

Georgia Tech

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Baseball



#4 Georgia Tech at #20 Clemson

April 24-26
Clemson, S.C.

Friday: 6:30 p.m. (WREK Radio/ACC Select)
Saturday: 6:30 p.m. (WREK Radio/ACC Select)
Sunday: 1 p.m. (AM 790 The Zone/ACC Select)

Tech Record in 2009

Overall: 27-9-1; ACC: 13-5-1
Home: 16-5-1; Away: 11-4; Neutral: 0-0

Tech in the Polls

Baseball America: 7
Collegiate Baseball: 4
USA Today: 7
NCBWA: 11
Rivals.com: 7

Probable Starting Pitching

Friday: Deck McGuire - So., RHP (6-0, 2.56)
Saturday: Zach Von Tersch - Jr., RHP (6-1, 4.91)
Sunday: Brandon Cumpton - So., RHP (2-0, 4.24)

Head Coach Danny Hall

887-420-1 (.679), 22nd season overall
679-303-1 (.691), 16th season at Tech
255-142-1 (.642) vs. the ACC

In the NCAA Tournament

Appearances: 24
(1958-71-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-
95-96-97-98-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-08)
Overall Record: 56-49
Under Danny Hall: 37-27

College World Series

3 (1994, 2002, 2006)
CWS Record: 4-5

Jackets Travel to Clemson for Weekend ACC Series

Fourth-ranked Georgia Tech (27-9-1, 13-5-1 ACC) looks to return to the win column this weekend when it travels to Clemson to take on the 20th-ranked Tigers (28-14, 12-9 ACC) for a three-game Atlantic Coast Conference series beginning Friday at 6:30 p.m. The two teams will meet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday before concluding the series Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Jackets traveled to Cullowhee, N.C. Wednesday night to complete that back end of a home-and-home series against Western Carolina. Tech earned a 16-7 victory at home Tuesday but had its winning streak snapped at seven games Wednesday when the Catamounts came from behind to win, 10-9, on their home field.

Clemson enters the weekend on a three-game winning streak following midweek victories over Coastal Carolina and South Carolina. The Tigers are ranked as high as No. 20 in this week's polls.

Georgia Tech was a consensus preseason top-25 team that moved into the top-10 in the season's first official polls. The Yellow Jackets have been ranked as high as No. 3 this season (by Collegiate Baseball in March) and currently appear among the top-10 in all five of the following polls: Collegiate Baseball (4), Baseball America (7), Rivals.com (7), USA Today (7) and the NCBWA (8).

Pitching Matchup (Georgia Tech vs. Clemson)

Friday - 6:30 p.m.: RHP Deck McGuire (6-0, 2.56) vs. LHP Chris Dwyer (4-3, 4.30)
Saturday - 6:30 p.m.: RHP Zach Von Tersch (6-1, 4.91) vs. LHP Casey Harman (4-3, 3.86)
Sunday - 1 p.m.: RHP Brandon Cumpton (2-0, 4.24) vs. TBA

Senior RF **Luke Murton** (.368-11-41-4), junior 1B **Tony Plagman** (.357-11-48-4) and freshman 3B **Matt Skole** (.333-10-36-2) are powering the Yellow Jacket offense in 2009, while sophomore CF **Jeff Rowland** (.363-5-27-15), senior C **Jason Haniger** (.342-6-37-2) and senior LF **Chris House** (.338-3-14-0) have been hot of late.

Probable Defensive Lineup

Pos.	No.	Player	B/T	Cl.	'09 Stats (Avg-HR-RBI-SB)	-Notes-
C	*29	Jason Haniger (DH)	R/R	Sr.	.342-6-37-2	2008 MLB Draft pick; co-captain; starts every game - C or DH
1B	*21	Tony Plagman	L/L	Jr.	.357-11-48-4	Excellent def. 1B; power to all fields; Leads team in RBI
2B	*13	Jason Garofalo	R/R	Jr.	.270-3-17-0	Scrappy defensive second baseman; Grand Slam vs. Miami
3B	*16	Matt Skole	L/R	Fr.	.333-10-36-2	Power to all fields; T-2nd on team in HR; T-3rd in RBI
SS	*32	Derek Dietrich	L/R	So.	.326-6-36-4	2007 MLB Draft pick; power hitter, 2 HR vs. Miami
LF	*6	Chris House	R/R	Sr.	.338-3-14-1	Co-captain; great defensive outfielder; line-drive hitter
CF	*4	Jeff Rowland	L/L	So.	.363-5-27-15	Excellent speed; leadoff hitter; CH 5 RBI vs. Maryland
RF	*34	Luke Murton	R/R	Sr.	.368-11-41-4	2007, 2008 MLB Draft pick; power hitter; 11 HR in last 18 gm.
DH	*10	Thomas Nichols (LF/2B)	L/R	So.	.319-2-12-0	Will see time in LF and on the mound; W-0 HR in B9 v. Lip.

[TOP RESERVES]

C	*3	Cole Leonida	R/R	So.	.328-4-12-0	Made 19 starts as a freshman, 16 in 2009;
1B	*24	Jake Davies (DH)	L/L	Fr.	.333-1-2-0	Line-drive hitter from the left side; will see time on mound
2B	*14	Patrick Long	L/R	Jr.	.146-0-4-2	Plays both 2B and 3B; also sees time on the mound
IF	*1	Connor Winn	S/R	Fr.	.150-1-4-2	Great defensive middle IF; Played in 21 games in 2009
IF	*11	Evan Martin (OF)	R/R	Fr.	.300-1-6-1	Plays nearly every position on the field; line drive hitter
OF	*20	Chase Burnette	L/L	So.	.270-2-7-0	Very good OF arm; patient hitter; 3-run HR vs. Md. in B8
OF	*22	Jay Dantzier (DH)	R/R	Jr.-R.	.239-3-8-2	Great defensive OF; good baserunner; Started 14 gms in '09

Probable Pitching Rotation

No.	Player	L/R	Cl.	'09 Stats (W-L-Saves, ERA, IP)	-Notes-
*25	Deck McGuire (Fri.)	R	So.	6-0, 2.56, 59.2	Top midweek starter in 2008; 59 K in 2009; 14-1 career record
*30	Zach Von Tersch (Sat.)	R	Jr.	6-1, 4.91, 44.0	Tall, lanky righty; Tech's No. 3 starter in 2008; CH 9K vs. Rutgers
*28	Brandon Cumpton (Sun.)	R	So.	2-0, 4.24, 34.0	Earned five starts in 2008; Picked up first win of season vs. Ga. So.

[IN THE BULLPEN]

*9	Jacob Esch	R	Fr.	0-0/1, 5.17, 15.2	Primarily used in long relief but could see time as a midweek starter
*10	Thomas Nichols	R	So.	0-1, 14.40, 5.0	Used in late-game situations; first year out of the bullpen
*14	Patrick Long	R	Jr.	0-1, 3.46, 13.0	Used late; first year out of the bullpen; 2.2 IP in 2 app. vs. Miami
*19	Mark Pope	R	Fr.	4-1/7, 9.56, 16.0	2008 Draft Pick; Closer; Top-10 in the nation in saves
*27	Andrew Robinson	R	Jr.	0-0/1, 4.50, 26.0	Late inning pitcher on weekends; midweek starter; 16 app in 2009
*36	Kevin Jacob (Wed.)	R	So.	5-2, 4.97, 41.2	Made first weekend start vs. Miami; has started 7 gm in 2009
*37	Jed Bradley (Tues.)	L	Fr.	2-2, 6.35, 28.1	Weekday starter; long reliever on weekends; CH 7K vs. KSU & UGA
*24	Jake Davies	L	Fr.	1-0, 2.79, 19.1	Competitor with very good control; 18 app in 2009, Opp. BA: .200
*35	Zach Brewster	L	So.	0-1, 3.79, 19.0	Could close games, used for late inning relief; Leads team in app.
*39	Taylor Wood	L	So.	0-0, 3.68, 7.1	Used in long relief on weekends; could see spot start midweek

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Game Coverage

The entire series can be watched on ACC Select (www.accselect.com), the live, online video service of the ACC. WREK Radio (91.1 FM in Atlanta/www.wrek.org) will carry the first two games of the series, while AM 790 The Zone broadcasts the series finale. Live stats for all Tech baseball games are available at Ramblinwreck.com.

Team Updates

Georgia Tech - The Yellow Jackets saw their seven-game winning streak come to an end Wednesday in Cullowhee, N.C., when they suffered a 10-9 loss at the hands of Western Carolina. Tech had topped the Catamounts, 16-7, the previous night in Atlanta but struggled on the mound against the pesky Western Carolina hitters Wednesday. Despite the loss, the Yellow Jacket offense continued to put up impressive numbers with 14 hits - including three home runs - and the Yellow Jackets are batting .378 with 18 home runs, 22 doubles and four triples as a team over the last seven games. That's an average of 15.5 hits, 3.1 doubles and 2.6 home runs per game during that span. The catalyst of the offense, leadoff hitter Jeff Rowland, is batting .471 with four doubles, a triple and a home run over the last seven games and is currently riding a 16-game hitting streak. Also on a hot streak of late is left fielder Chris House, who is batting .522 with two doubles and a pair of homers in his last seven games.

Clemson - The Tigers have won three-straight games since Virginia Tech won the first two contests against them a week ago in Blacksburg, including a pair of victories over in-state foes Coastal Carolina and South Carolina during the week. Clemson is currently just two losses outside of first place in the ACC's Atlantic Division race and stands fifth overall in the league standings entering the weekend. Ben Paulsen has been the most consistent batter for the Tigers this season, hitting .402 with 14 doubles, nine home runs and 45 RBI, while Kyle Parker (.308-10-45-3) is leading the squad in home runs in 2009. The Clemson pitching staff has also been solid this season, with starting pitchers Graham Stoneburner (3.73 ERA), Casey Harman (3.86) and Chris Dwyer (4.30) all holding sub-4.50 ERAs.

How They Match Up

	-Batting-									-Pitching-				
	BA	R	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	K	SB	ERA	BB	SO	HR	BA
Georgia Tech	.325	334	77	12	71	177	44	277	39	4.65	144	344	30	.265
Clemson	.292	285	68	12	44	197	29	252	50	3.61	127	361	39	.250

Tech vs. Clemson (Clemson leads, 97-95-3)

The series between Clemson and Georgia Tech remains in the Tigers' favor by a narrow 97-95-3 margin entering the weekend, and Clemson is 32-26 against the Yellow Jackets in the dual between the two head coaches. Both Danny Hall and Jack Leggett began their current posts in 1994, and Clemson has won four more games than the Yellow Jackets during that 15-year span. The two teams play best on their home fields, as Clemson is 41-19-1 against the Yellow Jackets in Clemson, including winning the last series at Doug Kingsmore Stadium, 2-1, in 2007. Georgia Tech won last year's series, 2-1, at Russ Chandler Stadium, but the Tigers won the last game between the two teams, 10-4, at the 2008 ACC Tournament.

Career Statistics vs. Clemson

BATTERS	Avg.	AB	H	HR	RBI	SB
20 Chase Burnette	.000	3	0	0	0	0
22 Jay Dantzler	.500	2	1	1	3	0
32 Derek Dietrich	.294	17	5	0	3	0
29 Jason Haniger	.333	12	4	0	3	0
6 Chris House	.211	19	4	0	0	1
3 Cole Leonida	.000	2	0	0	0	0
14 Patrick Long	.333	15	5	0	1	3
34 Luke Murton	.288	52	15	3	14	0
10 Thomas Nichols	.313	16	5	1	4	0
21 Tony Plagman	.276	29	8	0	1	0
4 Jeff Rowland	.385	13	5	0	3	0
5 Jeff Ussery	.000	1	0	0	0	0

PITCHERS	W-L-S	ERA	G	IP	ER
28 Brandon Cumpton	0-0-0	16.88	1	2.2	5
36 Kevin Jacob	0-0-0	0.00	1	1.0	0
27 Andrew Robinson	0-0-0	0.00	2	1.1	0
30 Zach Von Tersch	0-2-0	15.43	2	4.2	8
39 Taylor Wood	0-0-0	0.00	2	1.1	0

The Hall Era at Georgia Tech

Georgia Tech is 679-303-1 in 16 seasons under head coach Danny Hall, a winning percentage of .691 and an average of 42.4 wins per season. Over the last seven seasons, Hall has led Tech to the College World Series (2002 and 2006), ACC tournament championship (2003 and 2005) and ACC regular season championship (2004 and 2005). Hall, the 2005 ACC Coach of the Year, became Georgia Tech's all-time winningest coach in an 11-10 win at Miami on March 27, 2005.

The Yellow Jackets have made 13 NCAA appearances in 15 years under Hall. Tech has won six NCAA regionals and finished second in three others, and advanced to the championship game of the College World Series in his first season in 1994. The Yellow Jackets have made CWS trips under Hall in 1994, 2002 and 2006.

Hall was named the ACC Coach of the Year and National Coach of the Year (by The Sporting News) in 1997 after leading the Jackets to an ACC regular season title, and was again tabbed the ACC's Coach of the year in 2000 after leading Tech to the ACC regular season and tournament championships. He earned his third ACC Coach of the Year award in 2005.

Tech is 255-142-1 vs. the ACC under Hall, finishing third or better in nine of his 15 years.

Along the way, 84 of his players at Tech have gone on to play professional baseball, 27 have earned All-America honors and 71 have made the All-ACC team; 124 have made the ACC Academic Honor Roll and 16 have been named either Academic All-America or All-District honorees.

Year	Record	ACC
1994	50-17-#	16-8
1995	38-22-#	16-8
1996	40-24-#	13-11
1997	46-15-#	19-4
1998	41-22-#	14-9
1999	38-20	12-12
2000	50-16-#	18-6
2001	41-20-#	13-11
2002	52-16-#	14-9
2003	44-18-#	17-7
2004	44-21-#	18-5
2005	45-19-#	22-8
2006	50-18-#	19-11
2007	32-25	15-14
2008	41-21-#	16-14
2009	27-9-1	13-5-1
Total	679-303-1	255-142-1

- NCAA Tournament
S - College World Series

2009 Schedule

FEBRUARY

20	Fri.	LIPSCOMB *	.....W, 9-0
21	Sat.	LIPSCOMB *	.....W, 13-3
22	Sun.	LIPSCOMB *	.....W, 5-3
24	Tue.	at Georgia Southern * [GSU-EV]	.....L, 6-5
25	Wed.	at Georgia Southern * [GSU-EV]	.....W, 5-3
28	Sat.	RUTGERS *	.....W, 6-4
28	Sat.	RUTGERS *	.....W, 13-4

MARCH

1	Sun.	RUTGERS *	.....Cancelled (Snow)
6	Fri.	MARYLAND *	.....W, 5-1
7	Sat.	MARYLAND *	.....W, 24-3
8	Sun.	MARYLAND *	.....W, 10-7
10	Tue.	MERCER * [ACCS]	.....W, 17-3
11	Wed.	KENNESAW STATE * [ACCS]	.....W, 5-4
13	Fri.	BOSTON COLLEGE *	.....W, 5-4
14	Sat.	BOSTON COLLEGE *	.....Cancelled (Rain)
15	Sun.	BOSTON COLLEGE *	.....Cancelled (Rain)
17	Tue.	at Kennesaw State * [ASun.tv]	.....W, 11-0
18	Wed.	KENNESAW STATE * [ACCS]	.....W, 11-3
20	Fri.	at Virginia Tech * [ACCS]	.....W, 10-9
21	Sat.	at Virginia Tech *	.....L, 5-9
22	Sun.	at Virginia Tech *	.....W, 18-8
24	Tue.	GEORGIA STATE * [FSS]	.....L, 1-10
25	Wed.	#1 GEORGIA * [CSS]	.....Cancelled (Rain)
27	Fri.	at #2 Miami * [CSS]	.....W, 13-9
28	Sat.	at #2 Miami * [CSS]	.....W, 6-4
29	Sun.	at #2 Miami * [CSS]	.....L, 2-6

APRIL

1	Wed.	at Mercer *	.....Cancelled (Rain)
3	Fri.	#5 NORTH CAROLINA *	.....L, 2-4
4	Sat.	#5 NORTH CAROLINA **	.....W, 10-6 (11)
5	Sun.	#5 NORTH CAROLINA **	.....L, 10-13
7	Tue.	GEORGIA SOUTHERN * [ACCS]	.....W, 8-4
8	Wed.	GEORGIA SOUTHERN * [ACCS]	.....L, 3-23
10	Fri.	#11 VIRGINIA * [ACCS]	.....W, 7-6
11	Sat.	#11 VIRGINIA *	.....L, 10-11
12	Sun.	#11 VIRGINIA **	.....T, 4-4
14	Tue.	at #1 Georgia * [GXtra]	.....W, 11-6
15	Wed.	at Georgia State *	.....W, 18-2
17	Fri.	at Wake Forest *	.....W, 13-2
18	Sat.	at Wake Forest *	.....W, 8-1
19	Sun.	at Wake Forest *	.....W, 6-0
21	Tue.	WESTERN CAROLINA * [ACCS]	.....W, 16-7
22	Wed.	at Western Carolina *	.....L, 9-10
24	Fri.	at Clemson * [ACCS]	.....6:30 p.m.
25	Sat.	at Clemson ** [ACCS]	.....6:30 p.m.
26	Sun.	at Clemson ** [ACCS]	.....1 p.m.

MAY

1	Fri.	PRESBYTERIAN *	.....7 p.m.
2	Sat.	PRESBYTERIAN *	.....6 p.m.
3	Sun.	PRESBYTERIAN *	.....1 p.m.
6	Wed.	vs. Tennessee (in Chattanooga) **	7:15 p.m.
8	Fri.	FLORIDA STATE ** [SS]	.....7 p.m.
9	Sat.	FLORIDA STATE ** [RSN]	.....1 p.m.
10	Sun.	FLORIDA STATE ** [SS]	.....1 p.m.
12	Tue.	GEORGIA [Turner Field] ** [FSS]	.....7 p.m.
14	Thu.	at Duke * [ACCS]	.....7 p.m.
15	Fri.	at Duke *	.....2 p.m.
16	Sat.	at Duke *	.....1 p.m.

POSTSEASON

June 13-23	College World Series (Omaha, Neb.)
May 20-24	ACC Tournament (Durham, N.C.)
M30-June 2	NCAA Regionals (Campus Sites)
June 6-9	NCAA Super Regionals (Campus Sites)
June 13-24	College World Series (Omaha, Neb.)

Key

SS (SportSouth); CSS (CSS); FSS (FS South) RSN (Regional ACC)
 ACCS-ACC Select; All others - online video by school
 *Broadcast on WREK Radio; **Broadcast on 790 The Zone

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Tech Earns NCAA Public Recognition Award for Academic Performance

Tech baseball was one of three Yellow Jacket sports teams to receive the NCAA Public Recognition Award for their academic performance, as announced by the NCAA office April 22. The awards are given to teams in all divisions that finished in the top 10 percent in their sport with their APRs (Academic Progress Reports). High-performing teams receiving public recognition this year posted APR scores ranging from 976 to a perfect 1,000.

Rowland Tabbed ACC Player of the Week

Georgia Tech's Jeff Rowland was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Baseball Player of the Week following his performance last week. Rowland scored seven of the Yellow Jackets' 56 runs in a week in which Georgia Tech went 5-0, with all five wins coming on the road. The centerfielder had a team-best .500 batting average, with four multi-hit games to his credit. Rowland posted a .792 slugging percentage with a pair of doubles, a triple and a home run and also had a .538 on-base percentage. The honor was the first of the sophomore's career and it marked the third time this season that a Yellow Jacket received one of the ACC's weekly accolades.

Haniger Lowe's Senior CLASS Award Finalist

While catcher Jason Haniger continues to rack up athletic and academic honors, the senior has been recognized for his work off the field and away from the classroom as well. In March, Haniger was named one of 30 candidates for the 2009 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, which recognizes exceptional senior baseball student-athletes that excel in the classroom and competition but also give back to the community and are of honorable character.

On April 15, the list of candidates was narrowed to 10 finalists, and Haniger is one of three ACC baseball players included in the list of finalists for the award. A portion of the vote is decided by fans, who can log onto www.seniorclassaward.com daily to vote, or they may text BSB6 to 839863.

Pitching Shines in Last Week

Georgia Tech's pitching staff, a source of inconsistency at times during the early part of the season, has been solid over the last six games.

The Yellow Jackets are 6-0 with a 2.89 ERA over the those six games, one of which was a shutout against ACC foe Wake Forest in Winston-Salem last Sunday. In the last 53.0 innings, Tech's pitchers have held opponents to a .240 batting average, striking out 53 batters while issuing just 18 walks.

Last weekend alone, the Yellow Jacket pitching staff held Wake Forest to a .143 batting average while going 3-0 with a 0.33 ERA. The Demon Deacons plated just three runs against Georgia Tech, only one of which was earned.

Bullish on the Bullpen

Georgia Tech's pitching staff may be holding opponents to a .228 batting average and 2.89 ERA over the last six games, but those numbers are highlighted by the impressive play of the Yellow Jacket bullpen.

The bullpen has allowed just four earned runs over their last 20.2 IP, which encompasses six games and includes 15 total appearances by seven different pitchers. Of those 15 appearances, 12 have been scoreless outings and only one of the six runners that the seven pitchers have inherited has actually scored.

Bullpen Tale of the Tape

Overall	W-L	SV	ERA	IP	ER	Opp BA
Georgia Tech	7-4	9	4.63	134.0	69	.250
Opponents	5-7	7	9.06	151.0	152	.335

Bullpen Tale of the Tape

Last 6 Gms.	W-L	SV	ERA	IP	ER	Opp BA
Georgia Tech	1-1	1	1.74	20.2	4	.228
Opponents	1-0	1	8.62	31.1	30	.376

Noteworthy performances for the Tech Bullpen in 2009:

Opponent	IP	ER	ERA	Opp BA
Lipscomb, Feb. 20-22	9.0	1	1.00	.226
Kennesaw State, Mar. 17	7.0	0	0.00	.045
Virginia Tech, Mar. 20-22	13.1	2	1.35	.245
Wake Forest, Apr. 17-19	7.0	0	0.00	.087

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Yellow Jackets in the RPI

Georgia Tech enters the weekend ranked No. 1 in the nation in the latest Pseudo-RPI (source: *Boyd'sWorld.com*). (The NCAA releases its RPI just once a week, and the Yellow Jackets are listed No. 1 in the official RPI released on April 21).

The Atlantic Coast Conference is well represented in the most updated RPI, with four teams ranked among the top 10 in the nation. Georgia Tech leads all conference teams while North Carolina (3), Miami (5), Clemson (10), Virginia (11) and Florida State (23) all rank in the top-25. Only two ACC teams stand outside of the top-80 in the RPI.

Georgia Tech is scheduled to play no fewer than 21 games against teams that currently appear in the top-25 in the RPI this season, with nine of those contests coming away from Russ Chandler Stadium. Tech is 7-6-1 against teams ranked in the top-25 in the RPI this season.

In terms of schedule strength, Georgia Tech's is ranked No. 6 while Clemson's schedule stands at No. 16 in the latest rankings.

Road Warriors

Georgia Tech has played 15 games away from Russ Chandler Stadium, including a string of seven over a nine-game span in late March while the Jackets are currently in the midst of nine road games over a 10-day span. While several teams struggle when they hit the road, the opposite is actually true for this Yellow Jacket squad.

Tech is 11-4 on the road, as compared to 15-5-1 at Russ Chandler Stadium. Of the six Yellow Jackets that have started at least 35 games this season, five have actually posted higher batting averages away from the Rusty C than they do at home. As a team, the Jackets are batting .336 while scoring 9.3 runs per game on the road, as compared to .317 with 8.8 runs per game at Russ Chandler Stadium.

The offense isn't the only part of this team that doesn't mind hitting the road. While all three weekend starters have posted better ERA's at home, the team as a whole owns a 4.26 ERA on the road vs. a 4.91 ERA at home. Even more impressive is the work of Tech's bullpen in road games. The group hasn't allowed opposing fans to get to them, but have instead posted a 2.45 ERA while opponents are batting just .213 against them in 55.0 innings on the road. Conversely, Tech's bullpen owns a 6.15 ERA at home while opponents are batting .274 against them in 79.0 innings at the Rusty C.

Streaking in the ACC

Georgia Tech swept just two Atlantic Coast Conference series during the 2008 regular season and has two sweeps in 2009 after winning all three games against Maryland on the first weekend of conference play and all three vs. Wake Forest last weekend. The Yellow Jackets also won the single game they played against Boston College in March before the remainder of the series was rained out. The Yellow Jackets have swept 64 weekend series since the conference adopted the current three-game round-robin format in 1987.

The Yellow Jackets had a streak of seven consecutive ACC series wins snapped by UNC in early April, but has won five league series in 2009. Since 1987, Tech has won 121 of 182 (.665) ACC series, including 37 of its last 55 (.673) weekend series.

Avoiding the Big Inning

A common theme in seven of the Yellow Jackets' nine losses this season has been a big inning by Tech's opponent. In those seven losses, the Jackets have given up three or more runs in at least one of the innings.

Only twice this season have the Yellow Jackets lost without giving up a big inning to the opponent - a 6-5 loss at Georgia Southern (Feb. 24) and a 4-2 defeat at the hands of North Carolina (Apr. 3).

This season, when an opponent has scored at least three runs in an inning against the Yellow Jackets, Georgia Tech is 8-7. However, when an opponent has scored more than three runs in a single inning, the Yellow Jackets are 1-6 in 2009. See below for a listing of those big-inning (4+ runs) games.

Opponent	Runs scored (inning)	Result	Notes
Virginia Tech	3 (1st); 4 (5th)	L, 5-9	Virginia Tech has 8-1 lead headed into sixth, Tech can't recover.
Georgia State	4 (3rd), 3 (8th)	L, 1-10	State has 5-0 lead before Jackets crack scoreboard in fourth.
North Carolina	8 (2nd)	L, 13-10	Jackets score three in first and fifth, can't overcome 8-spot.
Georgia Southern	7 (7th), 11 (9th)	L, 3-23	Eagles blow game open with 19 runs over final three innings
Virginia	6 (9th)	L, 10-11	Jackets held commanding 10-5 lead headed into ninth.
Western Carolina	4 (2nd)	W, 16-7	Tech plated nine runs in first three innings to counteract 4-spot.
Western Carolina	4 (3rd)	L, 9-10	Tech battled back, but Western plated two in 6th & 7th to win.

Capitalizing on the Big Inning

While Tech's pitching staff and defense has to avoid the big inning, the offense has lived off of it in 2009, scoring four or more runs in an inning 23 times this season. When the Yellow Jackets plate four or more in an inning, Georgia Tech is 15-2 in 2009.

The only exceptions were the 9-5 loss at Virginia Tech (see above note, when Tech gave up four in the fifth) and the 11-10 loss to Virginia (again, see above note, when the Jackets yielded six in the top of the ninth).

The "Rusty C"

Affectionately known as the "Rusty C," a new era in Russ Chandler Stadium began in 2002 with a \$9.7 million reconstruction of the facility. The current facility seats 4,157 with room for future expansion down the left field line.

The stadium was originally built in 1985, in time for Tech to host the ACC Tournament. It has been the site of eight NCAA Regional tournaments (1987, 1993, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006) and 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.

Rose Bowl Field, the tract of land on which the stadium sits, which includes the adjacent football practice fields, has been the site of Tech baseball since 1930, when the field was built with funds from Tech's 1929 Rose Bowl appearance.

Tech was 486-125 in the old Russ Chandler Stadium, a winning percentage of .798.

Year-by-Year at RCS

Year	Overall	Home
1985	42-19	33-10
1986	45-23	24-11
1987	51-14	33-7
1988	45-24	28-9
1989	38-26	26-7
1990	46-25	38-5
1991	42-26	28-10
1992	45-19	32-2
1993	47-14	25-8
1994	50-17	29-5
1995	38-22	26-6
1996	40-24	25-9
1997	46-15	29-5
1998	41-22	27-10
1999	38-20	25-6
2000	50-16	31-8
2001	41-18	26-7
2002	52-16	36-4
2003	44-18	24-9
2004	44-21	26-14
2005	45-19	29-11
2006	50-18	34-5
2007	32-25	21-10
2008	41-21	26-8
2009	27-9-1	16-5-1
Total	1,080-493-1	697-191-1

National Rankings

Week.....	NCBWA	USA	BA	CB	R.C.	Rec.
Preseason.....	13	12	20	12	13	0-0
Feb. 23.....	8	--	20	9	12	3-0
Mar. 2.....	10	11	18	9	11	6-1
Mar. 9.....	8	9	16	6	11	9-1
Mar. 16.....	5	9	14	3	10	12-1
Mar. 23.....	3	7	13	3	8	16-2
Mar. 30.....	3	4	10	3	7	18-4
Apr. 6.....	8	8	13	9	8	19-6
Apr. 13.....	11	11	12	10	11	21-8-1
Apr. 20.....	8	7	7	4	7	26-8-1

vs. Ranked Teams (5-4-1)

Date	Opp. (NCBWA/USA/BA/CB/R.C.).....	Result
3/25	Georgia (1/1/6/1/3).....	cancelled (rain)
3/27	Miami (2/4/7/6/5).....	W, 13-9
3/28	Miami (2/4/7/6/5).....	W, 6-4
3/29	Miami (2/4/7/6/5).....	L, 2-6
4/3	North Carolina (6/6/5/6/6).....	L, 2-4
4/4	North Carolina (6/6/5/6/6).....	W, 10-6 (11)
4/5	North Carolina (6/6/5/6/6).....	L, 10-13
4/10	Virginia (18/14/22/11/17).....	W, 7-6
4/11	Virginia (18/14/22/11/17).....	L, 10-11
4/12	Virginia (18/14/22/11/17).....	T, 4-4
4/14	Georgia (2/1/8/2/3).....	W, 11-6
4/24	Clemson (21/20/-/26/-).....	???
4/25	Clemson (21/20/-/26/-).....	???
4/26	Clemson (21/20/-/26/-).....	???

Monthly Under Hall

Year.....	J/F	Mar.	Apr.	M/J	Final
2009.....	6-1	12-3	9-5-1	0-0	0-0
2008.....	5-1	17-4	9-8	10-8	41-21
2007.....	6-5	12-6	9-6	5-8	32-25
2006.....	10-0	12-4	11-8	17-6	50-18
2005.....	7-2	14-3	10-7	14-7	45-19
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	13-5	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	16-7	50-17
Totals...	115-36	217-67	174-106-1	173-94	652-294
Pct.....	(.762)	(.764)	(.621)	(.648)	(.689)

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Power Surge

In 2008, Georgia Tech nearly doubled its home run output from the 2007 season and marked the biggest increase in home runs from one year to the next in school history. Last season, the Yellow Jackets belted 92 home runs, the seventh-best single season mark in school history and the fourth-most since Hall's arrival in 1994.

This season, the Yellow Jackets have smacked an ACC-leading 71 home runs, which ranks 10th in the nation. Tech's 71 homers have come in 37 games (the fewest played by any ACC school this season), to give the Yellow Jackets an average of 1.92 home runs per game - the eighth-best mark in the country in 2009.

On the Offensive

Over the last seven games, the Yellow Jacket offense has blistered opponents for 44 extra base hits while batting .378 (109-288). Five regular starters are batting over .400 during that span, and seven different starters have hit at least two home runs over the last seven contests. Five of the Yellow Jacket batters have hit safely in all seven games.

Waving Them In

Third base coach Bryan Prince has been busy this season, waving more than nine runners home per game. The Jackets have scored in bunches this season, and their average of 9.0 runs per game currently ranks 22nd in the nation and first among all ACC schools.

The majority of those runs have come off extra-base hits by the Yellow Jackets, and Tech currently ranks 14th in the nation in slugging percentage, with 77 doubles, 12 triples and 71 home runs in 441 hits this season (36 percent of the Yellow Jackets' hits are for extra bases).

Sitting Them Down

Not to be out-done by the offense, Tech's young pitching staff has put in a masterful performance on the mound in 2009. The Yellow Jacket pitchers are striking out an average of 9.30 batters per game, which is the 11th-best mark in the nation and third-best in the ACC in 2009.

Balance of Power

The Yellow Jackets have been blessed with a talented lineup in which nearly any player can hit one out of the park on any given day. Seven different Yellow Jackets have hit at least four home runs this season, led by the talented trio of Luke Murton (11), Tony Plagman (11) and Matt Skole (10), who have combined for 32 of the Jackets' 71 home runs in 2009.

Seventeen different players have hit home runs for Georgia Tech in 2009, including 12 that have hit more than one.

Holding Opponents to 6 or Less

Georgia Tech is 22-3-1 on the season when holding opponents to six or fewer runs after posting a 36-2 record in 2008 under the same circumstances.

The Yellow Jackets have scored over six runs in 22 games this season and are averaging 9.0 runs per game in 2009.

Lineup is Anyone's Guess

Georgia Tech head coach Danny Hall is known for mixing up his lineup, and 2009 has been no different. The Yellow Jacket skipper has made out 31 different lineup cards through 37 games this season. On only one occasion has he used the same lineup more than twice. (*Lineups listed on page 12 of notes*)

Playing With a Full Deck

With six wins this season, Yellow Jacket ace **Deck McGuire** has improved to 14-1 in his career. His .933 career winning percentage currently stands as the best winning percentage in school history (for pitchers with a minimum of 10 wins), eclipsing Ed LaFitte's school record .900 winning percentage. While it may not be noteworthy to some, what is impressive is LaFitte set that school record with an 18-2 mark from 1906-07. That's right - over 100 years ago.

While McGuire's near perfection is one for the record books, another note of interest is that the sophomore hurler has 75 strikeouts this season, which is tops in the ACC and ranks 11th in the nation.

Career Winning Percentage

(Minimum - 10 wins)

1. **Deck McGuire...14-1.933...2008-09**
2. Ed LaFitte.....18-2...900...1906-07
3. Scott Erwin.....25-3...893...1986-89
4. Mike Schisler.....22-3...880...1970-73
5. L.J. Yankosky.....25-4...862...1994-98

Strikeouts Per Nine Innings

(Career Minimum - 100 innings)

1. Jim Poole.....263/188...12.59...1985-88
2. Ed LaFitte.....242/189.1...11.50...1906-07
3. Scott Prather.....197/162.1...10.92...1996-98
4. Brad Rigby.....397/339.1...10.53...1992-94
5. J. Neighborgall...115/101...10.25...2003-05
6. Bud Blemker.....257/233.2...9.90...1957-59
7. Brad Rulon.....160/146.2...9.82...2005-08
8. Chuck Crowder...377/346.2...9.79...1997-99
9. Cory Vance.....328/302.2...9.75...1998-00
10. Brett Binkley...190/176...9.72...1991-93
11. **Deck McGuire...145/137.2.9.47...2008-09**

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Career Saves at Tech

1. Jim Poole.....	22	1985-88
2. Keith Fleming.....	21	1983-86
3. Chris Myers.....	20	1991-94
4. Jeff Watchko.....	19	2000-03
5. Brett Binkley.....	18	1991-93
6. Tucker Barr.....	17	1994-96
Matt Wieters.....	16	2005-07
8. Brian Burks.....	13	2001-04
9. Mike Hostetter.....	12	1989-91
10. Brad Rulon.....	11	2005-08
11. Jase Wrigley.....	9	1995-98
Chris Hicks.....	9	2006-08
13. Andy Mitchell.....	7	1998-01
Mark Pope.....	7	2009

Season Saves at Tech

1. Brett Binkley.....	14	1993
2. Tucker Barr.....	12	1995
3. Mike Hostetter.....	11	1989
4. Jim Poole.....	10	1987
5. Jim Poole.....	9	1988
Chris Hicks.....	9	2008
7. Keith Fleming.....	8	1986
Chris Myers.....	8	1992
Brian Burks.....	8	2003
10. Keith Fleming.....	7	1984
Chris Myers.....	7	1994
Matt Wieters.....	7	2006
Brad Rulon.....	7	2008
Mark Pope.....	7	2009

Saved by the Pope

Right-hander **Mark Pope**, a freshman on the 2009 Georgia Tech roster, has been the guy head coach Danny Hall has turned to to close out games. The Marietta native hasn't disappointed either - posting a 4-1 record with seven saves this season. His seven saves in 2009 is currently tied for third in the league and stands 22nd in the nation.

Pope's seven saves is tied for the 10th-best single-season mark in school history and tied for 13th in Tech's career record books.

Pope Thrives Under Pressure

Despite his elevated earned run average, closer **Mark Pope** has proven all season that he's the pitcher to turn to when the pressure is on. On seven occasions this season, the freshman has entered the game with at least one runner on base, and has allowed just two of the 15 inherited runners to score in those games. Included in this is the fact that he has entered the game with the bases loaded on three occasions in 2009. When he's entered with runners on, the Yellow Jackets are 7-0 on the season, and 4-0 in ACC games.

In those seven appearances, the Marietta, Ga., native has posted a 3.38 ERA, allowing just two runs on six hits while striking out five. He has not allowed a walk in his 5-1/3 total innings of work with runners on base, and is 3-0 with three saves in those situations.

When the Heat is On...

When the pressure is on, head coach Danny Hall has his pick of pitchers in the bullpen that have proven time and time again that they can do the job. Mark Pope, Jake Davies and Zach Brewster have been those guys Hall has turned

to when the heat is on. All three have entered games in key situations, and all three have responded well. Even more impressive is the fact that Davies and Pope are both freshman while Brewster, the "veteran" of the trio, had just one collegiate pitching appearance to his credit entering the 2009 season.

For the season, Pope has inherited 15 runners upon his entry into games, allowing just two to score. He has a streak of four-straight inherited runners that he's stranded. Brewster has inherited 19 runners in his 21 appearances this season, and he's allowed just five to score - but none of the last four that he's inherited have crossed the plate. Finally, Davies has inherited a team-high 25 runners this season, and the left-hander has allowed just four of those to score. He has a streak of 16-straight inherited runners that have been stranded on base.

Runs Rarely a Problem for Tersch

The last thing a pitcher wants to do is work seven or eight innings, holding opponents to one or two runs, and be losing the game. Yellow Jacket starter **Zach Von Tersch** hasn't had to deal with that issue much this season though - the Yellow Jackets are averaging 11.1 runs per game in contests that he starts, including a 24-run explosion against Maryland. Tech scored in double figures each of the first four times the junior took the mound, and he held up his end of the bargain - giving up just eight runs through those four games. For the season, the Yellow Jackets have scored in double figures a total of six of the nine times the Cedar Falls native has taken the mound, and he has posted a 6-1 record on the season as a result of that run support.

(Tech run totals when Von Tersch has taken the mound, in order of appearance: 13, 13, 24, 11, 5, 6, 10, 10, 8)

Racing Up the Charts

In just his second year on the Flats, centerfielder Jeff Rowland has already raced into the Yellow Jacket career records for stolen bases, standing in a tie for 21st in history with 37 swipes in his first two years.

The Tech leadoff hitter finished the 2008 season with 22 stolen bases and has already swiped 18 this year. He needs just seven more stolen bases to move into the top-20 in Tech's single-season record books, and two more to make the top-20 in the Yellow Jacket career annals.

Career Stolen Bases at Tech

1. Ty Griffin.....	127	1986-88
2. Eric Patterson.....	124	2002-04
3. Scott Jordan.....	114	1982-85
4. K.G. White.....	89	1985-88
5. Steve Newbern.....	86	1982-85
6. Carlton Fleming.....	68	1990-92
7. Nomar Garciaparra.....	66	1992-94
Tyler Greene.....	66	2003-05
9. Danny Payne.....	64	2005-07
10. Anthony Byrd.....	56	1990-92
11. Red Barron.....	54	1920-22
12. Darren Bragg.....	51	1988-91
13. Randy Rhino.....	46	1971-74
14. Michael Smith.....	44	1992-95
15. Jay Payton.....	43	1992-94
16. Matt Murton.....	42	2001-03
17. Jamie Sims.....	41	1982-85
Matthew Boggs.....	41	1998-02
19. Larry Maurer.....	40	1980-82
20. Adam Easterling.....	39	1994-97
21. Marty Durkin.....	37	1988-89
Tom Green.....	37	1989-90
Adam Leggett.....	37	1995-97
Jeff Rowland.....	37	2008-09

Tech's Record in 2009 When...

At home.....	16-5-1
On the road.....	11-4-0
At neutral sites.....	0-0-0
Home ACC games.....	6-3-1
Road ACC games.....	7-2-0
Neutral ACC games.....	0-0-0
vs. Top 25 (all polls).....	5-4-1
Day games.....	14-4-1
Night games.....	13-5-0
One-run games.....	4-3-0
Three runs or fewer.....	9-5-0
vs. Left-handed starters.....	11-2-0
vs. Right-handed starters.....	16-7-1

Leading/tied after five innings.....	25-3-0
Trailing after five innings.....	2-6-1
Leading after eight innings.....	24-1-1
Tied after eight innings.....	1-0-0
Trailing after eight innings.....	2-8-0
Extra innings.....	1-0-0
Scoring first.....	17-4-0
Scoring in the first inning.....	11-5-0
Scoring five or more runs.....	27-5-0
Allowing five or fewer runs.....	19-1-1
Out-hitting opponents.....	21-2-0
Tech gets 10 hits or more.....	22-4-0
Walk four or fewer batters.....	18-4-1
Tech hits a home run.....	26-5-0
Committing one or no errors.....	20-3-1

In February.....	6-1-0
In March.....	12-3-0
In April.....	9-5-1
In May.....	0-0-0
In June.....	0-0-0
on Tuesday.....	5-2-0
on Wednesday.....	4-2-0
on Friday.....	7-1-0
on Saturday.....	7-2-0
on Sunday.....	4-2-1
Following a loss.....	6-1-1

In televised games.....	2-2-0
In ACC Select/online video contests.....	11-3-0
Wins in the last at-bat.....	5

Georgia Tech Baseball History

Georgia Tech baseball is now in its 113th season since beginning in 1895. Listed below are some of the highlights of the school's baseball tradition:

Three College World Series appearances
(1994, 2002 and 2006)

27 consecutive winning seasons

23 consecutive seasons with a .500 or better record in ACC games

24 NCAA Regional appearances, including 22 appearances in the last 24 years

Seven ACC championships
(1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 2000, 2003 and 2005)

One SEC championship (1957), two Southern Conference championships (1923 and 1926) and two SIAA championships (1920 and 1921)

37 players who have earned All-America honors for a total of 46 times

Two National Players of the Year - Jason Varitek (1994) and Mark Teixeira (2000)

Nine Academic All-Americans

Four ACC Players of the Year, five ACC Rookies of the Year and six ACC Coach of the Year honors since joining the league for the 1980 season

119 All-Atlantic Coast Conference picks since 1980

55 players who have gone on to play in the Major Leagues, including a record 12 last year, 11 during the 2003 season and 10 in 2007.

13 first round draft picks, and Tech players have been drafted a total of 208 times

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Murton Climbs Record Books

Yellow Jacket senior **Luke Murton** entered the 2009 season ranked 16th in school history with 49 doubles in his career. With 10 more this season, the outfielder has climbed to fifth place in the Tech annals.

Speaking of Murton's power numbers, with 11 home runs in the last 18 games, the Yellow Jacket right fielder has moved into the top 10 in the school record books with 38 home runs in his career. He needs just two more home runs to become the 10th player in school history to eclipse 40 in a career.

He also stands 13th in Tech's career RBI listing and 15th with 413 total bases from 2006-present.

Last weekend, he became just the 21st player in school history to compete in 200 games. He currently stands 17th with 204 appearances in his career and ranks 20th with 744 career at bats.

As the Weather Warms, So Has Murton

The Yellow Jackets have learned that **Luke Murton** enjoys playing in warmer weather, and his bat backs up that fact. Fifteen of the Yellow Jackets' first 25 games of the season came when the temperature was 60 degrees or higher, and in those contests, Murton batted .431 (25-for-58) with five home runs, five doubles, 18 RBI and 20 runs scored. He also had a .776 slugging percentage in addition to a .507 on base percentage. In the sub-60 degree games however, Murton wasn't quite as lucky - the Yellow Jacket hit just .257 (9-for-35) with three doubles and a triple, six RBI and eight runs in those 10 games. He had a .400 slugging percentage and a .400 on base percentage in the sub-60 degree weather.

Murton is batting .415 with eight home runs, three doubles and 22 RBI in his last 14 games and is currently riding a nine-game hitting streak in which he's batting .371 (13-for-35) with 11 runs and 13 RBI.

Catching Fire

Yellow Jacket catcher **Jason Haniger** has raised his average to .342 this season, thanks in part to his performance at the plate over the last seven games. The Santa Clara, Calif. native is batting .471 (16-for-34) with two home runs, four doubles, 10 runs and nine RBI over the seven-game span against Wake Forest, Georgia, Georgia State and Western Carolina.

When he starts a game behind the plate, Haniger is batting .347 with three home runs and 24 RBI, and he's 12-for-43 (.333) with a trio of homers and 13 RBI as the Jackets' designated hitter.

Milestones Ahead

- * Jay Dantzer is five games shy of the 100th of his career - he has played in 95 games since the start of 2007.
- * Derek Dietrich stands just four runs shy of 100 for his career - he has scored 96 runs since the beginning of the 2008 season. The shortstop has played in 99 games over the last two seasons, and needs just one more appearance to eclipse 100.
- * Chris House has posted 98 hits in his four-year career on the Flats, and needs just two more to eclipse 100.
- * Patrick Long is five hits shy of eclipsing 100 in his career - he has recorded 95 hits since 2007.
- * Luke Murton is two hits away from cracking the top 25 for Tech's career record books - he has 232 in his career.
- * Tony Plagman needs five more home runs to appear in the top-20 in Tech's career record books - he has hit 29 homers in his 2+ years at Tech.
- * Andrew Robinson has pitched in 61 games since 2007 - He needs just five more appearances to crack the top-20.

Career Doubles at Tech

1. Jason Varitek.....	82	1991-94
2. Scott Byers.....	70	1993-96
3. Jason Basil.....	66	1998-01
4. Steven Blackwood.....	60	2003-06
5. Luke Murton.....	59	2006-09

Career Home Runs at Tech

1. Jason Varitek.....	57	1991-94
2. J.J. Thomas.....	56	1995-97
3. Andy Bruce.....	52	1988-91
4. K.G. White.....	46	1985-88
5. Billy Parham.....	42	1986-88
Mark Fischer.....	42	1995-97
7. Tommy Thompson.....	41	1978-81
8. Jason Basil.....	40	1998-01
Jeremy Slayden.....	40	2002-05
10. Luke Murton.....	38	2006-09

Career RBI at Tech

1. Jason Varitek.....	251	1991-94
2. Andy Bruce.....	232	1988-91
3. Jason Basil.....	230	1998-01
4. Steven Blackwood.....	221	2003-06
5. Mark Fischer.....	220	1995-97
6. Bryan Prince.....	216	1998-01
7. Matt Wieters.....	198	2005-07
8. Darren Bragg.....	194	1988-91
9. Jay Payton.....	193	1992-94
10. Brandon Hensley.....	184	1992-95
J.J. Thomas.....	184	1995-97
12. Scott Byers.....	181	1993-96
13. Luke Murton.....	179	2006-09

Career Total Bases at Tech

1. Jason Varitek.....	610	1991-94
2. Andy Bruce.....	506	1988-91
3. Jay Payton.....	490	1992-94
4. Jason Basil.....	481	1998-01
5. Mark Fischer.....	480	1995-97
6. K.G. White.....	475	1985-88
7. Scott Jordan.....	468	1982-85
8. J.J. Thomas.....	442	1995-97
9. Scott Byers.....	438	1993-96
10. Brandon Hensley.....	422	1992-95
11. Darren Bragg.....	420	1988-91
12. Victor Menocal.....	419	1999-02
13. Matt Wieters.....	418	2005-07
14. Steven Blackwood.....	414	2003-06
15. Luke Murton.....	413	2006-09

Career Games Played at Tech

1. Jason Varitek.....	253	1991-94
2. Victor Menocal.....	243	1999-02
3. Darren Bragg.....	242	1988-91
Brandon Hensley.....	242	1992-95
Steven Blackwood.....	242	2003-06
6. Jason Basil.....	230	1998-01
7. Andy Bruce.....	228	1988-91
8. Matthew Boggs.....	227	1998-02
9. K.G. White.....	224	1985-88
10. Keith Kever.....	221	1984-87
11. Brad Stockton.....	220	1998-01
12. Michael Sorrow.....	219	1993-96
13. Scott Byers.....	217	1993-96
14. Steve Newbern.....	210	1982-85
Bryan Prince.....	210	1998-01
16. Adam Easterling.....	206	1994-97
17. Luke Murton.....	204	2006-09

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Garofalo, for Power?

Jason Garofalo, who stands 5-8 and 160 lbs., doesn't look like he would be counted on for power, but the second baseman has made the most of his hits in 2009. "G," as he's referred to by his teammates, has played in 24 games, making 13 starts at second base. The Alpharetta native is batting .262 on the season, but nine of his 17 hits have been for extra bases, including a pinch-hit homer against Mercer in early March and a grand slam at Miami at the end of the month.

He has four doubles, two triples and three home runs to his credit this season, and stands seventh on the team with 17 RBI.

From Second Base to Pitcher...X2

In the outfield, on the infield or on the mound? If in the lineup, where do **Thomas Nichols** and **Patrick Long** appear? It's likely that where they begin the game isn't exactly where they will end up.

This season Nichols has served as a relief pitcher on six occasions, the starting left fielder three times, the starting second baseman on four occasions and the designated hitter 15 times. Of the three positions, his offense is best when he serves as the DH, as he's batting .348 with two HR and eight RBI in those 17 games.

Long was the Yellow Jackets' primary second baseman early on in the season, but his work out of the bullpen has been so valuable that he has spent more time toeing the rubber than he has digging in the batters box. He has started 16 games at second base in 2009 and made 12 appearances out of the bullpen.

Haniger Receives ACC Postgraduate Scholarship

Yellow Jacket senior **Jason Haniger** was one of 42 Atlantic Coast Conference scholar-athletes selected to receive an ACC Postgraduate Scholarship in 2009. He joins two other Georgia Tech student-athletes - football player Darryl Richard and softball standout Whitney Holler - on the list and is the ONLY baseball player among the league's 12 schools to receive the honor this season. The conference office will give Haniger \$5,000 to put towards a graduate degree, and the senior Santa Clara, Calif., native scheduled to receive his undergraduate degree in management this December. He currently has a 3.53 GPA and maintains a 3.80 GPA in his major classes.

Haniger Tabbed to Johnny Bench Award Watch List

One week after learning he'd received an ACC Postgraduate Scholarship, catcher **Jason Haniger** received word that he was one of 44 catchers named to the 2009 Coleman Company-Johnny Bench Award Watch List. The notification came two years after former Tech All-American Matt Wieters was a finalist for the award, and was the latest in a long list of honors Haniger has received his senior year.

The senior elected to return for his senior season despite being selected in the 2008 MLB Draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates. He currently bats third in the batting order, and has hit safely in all but one game this season.

Georgia Tech vs. In-State Opponents

Georgia Tech went 11-3 against teams from the state of Georgia in 2008 and has started the 2009 season with an 8-3 record against in-state foes. The Jackets have a total of 13 regular season games on the schedule against schools from Georgia this season.

Since 1999, the Yellow Jackets own a 97-32 (.752) record against its in-state foes. In 16 years under head coach Danny Hall, Tech is 141-49 (.742) against teams from Georgia.

Jackets Tested

The Yellow Jackets concluded one of the toughest stretches on the 2009 schedule with an exciting 11-6 victory over top-ranked Georgia a week ago in Athens. The Yellow Jackets played 12 games from March 27 through April 14, and while that may not seem like much (especially in today's 56-game schedule in a condensed amount of time), 10 of those 12 games were against teams ranked among the top-11 in the nation, with the other two coming against a Georgia Southern squad that appeared at No. 26 in the rankings. Tech concluded the 12-game stretch with a 6-5-1 record.

Ending the Six Year Drought

Prior to last Tuesday, the last time the Yellow Jackets faced the No. 1 team in the country, Miami came into Atlanta and swept a three-game series from Georgia Tech on a somber weekend in April, 2008. Prior to that series, the Yellow Jackets hadn't played a top-ranked team since the 2003 ACC Tournament, when Georgia Tech defeated consensus No. 1 Florida State on April 25, the final day of competition.

Georgia Tech's April 14th win over No. 1 Georgia was the first victory over a top-ranked opponent for the Yellow Jackets since that Florida State game in 2003.

Career Multiple Hit Games

Name	2	3	4	5+	Total
Luke Murton.....	44	21	3	-	68
Tony Plagman....	29	7	3	2	41
Jeff Rowland.....	30	8	2	-	40
Derek Dietrich....	27	9	-	-	36
Jason Haniger....	24	8	2	-	34
Chris House.....	17	5	-	-	22
Patrick Long.....	13	6	-	-	19
Thomas Nichols	14	2	-	-	16
Matt Skole.....	10	2	2	-	14
Jay Dantzler.....	6	2	-	-	8
Jason Garofalo..	5	2	-	-	7
Cole Leonida.....	3	2	-	-	5
Jeff Ussey.....	4	-	-	-	4
Evan Martin.....	2	-	-	-	2
Chase Burnette..	1	1	-	-	2
Matt Simonds....	1	-	-	-	1

Hitting Streaks

Name	Career Longest	'09 Long	Current
Jeff Rowland.....	16 ('09)	16	16
Jason Haniger....	15 ('08-'09)	14	2
Tony Plagman....	13 ('09)	13	13
Chris House.....	12 ('07)	4	2
Derek Dietrich....	12 ('08)	10	7
Luke Murton.....	12 ('08)	9	9
Patrick Long.....	8 ('07)	3	-
Matt Skole.....	9 ('09)	9	1
Jeff Ussey.....	7 ('07)	-	-
Thomas Nichols	7 ('08/'09)	7	7
Cole Leonida.....	5 ('08)	4	3
Jason Garofalo..	4 ('07)	3	3
Chase Burnette..	4 ('08)	3	-
Jay Dantzler....	3 ('09)	3	-
Brandon Miller..	3 ('09)	3	-
Jake Davies.....	3 ('09)	3	-
Evan Martin.....	2 ('09)	2	-
Jarrett Didrick..	2 ('09)	2	-
Matt Simonds....	2 ('09)	2	2
Connor Winn....	1 ('09)	1	1

Career Multiple RBI Games

Name	2	3	4	5+	Total
Luke Murton.....	30	9	8	3	50
Tony Plagman....	12	9	7	-	28
Derek Dietrich....	14	5	3	3	25
Jason Haniger....	9	5	2	1	17
Thomas Nichols	11	3	-	1	15
Jeff Rowland.....	9	1	-	1	11
Matt Skole.....	6	3	1	1	11
Chris House.....	6	2	1	-	9
Jay Dantzler....	3	3	-	-	6
Patrick Long.....	-	3	2	-	5
Jason Garofalo..	3	-	1	1	5
Chase Burnette..	1	1	-	-	3
Cole Leonida.....	2	1	-	-	3
Jeff Ussey.....	1	-	-	-	1
Matt Simonds....	-	-	-	1	1
Evan Martin.....	-	-	-	1	1
Connor Winn....	1	-	-	-	1

2009 Honors

Derek Dietrich, SS

- Golden Spikes Award Preseason Watch List
- Brooks Wallace Player of the Year Preseason Watch List
- Baseball America Preseason All-America (2nd Tm)
- NCBWA Preseason All-America (3rd Team)
- RecruitingCloser.com Preseason All-America (2nd Team)

Jason Haniger, C

- ACC Postgraduate Scholarship
- Johnny Bench Award Watch List
- Lowe's Senior CLASS Award Candidate
- Lowe's Senior CLASS Award Finalist
- Peach of an Athlete Nominee, Presented by the Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America
- Robert Cup Award, Georgia Tech

Deck McGuire, RHP

- Brooks Wallace Player of the Year Preseason Watch List
- ACC Pitcher of the Week, February 23
- Collegiate Baseball Insider Southeast Region Player of the Week, February 24
- RecruitingCloser.com Pitcher of the Week Listing, February 24

Jeff Rowland, CF

- ACC Player of the Week, April 20

Matt Skole, 3B

- ACC Player of the Week, March 24
- College Baseball Foundation National All-Star Lineup, March 24

Jackets in Season/Home Openers

With a 9-0 win over Lipscomb to start the season, Georgia Tech improved to 60-47-3 in season openers and 41-21-2 when the season opener occurs at home. The Yellow Jackets have fared well in season openers under head coach Danny Hall, posting a 12-4 record in such games since his arrival prior to the 1994 season. Tech has opened the season at home on just six occasions under Hall, going 5-1 in those contests.

The Yellow Jackets' home field has been good to them in home openers, as Georgia Tech has a sterling 76-29-3 record in its first game at home each season, and the Yellow Jackets have lost just one home opener (15-1) under Hall. That loss occurred in 2005 to crosstown rival Georgia State.

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Wrecked by Rain

The 2009 season has marked several rainouts for teams throughout the nation, and the Yellow Jackets have not been immune to the delays and cancellations. The latest cancellation came April 1, when Georgia Tech was scheduled to travel to Mercer for a single game. That came one week after Tech's highly-anticipated home showdown against No. 1-ranked Georgia was also cancelled due to rain.

This season, the Yellow Jackets have had five games cancelled due to weather - four to rain and the fifth, snow. Due to all of the cancellations, Georgia Tech has played fewer games than any other team in the ACC in 2009.

Jackets Receive Highest Ranking Since 2006

Riding a nine-game winning streak, the Yellow Jackets climbed to No. 3 in the March 16 Collegiate Baseball poll, marking Georgia Tech's highest ranking since the 2006 season. The Yellow Jackets remained at No. 3 in the polls in the two subsequent weeks with series victories at Virginia Tech and No. 2 Miami.

Tech climbed as high as No. 1 in the polls in 2006 before finishing the season ranked No. 7 by Baseball America and USA Today. Prior to the three weeks at No. 3 this season, the last time Tech was ranked as high as No. 3 was in the March 27 (2006) USA Today and Baseball America polls.

McGuire Honored for Opening Weekend Performance

With a 13-strikeout performance on opening day, sophomore **Deck McGuire** received the Atlantic Coast Conference's first ACC Pitcher of the Week honor for the 2009 season as well as College Baseball Insider's Region Player of the Week honors. He was also named to Recruiting Closer's Pitcher of the Week List and the Collegiate Baseball Foundation's National All-Star Lineup for Feb. 22. The Richmond, Va., native yielded just three hits and one walk through seven innings while combining on a three-hit shutout of the Bisons. His 13 strikeouts were the most by a Tech pitcher since the 2000 season, and eclipsed McGuire's previous career high of nine, set against Georgia in 2008.

Jackets in ACC Openers

With a win over Maryland on March 6, Georgia Tech improved to 21-9 in ACC openers. The Jackets have started conference play at home on all but four occasions since joining the league in 1980 and have now won four of their last five league openers, and 12 of 16 under head coach Danny Hall.

How the Yellow Jackets fare in the ACC opener typically indicates how they will finish their first ACC series. When Tech has won its ACC opener, the Yellow Jackets have gone on to win the three-game series every year since 1992. The same is true for when the Jackets have lost their ACC opener. Tech has swept the first ACC series of the season 10 times under Hall.

The Jackets have begun ACC play against the Terrapins three times since Hall's arrival in 1994, and on all three occasions they have not only won the opener, but they have swept the series.

Georgia Tech Cracks Preseason Top 25 for 16th Time Under Hall

Georgia Tech has been ranked in the preseason Top 25 by at least one of the major polls (*Baseball America*, *Collegiate Baseball*, *USA Today/Baseball Weekly*) in each of Danny Hall's 16 seasons as the Yellow Jackets' skipper. Tech has been a preseason Top 10 pick in six of the last 11 years and a top five selection in four of the last nine seasons.

Tech in the Preseason Polls Under Danny Hall

Year	BA	CB	BW	Final Rank	Notes
2009	20	12	12	???	
2008	-	25	-	-/24/24	NCAA Regional Runner-up
2007	12	11	11	-/-/-	
2006	4	11	7	7/8/7	College World Series
2005	19	13	15	10/10/10	NCAA Super Regional, ACC Regular Season & Tournament Champions
2004	5	4	6	10/11/12	NCAA Super Regional, ACC Regular Season Champions
2003	1	5	2	17/14/16	NCAA Regional, ACC Tournament Champions
2002	13	22	19	5/8/5	College World Series
2001	1	1	1	-/-/21	NCAA Regional
2000	9	9	8	6/10/10	NCAA Super Regional, ACC Regular Season & Tournament Champions
1999	9	2	7	-/-/-	
1998	14	12	19	19/15/20	NCAA Regional Runner-up
1997	6	10	10	17/10/11	NCAA Regional, ACC Regular Season Champions
1996	5	6	6	22/18/20	NCAA Regional Runner-up
1995	-	23	25	-/-/-	NCAA Regional
1994	1	2	3	2/2/2	College World Series Runner-up

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Among the Nation's Best

From the national player of the year watch list to preseason All-America, shortstop Derek Dietrich has been racking up preseason accolades, along with fellow sophomore teammate Deck McGuire. Listed below are the preseason honors for the Yellow Jackets.

- Sophomore SS **Derek Dietrich** - Golden Spikes Award Watch List; Brooks Wallace Player of the Year Watch List; Baseball America Preseason All-America (Second Team); NCBWA Preseason All-America (Third Team); RecruitingClosers.com Preseason All-America (Second Team)
- Sophomore RHP **Deck McGuire** - Brooks Wallace Player of the Year Watch List

Tech Picked to Finish Second in Coastal Division

Georgia Tech was picked to finish second in the Coastal Division race according to the 2009 ACC Preseason Coaches Poll, voted on by the league's 12 head coaches. Coastal Division leader North Carolina, who has earned a trip to Omaha each of the last three seasons, was the overall favorite, finishing with 72 votes, five ahead of Florida State, who led all Atlantic Division teams with 67 votes.

The Yellow Jackets (56 votes) and 2008 ACC Champion Miami (49 votes) followed North Carolina in the Coastal Division standings, with Virginia (34), Duke (24) and Virginia Tech (17) rounding out the list. Behind the Seminoles in the Atlantic Division race were Clemson (61), NC State (50), Wake Forest (33), Boston College (25) and Maryland (16).

Draft Dodgers

Six current Georgia Tech players have previously been drafted seven times 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 2009 list includes **Derek Dietrich** (3rd, Astros, 2007), **Jason Haniger** (19th, Pirates, 2008), **Brandon Miller** (33rd, Red Sox, 2008), **Luke Murton** (40th, Yankees, 2007; 33rd, Diamondbacks, 2008), **Mark Pope** (17th, Braves, 2008) and **Zach Von Tersch** (38th, Nationals, 2006).

In the Bigs

In 2008, Georgia Tech set an all-time high when 12 of its alumni baseball players appeared on major league rosters, breaking the previous season-high of 11, set in 2003.

Former All-America third baseman Mark Teixeira began the season in Atlanta as a member of the Braves before being traded to the Los Angeles Angels prior to the trade deadline. He signed an eight-year, \$180 million contract with the New York Yankees during the offseason.

Jason Varitek, one of three first-team All-Americans on Tech's 1994 team and the captain of the Red Sox, played his 11th full season in Boston, leading his team to the American League Championship Series. Nomar Garciaparra, another member of Tech's 1994 College World Series runner-up team, spent his third season in Los Angeles, helping the Dodgers to the National League Championship Series, while Jay Payton, his former Yellow Jacket teammate, played for the Baltimore Orioles for the second-straight season.

Matt Murton and Eric Patterson, teammates from 2001-02 at Georgia Tech, began their second year as Chicago Cubs teammates before being traded to the Oakland Athletics in a package deal.

Speaking of teammates, Marlon Byrd, in his second year with the Texas Rangers in 2008, welcomed a Major League newcomer to Arlington when former Yellow Jacket Brandon Boggs was called up in late April. Boggs proceeded to play in over 100 games for the Rangers, recording over 25 extra-base hits in his rookie campaign. Byrd wasn't too shabby himself for Texas, belting 10 home runs in addition to 28 doubles during the season.

He may not have been stationed in Arlington, but David Newhan made his state of Texas debut by playing over 60 games for the Houston Astros, while Kevin Cameron spent his second season with the San Diego Padres.

Micah Owings, the hard-hitting pitcher from Gainesville, Ga., began the season with the Arizona Diamondbacks, but finished the year as a member of the Cincinnati Reds.

And the final member of Tech's alumni class in the Majors in 2008? That would be none other than Jason Perry - who was released by Detroit during spring training, but picked up by the Braves organization. He spent the majority of the season between Mississippi and Richmond before making his major league debut July 4th. He became the first player in Atlanta history to record a triple in his first career at bat.

2009 Major League Assignments

- Marlon Byrd, Texas Rangers
- Nomar Garciaparra, Oakland Athletics
- Micah Owings, Cincinnati Reds
- Mark Teixeira, New York Yankees
- Jason Varitek, Boston Red Sox

2009 Minor League Assignments

- Charlie Blackmon, Class A - Modesto Nuts (COL)
- Brandon Boggs, Class AAA - Oklahoma City RedHawks (TEX)
- Kevin Cameron, Class AAA - Sacramento RiverCats (OAK)
- Wally Crancer, Class A - Frederick Keys (BAL)
- David Duncan, Class A - Lancaster JetHawks (HOU)
- Michael Fisher, Class A - Myrtle Beach Pelicans (ATL)
- Tyler Greene, Class AAA - Memphis Redbirds (STL)
- Tim Gustafson, Class A - Rome Braves, Disabled List (ATL)
- Chris Hicks, Class A - Lancaster JetHawks (HOU)
- Wes Hodges, Class AAA - Columbus Clippers (CLE)
- Jared Hyatt, Class AA - Frisco RoughRiders (TEX)
- Lee Hyde, Class A - Myrtle Beach Pelicans, Disabled List (ATL)
- Riccardo Ingram, Hitting Coach - Class AAA Rochester Red Wings (MIN)
- Jeff Kindel, Class AA - Tulsa Drillers (COL)
- Andrew Kown, Class A - Potomac Nationals (WAS)
- Andy Mitchell, Class AAA - Norfolk Tides (BAL)
- Matt Murton, Class AAA - Colorado Springs Sky Sox (COL)
- David Newhan, Player/Coach Class AAA - Lehigh Valley IronPigs (PHI)
- Mike Nickeas, Class AA - Binghamton Mets (NYM)
- Eric Patterson, Class AAA - Sacramento RiverCats (OAK)
- Danny Payne, Class A - Lake Elsinore Storm (SD)
- Jason Perry, Independent - Lancaster Barnstormers
- Whit Robbins, Class AA - New Britain Rock Cats (MIN)
- Brad Rulon, Class A - Charleston RiverDogs (NYA)
- Jeremy Slayden, Class AAA - Lehigh Valley IronPigs (PHI)
- Matt Wieters, Class AAA - Norfolk Tides (BAL)
- Blake Wood, Class AA - Northwest Arkansas Naturals (KC)
- More to come...*

2008 Minor League Assignments

- (Not all 2009 rosters have been completed - listing of where these players were in 2008)*
- Darren Bragg, Hitting Coach - Class A Dayton Dragons (CIN)
- Eddie Burns, Short A - Mahoning Valley Scrappers (CLE)
- Garrett Groce, Class A - Vero Beach Devil Rays (TB)
- Kevin Guyette, Extended Spring Training (BOS)
- Steve Kelly, Independent - Somerset Patriots
- Kyle Schmidt, Class A - Frederick Keys (BAL)

2009 Georgia Tech Baseball Signees

Signee	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
Luke Bard	RHP	R/R	6-2	182	Charlotte, NC (Charlotte Christian)
Tucker Barnhart	C	B/R	5-9	170	Brownsburg, Ind. (Brownsburg)
Clay Dalton	RHP/1B	R/R	6-3	185	Kennesaw, Ga. (North Cobb)
Buck Farmer	RHP	L/R	6-4	220	Conyers, Ga. (Rockdale Co.)
Ben McKinney	RHP/OF	R/R	6-1	170	Johnson City, Tenn. (Science Hill)
Crawford Simmons	LHP	L/L	6-1	175	Statesboro, Ga. (Statesboro)
Brandon Thomas	OF	B/R	6-3	185	Atlanta, Ga. (Pace Academy)