



## Quick Facts

Official Name	Georgia Institute of Technology
Location	Atlanta, Ga.
Founded	1885
Enrollment	21,000
Colors	Old Gold and White
Nicknames	Yellow Jackets, Rambling Wreck
Official Athletics Website	Ramblinwreck.com
Conference	Atlantic Coast (ACC)
President	Dr. G.P. "Bud" Peterson
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2016 National Rank	42nd Golfstat/38th Golfweek
2016 ACC Finish	4th
2016 NCAA Regional Finish	t7th
2016 NCAA Finals	n/a
ACC Championships	15
(1985-91-92-93-94-99-2001-02-06-07-09-10-11-12-14-15)	
NCAA Regional Championships	Five
(1991-98-99-2002-15)	
NCAA Top-8 Finishes	17
Highest NCAA Finish	2nd in 1993, 2000, '02, '05
NCAA Finals Appearances	28
(1947-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15)	
All-America Honorees	63

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## 2016 National Rankings

Golfstat	42
Golfweek/Sagarin Index	38 (strength of schedule=20)
Head-to-Head	83-64-5
vs. Top 100	48-60-2
vs. Top 50	30-52-2
vs. Top 25	14-40-1

Individuals	Golfstat	GW/Sagarin
James Clark	nr	289
Michael Hines	nr	614
Jacob Joiner	184	221
Tyler Joiner	nr	nr
Chris Petefish	nr	238
Michael Pisciotta	nr	nr
Vincent Whaley	107	81

# GEORGIA TECH GOLF INFORMATION



## 2015-16 GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS

Back row (from left) – Assistant Jeff Pierce, Anton Serafini, Vincent Whaley, Michael Pisciotta, Michael Hines, head coach Bruce Heppler. Front row (from left) – Tyler Joiner, Jacob Joiner, James Clark, Chris Petefish

## 2015-16 Roster

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/High School
James Clark	5-9	120	So.	Columbus, Ga./Brookstone HS
Michael Hines	5-11	145	r-Jr.	Acworth, Ga./Kell HS
Jacob Joiner	6-0	158	So.	Leesburg, Ga./home schooled
Tyler Joiner	5-11	165	Fr.	Leesburg, Ga./home schooled
Chris Petefish	6-0	150	So.	Danville, Calif./Scottsdale [Ariz.] Christian Academy
Michael Pisciotta	6-0	155	So.	Alpharetta, Ga./Alpharetta HS/National HS
Anton Serafini	6-1	180	Fr.	Lake Masry, Fla./Lake Mary Prep
Vincent Whaley	6-1	195	Jr.	McKinney, Texas/McKinney Boyd HS

**Head Coach:** Bruce Heppler (Brigham Young, 1985), 21st year

**Associate Head Coach:** Jeff Pierce (Morehead State, 2009), 1st year

Pisciotta = puh-SHO-tuh

Serafini = serra-FEE-nee

## 2015-16 Schedule

Sept. 11-13	Carpet Capital Collegiate, Rocky Face, Ga. (The Farm Golf Club)	5th/15
Sept. 25-27	DICK'S Sporting Goods Collegiate Challenge Cup, Kingston Springs, Tenn. (Golf Club of Tennessee)	7th/12
Oct. 16-18	United States Collegiate Championship, Alpharetta, Ga. (Golf Club of Georgia)	5/17
Nov. 1-3	Kiawah Classic, Kiawah Island, S.C. (Turtle Point Golf Club)	10th/22
Feb. 4-6	Amer Ari Invitational, Waikola, Hawai'i (Waikaloa Resort - Kings Course)	12th/19
Feb. 21-23	Puerto Rico Classic, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico (Westin Rio Mar Resort - River Course)	6th/15
Mar. 21-22	Valspar Collegiate Invitational, Palm City, Fla. (The Floridian Golf & Yacht Club)	14th/15
Mar. 26	vs. Vanderbilt (Farmlinks Collegiate Match Play, Sylacauga, Ala.)	L, 3-2-1
Mar. 26	vs. Alabama (Farmlinks Collegiate Match Play, Sylacauga, Ala.)	L, 4-1-1
Apr. 1-3	Clemson Invitational, Salem, S.C. (The Cliffs at Keowee Falls)	2nd/12
Apr. 9-10	Princeton Invitational, Princeton, N.J. (Springdale Golf Club)	3rd/15
Apr. 22-24	ACC Championship, New London, N.C. (Old North State Club)	4th/12
May 16-18	NCAA Tucson Regional, Marana, Ariz. (Gallery Golf Club)	t7th/14
M. 27-J. 1	NCAA Championship, Eugene, Ore. (Eugene Country Club)	n/a

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Georgia Tech's golf team headed West for its NCAA regional, for the second straight year joining 13 other teams for the Tucson Regional at the Gallery at Dove Mountain in Marana, Ariz. For just the third time since regional play was introduced in 1989, the Yellow Jackets did not advance through the regional, thing for seventh place.

## Team Update

Georgia Tech was ranked No. 42 in the latest Golfstat rankings and No. 38 in the Golfweek/Sagarin Index following NCAA regional competition. The Yellow Jackets finished third (Princeton Invitational) and second (Clemson Invitational) in their last two tournaments, their best showings in a spring that has been difficult, then finished fourth in a stacked ACC Championship field in which the Yellow Jackets outplayed four teams ranked ahead of them nationally.

The Yellow Jackets finished 14th out of 15 teams in a loaded field and logged their highest score of the year (905, +53) at the Valspar Collegiate Invitational, three weeks after posting their lowest score of the year (857, -7) in a sixth-place finish at the Puerto Rico Classic.

Tech had a 83-64-5 won-loss record cumulatively against a schedule rated the 15th-toughest in the country, and a 14-40-1 mark against top-25 teams. Only top-ranked Texas and No. 5 Stanford faced more top-25 teams than have the Yellow Jackets.

The Yellow Jackets posted high finishes of fifth place at the Carpet Capital Collegiate and the United States Collegiate Championship in the fall.

## Tech Lineup

Tech's top five players in terms of scoring average competed in the ACC Championship and the NCAA Tucson Regional, led by junior Vincent Whaley (McKinney, Texas), who had three top-5 finishes to his credit this year, including a victory at the Clemson Invitational. He also tied for fifth at the Amer Ari Invitational with a career-low score of 207 (-9) and tied for ninth at the Princeton Invitational. He was ranked No. 79 in the Golfweek/Sagarin Index, and led the Jackets with a 72.16 stroke average and a 72.2 won-loss percentage.

Also in the starting five were sophomore Chris Petefish (Danville, Calif.), who led the Jackets (T-7) at the ACC Championship and tied for ninth in Puerto Rico. He ranked second on the team in stroke average (73.48). He also tied for 17th in the NCAA Tucson Regional along with Whaley and Jacob Joiner.

Joiner, a sophomore from Leesburg, Ga., who won the Carpet Capital Collegiate in the fall, had four other top-20 finishes, including a tie for 11th at the Puerto Rico Classic and a tie for 12th at Princeton this spring. He finished second on the team in won-loss percentage and third in stroke average (73.68).

Sophomore James Clark (Columbus, Ga.), who had one top-10 finish (Clemson) and a 73.77 stroke average, and junior Michael Hines (Acworth, Ga.), with a 75.38 average in eight events, completed the Tech travel team.

## Tee Shots

- The seven players on Georgia Tech's roster collectively have played 329 rounds in their collegiater careers, compared to 475 rounds by last year's starting five in the NCAA Championship and 537 by the 2013-14 NCAA quintet.

- Three of Tech's players had played in an NCAA regional or championship. The 2015 regional unit included Chris Petefish (T-14), James Clark (T-29) and Vincent Whaley (T-49). At the NCAA Championship, Whaley tied for 33rd, Petefish finished solo 53rd and Clark tied for 54th.

- According to the Golfweek/Sagarin ratings, Tech faced the 15th-most difficult schedule in Division I (last year's team played the ninth-most difficult) -- Tech went 14-40-1 vs. the nation's

top 25 teams, 30-52-3 vs. the top 50, 48-60-3 vs. the top 100.

- Tech finished fourth (ACC Championship), third (Princeton Invitational) and second (Clemson Invitational) in its last three events leading into the NCAA regional, but no higher than fifth in any event prior to that in 2015-16.

- Tech's team scoring average for the year is 290.14, nearly six strokes higher than last year's 284.90, almost nine shots higher than last year's 282.2.

- Tech's top two players in the Golfweek/Sagarin rankings were Vincent Whaley (79) and Jacob Joiner (239). Four members of last year's lineup finished in the top 150 - Schniederjans at No. 8, Albertson at No. 37, Petefish as 114 and Whaley at No. 143.

- Tech's best score of the year was 857 (-7) at the Puerto Rico Classic.

- Georgia Tech has played in the NCAA Championship finals 28 times, and 27 times since 1985.

## Tech Again Receives APR Public Recognition

Georgia Tech's golf team was among four Yellow Jacket teams that were publicly honored by the NCAA for being among the top 10 percent in Academic Progress Rates (APR). The four teams — football, golf, men's swimming & diving and volleyball — are the second-most honorees for Georgia Tech and the most since 2013.

Bruce Heppler's golf program earned a perfect four-year APR score of 1000 and has done so every year since its inception. Tech's golf program has received an APR Public Recognition Award every year since the APR's inception in 2006. Georgia Tech is one of only three ACC golf programs to receive an APR award every year.

The APR measures eligibility, graduation and retention each term and provides a clear picture of the academic performance for each team in every sport.

The APR is an annual scorecard of academic achievement calculated for all Division I sports teams nationally. The most recent APR scores are based on the 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 academic years. This year marks the 12th year of APR data for most teams.

## Tech Signs Four in Class of 2016

Georgia Tech has signed four highly-regarded junior golf prospects from the class of 2016 - **Andy Ogletree** of Little Rock, Miss., **Luke Schniederjans** of Powder Springs, Ga., **Anton Serafini** of Lake Mary, Fla., and **Tyler Strafaci** of Davie, Fla.

Ogletree is ranked No. 25 nationally and No. 11 in the class of 2016 by the Junior Golf Scoreboard. He is the top-ranked player in his class in the state of Mississippi and No. 2 overall. In 2015, Ogletree finished 23rd in the Western Junior, 24th in the Junior Players and 24th in the Foot Joy Junior, made it to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship and shot a 65 in a sectional qualifier to reach the U.S. Amateur. Named to the Jackson (Miss.) Clarion-Ledger all-state first team in 2015, Ogletree won medalist honors four straight years in the class AA state championship playing at Union High School.

An all-state performer in Georgia in 2014 and 2015 at Harrison High School, **Schniederjans** helped the Hoyas to three class AAAAAA regional titles from 2013 to 2015. He graduated from Harrison before his senior season. On the junior circuit, Schniederjans is ranked No. 110 nationally among all classes, No. 6 in Georgia in his class, having earned four victories in junior events and 18 top-10 finishes overall in the last three years. In 2016, Schniederjans has won the Amelia Island Junior Open in the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour, tied for seventh at the Florida Azalea Amateur and tied for 19th at the Puerto Rico Junior Open, an American Junior Golf Association event.

Ranked 12th among junior golfers in the state of Florida, **Serafini** posted nine top-10 finishes in junior tournaments over

the last three years, including three top-5 finishes in the Florida Boys Junior Championship. He also tied for ninth place in stroke play and made the round of 16 in the 2014 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship. He is ranked No. 147 nationally in the Junior Golf Scoreboard and No. 167 in the Golfweek/Sagarin junior ratings. Serafini led Lake Mary Prep to a pair of Florida state high school championships (2013, 2015) and was the individual runner-up in 2013. He won the 2015 district and regional champion and made the 2013, 2014 and 2015 all-Central Florida boys team.

An honorable mention Rolex Junior All-American in 2015, **Strafaci** is ranked 19th nationally and sixth in the class of 2016 in the Junior Golf Scoreboard. He is the top-rated class of 2016 player in the state of Florida and No. 3 overall. In 2015, he has logged a pair of victories, another top-5 finish, seven top-10s and 11 top-20s out of 14 junior events in 2015. Strafaci captured victories in sectional qualifying tournaments for the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Junior Amateur, and reached the round of 32 in match play at the U.S. Junior Amateur. Captain of his high school team, Strafaci led American Heritage to the 2012 and 2014 Florida state championship and runner-up finishes in 2013 and 2015. He won the individual state title in 2015.

## Tech's NCAA Championship History

Georgia Tech has reached the NCAA Championship finals 27 times since 1985 (28th time in program history), which is tied for fourth most in that time period behind Oklahoma State (31), Florida (30), Arizona State (29) and Texas (28). Tech has posted nine top-8 finishes in the last 14 tries. (*Tech played in NCAA regionals in 2008, 2012 and 2015 but did not advance.*)

The Yellow Jackets tied for 10th in 2009, the first-year of the stroke-play/match-play format, but qualified for match play each of the last four times they have advanced to the NCAA Championship (third in 2010, second in 2011, second in 2013, fifth in 2014). Tech did not advance out of its regional in 2012.

Tech has lost to the eventual champion three times in its first three forays into match play - Augusta State by the score of 3-2 in the quarterfinals in 2010 and 2011 and to Alabama (3-0-2) in 2013.

Tech has been the runner-up in the NCAA Championship four times (1993, 2000, 2002 and 2005), more than any team in the history of the championship except Houston, Michigan, Texas and Wake Forest, who also have four, and Oklahoma State, which has five.

In 1993 and 2002, the Yellow Jackets led after 54 holes, but finished second by one shot to Florida in 1993, and by four shots to Minnesota in 2002.

In 2000, the Yellow Jackets rallied to tie Oklahoma State after 72 holes, but lost to the Cowboys on the first hole of a playoff. Tech and OSU matched the lowest 72-hole team score in NCAA Championship history (36-under-par 1,116) at the Grand National Lake Course in Opelika, Ala. In 2005, Tech finished 11 shots behind Georgia, and seven shots ahead of third-place Washington.

Since Bruce Heppler became Tech's coach, the Jackets have finished in the top 8 11 times, with one 10th-place and one 11th-place finish.

Three Tech players have won national collegiate championships. Troy Matteson did it most recently in 2002 at Ohio State. Watts Gunn (1927) and Charlie Yates (1934) won national titles under a match play format before the NCAA took sponsorship of the championship in 1939.

Other top-10 finishers for Tech include David Duval (runner-up in 1991 and 1993, T-8 in 1990), Bill McDonald (T-2 in 1988), Bunky Henry (2nd in 1967), Roberto Castro (3rd in 2005), Nacho Gervas (T-3 in 1986), Paul Haley (T9 in 2010), Kris Mikkelsen (T-4 in 2001), Stewart Cink (T-5 in 1994), Bryce Molter (6th in 1998), Matt Weibring (6th in 2000), James White (T8 in 2011) and Ollie Schniederjans (T8 in 2013 and 2nd in 2015).

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## Tech and NCAA Match Play

The 2009 NCAA Championship featured a new twist with the team champion determined via match play. The top eight teams after 54 holes of stroke play advance to a match play tournament format.

This year's format has added a fourth round of stroke play for the top 15 teams and nine individuals not on those teams, after which the national individual champion and the top eight teams for match play will be determined.

It is a format that Bruce Heppler has supported vigorously. Under Heppler, Georgia Tech finished in the top eight of the NCAA Finals seven times in 10 tries under the 72-hole, stroke-play format. Tech is one of only two teams (Oklahoma State is the other) to have advanced to match play four times in the six years the current format has been in effect.

In the stroke-play/match play era, the Yellow Jackets have finished 10th, third, second, second and fifth, respectively, in the stroke-play portion the NCAA Championship in five tries (Tech did not advance out of its regional in 2012). Tech has lost to the eventual national champion three of the four times has qualified for match play (Augusta State in the 2010 and 2011 quarterfinals, Alabama in the 2013 semifinals).

Tech has had success in other match-play events in recent years, reaching the finals of the Callaway Collegiate Match Play Championship four times in six appearances.

## Tech in NCAA Regional Competition

Georgia Tech has advanced through an NCAA regional 23 times in 26 tries, and all but twice since the NCAA went to a six-regional qualifying format in 2009. Head coach Bruce Heppler's teams have won five regional tournaments outright, most recently in 2014, and tied for one other.

The NCAA began using regional qualifying tournaments in 1989, first with the 81 teams split among three sites (27 teams each), then with six sites with either 13 or 14 teams each beginning in 2009. Since the NCAA went to six regional sites in 2009, Tech has finished third (Bowling Green, Ky.), third (Milton, Ga.), tied for third (Radford, Va.), sixth/did not advance (Norman, Okla.), fourth (Tallahassee, Fla.), first (Raleigh, N.C.), third (San Diego) and tied for seventh/did not advance (Tucson).

Tech's first four victories all occurred in 27-team regionals in 1991 (New Haven, Conn.), 1998 (Daufuskie Island, S.C.), 1999 (Providence, R.I.) and 2002 (Roswell, Ga., tied with Clemson). Only the 2014 win occurred in a 13-team field.

## Georgia Tech Match Play History

While match play in college golf may be infrequent, Georgia Tech is no stranger to it, having participated in six regular season match play events since 2001, as well as three times in the five years the NCAA has utilized match play to determine its champion. Here is a history of Tech's participation.

- 2016 FarmLinks Collegiate Match Play Championship - I. Vanderbilt, 4-1-1, I. Alabama, 3-2-1
- 2014 NCAA Championship - I. Oklahoma State, 4-0-1
- 2014 Capital City Club Match Play Championship - d. Auburn, 4-2, d. Georgia, 5-1
- 2013 NCAA Championship - d. UNLV 3-2 (quarterfinals), I. Alabama\* 3-0-2 (semifinals)
- 2013 regular season - I. South Carolina 3-2-1, I. TCU 3-2-1
- 2011 NCAA Championship - I. Augusta State\* 3-2
- 2010 NCAA Championship - I. Augusta State\* 3-2
- 2008 Callaway Golf Collegiate Match Play - d. Texas 4-1, d. Georgia 3-2, d. South Carolina 3-2, I. UCLA 4-1
- 2006 Hooters Collegiate Match Play - d. Missouri 5-0, d. Arizona State 3-1-1, d. Stanford 3-1-1, I. Georgia 3-2
- 2005 Hooters Collegiate Match Play - d. Penn State 3-2, d. Arizona 4-1, d. Texas 3-0-2, I. Oklahoma State 4-0-1
- 2004 Hooters Collegiate Match Play - d. USC 3-2, d. Georgia 3-2, I. Florida 3-1-1, d. Oklahoma State
- 2000 CGF National Intercollegiate Match Play - d. Texas 2.5-2.5 (won playoff), d. Georgia 3-2, I. Arizona 3-2

\*won national championship

## ACC Championship History

Georgia Tech has won the last two Atlantic Coast Conference championships, six of the last seven and eight of the last 10.

The last three individual champions also have come from Georgia Tech. Anders Albertson won his second title in 2015, sharing medalist honors with Louisville's Robin Sciote-Siegrist and Virginia Tech's Trevor Cone with a score of 11-under-par 205. He also won the championship in 2013 with a record score of 15-under 201. He is the fifth player to win two ACC titles, and the second Tech player to do so, joining David Duval in 1991 and 1993.

Albertson became Tech's 10th ACC individual champion, joining Bob McDonnell (1985), David Duval (1991, 1993), Mikko Rantanen (1994), Bryce Molder (2000), Cameron Tringale (2006), Chesson Hadley (2010), Paul Haley (2011), Albertson (2013, 2015) and Schniederjans (2014).

Tech's 16 ACC men's golf titles in history ranks second among conference schools behind Wake Forest (18). Tech has won 11 of its conference titles under current head coach Bruce Heppler, nine of those outright (1999, 2001, 2002, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015) and two shared (2006, 2007). The Yellow Jackets won five championships (1985, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994) under previous head coach Puggy Blackmon.

Ten of Tech's ACC titles have occurred at the Old North State Club, the first occurring in 1999 by 10 strokes over North Carolina and Duke. Tech won the 2011 crown with a tournament record score of 831 (-33) and by a record 20 strokes. Tech shared the 2006 title with North Carolina, and the 2007 crown with Virginia Tech.

## NCAA Championship Finals Appearances - 1985 to present

Oklahoma State	31
Florida	30
Arizona State	29
Texas	28
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Clemson	25
Georgia	24
Southern California	24
Arizona	23
Oklahoma	23
UCLA	21
Wake Forest	21
North Carolina	20

# HEAD COACH BRUCE HEPPLER

21st Year at Tech • ACC Coach of the Year 7 times • 11 ACC Championships • 18 NCAA Finals Appearances



If a consistently high level of success over a long period of time is the measure of a great program, then Georgia Tech's golf program under Bruce Heppler would certainly meet the standard. His peers recognized this in 2013 when they inducted him into the Golf Coaches Association of America Hall of Fame.

Tech is currently on a run unprecedented in school history and perhaps unmatched by any other in Division I - eight Atlantic Coast Conference titles in the last 11 years and four trips to match play at the NCAA Championship in the last seven.

Heppler has guided the Yellow Jackets to the NCAA Championship every year since 1998, and helped author 11 top-8 finishes in the Finals, including three runner-up showings.

Tech has advanced to match play at the NCAA Championship for the four times in the eight years the format has been used, and is one of only two programs that have advanced to match play four times.

During his tenure, Tech has won or shared 11 Atlantic Coast Conference titles. Only two ACC coaches have led their teams to more ACC titles than has Heppler. The Yellow Jackets have captured or shared 46 team titles overall.

He was named ACC Coach of the Year in 2014 for the eighth time, more than any coach in ACC history except one, and was a finalist for the GCAA's Dave Williams national coach of the year award.

Since 2000, the Yellow Jackets have finished in the top 10 of the final Golfstat rankings 11 times, and in the final Golfweek/Sagarin top 10 13 times. Tech did not finish lower than 14th in either ranking in any year from 2000 to 2015.

In a July, 2015 poll of his coaching peers conducted by Golfweek magazine, Heppler ranked No. 3. His program was ranked No. 2 among College Factual's ranking of the best colleges to play golf, taking into account both the quality of the golf team, as well as the academic success of the players and the quality of the school.

Heppler has recruited and developed his share of star players as well. The Yellow Jackets have had at least a pair of All-Atlantic Coast Conference honorees in 16 of the last 18 years, and landed four members of the team on the squad twice (2005, 2011). Tech has had at least two players earn All-America honors 14 of the last 17 years, and Ollie Schniederjans became the program's 20th and 21st first-team selections in his junior and senior years. Three of his players, Matt Kuchar, Bryce Molder and Troy Matteson, have been named national player of the year.

Thirteen of Heppler's players are currently active members of either the PGA Tour or the Web.com Tour, with several other recent graduates climbing their way up through the SwingThought.com or other mini-tours.

Heppler has been named to coach the United States team in the Palmer Cup twice, in 2003 and 2015, and eight of his players have also represented the USA in that annual event.

Kuchar, Molder, Nicholas Thompson and Cameron Tringale have represented the United States in the Walker Cup matches. Twice, in 1998 and 2013, five or more of the Heppler's active Tech players have qualified to play in the U.S. Amateur. Six of Tech's seven returning players in 2013 competed in that year's U.S. Amateur in Brookline, Mass., an unprecedented feat.

On the conference level since 1985, when the Yellow Jackets won their first ACC Championship, Tech has earned more NCAA Championship berths than any team except Clemson. The Jackets have earned more top-10, more top-5 and more top-2 finishes in NCAA Championship competition than any other ACC team. Tech also has had more All-America selections (61) than any other ACC team during the same period except the Tigers.

His players have been just as successful in the classroom. Tech's golf program has been recognized with a perfect Academic Progress Report score of 1000 for 11 straight years, and every senior has graduated.

Fourteen different players under Heppler have been named All-America Scholars by the Golf Coaches Association of America, which requires a minimum 3.2 GPA and participation in at least 75 percent of a team's events. Two, All-Americans Bryce Molder and Roberto Castro, have received the NCAA's Top VIII Award, an honor given to eight student-athletes from all sports each year and recognizes those who excel in their sport and in the classroom, and exhibit high character, leadership and service to others.

It didn't take long for Heppler to restore the glory to Tech's golf program following a couple of lean years in the mid-1990s. After recruiting future All-Americans Kuchar and Molder, Heppler had the Yellow Jackets back in the NCAA Tournament in his third season, where they finished third, just four shots off the lead. Tech also was ranked No. 1 in the nation during the course of the year and won the NCAA East Regional.

Even better things were to come as Tech captured the first of its ACC titles under Heppler in 1999. In 2000 the Yellow Jackets came the closest to an NCAA Championship in their history, tying for first after 72 holes with Oklahoma State before losing a one-hole playoff. On the year, Tech captured four team titles and finished in the top four in each event it entered.

During the 2001 campaign, the Jackets won their second ACC crown in three years, the second under Heppler, captured a school-record-tying five tournament wins during the year and finished fourth in the NCAA Championship. For his efforts, Heppler was named ACC Coach of the Year and guided three All-Americans in Molder, who was also the consensus National Player of the Year, Matteson and Kris Mikkelsen.

## The Heppler File

- **Name:** Bruce Heppler
- **Birthdate:** March 27, 1960 in St. George, Utah
- **Joined Tech Staff:** June 27, 1995
- **Education:** Master's degree in sport management from Massachusetts in 1988; Bachelor's degree in accounting from Brigham Young in 1985; Associate degree in arts and sciences from Dixie Junior College in 1982.
- **Playing Experience:** Lettered at Dixie Junior College (1979).
- **Coaching Experience:** Head coach at Georgia Tech (1995-present); Assistant men's and women's coach at Oklahoma State (1991-95); Assistant men's coach at UNLV (1989-91); Head men's and women's coach at Amherst College (1987); USA Palmer Cup coach (2003, 2015)
- **Honors:** 2002 GCAA National Coach of the Year; 1999, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014 ACC and GCAA Region Coach of the Year; Successful completion of the CPA exam on first sitting in November, 1985; Member of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- **Post-Season as a Head Coach:** 18 NCAA regional appearances, 16 NCAA Finals appearances, 3 NCAA runner-up finishes, 4 NCAA Match Play appearances; 1998, 1999, 2002, 2015 NCAA Regional Champions; 1999, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015 ACC Champions; 2002 NCAA individual champion (Troy Matteson). **As an Assistant Coach:** 1995 NCAA Championship, first place (Oklahoma State); 1992 NCAA Championship, third place (Oklahoma State); 1991 NCAA Individual Champion (Warren Schutte, UNLV); 1990 West Region Champion (UNLV).



PLAYERS & STAFF

In 2002, Heppler led the Yellow Jackets to arguably the best season in school history, as Tech captured seven team titles and finished second at the NCAA Championship. In the process, Heppler earned National and ACC Coach of the Year honors. During the year, the Jackets won the school's eighth ACC title, while placing all five starters on GCAA All-America teams. Under Heppler's tutelage, Matteson became the third Tech player to win the national individual title.

Tech has dominated the Atlantic Coast Conference in recent years, winning eight of the last 10 titles and six of the last seven. The Yellow Jackets have been to the NCAA Tournament every year since 1998, and only twice in that time failed to advance out of a regional. In the seven years the NCAA has conducted the current medal/match play format for the championship, Tech has advanced to match play four times.

A 55-year-old native of St. George, Utah, Heppler has demonstrated his strength as a recruiter by attracting both National Players of the Year during 1997-98 and the ACC Players of the Year for 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001. His first recruit at Tech was Kuchar, who won the 1997 U.S. Amateur Championship and was named the ACC Player of the Year and the Fred Haskins National Player of the Year in 1998. Molder was the Jack Nicklaus Player of the Year in 1998 and in 2001, along with being named the ACC Player of the Year in 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Heppler, a dean's list student at Brigham Young, earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from BYU in 1985, and later received his master's degree in sport management from Massachusetts in 1988. He played golf for one year at Dixie Junior College in St. George before transferring to Brigham Young.

He became a certified public accountant in 1985 and spent one year in the firm of Huber and Associates in Salt Lake City, then began his collegiate coaching career in 1987 as the men and women's golf coach at Amherst. He then spent two years as an administrative assistant at UNLV, becoming the assistant men's golf coach at UNLV in 1989. He spent two years in that role before moving to Oklahoma State in 1991.

"Georgia Tech is a great fit for me," said Heppler. "This is one of the five or six best programs right now if you look around at college golf's successful teams since the '90s. We have a lot of alumni on the PGA Tour, which is great for the school. Young people can see they have a chance to be player of the year or win a national championship here. It's a great school academically, which is a real draw with the general pool of talent out there interested in playing college golf."

Heppler is married to the former Traci Schull of Southbury, Conn., and they have a son, Zakary, and a daughter, Moriah. Heppler is actively involved with Atlanta Alliance for Children and is a member of the Golf Coaches Association of America.

## Heppler Year-by-Year at Tech

Year	All-Americans	All-ACC	Wins	+NCAA	#ACC	#Rank
1996	—	—	—	—	9th	—
1997	1	1	—	—	8th	—
1998	2	2	2	2nd	2nd	—
1999	2	3	3	%28th	Champions	—
2000	4	2	4	^2nd	2nd	1/na
2001	3	2	5	4th	Champions	2/2
2002	5	3	7	+2nd	Champions	1/1
2003	2	2	—	T11th	4th	12/13
2004	3	3	2	T5th	3rd	6/5
2005	3	4	1	2nd	2nd	3/3
2006	3	3	3	%26th	Co-champions	4/5
2007	3	2	1	8th	Co-champions	9/9
2008	1	2	—	I15th	4th	9/8
2009	1	1	1	T10th	Champions	7/10
2010	3	3	2	3rd (QF)	Champions	14/5
2011	3	4	2	2nd (QF)	Champions	2/3
2012	2	3	2	I6th	Champions	8/11
2013	3	2	2	2nd (SF)	4th	8/4
2014	2	3	6	5th (SF)	Champions	2/4
2015	2	2	4	9th	Champions	9/12
2016	—	—	—	I6th	4th	38/42

+NCAA individual champion (Troy Matteson in 2002)

^Tied after 72 holes, lost playoff

%missed 36- or 54-hole cut at NCAA Championship

Ifinish in NCAA regional, did not advance to finals

(QF, SF, F) finish in NCAA match play

#Final ranking from Golfweek-Sagarin Ratings/Golfstat

## Heppler's Players in the Pro Ranks

Anders Albertson	Web.com Tour	Seth Reeves	MacKenzie Tour
Bo Andrews	SwingThought.com	Ollie Schniederjans	Web.com Tour
Roberto Castro	PGA Tour	Kyle Scott	Web.com Tour
John-Tyler Griffin	SwingThought.com	Nicholas Thompson	PGA Tour/Web.com Tour
Chesson Hadley	PGA Tour	Cameron Tringale	PGA Tour
Shun Yat Hak	SwingThought.com Tour	Minghao Wang	PGA Tour China
Paul Haley	Web.com Tour	Matt Weibring	Web.com Tour
Matt Kuchar	PGA Tour	Richy Werenski	Web.com Tour
Troy Matteson	Web.com Tour	James White	SwingThought.com Tour
Bryce Molder	PGA Tour	Chan (Song) Wonglukiet	PGA Tour China

# ASSISTANT COACH JEFF PIERCE

## First Year at Tech

Jeff Pierce, a veteran professional golf instructor dating back to his college years, joined Georgia Tech's golf program as an assistant coach on October 28, 2015.

Pierce, 28, came to Tech after serving as the director of instruction at Elk River Golf Club in Banner Elk, N.C., during the summer of 2015 and a three-year tenure as the senior instructor at Butch Harmon Floridian, an elite golf learning center based at The Floridian Resort in Palm City, Fla. Pierce has delivered golf instruction to players at all levels, creating and administrating programs in both individual and group situations. He has expertise in the latest instruction technology as well as club fitting and performance.

"Team development is more important than it used to be. We met Jeff and liked his approach to what he was doing," said Hepler. "He's worked with (former Tech All-American) Anders Albertson the last few months and got a thumbs-up from him. Jeff's skill set will be very beneficial to where we are right now. It's a little different dynamic. I'm excited to have someone who has done that full time, can evaluate players in the recruiting process and has connections with teachers all over the country who work with young people."

He replaces former associate head golf coach Brennan Webb, who accepted the position of head golf coach at Middle Tennessee State in August.

Pierce's list of pupils at Butch Harmon Floridian included winners in the PGA Tour, the Web.com Tour, the European Tour and the LPGA Tour. He has traveled 12-15 weeks a year to work directly with players such as former Florida State All-American Brooks Koepka, who finished 24th in the 2015 FedEx Cup standings and won the Waste Management Phoenix Open, and former Louisville All-American Derek Fathauer, who won the 2014 Web.com Tour championship and has played in 57 PGA Tour and 77 Web.com Tour events.

"I'm intrigued and excited to be at Georgia Tech, and I think my skill set can help develop our guys here," said Pierce. "I've been instructing players at the highest level for a long time, and part of that is developing players. I've been doing the job with guys that have been fresh out of college or late in college. To me it's not that big a leap. Most of the work we've done in Florida the last couple of years it to try and develop guys to play on tour. In the college environment, I can have a deeper relationship with our players as we work with them to develop their games."

Prior to working at Butch Harmon Floridian, Pierce was an assistant golf professional at The Virginian Golf Club in Bristol, Va. (March 2011-Oct. 2012), and begin his career as an assistant golf professional at Elizabethtown (Ky.) Country Club from 2006-09 while a student-athlete at Morehead State University.

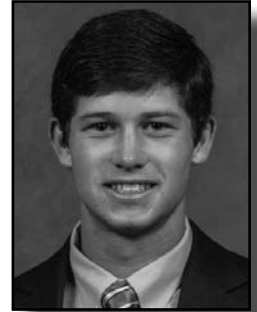
A native of Glasgow, Ky., Pierce earned All-Ohio Valley Conference honors in golf at Morehead State in the 2008-09 academic year. He earned OVC academic honors (3.5-plus GPA) and made the MSU Dean's List all four years at Morehead State, where he studied industrial engineering technology. He played professionally for a year before diving into instruction full-time.



# JAMES CLARK

## Sophomore • 5-9 • 120 • Columbus, Ga. • Brookstone HS

**Career Notes:** One of the nation's top 50 golfers in the class of 2014 and among the top 100 for all classes ... No. 66 in the Golfweek junior rankings and No. 75 in the Junior Golf Scoreboard for all juniors ... In the class of 2014, he was No. 37 in Golfweek and No. 41 in the Junior Golf Scoreboard ... Made the ACC Academic Honor Roll as a freshman ... Has been in the Tech lineup for all but three events in his career.



**2015-16:** Played in all 11 events for Tech this year, posting the team's fourth-best stroke average of 73.77 over 31 rounds ... Earned his only top-10 finish at the Clemson Invitational (T-7) with a 1-over-par score of 217 ... Placed T-12 at the Carpet Capital Collegiate (220, +4), T-29 in the ACC Championship (219, +3) and T-26 in the NCAA Tucson Regional (219, +3) ... Finished T-36 at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Collegiate Challenge Cup (221, +8) ... T-36 at the United States Collegiate Championship at the Golf Club of Georgia (221, +5) ... Remaining finishes all between 41st and 67th.

**2014-15:** Played in seven events as a member of Tech's travel team, nine events altogether ... Best finish was a tie for ninth at the Seminole Intercollegiate (-5) ... Finished 37th or better in five other events, including a T34 at the ACC Championship where he counted twice for the team ... Tied for 23rd in his collegiate debut at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Collegiate Challenge Cup, and tied for 34th at the Jerry Pate National ... Tied for 25th competing as an individual at the U.S. Collegiate Championship ... Tied for 54th at the NCAA Championship and counted four Tech all four days ... 73.57 average over 28 rounds.

**2014 Amateur Highlights:** Finished third at the Dixie Amateur in Coral Springs, Fla. (-4).

**Junior Golf:** Second-team Rolex Junior All-American in 2012 ... Earned three top-10 finishes and eight other top-20s in junior events in 2013 ... Runner-up at the Trusted Choice "Big I" National Championship and finished seventh at the North & South Junior at Pinehurst in 2013 ... Won the 2012 Taylor Made-adidas Golf Junior All-Star at Chateau Elan and had two other top-10 finishes in 2012.

**High School:** Member of five consecutive class A state championship teams from 2010 through 2014 at Brookstone High School ... Was the runner up medalist in 2012 and won the individual championship in 2013 and 2014) ... Member of the National Honor Society and the Honor Council ... Honor Roll and Principals List all four years of high school.

**Personal:** Full name is James Clinton Clark ... Son of Jim and Katharine Clark ... Born in Columbus, Ga. ... His father Jim and uncle Will also attended Tech in the 1980s ... Active volunteer for Habitat for Humanity ... Enjoys fishing, hunting, dirt-bike riding and spending time on the lake ... Began playing golf at age 8, and has had two holes-in-one ... Enrolled in business administration.

### TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Tournament	Rounds	Scores	Par	Rank	W-L
DICK'S Sporting Goods Challenge Cup	3	76-71-72=219	+6	t23rd/60	37-22
Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate	3	75-70-75=220	+10	t34th/60	26-33
United States Collegiate Championship	3	71-75-71=217	+1	t25th/79	54-24
Seminole Intercollegiate	3	69-69-73=211	-5	t19th/90	81-8
Valspar Collegiate Invitational	3	80-75-70=225	+12	t54th/73	19-53
ACC Championship	3	73-77-72=222	+6	t34th/60	26-33
NCAA San Diego Regional	3	77-72-73=222	+6	t29th/75	46-28
NCAA Championship	4	76-75-79-70=300	+12	t54th/156	102-53
<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2060 Avg. 73.57</b>	<b>+2</b>		<b>429-290</b>
<b>2015-16</b>					
Carpet Capital Collegiate	3	75-72-73=220	+4	t12th/81	69-11
DICK'S Sporting Goods Challenge Cup	3	71-69-81=221	+8	t36th/60	24-35
United States Collegiate Championship	3	71-79-71=221	+5	t36th/90	54-35
Kiawah Classic by Aramark	2	71-77=148	+4	t41st/116	75-40
Amer Ari Invitational	3	73-73-71=217	+1	t52nd/115	63-51
Puerto Rico Classic	3	78-73-71=222	+6	t44th/75	31-43
Valspar Collegiate Invitational	3	78-77-77=232	+19	t67th/83	16-66
Clemson Invitational	3	72-74-71=217	+1	t7th/66	59-6
Princeton Invitational	2	77-74=151	+9	t48th/81	33-47
ACC Championship	3	73-71-75=219	+3	t29th/60	31-28
NCAA Tucson Regional	3	74-72-73=219	+3	t26th/75	49-25
<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2287 Avg. 73.77</b>	<b>+2</b>		<b>504-387</b>

### CAREER STATISTICS

Season	Rounds	Strokes	LoRnd	Par/-	Events	Top5	Top10	Top20	W-L	Pct	Avg
2014-15	28	2060	69	10	9	-	-	1	429-290	.597	73.57
2015-16	31	2287	69	12	11	-	-	1	504-387	.566	73.77
<b>Totals</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>4347</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>933-677</b>	<b>.580</b>	<b>73.68</b>

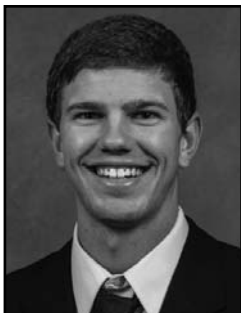
PLAYERS & STAFF



# MICHAEL HINES

Junior-R • 5-11 • 145 • Acworth, Ga. • Kell HS

**Career Notes:** The No. 2 junior golfer in the state of Georgia and 48th nationally (AJGA) in the class of 2012, signed with Tech in the early signing period in November of 2011 ... Played in 24 events in his career, 64 total rounds, and has made the ACC Academic Honor Roll three times in three years ... Red-shirted in 2013-14.



**2015-16:** Played in nine of Tech's 11 events, posting a 75.38 stroke average over a career-high 26 rounds ... Top finish was a tie for 27th at the Clemson Invitational, and tied for 31st at the ACC Championship ... Also tied for 44th at the Puerto Rico Classic this spring ... Other two spring finishes have been in the 50s ... Finished T-55 at the Carpet Capital Collegiate at the Farm in Rocky Face, Ga. ... Placed T-36 at the Dick's Sporting Goods Challenge Cup (221, +8).

**2014-15:** Started five times overall, twice in the spring, including a best finish of T-21 at the Mason Rudolph Championship ... Made three starts in fall, posting a T46 at the Carpet Capital Collegiate, a T42 at the Jerry Pate National and a T10 at the Warrior Princeville Makai Invitational ... Posted his first career top-20 finish competing as an individual at the U.S. Collegiate Championship (1-under-par 215) ... Secured his first career top-10 finish with a career-low 54-hole score of 206 (10-under-par) at the Makai Invitational ... 72.50 stroke average over 18 rounds, two full strokes better than his freshman year.

**2014 Summer Highlights:** Competed in the GSGA's Atlanta match Play Championship, and reached the semifinals ... T45 at the Monroe Invitational in Rumford, R.I. ... T9 at the U.S. Amateur qualifier in Treasure Lake, Pa.

**2013 Summer Highlights:** Won a playoff to earn one of three spots in a U.S. Amateur qualifier in Loudon, Tenn. ... Did not advance to play play.

**2012-13:** Never finished higher than 26th in six regular-season events, but never lower than 48th either ... Averaged 74.5 over 20 rounds, inflated somewhat by a poor showing in the ACC Championship ... Placed 27th at the United States Collegiate Championship in Alpharetta, Ga. (221, +5) ... T30 at the PING-Golfweek Preview Invitational in Alpharetta, Ga., thanks in large part to his round of 69 in the final round (216, +6) ... Earned the third lowest average score on the team for the fall with a 73.0 behind Schniderjans and Albertson.

**2012 Summer Highlights:** T46 at the Monroe Invitational.

**High School:** All-state performer and four-year letterwinner for his father, Craig, at Kell High School ... Led Kell to the 2012 AAAA region championship ... Won the 2011 Georgia High School Association state individual championship (with a 67) in class AAAA ... 4.2 high school GPA, honor roll all four years.

**Junior Golf:** Ranked as high as No. 62 in the Junior Golf Scoreboard ... Won the Future Masters with a record-low 54-hole total of 198 (including a 62) ... Qualified for the United States Junior Amateur in 2011 (his most memorable accomplishment to date) ... Finished in the top five of the Georgia Junior Championship (3rd, 68-72-72) and the Golfweek East Coast Challenge (4th, 70-73) ... In 13 events in 2011, logged eight top-5 finishes and three other top-20s.

**Personal:** Full name is Michael Patrick Hines ... Born November 24, 1993, in Marietta ... Son of Craig and Lauren Hines, both of whom were track and field athletes at Slippery Rock State University ... Began playing golf at age 3, has two career holes-in-one (one at age 12, one at age 18) ... Enjoys playing basketball, soccer, table tennis and rooting for the Pittsburgh Steelers ... Studying Business Administration.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Tournament	Rounds	Scores	Par	Rank	W-L
2012-13					
PING-Golfweek Preview Invitational	3	75-72-69=216	+6	130th/75	45-29
Brickyard Collegiate	3	69-77-74=220	+4	131st/84	53-30
United States Collegiate Championship	3	76-71-74=221	+5	27th/79	52-26
Amer Ari Invitational	3	71-71-73=215	-1	126th/116	90-25
Southern Highlands Collegiate Masters	3	74-75-77=226	+10	148th/81	33-47
Linger Longer Invitational	2	75-74=149	+5	136th/80	44-35
Atlantic Coast Conference Championship	3	83-83-77=243	+27	55th/55	0-54
<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1490 Avg. 74.5</b>	<b>+3</b>		<b>317-246</b>
2014-15					
Carpet Capital Collegiate	3	72-79-70=221	+5	146th/75	29-45
Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate	3	74-75-73=222	+12	142nd/60	18-41
United States Collegiate Championship	3	71-73-71=215	-1	119th/79	60-18
Warrior Princeville Makai Invitational	3	68-72-66=206	-10	110th/84	74-9
Seminole Intercollegiate	3	74-74-72=220	+4	148th/90	42-47
Mason Rudolph Championship	3	74-75-72=221	+8	121st/81	60-20
<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1305 Avg. 72.50</b>	<b>+1</b>		<b>283-180</b>
2015-16					
Carpet Capital Collegiate	3	78-76-79=233	+17	155th/81	26-54
DICK'S Sporting Goods Challenge Cup	3	73-73-75=221	+8	136th/60	24-35
United States Collegiate Championship	3	74-75-80=229	+13	176th/90	14-75
Amer Ari Invitational	3	71-74-72=217	+1	152nd/115	63-51
Puerto Rico Classic	3	72-75-75=222	+6	144th/75	31-43
Clemson Invitational	3	73-70-82=225	+9	127th/66	39-26
Princeton Invitational	2	76-76=152	+10	154th/81	27-53
ACC Championship	3	76-73-71=220	+4	131st/60	29-30
NCAA Tucson Regional	3	86-77-78=241	+25	71st/075	4-70
<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1960 Avg. 75.38</b>	<b>+4</b>		<b>257-437</b>

## CAREER STATISTICS

Season	Rounds	Strokes	LoRnd	Par/-	Events	Top5	Top10	Top20	W-L	Pct	Avg
2012-13	20	1490	69	5	9	-	-	-	317-246	.563	74.50
2013-14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2014-15	18	1305	66	8	6	-	-	1	283-180	.611	72.50
2015-16	26	1960	70	5	9	-	-	-	257-437	.370	75.38
<b>Totals</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>4755</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>857-863</b>	<b>.498</b>	<b>74.30</b>

PLAYERS & STAFF

# JACOB JOINER

Sophomore • 6-0 • 158 • Leesburg, Ga. (home schooled)

**Career Notes:** Consensus top 50 player in his class and top 100 in all classes ... No. 39 nationally in the class of 2014 and No. 73 among all classes in the Junior Golf Scoreboard ... Also No. 39 in the class of 2014 in the Golfweek junior rankings and No. 81 overall ... Played in five events as a freshman and became a regular in the lineup as a sophomore, winning once.



**2015-16:** Captured medalist honors at the Carpet Capital Collegiate, his sixth collegiate tournament, by one stroke over a pair of Clemson players ... Opened with a 6-under-par 66, closing with rounds of 74-72 ... Had five other top-20 finishes - T-15 at the United States Collegiate Championship, T-12 at the Kiawah Classic, T-11 at the Puerto Rico Classic, T-12 at the Princeton Invitational and T-17 at the NCAA Tucson Regional ... Started in 10 of Tech's 11 events ... Ranked No. 3 on Tech's team in stroke average (73.68 over 28 rounds) and No. 2 in winning percentage (65.6).

**2014-15:** Started five times overall, twice in the spring with a best finish of T27 at the Puerto Rico Classic ... Three fall starts produced a T53 at the Carpet Capital Collegiate, a T25 at the U.S. Collegiate Championship and a T17 at the Warrior Princeville Makai Invitational (first career top-20 finish) ... Scored progressively better each round, finishing with a 65 at the Makai Invitational for a 209 total ... 72.93 stroke average over 15 rounds.

**2014 Summer Highlights:** Co-medalist at the U.S. Amateur qualifier in Orlando, Fla. (-5) ... Shot 77-78 in stroke play at the U.S. Amateur and did not advance ... T11 at the Southeastern Amateur in Columbus, Ga. (-4) and T10 at the Georgia State Amateur in Macon, Ga.

**Junior Golf:** Second-team Rolex Junior All-American in 2012 ... Earned three top-10 finishes in junior events in 2013, including a victory at the Press Thornton Junior Masters, an event current Yellow Jackets Ollie Schniederjans and Michael Hines also won ... Posted five top-10 finishes in 2012 events, including a fourth-place finish at the PING Invitational and a tie for fifth at the Harvey Penick Junior.

**Personal:** Full name is Jacob Micheal Joiner ... Son of Michael and Christie Joiner ... Born Dec. 28, 1995 in Jacksonville, N.C. ... Two younger brothers, Tyler and David ... Began playing golf seriously about age 10, and has one hole-in-one ... Completed high school studies with nearly a 4.0 GPA ... Intends to major in Business Administration.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

2014-15	Tournament	Rounds	Scores	Par	Rank	W-L
	Carpet Capital Collegiate	3	78-74-72=224	+8	i53rd/75	22-52
	United States Collegiate Championship	3	74-72-71=217	+1	i25th/79	54-24
	Warrior Princeville Makai Invitational	3	74-70-65=209	-7	i17th/84	67-16
	Puerto Rico Classic	3	70-72-77=219	+3	i27th/84	57-26
	Seminole Intercollegiate	3	77-73-75=225	+9	i67th/90	23-66
	<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1094 Avg. 72.93</b>	<b>+1</b>		<b>223-184</b>
2015-16	Tournament	Rounds	Scores	Par	Rank	W-L
	Carpet Capital Collegiate	3	66-74-72=212	-4	1st/81	80-0
	DICK'S Sporting Goods Challenge Cup	3	75-76-79=230	+17	i55th/60	5-54
	United States Collegiate Championship	3	70-76-69=215	-1	i15th/90	75-14
	Kiawah Classic by Aramark	2	71-71=142	-2	i12th/116	104-11
	Puerto Rico Classic	3	68-71-74=213	-3	i11th/75	64-10
	Valspar Collegiate Invitational	3	82-78-80=240	+27	i80th/83	3-79
	Clemson Invitational	3	73-76-80=229	+13	i35th/66	31-34
	Princeton Invitational	2	73-70=143	+1	i12th/81	69-11
	ACC Championship	3	71-74-78=223	+7	i39th/60	21-38
	NCAA Tucson Regional	3	78-70-68=216	E	i17th/75	58-16
	<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2063 Avg. 73.68</b>	<b>+2</b>		<b>510-267</b>

## CAREER STATISTICS

Season	Rounds	Strokes	LoRnd	Par/-	Events	Top5	Top10	Top20	W-L	Pct	Avg
2014-15	15	1094	65	7	5	-	-	-	223-184	.548	72.93
2015-16	28	2063	66	12	10	1	1	1	510-267	.656	73.68
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3157</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>733-451</b>	<b>.619</b>	<b>73.42</b>

# TYLER JOINER

Freshman • 5-11 • 165 • Leesburg, Ga. (home schooled)

**Career Notes:** The No. 1-ranked player in the state of Georgia, No. 22 in the class of 2015 and No. 35 overall according to the Junior Golf Scoreboard ... Joins his brother, Jacob, who is a sophomore on the current Tech team.



**2015-16:** Played in three events for Tech, two of them as an individual, and has a 65.56 stroke average over nine rounds ... Best finish was a tie for 23rd competing individually at the Clemson Invitational ... Finished T-62 at the Carpet Capital Collegiate to begin the fall ... Competed as an individual and placed T41st at the United States Collegiate Championship (222, +6).

**2015 Summer Highlights:** Tied for 8th at the Southeastern Amateur in Columbus, Ga. (-7).

**Junior Golf:** Earned three top-5, four top-10 and nine top-20 finishes this year against a schedule ranked 42nd toughest nationally according to the Golfweek/Sagarin junior golf rankings ... Four top-10 finishes in seven national junior events in 2014, and has won four state or regional junior events in the last five years.

**High School:** Home schooled, made As in all his classes.

**Personal:** Full name is Tyler Pace Joiner ... Born June 11, 1997 in Jacksonville, N.C. ... Son of Michael and Christie Joiner ... Older brother Jacob is on the Tech golf team ... Enjoys music and reading ... Intends to major in either computer or electrical engineering.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

2015-16	Tournament	Rounds	Scores	Par	Rank	W-L
	Carpet Capital Collegiate	3	80-77-78=235	+19	i62nd/81	19-61
	United States Collegiate Championship	3	71-74-77=222	+6	i41st/90	49-40
	Clemson Invitational	3	75-72-76=223	+7	i23rd/66	43-22
	<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>680 Avg. 75.56</b>	<b>+4</b>		<b>111-123</b>

## CAREER STATISTICS

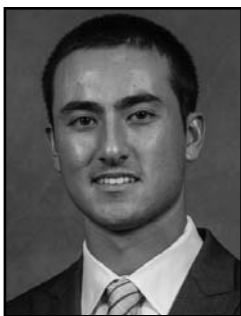
Season	Rounds	Strokes	LoRnd	Par/-	Events	Top5	Top10	Top20	W-L	Pct	Avg
2015-16	9	680	71	2	3	-	-	-	111-123	.474	75.56
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111-123</b>	<b>.474</b>	<b>75.56</b>



# CHRIS PETEFISH

Sophomore • 6-0 • 150 • Danville, Calif.  
Scottsdale [Ariz.] Christian Academy

**Career Notes:** One of the nation's top 30 junior golfers and one of the top 15 in the class of 2014 ... Graduated from high school early and enrolled at Georgia Tech in January 2014 ... Did not play that spring, but has worked his way into the lineup on a regular basis this spring ... Made the ACC Academic Honor Roll as a freshman.



**2015-16:** Started all 11 events for Tech, earning a pair of top-10 finishes and compiling a 73.48 stroke average over 31 rounds, second best on the team ... Led Tech with a 7th-place finish at the ACC Championship (212, -4) and tied for 17th at the NCAA Tucson Regional ... Two other top-20 finishes in the spring, T-9 at the Puerto Rico Classic (212, -4) and T-12 at the Princeton Invitational (143, +1) ... Finished T-27 at the Carpet Capital Collegiate and T-28 at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Collegiate Challenge Cup in the fall ... T-41 at the United States Collegiate Championship ... Played in The Patriot All-American over the holiday break and tied for 11th place in the 84-player field (218, +5).

**2014-15:** Eight spring starts, seven as a counting travel team member ... Tied for ninth at the Seminole Intercollegiate, T14 at the NCAA Regional, T23 at the ACC Championship, T27 at the Mason Rudolph Championship and T32 at the Valspar Collegiate ... Counted all three rounds at the ACC (even-par 216) ... WD for the first 36 holes at the Robert Kepler after being hit in the neck by a stray golf ball, but came back to count for Tech (73) in the final round of the Jackets' 18-shot win ... Started twice in the fall ... Made collegiate debut at the U.S. Collegiate Championship a solid one, closing with a 68 for a 1-over-par total of 217 and a T25 finish ... T53 at the NCAA Championship and counted for Tech all four days. ... Third-best stroke average on the team with a 72.38 norm in 29 rounds.

**2014 Summer Highlights:** Tied for fourth place at the Southwestern Amateur in Scottsdale, Ariz. ... T6 at the North & South Amateur in Pinehurst, N.C. (lost in first round of match play) ... T34 at The Dogwood at Druid Hills Golf Club in Atlanta.

**High School:** Attended Scottsdale Christian Academy in Phoenix, Ariz, then completed his high school studies at the Venture School ... Lettered two years in golf at Scottsdale Christian, winning the individual title in the Arizona Interscholastic Association DIII State Championship in 2012 and 2013 ... Shot 64-64 in 2013 to set a state record for lowest score and largest margin of victory (914 strokes).

**Junior Golf:** Second-team Rolex All-American by the American Junior Golf Association ... Ranked 24th nationally and 11th in his class by Golfweek magazine at the time of his enrollment ... Was the No. 2 ranked player in Arizona ... Had one victory and six top-10 finishes in junior and high school events from 2011-13.

**Personal:** Full name is Christopher Robert Hutt Petefish ... Born May 31, 1995 in Walnut Creek, Calif. ... Son of Steve and Susan Petefish ... Began playing golf at age 7 ... Intends to major in Business Administration.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

2014-15	Tournament	Rounds	Scores	Par	Rank	W-L
	United States Collegiate Championship	3	77-72-68=217	+1	125th/79	54-24
	Warrior Princeville Makal Invitational	3	70-71-72=213	-3	129th/84	55-28
	Puerto Rico Classic	3	71-72-70=213	-3	0th/84	0-0
	Seminole Intercollegiate	3	71-69-71=211	-5	19th/90	81-8
	Valspar Collegiate Invitational	3	73-73-72=218	+5	132nd/73	41-31
	Mason Rudolph Championship	3	75-69-78=222	+9	127th/81	54-26
	ACC Championship	3	73-71-72=216	E	123rd/60	37-22
	NCAA San Diego Regional	3	72-70-75=217	+1	114th/75	61-13
	NCAA Championship	4	72-77-73-77=299	+11	53rd/156	103-52
	<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2099 Avg. 72.38</b>	<b>+1</b>		<b>486-204</b>
2015-16	Tournament	Rounds	Scores	Par	Rank	W-L
	Carpet Capital Collegiate	3	71-75-80=226	+10	127th/81	54-26
	DICK'S Sporting Goods Challenge Cup	3	72-73-73=218	+5	128th/60	32-27
	United States Collegiate Championship	3	76-75-71=222	+6	141st/90	49-40
	Kiawah Classic by Aramark	2	72-78=150	+6	153rd/116	63-52
	Amer Ari Invitational	3	77-74-75=226	+10	192nd/115	23-91
	Puerto Rico Classic	3	71-71-70=212	-4	19th/75	66-8
	Valspar Collegiate Invitational	3	76-70-78=224	+11	150th/83	33-49
	Clemson Invitational	3	76-78-75=229	+13	135th/66	31-34
	Princeton Invitational	2	71-72=143	+1	112th/81	69-11
	ACC Championship	3	69-74-69=212	-4	17th/60	53-6
	NCAA Tucson Regional	3	70-75-71=216	E	117th/75	58-16
	<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2278 Avg. 73.48</b>	<b>+2</b>		<b>531-360</b>

## CAREER STATISTICS

Season	Rounds	Strokes	LoRnd	Par/-	Events	Top5	Top10	Top20	W-L	Pct	Avg
2014-15	29	2099	68	17	10	-	-	1	486-204	.704	72.38
2015-16	31	2278	69	12	11	-	-	2	531-360	.596	73.48
<b>Totals</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>4377</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1017-564</b>	<b>.643</b>	<b>72.95</b>

# MICHAEL PISCIOTTA

Sophomore • 6-0 • 155 • Alpharetta, Ga.  
Alpharetta HS/National HS

**Career Notes:** Top-ranked player in the state of Georgia in the class of 2014 according to the Junior Golf Scoreboard, and a consensus top 50 player nationally ... At end of spring 2014, ranked No. 43 among all classes, and 20th in the class of 2014, by the Junior Golf Scoreboard.



**2015-16:** Played in five events, including four starts for the team ... Compiled a 76.71 stroke average over 14 rounds ... Finished T-31 at the United States Collegiate Championship and tallied a 219 (+3), his best finish this year ... In two spring events, has a T-59 at the Valspar Collegiate and a T-55 at the Clemson Invitational.

**2014-15:** Two spring starts produced a T22 at the Puerto Rico Classic (+2) and a T63 at the Valspar Collegiate ... Competed as an individual in the U.S. Collegiate Championship and tallied a 238 total over three rounds.

**2014 Summer Highlights:** T29 at the U.S. Amateur qualifier at the Piedmont Driving Club in Atlanta ... T49 at the Southeastern Amateur in Columbus, Ga.

**Junior Golf:** Earned six top-10 finishes in junior events over the three years prior to his enrollment at Tech, including a victory at the 2011 AJGA Huntsville Junior ... Has four other top-20 finishes ... Also was recognized for doing charity work, raising money for the Children's Tumor Foundation, when he received the Paul S. Simon Character Award at the 2013 Junior Invitational at Sage Valley Golf Club, one of the nation's premier amateur events.

**High School:** Played two years at Alpharetta High School for coach Kirk Alexander, earning first-team all-state honors in 2012 ... Won individual region title and finished third in the state tournament in 2011.

**Personal:** Full name is Michael Vincent Pisciotta ... Born February 19, 1996 in Atlanta ... Son of Tori and Peg Pisciotta ... Has two sisters, Caitlin, who plays college golf at SMU, and Carolyn, who is studying mechanical engineering at Georgia Tech ... Began playing golf at age 6 and took up the game seriously around age 10 ... Intends to major in Business Administration.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

2014-15	Tournament	Rounds	Scores	Par	Rank	W-L
	United States Collegiate Championship	3	77-75-86=238	+22	79th/79	0-78
	Puerto Rico Classic	3	73-70-75=218	+2	122nd/84	62-21
	Valspar Collegiate Invitational	3	80-75-75=230	+17	163rd/73	10-62
	<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>686 Avg. 76.22</b>	<b>+41</b>		<b>72-161</b>
2015-16	Tournament	Rounds	Scores	Par	Rank	W-L
	United States Collegiate Championship	3	72-74-73=219	+3	131st/90	59-30
	Kiawah Classic by Aramark	2	83-78=161	+13	1109th/116	7-108
	Amer Ari Invitational	3	75-77-77=229	+13	1104th/115	11-103
	Valspar Collegiate Invitational	3	77-72-78=227	+14	159th/83	24-58
	Clemson Invitational	3	82-76-80=238	+22	155th/66	11-54
	<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1074 Avg. 76.71</b>	<b>+45</b>		<b>112-353</b>

## CAREER STATISTICS

Season	Rounds	Strokes	LoRnd	Par/-	Events	Top5	Top10	Top20	W-L	Pct	Avg
2014-15	9	686	70	1	3	-	-	-	72-161	.309	76.22
2015-16	14	1074	72	1	5	-	-	-	112-353	.241	76.71
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1760</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>184-514</b>	<b>.264</b>	<b>76.52</b>

# VINCENT WHALEY

Junior • 6-1 • 185 • McKinney, Texas • McKinney Boyd HS

**Career Notes:** High school all-state selection in Texas who was ranked as high as 22nd in the class of 2013 by the Junior Golf Scoreboard and 26th in the Golfweek/Sagarin Index ... Played in 21 of 23 events the last two years after being a part-time starter as a freshman ... Follows a string of Texans - Matt Weibring (1999-02), Troy Matteson (2000-03) and Paul Haley (2008-11) - who earned All-America recognition at Georgia Tech and went on to earn PGA Tour cards ... Has made the ACC Academic Honor Roll twice in two years.



**2015-16:** Tech's top performer throughout the year, earning a spot on the GCAA All-East Region team ... Won the Clemson Invitational for his second career victory and earning three other top-10 finishes ... Tied for ninth in the Princeton Invitational ... Also tied for fifth at the Amer Ari Invitational to begin the spring ... Tied for 25th in the ACC Championship (218, +2) and tied for 17th at the NCAA Tucson Regional (216, E) ... Recorded a final round of 67 to finish T-3 at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Collegiate Challenge Cup (-4) in the fall ... Led the Jackets in stroke average (72.16 over 31 rounds) and winning percentage (72.2) ... Ranked 81st nationally in the Golfweek/Sagarin Index, 107th by Golfstat.

**2014-15:** Played in 10 events, never finishing lower than a tie for 49th, including a T33 at the NCAA Championship, Tech's top finisher ... Co-medalist at the Robert Kepler Invitational this spring, and tied for 11th at the Mason Rudolph Championship the week before ... T36 at the ACC Championship, lowest finisher for Tech, but birdied both playoff holes to help the Jackets win ... Tied for 23rd playing as an individual at the Carpet Capital Collegiate, and tied for 29th at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Collegiate Challenge Cup (middle rounds of 69 and 68) ... Routed Jordan Janico, 8 & 7, in the match play Conference Challenge portion of the event ... T46 at the U.S. Collegiate Championship, closing with a 69 ... Had a 73.10 stroke average over 31 rounds.

**2014 Summer Highlights:** Finished T4 in his U.S. Amateur Public Links qualifier (-4) ... T19 at The Dogwood at Druid Hills Golf Club in Atlanta (-10), T21 at the Players Amateur in Bluffton, S.C. (-2), T28 at the U.S. Amateur qualifier in Eatonton, Ga., T66 at the Monroe Invitational in Rumford, R.I.

**2013-14:** Played in two events as an individual in the fall, tying for 55th at the Brickyard Collegiate and 65th at the United States Collegiate Championship ... Best round was his opening 70 at the USCC.

**Junior Golf:** Ranked No. 36 overall (all classes) and 14th in his class following spring of 2013 on the Junior Golf Scoreboard, with one top-10 and one top-20 finish in five events ... In 2012, had a pair of top 10 finishes in five junior events, and qualified for match play at the U.S. Junior Amateur, where he won his first-round match ... Won a pair of junior events in 2011 and has nine other top-10 finishes while rising as high as 20th in his class in the American Junior Golf Association rankings ... Logged five top-10 finishes in 2010, three in 2009 and seven in 2008.

**High School:** Four-year letterwinner and two-year team captain for coach Jerry Crumpton at McKinney Boyd High School ... Helped Boyd win the district championship four times, and finished second individually in the 5A state championship in 2013 ... First-team all-state in 2013, second team in 2011, all-district choice three times (2011, 2012, 2013).

**Personal:** Full name is Vincent Charles Whaley ... Born March 14, 1995 in Lexington, Ky. ... Son of Mike and Michelle Whaley ... Took up golf at age 4 ... Majoring in business administration.

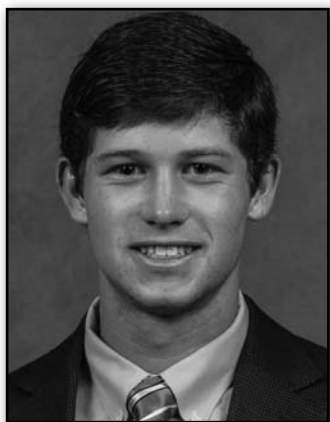
## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

2013-14	Tournament	Rounds	Scores	Par	Rank	W-L
	Brickyard Collegiate	3	76-77-72=225	+9	155th/84	29-54
	United States Collegiate Championship	3	70-80-76=226	+10	165th/78	13-64
	Amer Ari Invitational	3	72-65-73=210	-6	130th/120	90-29
	<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>661 Avg. 73.44</b>	<b>+1</b>		<b>132-147</b>
2014-15	Tournament	Rounds	Scores	Par	Rank	W-L
	Carpet Capital Collegiate	3	73-69-74=216	E	t23rd/75	52-22
	DICK'S Sporting Goods Challenge Cup	3	76-68-77=221	+8	t29th/60	31-28
	United States Collegiate Championship	3	78-73-69=220	+4	146th/79	33-45
	Puerto Rico Classic	3	80-67-76=223	+7	t37th/84	47-36
	Valspar Collegiate Invitational	3	76-72-73=221	+8	141st/73	32-40
	Mason Rudolph Championship	3	69-73-73=215	+2	111th/81	70-10
	Robert Kepler Intercollegiate	3	71-67-70=208	-5	11st/75	74-0
	ACC Championship	3	77-72-74=223	+7	t36th/60	24-35
	NCAA San Diego Regional	3	78-73-74=225	+9	t49th/75	26-48
	NCAA Championship	4	79-71-68-76=294	+6	t33rd/156	123-32
	<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2266 Avg. 73.10</b>	<b>+1</b>		<b>512-296</b>
2015-16	Tournament	Rounds	Scores	Par	Rank	W-L
	Carpet Capital Collegiate	3	74-75-80=229	+13	145th/81	36-44
	DICK'S Sporting Goods Challenge Cup	3	71-71-67=209	-4	t3rd/60	57-2
	United States Collegiate Championship	3	73-74-71=218	+2	t25th/90	65-24
	Kiawah Classic by Aramark	2	79-73=152	+8	t66th/116	50-65
	Amer Ari Invitational	3	71-68-68=207	-9	15th/115	110-4
	Puerto Rico Classic	3	75-68-73=216	E	t27th/75	48-26
	Valspar Collegiate Invitational	3	76-74-72=222	+9	t36th/83	47-35
	Clemson Invitational	3	70-67-71=208	-8	1st/66	65-0
	Princeton Invitational	2	74-68=142	E	19th/81	72-8
	ACC Championship	3	74-70-74=218	+2	t25th/60	35-24
	NCAA Tucson Regional	3	75-71-70=216	E	117th/75	58-16
	<b>SEASON TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2237 Avg. 72.16</b>	<b>E</b>		<b>643-248</b>

## CAREER STATISTICS

Season	Rounds	Strokes	LoRnd	Par/-	Events	Top5	Top10	Top20	W-L	Pct	Avg
2013-14	9	661	65	4	5	-	-	-	132-147	.473	73.44
2014-15	31	2266	67	11	10	1	1	1	512-296	.634	73.10
2015-16	31	2237	67	15	11	1	3	4	643-248	.722	72.16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>5164</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1287-691</b>	<b>.651</b>	<b>72.73</b>

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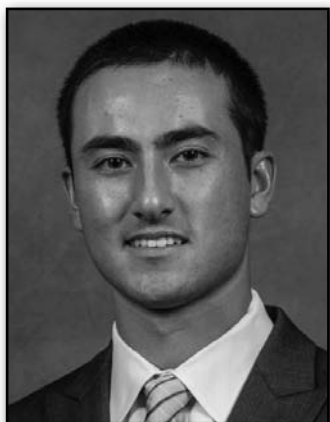
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