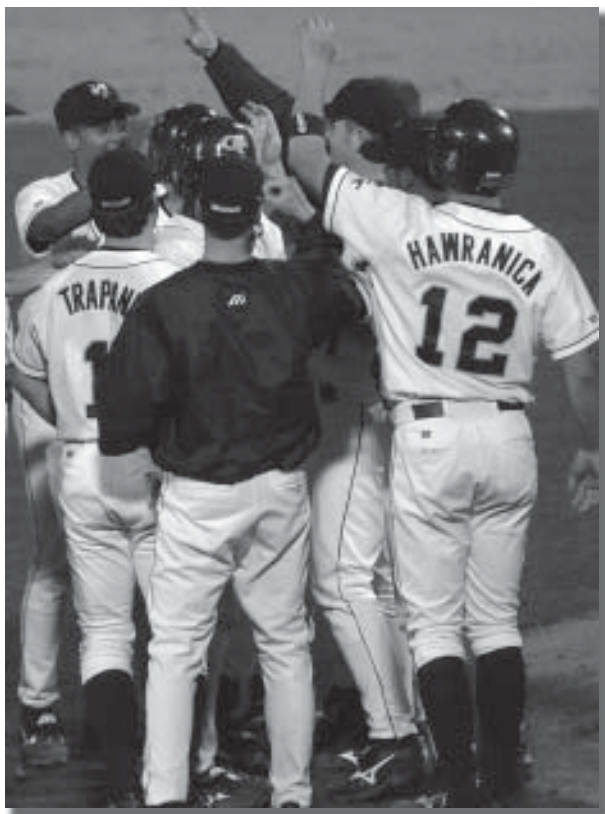
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Georgia Tech At-A-Glance

Location: Atlanta, Ga. 30332
Enrollment: 16,000
Founded: 1885
Colors: Old Gold and White
Nicknames: Yellow Jackets, Rambling Wreck
Mascot: "Buzz" the Yellow Jacket
Conference: Atlantic Coast (since 1979)
Home Field: Russ Chandler Stadium (capacity 4,157)
Dimensions: LF-328; LC-391; CF-400; RC-353; RF-334
Height of Fences: 10 feet
2004 Record: 44-21 overall
2004 ACC Record: 18-5 (1st place)
2004 ACC Tournament: 4-2 (runner-up)
ACC Championships: 6 (1985-86-87-88-00-03)
NCAA Tournament Record: 46-42
College World Series Record: 4-3
NCAA Tournament Berths: 21 (1959-71-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-00-01-02-03-04)
College World Series Berths: 2 (1994, 2002)
Head Coach: Danny Hall (12th year)
Record at Georgia Tech: 484-211 (.696)
Career Record: 692-328 (.678), 18th year
Assoc. Head Coach/Pitching Coach: Bobby Moranda (4th year)
Asst. Coach/Recruiting Coordinator: Josh Holliday (1st year)
Volunteer Coach: Victor Menocal (1st year)
President: Dr. G. Wayne Clough
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Baseball SID

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Media Services

Additional information, news releases, up-to-date statistics and photos are available to accredited members of the media upon request.

Baseball releases will be available on a weekly basis throughout the season, including statistics and occasional feature stories. Fast and easy access to this information can be achieved by accessing the official Georgia Tech athletics website, www.ramblinwreck.com. The Tech sports information office will e-mail weekly releases to members of the media on a weekly basis. No releases will be sent via the U.S. Mail.

Interview Policy

Players are available to the media before or after practice, or by appointment arranged through assistant director of communications Chris Capo.

During the season, the best time to reach head coach Danny Hall in his office is Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Members of the media wishing to talk with him during that time can call his office directly at (404) 894-5471. Interviews with Coach Hall while the team is on the road should be arranged through the sports information office. The team's travel headquarters are listed on the opposite page.

Russ Chandler Stadium

Located on the corner of Fowler Street and Fifth Street, with the main entrance on Fifth Street.

To enter campus from the East, take Fifth Street off of Spring Street or take North Avenue to Techwood Drive to Fifth Street. From the West, take Northside Drive to Hemphill to Ferst Drive, following Ferst to the stadium.

There is no provision for press parking at Chandler Stadium. The best places to park, however, are in the O'Keefe lot across Fowler Street from Chandler Stadium or in the Peters Parking deck, which is one block south of the stadium. On weekends, parking also is available along Ferst Drive, west of the stadium.

The Press Box

The Chandler Stadium press box is for working members of the media only. The press box is located atop the grandstand behind home plate and includes space for working members of the press, official and visiting scorers, public address announcer and scoreboard operator. Also located on the press level are two radio booths, a television booth, and eight luxury suites.

Press Credentials

Press credentials will be issued to members of the working media only. Children and other non-workers will not be allowed. Requests for credentials should be made to Chris Capo in the Tech sports information office at least one day in advance of each home series. Credentials will be left at the ticket booth at the third base entrance gate to Chandler Stadium.

Photographers

Press credentials are required for all photographers and television media. Photo wells are located at the far end of each dugout, and have space for both still and video cameras. Photographers are also permitted to shoot from the press box level.

Photographers are not permitted on the field during play at any time. However, photographers may move from one photo well to the other between innings by walking on the warning track behind home plate.

Telephones

The press box is equipped with several telephones for use by working media only. Each radio booth is equipped with two courtesy standard phone lines, use of which will be granted on a reciprocal basis. Visiting radio crews needing additional service should call BellSouth at (800) 356-3093, using assistant director of communications Chris Capo as the local contact.

Press Box Services

Updated cumulative statistics, game notes, scorecards and team rosters will be available in the press box prior to each home game. A final box score and play-by-play will be distributed at the conclusion of each game.

An official scorer is assigned to all home games, and baseball SID Chris Capo will keep the media informed of all scoring decisions, noteworthy facts and records.

A wireless network router is available for use for all working members of the press box.

Post Game Interviews

Head coach Danny Hall is available to meet any working members of the press immediately following the game on the field or in his Chandler Stadium office. Due to space limitations in the locker room, media are asked to conduct player interviews on the field. Baseball SID Chris Capo will be available to coordinate all interview requests.

Interviews with visiting team members can be done on the field, subject to policy of the visiting team's sports information representative.

Hotline

A voice report following each game of the 2005 season is also available on the Georgia Tech Sports Hotline. Call (404) 894-5507 and select option 53.

Tech on the Web

The Georgia Tech Athletic Association has its own official Internet website, www.ramblinwreck.com. On this site, you can find information on Tech's entire 17-sport athletic program, as well as announcements, ticket information, games and other special activities.

Georgia Tech's baseball weekly releases, results, game stories, statistics and box scores are posted on the website, which also includes biographies on players and coaches and some of the same historical information contained in this guide. Game notes in PDF format will be posted on the website throughout the season, while a PDF version of the 2005 Georgia Tech Baseball Yearbook is also available.

When possible, live in-game statistics will be available on Tech's website during the 2005 season.





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Tech on Radio

WREK-FM (91.1), Georgia Tech's 40,000-watt student station, will be the primary carrier of Georgia Tech baseball once again this season, broadcasting Tech games for the 22nd consecutive year. Tech students head up the station's broadcast crew.

In addition, all games carried on the radio can be accessed via the internet at WREK's world wide web site: www.wrek.org.

Tech on Television

Georgia Tech's baseball team is scheduled to appear on television a minimum of six times this spring, including four games exclusively on Fox Sports Net South and two games on the Atlantic Coast Conference regional television game of the week.

For the 14th straight year, Georgia Tech will have a four-game package broadcast exclusively on Fox Sports Net South, which is available on most cable systems throughout Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Wes Durham, the radio voice of the Yellow Jackets in football and men's basketball for the past nine years, will call the play-by-play for these television games. The son of Woody Durham, legendary University of North Carolina announcer, Durham has also served as radio voice at Vanderbilt, Radford, Marshall and his alma mater, Elon College, and he currently handles radio play-by-play duties for the NFL's Atlanta Falcons.

Alongside Durham for the TV games is Randy Carroll, a former Tech All-America second baseman in the 1960's who has served as color analyst on Tech's baseball radio and television broadcasts for the past 20 seasons.

Tech will be part of the Atlantic Coast Conference's Saturday "ACC Game of the Week" package for its Mar. 26 game at Miami and on Apr. 16 against Florida State at Russ Chandler Stadium. The ACC package appears Saturdays at 1 p.m. on Fox Sports Net South, along with the Comcast network which serves the Mid-Atlantic region, and the Sunshine Network, with can be seen in the state of Florida.

Tech will make four appearances on Fox Sports Net South – Mar. 22 against Auburn, Apr. 15 against Florida State, Apr. 26 against Georgia (at Turner Field) and May 13 against Virginia Tech.

In addition to the games already scheduled for live television, the Yellow Jackets have a number of other opportunities to appear on TV. The ACC Regional Network (Fox Sports Net South, Home Team Sports and the Sunshine Network) will carry the championship game of

the ACC Baseball Tournament in Jacksonville, Fla., while ESPN and ESPN2 will televise all games of the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. ESPN and ESPN2 will also televise all eight NCAA Super Regionals for the third consecutive year.

Consult the Georgia Tech baseball schedule on the Jackets' official athletics website, www.ramblinwreck.com, for more specific dates and times.



Wes Durham (right) calls play-by-play for Tech baseball on Fox Sports Net South with color analyst Randy Carroll.



No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	D.O.B.	Hometown (High School/College)
1	Mike Trapani**	IF	R-R	5-10	185	Jr.-R	1-5-83	Dunwoody, Ga. (Marist)
2	Jake Hall***	IF-OF	R-R	6-0	190	Sr.	12-25-82	Raleigh, N.C. (Athens Drive)
4	John Goodman*	P	R-R	6-0	175	So.	8-24-84	Marietta, Ga. (Lassiter)
5	Tyler Greene**	SS	R-R	6-2	190	Jr.	8-17-83	Plantation, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
6	Cameron Lane***	IF-OF-C	R-R	5-9	185	Sr.-R	5-11-82	Columbus, Ga. (Columbus)
7	Jason Neighborgall**	P	R-R	6-5	215	Jr.	12-19-83	Hillsborough, N.C. (Riverside)
8	Nick Scherer	C	R-R	5-8	150	Fr.-R	12-15-84	Roswell, Ga. (Roswell)
11	Michael Fisher	IF-OF	S-R	6-2	190	Fr.	3-22-85	Nashville, Tenn. (Montgomery Bell Acad.)
12	Andy Hawranick*	C	R-R	6-2	203	Jr.	8-14-83	Akron, Ohio (Uniontown Lake)
14	Wes Hodges	3B	R-R	6-1	198	So.	9-14-84	Ooltewah, Tenn. (Baylor School)
15	Brad Feltes	IF	R-R	6-1	190	Fr.	8-9-85	Alpharetta, Ga. (Chattahoochee)
16	Whit Robbins*	1B	L-R	6-0	201	So.	9-24-84	Calhoun, Ga. (Calhoun)
18	Ryan Self**	P	L-L	6-3	195	Jr.	2-19-84	Alpharetta, Ga. (Milton)
19	Jeremy Slayden**	OF	L-R	6-0	196	Jr.-R	7-28-82	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Oakland)
20	Danny Payne	OF	L-L	5-10	185	Fr.	9-8-85	Woodstock, Ga. (Sequoyah)
22	John Michael Vidic	P	R-R	6-4	215	Fr.	1-27-86	Marietta, Ga. (Lassiter)
23	Tim Gustafson*	P	R-R	6-2	196	So.	12-29-84	Lilburn, Ga. (Parkview)
24	Ryan Stanley*	1B	R-R	6-4	228	So.-R	1-28-84	Tampa, Fla. (Jesusit)
26	Steven Blackwood**	OF	L-L	5-11	193	Jr.	12-14-83	Roswell, Ga. (Roswell)
27	Lee Hyde*	P	R-L	6-2	192	So.	2-14-85	Fayetteville, Ga. (Fayette County)
28	Tim Ladd	P	L-L	5-11	175	Fr.	11-2-85	Marietta, Ga. (Kell)
29	Brian Futral	P	R-R	6-3	175	Fr.	1-28-86	Newnan, Ga. (Newnan)
30	Blake Wood*	P	R-R	6-4	215	So.	8-8-85	Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett)
32	Matt Wieters	C-P	S-R	6-4	205	Fr.	5-21-86	Goose Creek, S.C. (Stratford)
34	Jordan Crews***	P	R-R	6-4	215	Sr.	9-21-82	Valdosta, Ga. (Lowndes County)
35	Jeff Kindel**	OF	L-L	6-3	206	Jr.-R	1-9-83	Marietta, Ga. (Sprayberry)
36	Ryan Turner*	P	L-L	6-1	188	So.	2-8-85	Dahlonega, Ga. (Lumpkin County)
37	Eddie Burns	P	R-R	6-6	220	Fr.	9-21-85	Hiram, Ga. (Hiram)
38	Brad Rulon	P	L-R	5-11	180	Fr.	6-22-86	Columbus, Ga. (Columbus)
39	Jared Hyatt*	P	R-R	6-5	200	So.-R	5-15-84	Marietta, Ga. (Marietta)

Head Coach:

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Volunteer Coach:

Director of Baseball Operations:

Athletic Trainer:

Strength & Conditioning:

Bullpen Catcher:

Student Managers:

- 17 Danny Hall (Miami, Ohio, 1977), *12th year*
- 25 Bobby Moranda (Eastern Kentucky, 1986), *4th year*
- 9 Josh Holliday (Oklahoma State, 2004), *1st year*
- 10 Victor Menocal (Georgia Tech), *1st year*
- Tom Kinkelaar (Miami, Ohio, 1977)
- Walter Smith (Morris Brown, 1972)
- Steve Tamborra
- Daniel Solly
- Josh Smith, Harry Woodworth

*Denotes number of varsity letters earned;
R-Denotes player has been red-shirted

Pronunciation Guide

Brad Feltes	FELT-is
Tim Gustafson	GUS-tuff-son
Andy Hawranick	ha-RON-ick
Jeff Kindel	KIN-dull
Jason Neighborgall	NAY-bor-gall
Brad Rulon	ROO-lon
Nick Scherer	sheer
Mike Trapani	TRAP-uh-nee
John Michael Vidic	VID-ick
Matt Wieters	WEE-ters

Georgia Tech Roster by Class

Seniors	3
Juniors	8
Sophomores	9
Freshmen	10
Draft eligible	12

Georgia Tech Roster by State

Georgia	21
Tennessee	3
Florida	2
North Carolina	2
Ohio	1
South Carolina	1



Q&A With Danny Hall

Georgia Tech looks to build on its 2003 Atlantic Coast Conference Regular Season Championship, and the Yellow Jackets have their eyes set on Omaha.

During the last three years, your program has advanced to the College World Series (2002), won the ACC Tournament (2003) and won the ACC regular season (2004). Discuss your team's goals entering the 2005 season.

"The ultimate prize every year is to get to the College World Series so that you have a chance to compete for the national championship. That is a lofty goal and that is a high bar, but I think our program has been at that level for many years where you do have a chance to do that.

"If you look at the last three years, there has been one World Series appearance, there has been one ACC tournament championship and there has been an ACC regular season championship, which included a run of 16 straight conference victories for Georgia Tech. Arguably, it may be the three best years in the history of baseball at Georgia Tech. In saying that, we have only made it to the World Series one year. That is disappointing and the two years we didn't go to Omaha, we had a chance to host Super Regionals and have gotten beaten at home. That is disappointing but you don't lose sight of the fact that we have had some great teams, some great players, we are competing at a national level and I think a lot needs to be said about that. We play in a great city. We have great support amongst our fans. We play in one of the finest facilities in the country. We have a great coaching staff. We have great players. We had ten guys get drafted off of our team last year, which is the most in school history. We will have several high draft picks again this year. We are continuing to put a lot of guys who aren't making it in baseball into successful careers beyond baseball. I think that we have a lot to not only be thankful for, but a lot to be proud of."

Entering the season, you have to feel like you have quality depth and some experience at the catching position.

"Andy Hawranick had to wait for his time catching behind Mike Nickeas for the last two years. It is now his turn to shine. He has caught some big games for us in his first two years. I thought he had a great year last year and he got the attention of a lot of people in Cape Cod last summer. I think he is one of the best catchers in the country. He is a great player and will continue in the long line of catchers that we've had that have gone on to have great opportunities in pro baseball.

"Behind him is another great catcher in freshman Matt Wieters. He is an excellent catcher and he has a great mind for the game. He can also pitch, but he will be able to catch once or twice a week so we don't have to wear Andy out. He is capable of playing some other

positions and can swing the bat equally well. I feel like we have two excellent catchers.

"The third guy behind them would be Nick Scherer. He had a great fall and is certainly a good guy to have as your third option."

Your philosophy has been to have two catchers that you use interchangeably throughout the season. Is that your plan again this season?

"I think we are in great shape. Any other year and Matt Wieters would be the number one catcher. I think we were very up front with him when we recruited him. We told him he would catch some this year, probably pitch some and DH. He probably could play some third or play some first if we had to play him there. He is very comfortable with it. I am very comfortable knowing we have two guys that if either one of them is in the game our pitching staff is going to be well taken care of. They can shut running games down and help us do what we need them to do to help our team be successful."

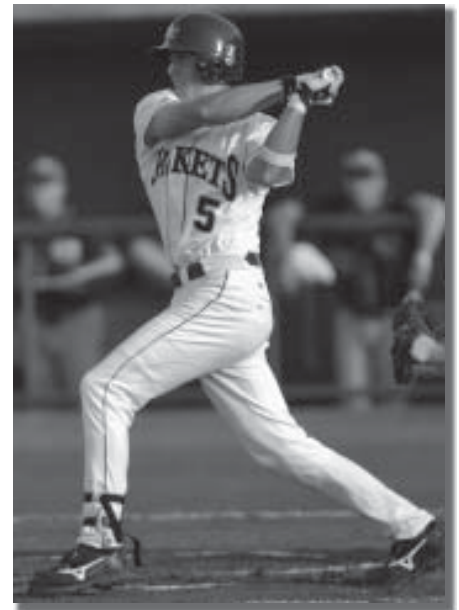
You also have the luxury of the ultimate utility player in Cameron Lane, a guy who can play nearly every position on the diamond.

"Cameron Lane is a guy that everyone respects on the team. He works harder than anybody. He could go in and catch, play multiple infield positions, multiple outfield positions. We have caught him some a little bit in the fall. That is probably not his best position, but he could definitely go in there if an emergency presented itself and do an excellent job. He is a tri-captain, which is voted on by our players. That just tells you the respect our guys have for him. Here is a guy who has never really established himself as a starter, but he has definitely established himself as one of the leaders on our team."

Discuss your outfield as you enter the 2005 season.

"In left field we have Steven Blackwood. He is one of the most consistent players I have ever had a chance to coach. He's a tremendous student who achieved a 4.0 GPA in the fall. He just does all the little things you want to see a guy do to be a good player. He hit three-hole for us last year and had a very good fall. I think the biggest thing he improved on from last year was that he is a much better defensive player right now than he ever has been. He is one of the most respected guys on our team for the way he works both on and off the field. He's one of the best players, for sure, in the ACC and one of the best players in the country.

"Danny Payne earned the starting job in center field with a great fall. He is a great defensive outfielder. We have been very blessed since I have been here to



Shortstop **TYLER GREENE** (top) and left fielder **STEVEN BLACKWOOD** anchor a veteran Georgia Tech offense. The Yellow Jackets return players who started at least 20 games at seven of the eight positions on the field.



ANDY HAWRANICK (above) becomes Tech's No. 1 catcher this spring after starting 51 games over the last two years. Hawranick is a career .326 hitter. **MIKE TRAPANI** (bottom) enters the season as the starter at second base after hitting .418 last season. He started the final 17 games at third base in 2004.

Catchers

	L/R	Cl.	Avg.	HR	RBI
Andy Hawranick	R	Jr.	.330	2	18
Cameron Lane	R	rSr.	.250	0	5
Nick Scherer	R	rFr.	—	—	—
Matt Wieters	R	Fr.	—	—	—

Infield

	L/R	Cl.	Avg.	HR	RBI
Brad Feltes (3B)	R	Fr.	—	—	—
Michael Fisher (2B/SS)	S	Fr.	—	—	—
Tyler Greene (SS)	R	Jr.	.273	7	52
Jake Hall (UT)	R	Sr.	.333	0	5
Wes Hodges (3B)	R	So.	.304	4	31
Cameron Lane (UT)	R	rSr.	.250	0	5
Whit Robbins (1B)	L	So.	.313	2	39
Mike Trapani (UT)	R	rJr.	.418	4	17
Ryan Stanley (1B)	R	rSo.	.250	2	7

Outfield

	L/R	Cl.	Avg.	HR	RBI
Steven Blackwood	L	Jr.	.359	4	66
Jake Hall	R	Sr.	.333	0	5
Cameron Lane	R	rSr.	.250	0	5
Jeff Kindel	L	rJr.	—	—	—
Danny Payne	L	Fr.	—	—	—
Jeremy Slayden	L	rJr.	.286	1	8

have some great outfielders. The things that I saw that guy do this fall, I would put him up against any of the others we have had in terms of the way he plays defense. He is fearless. He gets great jumps on the balls. He has great instincts. He has a great throwing arm. He can run. I have been very impressed with that. Offensively, he is a contact, gap type of guy. He has an excellent eye at the plate. I think he is a prototypical lead off type of guy. I wouldn't say we would start the year with him leading off, but I could see him being a lead off hitter at some point in time. He is just a very smart baseball player. We are excited to have him in our program.

"In right field is Jeremy Slayden, who missed most of last year with shoulder surgery but has come back fully strong from that. He had a great fall offensively. I look for Jeremy to have a break out year. He has worked very hard through rehab. I think the fact that he missed a year has freshened his perspective on baseball. I just see him having a lot of fun and working very hard to really prove to everyone what a really great player he is. I think we have three excellent starting outfielders.

"The guy that's a fourth outfielder that impressed me tremendously in the fall was Jeff Kindel. He swung the bat very well. He is a great competitor, which is the one thing that he does every time he steps on the practice field. When he gets the opportunities in games, he is going to compete. He has established himself in my eyes, our staff's eyes and our team's eyes that he could go in there and play left and right and maybe center. His bat could be a big force in our line up."

All three of your projected starting outfielders are left handed hitters. Is that an area of concern for you as the team enters the 2005 season?

"Both Blackwood and Slayden have hit well against left handers. Danny Payne impressed me this fall hitting against left handers. We have some wild card guys that could get in the mix out there. Jake Hall has played some out there. Cameron Lane has played some out there. Michael Fisher, one of our freshmen, who played primarily in the infield this fall, has played quite a bit in the outfield. He is a switch hitter. I think we have some options if we need to put some people out there to swing the bat right handed."

You enter the season with a starting infield that all has valuable game experience in shortstop Tyler Greene, first baseman Whit Robbins, second baseman Mike Trapani and third baseman Wes Hodges. What does it mean to your team to have a veteran infield starting the season?

"I think it is invaluable. Wes Hodges has come back healthy from breaking his cheekbone. I think he is bigger, stronger and faster. He is anxious to get playing again and sorry for his sake and our sake that he missed some fun games down the stretch last year. I think he is a good of third baseman as there is in college baseball. I think it he is an excellent hitter.

"Tyler Greene, in my mind, is one of the best

players in the country. He continues to prove that. I think he had a great season last year. He went to Cape Cod League during the summer and continued to play great up there. I thought he had a tremendous fall. I think we have one of the best shortstops in the country.

"Mike Trapani last year filled in for Wes Hodges at third base and we couldn't have asked for a guy who did more than did. He did everything. He played great defense. He swung the bat well. He hit for power. He was a clutch hitter. The thing about him is he has had to work very hard to get an opportunity. He finally got it last year and took advantage of it. Now he is eager to take that opportunity that he got and run with it. He is going in as our starter at second base. He is one of our tri-captains because of how hard he works. Nothing has been given to him. He has had to earn everything he has gotten, and he has done that.

"Probably one of the unsung guys from last year's team is Whit Robbins, our first baseman. I thought down the stretch last year he had some big, big hits in key situations for us, not only in league play but in regional play. We do have four guys who started a lot of games for us last year playing in our infield."

Discuss some of the other options that you have in the infield — Jake Hall, Michael Fisher, Brad Feltes and Ryan Stanley.

"Jake Hall missed most of the fall. He had Tommy John surgery last summer. We fully expect him to be recovered from that by the time we start playing. I think he a lot like Cameron Lane and Mike Trapani, in that he is very well respected on our team because of how hard he works. He has been a starter at some points in time in his career and could end up being a starter again this year. He is a senior with leadership qualities. He knows





how to play the game. He is a team guy. He can play some second or play third if we needed him to and could play in the outfield. He is one of those versatile team kind of guys that we like to have. I look for him to get a lot of at bats.

"Michael Fisher is one of our best freshmen. He is a great athlete. He was a great football player in Tennessee. He can play second, short, third, and the outfield. He is a switch hitter and a smart guy. He's a great athlete who has never really devoted himself to just baseball, but now that he has had the chance to just play baseball this fall, he is just getting better and better. He has a high ceiling. We feel really good about having him in our program.

"Brad Feltes is a program player. He can swing the bat. He reminds me a lot of [former Tech third baseman] Brandon Hensley. If you look at the teams that Brandon Hensley played on, he was never the superstar of those teams, but always put up great numbers offensively and then made all the plays at third base. I think Brad Feltes is a lot like that. He worked really hard this fall. I think he is in the best shape he has been in probably the last couple of years. He just needs to continue to work hard at getting stronger and playing the game. He may have to sit a little bit this year behind Hodges, but I think he could come off the bench, pinch hit and play some. If someone is hurt, he could come in and play and play very well because he is a smart player and a good baseball player.

"Ryan Stanley improved a lot this fall. He is in great shape and has power. He put the ball in play more consistently this fall. I can see him being a guy coming off the bench and pinch hitting. If we need a home run, he is a guy capable of coming off the bench and hitting a home run like he did last year a couple of times. Ryan has worked hard and I think he is definitely in the mix more this year than he has been.

Moving to the pitching staff, the biggest challenge you must face is replacing the loss of your starting rotation from last year. How do you address that heading into the 2005 season?

"If you look at what we lost last year, the biggest loss was the guys we really counted on to pitch for us. Those guys are gone. You are sad those guys are gone, but you are also excited about the opportunities that some of our younger guys are going to have to get innings. I was very pleased at the end of the fall. I think our pitching staff really made great strides during the fall.



Third baseman **WES HODGES** (left) and first baseman **WHIT ROBBINS** were starters at the corner infield positions at freshman. Both players hit over .300 and are expected to be key figures in the middle of the Tech lineup in 2005.

You do return some veteran players who pitched out of the bullpen in a number of key situations last year in Jordan Crews, Ryan Self and Jared Hyatt. Do you expect those players to provide some veteran leadership in your bullpen this season?

"Jordan Crews was as good as anybody down the stretch last year.

Probably the most improved guy, and if we started today he would start the first game, is Jason Neighborgall. He had a dominating fall. Everything kind of fell into place for him. I am very happy that it has because he went through a rough season last year. He has persevered through that. He threw with great velocity and threw strikes. He was a dominant, dominant pitcher for us. Right now, I would say he is going to be one of those guys that will be a starter.

"Guys that started for us last year, that group of sophomores is going to be counted on heavily to start for us. That is going to be Lee Hyde, Ryan Turner, John Goodman, Blake Wood and Tim Gustafson. Those five guys have got to be five guys who will eat up a lot of innings for us. I think that all five of them will be candidates to get in our starting rotation.

"The one guy we still really don't know how we are going to use is Gustafson. We think he is one of our best guys, but we also think he is one of those guys to stick in the bullpen because he is a great athlete and great competitor. That may be his best role, not only for him but for our team if he is in the bullpen.

"We are going to try make Goodman a starter. I think he is a lot like his brother [former Tech pitcher] Chris in that he is a good bullpen guy, but his brother Chris was a great starter. I think that is what John wants to do, and I think may be his best role for us to put him in the starting rotation. He will throw strikes and compete. I expect big things from him.

"Lee Hyde had a great summer. He pitched some big games for us last year, and I expect he will pick up where he left off.

"Turner had a great summer. He got some innings for us last year as a freshman, but I think he just continues to improve. I like that fact that both he and Hyde are left handed. That gives us some left handed starters."

He pitched great in the Cape Cod League this summer and pitched great for us this fall. I look for him to be a guy that could close or set up a lot of our games. The biggest thing I like about Jordan is he throws strikes and he is going to get a lot of ground balls.

"Ryan Self we used a lot in left-on-left situations. He had a great summer in the Cape being a middle inning to late inning relief guy. I see him gobbling up a lot of innings in the middle of games for us.

"Jared Hyatt is a guy that can continue to improve and has a great shot of getting into the starting rotation. He is a strike thrower. The thing he tried to really improve upon this fall was being able to throw more than just his fastball consistently for strikes. I think he is the type of guy that if we gave him a scouting report on a team and this said this is what we need to do to execute that scouting report he could be capable of executing that report because of his control. He is not going to overpower you with your stuff, but I think he is a very good pitcher. I think he can definitely get in the mix as a starter for us."

Your freshman class of pitchers is certainly a very talented group. How do you see them fitting in to the pitching staff this season?

"Our freshman class is really talented. The guy really stood out for me in that group this fall was Brad Rulon. He has a very good fastball. He has a great breaking ball. He throws a lot of strikes and likes to compete. We kind of see him as a set up guy or a closer right out of the gate in our bullpen. We think very highly of him.

"The opposite of him in terms of his stature would be Eddie Burns. Eddie Burns is a 6-7 right hander that made great strides for us this fall. He started out very slow and very rough, but I thought at the end of the fall had his velocity back up around 90, threw a lot of



strikes, and competed very well. He is a great athlete and I look for him to continue to make strides this spring to put pressure on some of these upper classmen for some of those innings that are up for grabs.

"Tim Ladd is another guy that I thought made great strides this fall. He started off a little slow, but towards the end I thought he threw a lot better. I think he is a lot like a [former Tech pitcher] Cory Vance.

JEREMY SLAYDEN (top) missed all but nine games in 2004 with a shoulder injury. Slayden owns 27 career home runs.

JORDAN CREWS (bottom) became one of Tech's top contributors in the bullpen in 2004, posting a 2-0 record and a 1.48 ERA in 24.1 innings.

Pitchers	L/R	Cl.	W-L/S	ERA	IP
Lee Hyde	L	So.	5-2	5.73	48.2
Tim Ladd	L	Fr.	—	—	—
Ryan Self	L	Jr.	0-1/2	3.24	16.2
Ryan Turner	L	So.	1-2	7.94	22.2
Eddie Burns	R	Fr.	—	—	—
Jordan Crews	R	Sr.	2-0	1.48	24.1
Brian Futral	R	Fr.	—	—	—
John Goodman	R	So.	4-1/3	6.43	21.0
Tim Gustafson	R	So.	0-0	6.23	21.2
Jared Hyatt	R	rSo.	1-0	3.71	17.0
Jason Neighborgall	R	Jr.	0-1	27.00	6.2
Brad Rulon	R	Fr.	—	—	—
John Michael Vidic	R	Fr.	—	—	—
Matt Wieters	R	Fr.	—	—	—
Blake Wood	R	So.	1-2	7.84	31.0

Whether he can get to that level is up to him. He just has to continue to work hard. He has that kind of stuff. He has a good breaking ball, good fastball, good change. I think he likes to compete. We are happy to have another good left hand arm in that freshman class.

"Brian Futral may have more pitching ability than freshman I have talked about. He can throw three pitches for strikes. He has a great change up. His velocity picked up towards the end of the fall. He works very hard at his pitching. I think the biggest thing he needs to do is get a little stronger. I know he gained about ten pounds this fall and filled out some.

"I feel very good about having numbers in our pitching staff. We just have to sort out the roles that guys are going to fit into and who really is ready to step up to get the job done."

The schedule this year is a little different due to the expansion of the conference with 30 ACC games instead of 24. Discuss the new ACC with Miami and Virginia Tech, as well as yet another challenging non-conference schedule.

"Expansion certainly it makes it a little challenging. We have been playing Miami year in and year out so that doesn't change. It just changes the way the games count. When you play them it is going to count in league standings. They are going bring a lot to our league and everyone else in our league is going to have to step up in order to challenge them for that league championship. I think that is exciting for our league. Virginia Tech has one of the most successful coaches ever in college baseball in Chuck Hartman. He is a guy that has coached for a long time and coached several pro players. I think they will bring a lot to the table with the league this year. Our league just continues to get better. It will be more challenging which will make it fun for our players and fans.

"Over and above the league, we have another difficult non-conference schedule. We have three games with Georgia and two with Auburn. Then we have two unique non-conference weekends in Florida Atlantic, who we played in the super regional a few years ago, and Winthrop, who is a perennial power in their league and is ranked in the top 25. Winthrop is one of those schools that not a lot of people know about, but they may have more pro prospects than any other school in the south right now. There are some unique games on our schedule. It will be a challenging schedule but one that we are certainly looking forward to playing."

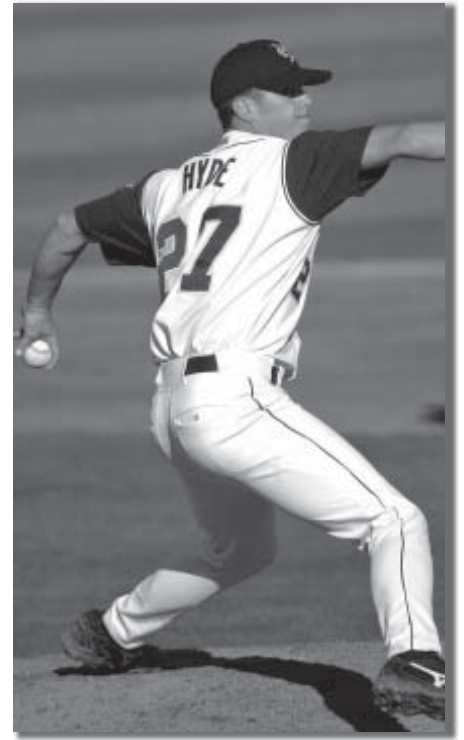
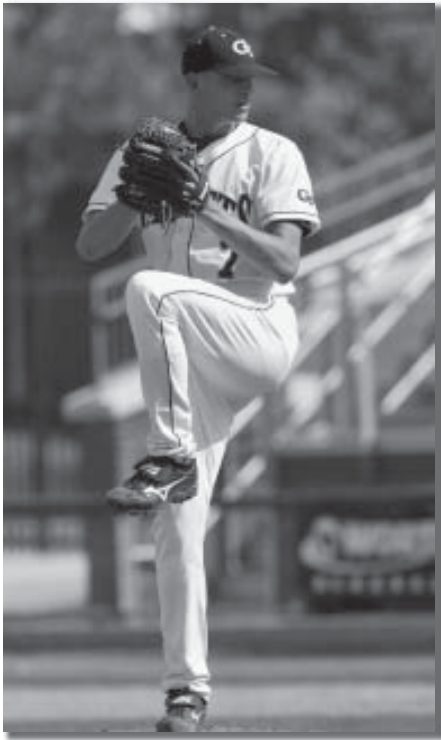
For the third consecutive year, Georgia Tech and Georgia will play at Turner Field in a game that benefits Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Last year's game attracted more than 28,000 fans. What does this game mean for the promotion of college baseball?

"It is a great experience for our players to get a chance to go play at Turner Field. You are playing against your arch-rival in the state. Both programs have been on recent highs. Georgia has played great in the SEC. We have played great in the ACC. You are playing for great charity in Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Last year we played in front of 28,000 fans, which is the second largest crowd for a regular season college baseball game. It is an unbelievable experience and it is great for our players. I thought it was just great for college baseball in general, not only in our state, but nationally with 28,000 fans at Turner Field. I hope we have even more people at the game this year."

Discuss your new staff members – assistant coach Josh Holliday, volunteer coach Victor Menocal and director of baseball operations Tom Kinkelaar.

"In Josh Holliday we have a guy that we tried to





recruit out of high school out of Stillwater, Oklahoma, but his dad was the coach at Oklahoma State at the time. He wanted to stay and play for his dad and I can certainly respect that having played for my dad on a smaller scale back in high school. I know how tight that bond is. Josh was a great player at Oklahoma State. He was an academic all-American as well as being a great player. His dad, his uncle and his brother are all still involved in baseball with his dad being the pitching coach at Texas, his brother being a major league player and his uncle being a national cross checker for the

Colorado Rockies. It is a baseball family. He has tremendous knowledge of the game for a young guy. He is one of the most passionate, energetic guys I have seen. He is going to be an excellent recruiter. He already has brought a lot to the table for our team. I think our players really respect him. They like him. He is a positive influence on all of us.

“Victor Menocal is one of the best players to put on a Georgia Tech uniform. I think he was as popular of a player as we ever had. He wasn’t the consensus all-American like a Varitek or a Garciaparra or Texeria, but

me a chance to hire a guy who was my college roommate. He was an excellent pitcher at Miami (Ohio). He has been college coaching and high school coaching ever since he left Miami. I think I have a friend and certainly a peer because he has been in coaching and here as director of baseball operations. He will have the chance to watch our team does, but more importantly enhance our program from a fan’s perspective, Grand Slam Club members and just everything outside of just the day to do day operations of the program he is going to get involved with. We are very excited about not only having a very good friend on the staff but having a guy that will make a big impact on our program.”

he was very well liked by the fans and very respected by our players. He led the 2002 team to the College World Series and played great out there. He is back finishing out his degree and serving as a volunteer coach. He will have a tremendous impact on our players and our staff and everyone that is involved with our program.

“When I first came to Georgia Tech we were very fortunate to have a guy in Pat Sonnett, the director of baseball operations, who did a lot of great things to enhance our program. He took a lot of the toll away from me and gave me a lot more freedom just to be a coach. Dave Braine and Larry New gave

*Junior **JASON NEIGHBORGALL** (above left) had an impressive fall to establish himself as a top candidate to fill a spot in the starting rotation. Neighborgall has some of the best “stuff” in the nation, and showed dramatic improvement with his command during fall practice.*

*Junior **RYAN SELF** (above middle) became the Yellow Jackets’ top left-hander out of the bullpen last year, posting a 3.24 ERA and earning two saves.*

*Sophomore **LEE HYDE** (above right) pitched 48.2 innings as a midweek starter and weekend reliever and posted a 5-2 record in 2004. Hyde could be a key contributor in Tech’s starting rotation this spring.*

2005 Pre-Season Rankings

Baseball America

#	Team	W-L	Final
1.	Tulane	41-21	19
2.	Louisiana State	46-19	7
3.	Cal State Fullerton	47-22	1
4.	Texas	58-15	2
5.	Miami	50-13	4
6.	Stanford	46-14	9
7.	South Carolina	53-17	3
8.	Washington	39-20	21
9.	Arizona State	41-18	22
10.	Georgia	45-23	5
11.	Baylor	29-31	NR
12.	Arizona	36-27	12
13.	Texas A&M	42-22	20
14.	North Carolina	43-21	NR
15.	Florida	43-22	16
16.	Mississippi	39-21	23
17.	Vanderbilt	45-19	17
18.	Rice	46-14	11
19.	Georgia Tech	44-21	10
20.	Notre Dame	51-12	15
21.	Texas Christian	39-26	NR
22.	Long Beach State	40-21	13
23.	Oklahoma State	38-24	NR
24.	Oral Roberts	50-11	18
25.	Winthrop	37-23	NR

Collegiate Baseball

#	Team	W-L	Final
1.	Texas	58-15	2
2.	Miami	50-13	5
3.	Cal State Fullerton	47-22	1
4.	Tulane	41-21	15
5.	Louisiana State	46-19	8
6.	Stanford	46-14	9
7.	North Carolina	43-21	NR
8.	South Carolina	53-17	3
9.	Georgia	45-23	4
10.	Texas A&M	42-22	16
11.	Arizona State	41-18	23
12.	Arizona	36-27	6
13.	Georgia Tech	44-21	11
14.	Long Beach State	40-21	12
15.	Rice	46-14	10
16.	Mississippi	39-21	24
17.	Washington	39-20	21
18.	Florida State	45-23	14
19.	Mississippi State	35-24	NR
20.	Notre Dame	51-12	19
21.	Clemson	39-26	NR
22.	Florida	43-22	18
23.	Oklahoma State	38-24	NR
24.	Central Florida	48-17	25
25.	Baylor	29-31	NR



Tech Tidbits

In The Bigs

Georgia Tech set an all-time high in 2003 when eleven of its alumni baseball players were on major league rosters during the season. Eight former Yellow Jackets were in the big leagues in 2004.

Pitcher Kevin Brown, a first-round draft pick of the Texas Rangers in 1986, pitched the 2004 season for the New York Yankees after leading the San Diego Padres and Florida Marlins to the World Series in 1998 and 1997, respectively.

All-America shortstop Nomar Garciaparra was traded to the Chicago Cubs in July after winning two American League batting titles with the Boston Red Sox. Former all-America catcher Jason Varitek led the Red Sox to the 2004 World Series championship.

Outfielder Darren Bragg, a former teammate of Garciaparra and Varitek with the Red Sox, spent last season with the with the San Diego Padres and Cincinnati Reds. Outfielder Jay Payton played with San Deigo Padres and was traded to Boston during the offseason.

First baseman Mark Teixeira (Texas Rangers) won the Silver Slugger award as the top offensive first baseman in the American League. Outfielder Marlon Byrd played with the Philadelphia Phillies, and infielder David Newhan played with the Baltimore Orioles.

Pro Pipeline Continues

Eight players from last year's Georgia Tech team were signed by major league baseball organizations, and the Yellow Jackets had 39 alumni playing or working in professional baseball on various levels last summer.

The list of alumni includes 17 pitchers, 19 hitters, Tampa Bay Devil Rays Director of Player Personnel Cam Bonifay, Atlanta Braves' bench coach Bobby Dews, and Minnesota Twins' minor-league hitting coach Riccardo Ingram.

Recruiting Class Ranks Fifth

Tech's recruiting class for this season, which numbers nine freshmen, was ranked as the fifth best in the nation by *Baseball America*. Tech's recruiting classes have been ranked among the top 16 in the country in each of the last nine years, including the 1998 class featuring Mark Teixeira, and the 2003 class featuring this year's juniors, that were ranked No. 1 in the country.

Under the direction of recruiting coordinator Josh Holliday, Tech signed 10 players in the early signing period last fall, including several players ranked among the nation's top high school prospects. Many major baseball publications have indicated that this class will once again rank in the top 10 in the nation.

Record Setting Offense

Georgia Tech has been known as one of the top offensive teams in the nation over the last decade, and in 2001, the Yellow Jackets established an Atlantic Coast Conference and school record with a .347 team batting average.

Tech has averaged better than seven runs per game in each of the last 24 seasons. In the Danny Hall era (1994-present), the Yellow Jackets have averaged 8.7 runs per game.

Tech has consistently ranked among the ACC's offensive leaders, leading the conference in scoring 10 times in the last 20 years while boasting the best team batting average in the league in six of the last 13 years.

The "Rusty C"

Affectionately known as the "Rusty C," Russ Chandler Stadium was originally built in 1985, just in time for Tech to host the ACC Tournament. It has also been the site of six NCAA Regional tournaments (1987, 1993, 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2004), as well as an exhibition game between the Yellow Jackets and the first team from the Soviet Union to tour the United States (1989).

In the summer of 1996, Russ Chandler Stadium served as an official training site for the Centennial Olympic Games.

A new era in Russ Chandler Stadium's history began in 2002 as the old facility was razed to make way for a new, \$9.7 million 4,157 seat facility that stands as one of the best ballparks in America. Rose Bowl Field, the tract of land on which the stadium sits, which includes the adjacent football practice field, has been the site of Tech baseball since 1930,

Tech's Record by Month Since 1982

Year	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May/Jun.	Final
2004	6-3	10-8	9-6	19-4	44-21
2003	7-0	14-5	11-6	12-7	44-18
2002	8-1	14-3	14-5	16-7	52-16
2001	10-1	12-6	11-7	8-6	41-20
2000	8-3	13-5	16-3	13-3	50-16
1999	8-4	15-2	8-9	7-5	38-20
1998	8-4	13-5	11-8	9-5	41-22
1997	9-0	18-2	9-8	10-5	46-15
1996	4-6	15-3	11-8	10-7	40-24
1995	7-3	11-6	13-6	7-7	38-22
1994	6-2	15-2	13-6	13-6	50-17
1993	11-1	10-3	17-4	9-6	47-14
1992	12-1	13-4	13-5	7-9	45-19
1991	7-3	15-5	9-11	11-7	42-26
1990	9-1	19-5	11-9	7-10	46-25
1989	5-3	12-9	16-6	6-8	38-26
1988	4-5	13-7	17-7	11-5	45-24
1987	8-0	13-5	16-6	14-3	51-14
1986	0-6	16-4	14-9	15-4	45-23
1985	5-0	14-6-1	13-9	10-7	42-19-1
1984	5-2	17-5	12-5	2-7	36-19
1983	4-2	16-4	11-7	7-2	38-15
1982	0-0	12-7	10-9	7-4	29-20
Total	135-44	292-104-1	260-147	210-123	900-417-1

when the field was built with funds from Georgia Tech's appearance in the 1929 Rose Bowl.

Georgia Tech is 571-152 in the facility since it was built, a winning percentage of .790. Dating back to the beginning of the 1990 season, Tech is 427-111, a winning percentage of .795.

The Broom

Georgia Tech swept five Atlantic Coast Conference series during the 2004 regular season, and the Yellow Jackets have swept 51 weekend series since the conference adopted the current three-game round-robin format in 1987. Since 1987, Tech has won 91 of 140 (.650) ACC series.

Draft Day

Since the major league baseball draft was instituted in 1965, a total of 115 different Georgia Tech players have been selected in its various phases, including nine in the first round (see the complete list on page 124).

Ten Tech players, an all-time high, were drafted in 2004 — Brandon Boggs (4th round), Andrew Kown (5th), Mike Nickeas (5th), Eric Patterson (8th), Clifton Remole (11th), Jeremy Slayden (18th), Micah Owings (19th), Brian Burks (25th), Nick Wagner (28th) and Aaron Walker (30th). Since 1990, 60 different Tech players signed with major league organizations.

The first Georgia Tech player ever selected in a major league draft was second baseman Randy Carroll, taken in the 18th round of the very first draft in 1965.



Tech Tidbits

Draft Dodgers

Four Georgia Tech players have previously been drafted by major league teams. The highest concentration of drafted players ever on one Yellow Jacket team occurred in 2000 and 2003. Those teams featured 11 players previously drafted.

The list includes Tyler Greene (2nd, Braves, 2002), Wes Hodges (13th, Chicago White Sox, 2003), Jason Neighborgall (7th, Red Sox, 2002) and Jeremy Slayden (20th, San Diego, 2001; 18th, Oakland, 2004).

Fourth-Longest NCAA Streak Ends, New Streak Begins

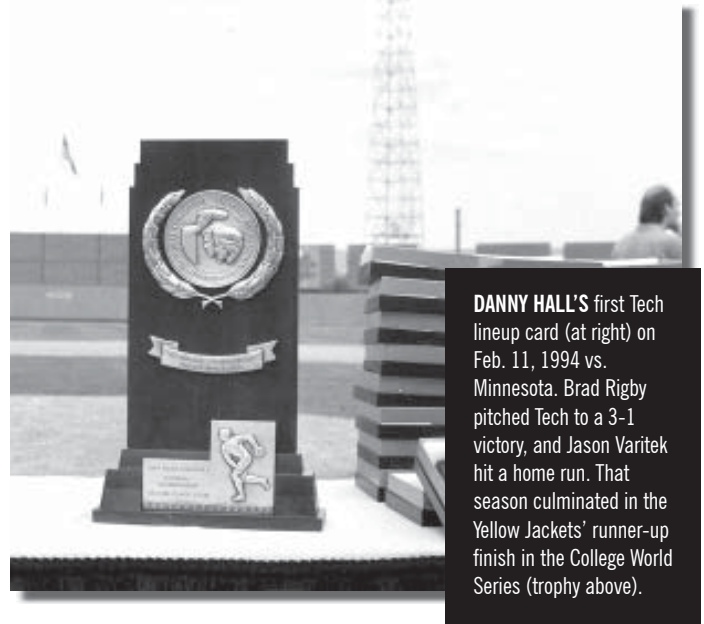
Georgia Tech's streak of 14 straight years in the NCAA Tournament, which ended in the spring of 1999, was the fourth-longest for a Division I team at the time. Miami owned the longest streak, having been invited for 27 consecutive years, followed by Florida State at 22 and Oklahoma State at 19.

But after missing out on the NCAA Tournament in 1999 for the first time in 15 years, the Yellow Jackets bounced back in 2000 with a 50-win season and an ACC Championship to return to the NCAA Regionals and Super Regionals in 2000. Tech has run its current NCAA Regional streak to five with appearances in 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, and the Yellow Jackets have been in the NCAA Tournament in 19 of the last 20 years.

Prior to the recent streak, Tech had participated in the NCAA playoffs twice, in 1959 and 1971, with an additional play-in tournament appearance in 1948. In 21 NCAA playoffs, the Yellow Jackets have posted an overall 46-42 record.

All-Americans

Georgia Tech has had 35 different players earn all-America honors in its storied history, 30 of them earning the distinction since 1985. Jason Varitek, who was a consensus first-team choice in 1992, 1993 and 1994, is the most decorated of the group. Tech had three consensus first-team all-Americans in 1994, including shortstop Nomar Garciaparra and center fielder Jay Payton.



DANNY HALL'S first Tech lineup card (at right) on Feb. 11, 1994 vs. Minnesota. Brad Rigby pitched Tech to a 3-1 victory, and Jason Varitek hit a home run. That season culminated in the Yellow Jackets' runner-up finish in the College World Series (trophy above).

All-Time Greatest

As if it wasn't enough that catcher Jason Varitek became a consensus all-America for the third time in 1994, the Longwood, Fla., native also earned National Player of the Year honors from three organizations, *Baseball America*, the American Baseball Coaches Association (Dick Howser Trophy), and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers (Smith Award).

Baseball America magazine also named Varitek to its all-time college team. In November of 1994, Varitek also received amateur baseball's greatest honor, the Golden Spikes Award. He was the first Georgia Tech baseball player ever to receive any of those national honors.

Tech also recognized him by retiring his No. 33 jersey, making him the first and only Tech baseball player to be so honored.

Tech Baseball at No. 1

Georgia Tech has been ranked No. 1 nine times in its history, for a total of 26 weeks. Each of the first three times, the Yellow Jackets lost their next two games and fell out of the top spot the following week. In 1993, the Jackets were ranked No. 1 for four straight weeks in *Baseball America* and returned to the top spot in all three polls on May 17, Tech's first unanimous choice ever.

The Yellow Jackets opened the 1994 season ranked No. 1 and proceeded to advance to the College World Series where they finished as the national runner-up. Tech returned to the top spot in the polls after winning the 2000 ACC Tournament.

The Yellow Jackets opened the 2001 season as the nation's pre-season No. 1 team and spent six weeks at the top of the poll, their longest stay ever. Georgia Tech opens the 2003 season as the nation's No. 1 team according to *Baseball America* magazine, the Yellow Jackets' third pre-season No. 1 ranking in school history.

Date	Record	Poll(s)	What Happened Next	Weeks at #1
Mar. 16, 1987	16-0	CB	Lost two to Jacksonville	1
Mar. 19, 1990	23-1	BA, CB	Lost to Hawaii, Wright State	1
Feb. 11, 1991	3-0	CB	Lost two of three at New Orleans	1
Mar. 1, 1993	11-1	BA	Won Oscar Mayer Classic (3 games)	4
May 17, 1993	45-10	USA, BA, CB	Lost twice in ACC Tournament	1
Pre-Season 1994	0-0	BA, USA	No. 1 by USA on 2/21; No. 2 by CB	4
May 22, 2000	47-14	BA, CB	Won NCAA Atlanta Regional	2
Pre-Season 2001	0-0	BA, CB	Went 2-1 in Rice Invitational	6
Pre-Season 2003	0-0	BA	Opened season 17-0	6

Leading Georgia

Georgia Tech went 8-4 against teams from the state of Georgia in 2004. Since 1999, the Yellow Jackets own a 58-15 (.794) record against its in-state foes. In 11 years under head coach Danny Hall, Tech is 100-32 (.758) against teams from Georgia.

Jim Luck

Luck enjoyed the longest tenure of any Tech baseball coach, posting a 320-280-4 (.533) record in 20 seasons from 1962-81. His No. 44 was, until 1994, the only baseball jersey to be retired at Georgia Tech. An assistant football coach and assistant athletic director, as well as head baseball coach, Luck was killed in an automobile accident in 1986.

Jim Morris

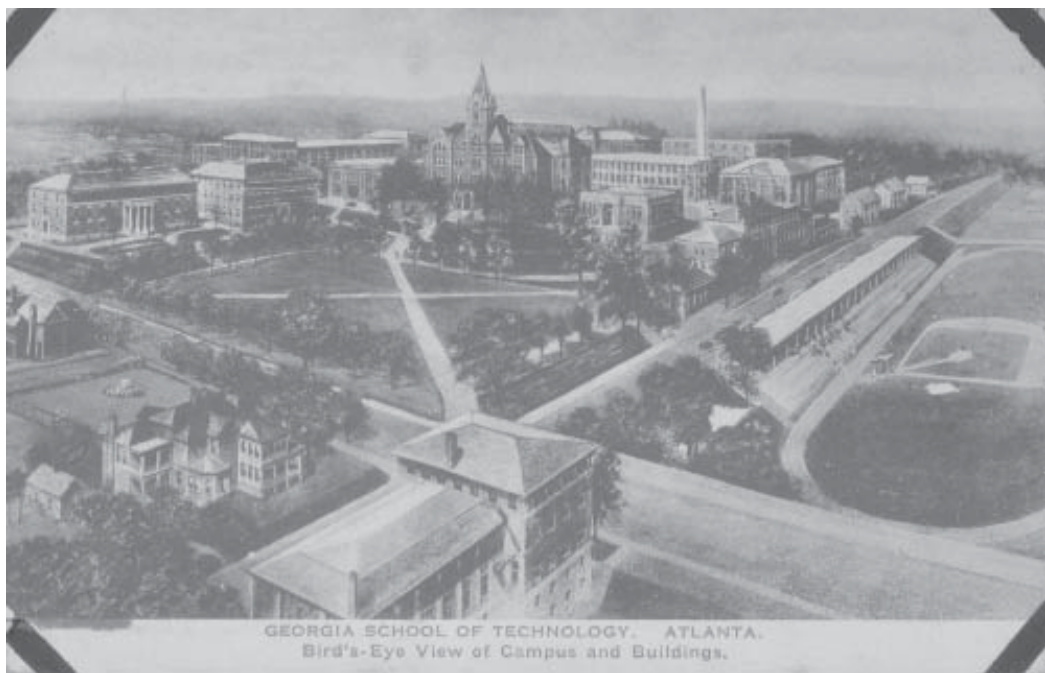
Over his 12-year career on the Flats, Morris led the Yellow Jackets to 504 victories against 244 losses, four Atlantic Coast Conference championships (1985-88), and nine consecutive NCAA regional berths. He still remains the all-time winningest coach at Georgia Tech, in any sport.

Along the way, he introduced night baseball to the Tech campus, attracted the donations to build Russ Chandler Stadium and laid the groundwork for the fun, family-oriented atmosphere that Tech fans and students enjoy today.

Now in his 12th season as head coach at Miami, Morris was inducted into the Georgia Tech Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999.



Georgia Tech Official Batting Order			
TEAM <u>MINNESOTA</u>		DATE <u>#1</u>	
COACH			
NO.	STARTERS NAME	POS.	SUBSTITUTES-INN
1	GARCIAPARRA	6	A B
2	SORROW	DH	A B
3	VARITEK	2	A B
4	PAYTON	8	A B
5	Hejlsky	5	A B*
6	SAIER	9	A B
7	BYERS	3	A B
8	SMITH	7	A B
9	McINTYRE	4	A B
10	RIGBY	1	A B
11			A B



Grant Field — Home to Football and Baseball

A 1920's post-card (above right) with an aerial view of the Georgia Tech campus shows historic Grant Field at right, where the Yellow Jackets played their baseball games from 1913 to 1929. Tech began playing baseball at Rose Bowl Field, its current home site, in 1930.

The Hall Era at Georgia Tech

Georgia Tech is 484-211 in ten seasons under head coach Danny Hall, a winning percentage of .696 and an average of 44 wins per year.

The Yellow Jackets have won four NCAA regionals and finished second in two others during the Hall tenure. Tech advanced to the championship game of the College World Series in his first season in 1994, and reached the CWS again in 2002. Tech has won ACC championships in 2000 and 2003.

Hall was named ACC Coach of the Year and also earned National Coach of the Year honors by *The Sporting News* in 1997 after leading the Jackets to only their second ACC regular-season title since joining the league in 1979. He earned his second ACC Coach of the Year award after leading Tech to the ACC Regular Season and Tournament championships in 2000. Tech's record in ACC games under Hall is 170-90 (.6554).

Along the way, 47 of his players at Tech have gone on to play professional baseball, 22 have earned all-America honors and 58 have made the all-ACC team. Sixty-four have made the ACC Academic Honor Roll and four have made the GTE Academic all-America team.

YEAR	RECORD	ACC	NOTES
1994	50-17	16-8	NCAA Midwest Regional champs, CWS Runner-Up
1995	38-22	16-8	NCAA Midwest Regional
1996	40-24	13-11	NCAA South II Regional
1997	46-15	19-4	NCAA Midwest Regional, ACC Reg. Season Champs
1998	41-22	14-9	NCAA Midwest Regional
1999	38-20	12-12	—
2000	50-16	18-6	NCAA Super Regional, ACC Champions
2001	41-20	13-11	NCAA Athens Regional
2002	52-16	14-9	NCAA Atlanta Regional champions, CWS 5th place
2003	44-18	17-7	NCAA Atlanta Regional, ACC Champions
2004	44-21	18-5	NCAA Atlanta Regional champions, ACC Reg. Season Champs

What If?

Following is a list of baseball players who actually signed letters of intent with Georgia Tech out of high school, but instead signed professional contracts with major league organizations.

Player, Pos.	Year Signed	Drafted by (Round)	2004 Status
Brent Abernathy, inf	1996	Toronto Blue Jays (2)	Cleveland farm system
Quincy Carter, of +	1996	Chicago Cubs (2)	QB for New York Jets
Kyle Colton, p	1999	Atlanta Braves (23)	out of baseball
Kyle Davies, p	2001	Atlanta Braves (4)	Atlanta farm system
Travis Devine, p	1999	San Diego Padres (2)	out of baseball
Blake DeWitt, inf	2004	Los Angeles Dodgers (1)	Los Angeles farm system
Todd Dunn, of +	1989	Milwaukee Brewers (na)	out of baseball
Jeff D'Amico, p	1993	Milwaukee Brewers (1)	Starting pitcher for Pittsburgh
Travis Fryman, ss	1987	Detroit Tigers (1)	out of baseball
Mickey Hall, of	2003	Boston Red Sox (2)	Boston farm system
Brian Howard, inf	1982	Cleveland Indians (1#)	out of baseball
Tim Hyers, 1b-of	1992	Chicago Cubs (5)	out of baseball
Jim Johnson, p	2001	Baltimore Orioles (5)	Baltimore farm system
Mark Mangum, p	1997	Colorado Rockies (1)	out of baseball
Terry McCormick, p	1997	Tampa Bay Devil Rays (18)	out of baseball
Johnny McGinnis, p	1999	Atlanta Braves (4)	out of baseball
Tyler Minges, p	1999	Cleveland Indians (6)	Cleveland farm system
Jay Mitchell, p	2001	Colorado Rockies (4)	Colorado farm system
Chris Myers, p*	1987	Baltimore Orioles (4)	out of baseball
Corey Patterson, of	1999	Chicago Cubs (1)	CF for Chicago Cubs
Eddie Prash, inf	2004	Pittsburgh Pirates (3)	Pittsburgh farm system
Carl South, p	1993	Los Angeles Dodgers (24)	out of baseball
Richard Stahl, p	1999	Baltimore Orioles (1)	Baltimore farm system
Jason Stephens, p	2003	New York Yankees (6)	NY Yankees farm system
Chris Threadgill, of	1997	California Angels (3)	out of baseball
Adam Wainwright, p	2000	Atlanta Braves (1)	St. Louis farm system
Aron Weston, of	1999	Pittsburgh Pirates (3)	Cubs farm system
Matt White, p	1996	San Francisco Giants (1)	Kansas City farm system
Scott White, 3b	2002	Boston Red Sox (3)	Boston farm system
Rick Wilkins, c	1987	Chicago Cubs (1)	out of baseball
David Wright, 3b	2001	New York Mets (1)	3B for New York Mets

*Not the same Chris Myers who pitched for Tech from 1991-94; + Signed football letter-of-intent with Tech; #Secondary phase of June draft