

Georgia Tech

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Baseball



#8 Georgia Tech vs. #6 Florida State

May 8-10
Atlanta, Ga.

Friday: 7 p.m. (SportSouth/AM 790 The Zone)

Saturday: 1 p.m. (RSN/AM 790 The Zone)

Sunday: 1 p.m. (SportSouthAM 790 The Zone)

Tech Record in 2009

Overall: 31-11-1; ACC: 14-7-1

Home: 19-5-1; Away: 12-6; Neutral: 0-0

Tech in the Polls

Baseball America: 9

Collegiate Baseball: 10

USA Today: 8

NCBWA: 10

Rivals.com: 9

Probable Starting Pitching

Friday: Deck McGuire - So., RHP (8-0, 2.51)

Saturday: Brandon Cumpton - So., RHP (3-1, 4.47)

Sunday: TBA

Head Coach Danny Hall

891-422-1 (.678), 22nd season overall

683-305-1 (.691), 16th season at Tech

256-144-1 (.640) 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

No. 8 Yellow Jackets Close Out Home Slate With No. 6 Florida State

Georgia Tech's eighth-ranked baseball team will close out their 2009 home slate by hosting No. 6 Florida State on a busy weekend at Russ Chandler Stadium. Game times are 7 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Prior to Friday's game, which is sponsored by St. Joseph's Hospital, the Yellow Jackets will recognize the Russ Chandler Stadium groundscrew, under the direction of Jon DeWitt, for their work on the field, which was selected by the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) as the 2008 National Collegiate Baseball Field of the Year. Then during the game, one lucky fan will win 10,000 sky miles, courtesy of Delta Airlines.

On Saturday, the Yellow Jackets will welcome back all former baseball alums in a pre-game ceremony. The alumni will take part in a pregame letterwinners picnic before joining the team on the field during batting practice. The first 400 fans through the gates will receive free #17 Danny Hall T-Shirt Jerseys, courtesy of Russell Athletic, while Delta Airlines will be giving away 10,000 more sky miles to a lucky winner during the game, which is sponsored by the U.S. Army.

The Jackets will wrap up the weekend Sunday afternoon, with the first 500 fans through the gates receiving free floppy hats, courtesy of Russell Athletic. Tech's pre-game festivities include recognizing the 2009 seniors, Jason Haniger, Chris House and Luke Murton, while mothers of this year's team will join the Yellow Jackets on the field for the national anthem in honor of Mother's Day.

Georgia Tech (31-11-1, 14-7-1) has won three straight, and four of its last six games, while Florida State (34-12, 18-7 ACC) enters the weekend riding a 14-game winning streak. As such, the Seminoles are ranked as high as sixth in the country (Collegiate Baseball), while the NCBWA (9), USA Today (10) and Rivals.com (10) all have Florida State ranked in the top-10.

The Yellow Jackets were a consensus preseason top-25 team who moved into the top-10 in the season's first official polls. Georgia Tech has been ranked as high as No. 3 this season (by Collegiate Baseball in March) and currently appears among the top-10 in all five polls, peaking at No. 8 in the USA Today/Coaches' Poll. Baseball America and Rivals.com has the Jackets listed at No. 9 in their respective polls, while Tech stands 10th in the Collegiate Baseball and NCBWA polls.

Probable Defensive Lineup

Pos.	No.	Player	B/T	Cl.	'09 Stats (Avg-HR-RBI-SB)	-Notes-
C	*29	Jason Haniger (DH)	R/R	Sr.	.331-7-41-2	2008 MLB Draft pick; co-captain; starts every game - C or DH
1B	*21	Tony Plagman	L/L	Jr.	.341-13-57-4	Excellent def. 1B; power to all fields; Leads team in RBI
2B	*13	Jason Garofalo	R/R	Jr.	.280-3-17-0	Scrappy defensive second baseman; Grand Slam vs. Miami
-or-	*11	Evan Martin (OF)	R/R	Fr.	.351-1-9-3	Plays nearly every position on the field; line drive hitter
3B	*16	Matt Skole	L/R	Fr.	.313-12-43-2	Power to all fields; 3rd on team in HR; started every game
SS	*32	Derek Dietrich	L/R	So.	.353-9-47-4	2007 MLB Draft pick; power hitter, 3 HR last weekend
LF	*6	Chris House	R/R	Sr.	.330-3-15-1	Co-captain; great defensive outfielder; line-drive hitter
CF	*4	Jeff Rowland	L/L	Sr.	.354-6-29-17	Excellent speed; leadoff hitter; CH 5 RBI vs. Maryland
RF	*34	Luke Murton	R/R	Sr.	.394-15-48-4	2007, 2008 MLB Draft pick; power hitter; Leads GT in HR
DH	*10	Thomas Nichols (3B/2B)	L/R	So.	.313-2-13-0	Will see time in LF and on the mound; W-0 HR in B9 v. Lip.
-or-	*20	Chase Burnette (LF)	L/L	So.	.368-6-20-0	Very good OF arm; patient hitter; 6-for-6, 3 HR, 9 RBI v. Presb.

[TOP RESERVES]

C	*3	Cole Leonida	R/R	So.	.313-4-12-0	Made 19 starts as a freshman, 18 in 2009
1B	*24	Jake Davies (DH)	L/L	Fr.	.300-1-2-0	Line-drive hitter from the left side; will see time on mound
2B	*14	Patrick Long	L/R	Jr.	.163-0-4-2	Plays both 2B and 3B; also sees time on the mound
IF	*1	Connor Winn	S/R	Fr.	.167-1-4-2	Great defensive middle IF; Played in 25 games in 2009
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	R	So.	8-0, 2.51, 71.2	Top midweek starter in 2008; 88 K in 2009; 16-1 career record
*28	Brandon Cumpton	R	So.	3-1, 4.47, 44.1	Earned five starts in 2008; Carried perfect game into 7th v. Presby.
*37	Jed Bradley	L	Fr.	2-2, 6.03, 31.1	Weekday starter; long reliever on weekends; CH 7K vs. KSU & UGA

[IN THE BULLPEN]

*9	Jacob Esch	R	Fr.	0-0/1, 5.09, 17.2	Late inning reliever, 5K in CH 4.0 IP vs. Western Carolina
*10	Thomas Nichols	R	So.	0-1, 13.37, 6.1	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.	5-1/7, 8.35, 18.1	2008 Draft Pick; Closer; Top-25 in the nation in saves, T-3rd in ACC
*27	Andrew Robinson	R	Jr.	0-0/1, 4.50, 28.0	Late inning pitcher on weekends; midweek starter; 18 app in 2009
*30	Zach Von Tersch	R	Jr.	6-2, 5.47, 52.2	Tall, lanky righty; Tech's No. 3 starter in 2008; CH 9K vs. Rutgers
*36	Kevin Jacob	R	So.	5-2, 5.23, 43.0	Made first weekend start vs. Miami; has started 7 gm in 2009
*24	Jake Davies	L	Fr.	2-0, 3.13, 23.0	Competitor with very good control; 20 app in 2009, Opp. BA: .216
*35	Zach Brewster	L	So.	0-1/1, 2.96, 24.1	Could close; Leads team with 24 app., Opp BA: .190; 24 K in 24.1 IP
*39	Taylor Wood	L	So.	0-0, 5.40, 8.1	Used in long relief on weekends; could see spot start midweek

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Pitching Matchup (Georgia Tech vs. Florida State)

Friday - 7 p.m.: RHP Deck McGuire (8-0, 2.51) vs. LHP Sean Gilmartin (9-1, 3.15)

Saturday - 1 p.m.: RHP Brandon Cumpton (3-1, 4.47) vs. LHP Brian Busch (4-2, 3.92)

Sunday - 1 p.m.: TBA vs. RHP Mike McGee (4-2, 4.22)

Senior RF **Luke Murton** (.394-15-48-4), junior 1B **Tony Plagman** (.341-13-57-4) and freshman 3B **Matt Skole** (.313-12-43-2) are powering the Yellow Jacket offense in 2009, while sophomore CF **Jeff Rowland** (.354-6-29-17), senior C **Jason Haniger** (.331-7-41-2) and senior LF **Chris House** (.330-3-15-1) have been hot of late.

Game Coverage

The entire series will be broadcast on television this weekend, with Friday and Sunday's games being aired on SportSouth while Saturday's contest, the ACC Game of the Week, will be carried on the conference's Regional Sports Network (FS South, Comcast SportsNet, SunSports, NESN). AM 790 The Zone will broadcast the entire series, while live stats will be available at Ramblinwreck.com.

Team Updates

Georgia Tech - For the sixth time this season, the Yellow Jackets had a game cancelled due to weather when the owners of AT&T Park cancelled Wednesday's contest against Tennessee due to rain and field conditions. The Yellow Jackets are coming off a three-game sweep of Presbyterian in which the offense came alive, batting .400 with 16 home runs and eight doubles while outscoring the Blue Hose, 48-13. Two of the Yellow Jackets' starting pitchers, Deck McGuire and Brandon Cumpton, held Presbyterian to just two hits in their outings, while Mark Pope, Zach Brewster, Thomas Nichols and Andrew Robinson all made scoreless appearances out of the bullpen over the weekend. Chase Burnette had a record-setting game in the finale, going 6-for-6 with three doubles, three home runs, seven runs scored and nine RBI, all of which tied single-game records at Georgia Tech. His 18 total bases in the game broke a 25-year old school record, and the sophomore outfielder/DH finished the weekend batting .667 (10-for-15) with 25 total bases in the three-game series. He overshadowed other great offensive performances by Luke Murton (.833, 5-for-6, 3 HR, 5 RBI, 8 R, 7 BB, 0 K), Derek Dietrich (.583, 7-for-12, 3 doubles, 3 HR, 9 RBI, 7 R) and Evan Martin (.500, 6-for-12) while the Tech bench batted .412 on the weekend.

Florida State - The Seminoles have secured the Atlantic Division title in the Atlantic Coast Conference, and Florida State enters the weekend looking to remain atop the league's overall standings. FSU has relied heavily on its explosive offense, led by Tyler Holt (.398-5-22-25), Mike McGee (.372-14-59-6) and Stephen Cardullo (.372-8-30-14), this season while Sean Gilmartin (9-1, 3.15 ERA) has been the Seminoles' top starting pitcher in 2009. McGee is leading the team in home runs and RBI, while Holt paces the 'Noles in hits (68), runs (65) and stolen bases. Florida State will be seeking its 15th-straight victory Friday night in Atlanta, as well as its 11th-straight ACC win.

How They Match Up

	-Batting-									-Pitching-				
	BA	R	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	K	SB	ERA	BB	SO	HR	BA
Georgia Tech	.328	395	90	13	89	198	59	315	44	4.62	170	393	33	.261
Florida State	.316	390	115	11	70	284	53	358	63	4.63	214	352	44	.258

Tech vs. Florida State (Florida State leads, 62-37)

The Seminoles will look to extend their winning streak against Georgia Tech to seven games Friday night, and enter the series with a 62-37 record against Georgia Tech. Florida State has swept the last two series against the Yellow Jackets after Georgia Tech swept the prior two series against the Seminoles (2005 and 2006). Tech's last victory against the 'Noles came in the 2006 series finale, when the Jackets pulled out an 8-7 win in Tallahassee. Since that game, Florida State has outscored Tech, 80-32, scoring in double figures in five of those six games.

The Yellow Jackets are 15-22 against the Seminoles when the two teams meet in Atlanta and 27-29 since head coach Danny Hall's arrival in 1994.

Home, Sweet Home

Georgia Tech will remain in the friendly confines of Russ Chandler Stadium this weekend, where it has had success both on the mound and off. The Yellow Jackets have performed remarkably well on the road this season, but a pair of Tech's starting pitchers and senior Luke Murton, in particular, would much rather play in front of a home crowd, according to their numbers this season.

Players	At Home (25 total games)	On the Road (18 total games)
Deck McGuire	5-0 (7 GP), 1.50 ERA, 17 BB, 63 K, .186 Opp BA	3-0 (4 GP), 4.70 ERA, 15 BB, 25 K, .247 Opp BA
Brandon Cumpton	2-0 (5 GP), 3.68 ERA, 6 BB, 33 K, .263 Opp BA	1-1 (4 GP), 6.00 ERA, 7 BB, 17 K, .328 Opp BA
Luke Murton	.422 avg., 33 R, 6 2B, 9 HR, 28 RBI, .560 OBP	.361 avg., 19 R, 6 2B, 2 HR, 20 RBI, .440 OBP

The Hall Era at Georgia Tech

Georgia Tech is 683-305-1 in 16 seasons under head coach Danny Hall, a winning percentage of .691 and an average of 42.7 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 256-144-1 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	31-11-1	14-7-1
Total	683-305-1	256-144-1

- NCAA Tournament
\$ - 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]	.....W, 5-4
25	Sat.	at Clemson ** [ACCS]	.....L, 5-8
26	Sun.	at Clemson ** [ACCS]	.....L, 3-6

MAY

1	Fri.	PRESBYTERIAN *	.....W, 16-2
2	Sat.	PRESBYTERIAN *	.....W, 9-8 (10)
3	Sun.	PRESBYTERIAN *	.....W, 23-3
6	Wed.	vs. Tennessee (AT&T Park)**	.....Cancelled (Rain)
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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Career Statistics vs. Florida State

	BATTERS	Avg.	AB	H	HR	RBI	SB
20	Chase Burnette	.000	1	0	0	0	0
22	Jay Dantzler	.000	5	0	0	0	1
32	Derek Dietrich	.182	11	2	0	1	0
13	Jason Garafalo	.000	3	0	0	0	0
29	Jason Haniger	.300	10	3	0	1	0
6	Chris House	.250	16	4	0	2	1
3	Cole Leonida	.000	2	0	0	0	0
14	Patrick Long	.316	19	6	0	1	3
34	Luke Murton	.158	19	3	0	4	0
10	Thomas Nichols	.250	8	2	0	2	0
21	Tony Plagman	.250	16	5	2	4	0
4	Jeff Rowland	.375	8	3	0	1	2

	PITCHERS	W-L-S	ERA	G	IP	ER
36	Kevin Jacob	0-0-0	10.80	1	1.2	2
25	Deck McGuire	0-0-0	0.00	1	1.0	0
41	Elliott Ogawa	0-0-0	0.00	1	0.2	0
27	Andrew Robinson	0-1-0	12.46	3	4.1	6
30	Zach Von Tersch	0-0-0	6.14	3	7.1	5
39	Taylor Wood	0-0-0	5.40	2	1.2	1

Yellow Jackets in the RPI

Georgia Tech enters the weekend ranked No. 4 in the nation in the latest Pseudo-RPI (source: *BoydWorld.com*). (The NCAA releases its RPI just once a week, and the Yellow Jackets are listed No. 3 in the official RPI released on April 26).

The Atlantic Coast Conference is well represented in the most updated RPI, with four teams ranked among the top 10 in the nation. North Carolina, ranked No. 1 in the country, leads all conference teams while Georgia Tech, Miami (5), Clemson (10), Virginia (12) and Florida State (16) all rank in the top-25. Only three ACC teams stand outside of the top-80.

Georgia Tech is scheduled to play no fewer than 18 games against teams that currently appear in the top-25 in the RPI, with 10 of those contests coming away from Russ Chandler Stadium. Tech is 8-8-1 against teams currently ranked in the top-25 in the RPI this season.

In terms of schedule strength, Georgia Tech's is ranked No. 6 while Florida State's schedule stands at No. 17 in the latest rankings.

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 and again when the APR was officially released May 6. 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. The baseball team's APR was 989.

McGuire, Dietrich Among USA Baseball National Team Trials Invitees

USA Baseball announced an initial invitee list for the 2009 USA Baseball National Team Trials, and Yellow Jacket sophomores **Deck McGuire** and **Derek Dietrich** were among the list of 17 college baseball players to receive invites. The National Team Trials, held at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, N.C., June 15-24, will be comprised of 36 players vying for 22 spots on the final roster, which will be announced June 24.

Dietrich Named to Brooks Wallace Shortstop Watch List

Yellow Jacket sophomore **Derek Dietrich** has been named to the initial watch list for the 2009 Brooks Wallace Award. For the first time since its creation in 2004, the Wallace Award will honor the country's finest shortstop after previously being given to the national player of the year. The list includes three shortstops from the Big 12, ACC, Big West and Conference USA.

McGuire Named to National Pitcher of the Year Watch List

Yellow Jacket sophomore **Deck McGuire** has been named to the initial watch list for the 2009 National Pitcher of the Year Award. Three conferences outpace the others in representation with the Big 12, ACC and SEC claiming a combined total of 21 pitchers. McGuire is 8-0 on the season and 16-1 in his two years as a Yellow Jacket.

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Haniger Tabbed 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.senior-classaward.com daily (through May 31) to vote, or they may text BSB6 to 839863.**

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 in late April. 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 183 (.661) ACC series, including 37 of its last 56 (.661) weekend series.

Bullish on the Bullpen

Georgia Tech's pitching staff is holding opponents to a .238 batting average and 3.60 ERA over the last 12 games, but those numbers are highlighted by the impressive play of the Yellow Jacket bullpen.

During that span, the bullpen has allowed just 13 earned runs in 42.2 IP, which translates to a 2.74 ERA. That encompasses 30 total appearances by 10 different Yellow Jacket pitchers, of which 19 have been scoreless outings with only five of the 19 runners that the 10 pitchers have inherited actually crossing the plate.

Bullpen Tale of the Tape

Overall	W-L	SV	ERA	IP	ER	Opp BA
Georgia Tech	8-4	10	4.50	156.0	78	.250
Opponents	5-8	8	9.20	179.0	183	.340

Bullpen Tale of the Tape

Last 12 Gms.	W-L	SV	ERA	IP	ER	Opp BA
Georgia Tech	2-1	2	2.74	42.2	13	.242
Opponents	1-1	2	9.25	59.1	61	.371

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
Clemson, Apr. 26	4.2	1	1.93	.143

Avoiding the Big Inning

A common theme in nine of the Yellow Jackets' 11 losses this season has been a big inning by Tech's opponent. In those nine 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 10-9. 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.

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	31-11-1	19-5-1
Total	1,084-495-1	700-191-1

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
Apr. 27.....	14	10	10	10	10	28-11-1
May 4.....	10	8	9	10	9	31-11-1

vs. Ranked Teams (6-6-1)

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/-).....	W, 5-4
4/25	Clemson (21/20/-/26/-).....	L, 5-8
4/26	Clemson (21/20/-/26/-).....	L, 3-6
5/8	Florida State (9/10/16/6/10).....	??????
5/9	Florida State (9/10/16/6/10).....	??????
5/10	Florida State (9/10/16/6/10).....	??????

Monthly Under Hall

Year.....	J/F	Mar.	Apr.	M/J	Final
2009.....	6-1	12-3	10-7-1	3-0	???
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	175-108-1	176-94	652-294
Pct.....	(.762)	(.764)	(.618)	(.652)	(.689)

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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 30 times this season. When the Yellow Jackets plate four or more in an inning, Georgia Tech is 18-2 in 2009.

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

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 89 home runs, which ranks seventh in the nation. Tech's 89 homers have come in 43 games (the fewest played by any ACC school this season), to give the Yellow Jackets an average of 2.07 home runs per game - the fourth-best mark in the country in 2009.

The Yellow Jackets have eclipsed the 90-home run mark just 10 times since the program began in the late 1800's. Six of those have been under Hall.

Tech is 30-6 this season when a Yellow Jacket hits a home run.

On the Offensive

Over the last 12 games, the Yellow Jacket offense has blistered opponents for 71 extra base hits while batting .365. Four starters are batting over .400 during that span, and eight Yellow Jackets have hit at least two home runs over the last 12 contests. The recent hot streak has raised the Jackets' batting average to .328 on the season, which ranks second in the league and would be the program's 10th-best mark if the season finished today.

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. Eight different Yellow Jackets have hit at least four home runs this season, led by the talented trio of Luke Murton (15), Tony Plagman (13) and Matt Skole (12), who have combined for 40 of the Jackets' 89 home runs in 2009.

Seventeen different players have hit home runs for Georgia Tech in 2009, including 13 that have hit more than one.

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 9.19 runs per game currently ranks 14th 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 seventh in the nation in slugging percentage, with 90 doubles, 13 triples and 89 home runs in 519 hits this season (37 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 9.14 batters per game, which is the 14th-best mark in the nation and third-best in the ACC in 2009.

Holding Opponents to 6 or Less

Georgia Tech is 25-4-1 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 25 games this season and are averaging 9.2 runs per game in 2009.

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 Wednesday afternoon, when Georgia Tech was scheduled to travel to Chattanooga for game against Tennessee at AT&T Park.

This season, the Yellow Jackets have had six games cancelled due to weather - five 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.

TECH'S TOP TEN TEAMS

Home Runs		
1.	119.....	1987
2.	107.....	1988
3.	103.....	1998
4.	97.....	1996
5.	95.....	1990
6.	93.....	1994
7.	92.....	2008
8.	91.....	1997
9.	90.....	1986
90.....	2006	
11.	89.....	2009

Batting Average		
1.	.347.....	2001
2.	.342.....	2000
3.	.341.....	1987
4.	.341.....	1984
5.	.337.....	1994
6.	.333.....	1985
	.333.....	2005
8.	.331.....	1983
9.	.330.....	2002
10.	.328.....	2009
11.	.321.....	1997

Runs Per Game		
1.	10.3.....	1984
2.	10.2.....	1987
3.	9.8.....	1983
4.	9.5.....	1994
	9.5.....	2001
6.	9.3.....	1997
	9.3.....	2005
8.	9.2.....	2000
9.	9.19.....	2009
10.	8.9.....	1985
11.	8.8.....	2004

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Career Winning Percentage

(Minimum - 10 wins)

1. **Deck McGuire**...16-1 .941...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

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
12. **Deck McGuire**...158/149.2...9.50...2008-09

Playing With a Full Deck

With eight wins this season, Yellow Jacket ace **Deck McGuire** has improved to 16-1 in his career. His .941 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 88 strikeouts this season, which is tops in the ACC and ranks 12th in the nation.

Only two former Yellow Jackets have recorded more wins while remaining undefeated in a season - Scott Erwin went 13-0 in 1988 and Mike Schisler posted a 9-0 record in 1973.

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 5-1 record with seven saves this season. Pope's seven saves are 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 nine occasions this season, the freshman has entered the game with at least one runner on base, and has allowed just two of the 18 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 8-1 on the season, and 4-1 in ACC games.

In those nine appearances, the Marietta, Ga., native has posted a 2.35 ERA, allowing just two runs on six hits while striking out eight. He has allowed just one walk - it was intentional - in his 7.2 total innings of work with runners on base, and is 4-0 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 18 runners upon his entry into games, allowing just two to score. He has a streak of nine-straight inherited runners that he's stranded. Brewster has inherited 23 runners in his 24 appearances this season, and he's allowed just six to score. Finally, Davies has inherited a team-high 26 runners this season, and the left-hander has allowed just four of those to score. He has a streak of seven-straight inherited runners that have been stranded on base.

Career Doubles at Tech

1. Jason Varitek.....82.....1991-94
2. Scott Byers.....70.....1993-96
3. Jason Basil.....66.....1998-01
4. **Luke Murton**.....61.....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
- Luke Murton**.....42.....2006-09

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 12 more this season, the outfielder has climbed to fourth place in the Tech annals.

Speaking of Murton's power numbers, with 15 home runs this season, the Yellow Jacket right fielder has moved into a tie for fifth in the school record books with 42 home runs in his career. He has hit more home runs than any other Tech player over the last 12 years.

He also stands 10th in Tech's career RBI listing (186), tied for ninth with 438 total bases and 23rd with 243 hits from 2006-present. (See page seven of notes for additional standings)

In mid-April, he became just the 21st player in school history to compete in 200 games. He currently stands tied for 14th with 210 appearances in his career and ranks 16th with 763 career at bats.

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 Hostetler.....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 Hostetler.....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

Tech's Record in 2009 When...

At home.....	19-5-1
On the road.....	12-6-0
At neutral sites.....	0-0-0
Home ACC games.....	6-3-1
Road ACC games.....	8-4-0
Neutral ACC games.....	0-0-0
vs. Top 25 (all polls).....	6-6-1
Day games.....	15-5-1
Night games.....	16-6-0
One-run games.....	6-3-0
Three runs or fewer.....	11-7-0
vs. Left-handed starters.....	12-3-0
vs. Right-handed starters.....	19-8-1

Leading/tied after five innings.....	29-3-0
Trailing after five innings.....	2-8-1
Leading after eight innings.....	25-1-1
Tied after eight innings.....	2-0-0
Trailing after eight innings.....	2-10-0
Extra innings.....	2-0-0
Scoring first.....	19-5-0
Scoring in the first inning.....	13-6-0
Scoring five or more runs.....	31-9-0
Allowing five or fewer runs.....	22-1-1
Out-hitting opponents.....	25-2-0
Tech gets 10 hits or more.....	26-5-0
Walk four or fewer batters.....	20-4-1
Tech hits a home run.....	30-6-0
Committing one or no errors.....	23-4-1

In February.....	6-1-0
In March.....	12-3-0
In April.....	10-7-1
In May.....	3-0-0
In June.....	0-0-0
on Tuesday.....	5-2-0
on Wednesday.....	4-2-0
on Friday.....	9-1-0
on Saturday.....	8-3-0
on Sunday.....	5-3-1
Following a loss.....	8-2-1

In televised games.....	2-2-0
In ACC Select/online video contests.....	12-5-0
Wins in the last at-bat.....	6

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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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 fortunate - 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 .458 with 12 home runs, five doubles and 29 RBI in his last 20 games and is currently riding a 15-game hitting streak in which he's batting .444 (24-for-54) with eight home runs, 21 runs scored and 20 RBI.

Takin' it to the House

Chris House is having the best year of his career in his final season on the Flats. The senior left fielder has been nearly unstoppable of late and enters the weekend batting .393 (11-for-28) with five RBI in his last eight games. House has started 15 of the last 16 games in left field for the Yellow Jackets, and is batting .407 with two home runs, four doubles, 12 runs and 11 RBI during that 16-game span.

Leonida's Wait Pays Off

Cole Leonida has spent the last two years as a backup to Jason Haniger, but his wait has been well worth it. The Colorado native has spent the time improving his offense, and the Yellow Jackets are reaping the benefits. As a freshman in 2008, Leonida batted .145 with two home runs and a pair of doubles in 26 appearances. He is batting .313 with four homers, three doubles and 12 RBI in his 22 game appearances this season, thanks in part to the current hot streak he's on.

Leonida is batting .500 (9-for-18) with four runs and four RBI over his last five games, and the Yellow Jacket backstop has hit safely in six of his last eight games, going 11-for-29 (.379) with a pair of home runs and a double during that span.

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 seven occasions, the starting left fielder three times, the starting second baseman on five 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 14 games at second base in 2009 and made 12 appearances out of the bullpen.

Milestones Ahead

- * Jay Dantzer is four games shy of the 100th of his career - he has played in 96 games since the start of 2007.
- * Patrick Long is four hits shy of eclipsing 100 in his career - he has recorded 96 hits since 2007.
- * Tony Plagman needs three more home runs to appear in the top-20 in Tech's career record books - he has hit 31 homers in his 2+ years at Tech.
- * Andrew Robinson has pitched in 63 games since 2007 - He needs just three more appearances to crack the top-20.
- * Jeff Rowland needs three more runs scored to eclipse 100 for his career. He has crossed the plate 97 times since the beginning of the 2008 season.

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. Luke Murton.....	186	.....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
Luke Murton.....	438	.....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
4. 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 Kerver.....	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
Luke Murton.....	210	.....2006-09

Career Hits at Tech

1. Jason Varitek.....	351	.....1991-94
2. Victor Menocal.....	327	.....1999-02
3. Scott Jordan.....	294	.....1982-85
4. Jason Basil.....	289	.....1998-01
5. Jay Payton.....	287	.....1992-94
6. Steven Blackwood.....	283	.....2003-06
7. Brandon Hensley.....	281	.....1992-95
8. Andy Bruce.....	278	.....1988-91
Bryan Prince.....	278	.....1998-01
10. K.G. White.....	273	.....1985-88
11. Mark Fischer.....	271	.....1995-97
12. Steve Newbern.....	267	.....1982-85
Scott Byers.....	267	.....1993-96
14. Carlton Fleming.....	264	.....1990-92
15. Matthew Boggs.....	260	.....1998-02
16. Richard Lewis.....	259	.....1999-01
17. Ty Griffin.....	255	.....1986-88
18. Matt Wieters.....	253	.....2005-07
19. Keith Kerver.....	252	.....1984-87
20. Darren Bragg.....	250	.....1988-91
Nomar Garciaparra.....	2501992-94
22. Eric Patterson.....	2442002-04
23. Luke Murton.....	2432006-09

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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
Jeff Rowland.....	39	2008-09

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 20th in history with 39 swipes in his first two years.

The Tech leadoff hitter finished the 2008 season with 22 stolen bases and has already swiped 17 this year. He needs just five more stolen bases to move into the top-20 in Tech's single-season record books.

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 36 different lineup cards through 43 games this season. On only one occasion has he used the same lineup more than twice. (*Lineups listed on page 12 of notes*)

Road Warriors

Georgia Tech has played 18 games away from Russ Chandler Stadium, including a string of seven over a nine-game span in late March and nine over a 10-game span in mid-April. While several teams struggle when they hit the road,

the opposite is actually true for this Yellow Jacket squad.

Tech is 12-6 on the road and 19-5-1 at Russ Chandler Stadium. Of the eight Yellow Jackets that have started at least 20 games this season, seven have actually posted higher batting averages away from the Rusty C than they do at home. As a team, the Jackets are batting .328 while scoring 8.5 runs per game on the road, as compared to .328 with 9.7 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 Tech's weekend starters have posted better ERA's at home, the team as a whole owns a 4.50 ERA on the road vs. a 4.70 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 2.51 ERA while opponents are batting just .228 in 68.0 innings against them on the road. Conversely, Tech's bullpen owns a 6.03 ERA at home while opponents are batting .266 against them in 88.0 innings at the Rusty C.

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 - golfer David Dragoo and softball standout Whitney Haller - 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. After registering a 4.0 GPA this spring semester, he currently has a 3.53 overall GPA and maintains a 3.80 GPA in his finance (minor/certificate) classes.

Haniger Tapped 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 12 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 ended one of the toughest stretches on the 2009 schedule with an 11-6 victory over top-ranked Georgia in Athens in mid-April. The Yellow Jackets played 12 games from March 27 through April 14, and 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.

Career Multiple Hit Games

Name	2	3	4	5+	Total
Luke Murton.....	47	22	3	-	72
Tony Plagman.....	29	8	3	2	42
Jeff Rowland.....	32	8	2	-	42
Derek Dietrich....	29	11	-	-	40
Jason Haniger....	25	8	2	-	35
Chris House.....	18	5	-	-	23
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.....	3	1	-	-	4
Chase Burnette..	1	2	-	1	4
Matt Simonds....	1	-	-	-	1

Hitting Streaks

Name	Career Longest	'09 Long	Current
Jeff Rowland.....	18 ('09)	18	3
Jason Haniger....	15 ('08-'09)	14	2
Luke Murton.....	15 ('09)	15	15
Tony Plagman....	13 ('09)	13	1
Derek Dietrich....	13 ('09)	13	13
Chris House.....	12 ('07)	5	2
Patrick Long.....	8 ('07)	3	-
Matt Skole.....	9 ('09)	9	3
Jeff Ussey.....	7 ('07)	-	-
Thomas Nichols	7 ('08/'09)	7	-
Cole Leonida.....	5 ('08)	4	-
Jason Garofalo..	4 ('07/'09)	4	4
Chase Burnette..	4 ('08/'09)	4	4
Jay Dantzler....	3 ('09)	3	-
Brandon Miller..	3 ('09)	3	-
Jake Davies.....	3 ('09)	3	-
Evan Martin.....	3 ('09)	3	3
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.....	31	9	9	3	52
Tony Plagman....	13	9	7	1	30
Derek Dietrich....	14	5	4	4	27
Jason Haniger....	10	5	2	1	18
Thomas Nichols	11	3	-	1	15
Matt Skole.....	8	4	1	1	14
Jeff Rowland.....	9	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	2	-	1	5
Cole Leonida.....	2	1	-	-	3
Evan Martin.....	-	1	-	1	2
Jeff Ussey.....	1	-	-	-	1
Matt Simonds....	-	-	-	1	1
Connor Winn....	1	-	-	-	1

2009 Honors

Chase Burnette, OF/DH

- College Baseball Foundation National All-Star Lineup, May 4

Derek Dietrich, SS

- Golden Spikes Award Preseason Watch List
- Brooks Wallace Player of the Year Preseason Watch List (now changed to SS Award Only)
- Brooks Wallace Shorstop of the Year Award Watch List
- Baseball America Preseason All-America (2nd Tm)
- NCBWA Preseason All-America (3rd Team)
- RecruitingCloser.com Preseason All-America (2nd Team)
- USA National Team Trials Invitee

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 (now changed to SS Award Only)
- 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
- USA National Team Trials Invitee

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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Ending the Six Year Drought

Prior to that game against Georgia, the last time the Yellow Jackets faced the No. 1 team in the country was in April, 2008, when Miami came into Atlanta and swept a three-game series from Georgia Tech on a somber weekend. 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.

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
 Kevin Cameron, Oakland Athletics
 Nomar Garciaparra, Oakland Athletics, Disabled List
 Tyler Greene, St. Louis Cardinals
 Matt Murton, Colorado Rockies
 Micah Owings, Cincinnati Reds
 Eric Patterson, Oakland Athletics
 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)
 Eddie Burns, Class A - Lake County Captains (CLE)
 Wally Crancer, Class A - Frederick Keys (BAL)
 David Duncan, Class A - Lancaster JetHawks (HOU)
 Michael Fisher, Class A - Myrtle Beach Pelicans (ATL)
 Tim Gustafson, Class A - Rome Braves (ATL)
 Chris Hicks, Class A - Lancaster JetHawks (HOU)
 Wes Hodges, Class AAA - Columbus Clippers (CLE)
 Jared Hyatt, Class AAA - Oklahoma City RedHawks (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)
 David Newhan, Player/Coach Class AAA - Lehigh Valley IronPigs (PHI)
 Mike Nickeas, Class AAA - Buffalo Bisons (NYM)
 Danny Payne, Class A - Lake Elsinore Storm (SD)
 Jason Perry, Class AA - Montgomery Biscuits (TB)
 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)

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)