



GEORGIA TECH MEN'S TENNIS INFORMATION

INFORMATION

Quick Facts

Full Name	Georgia Institute of Technology
Location	Atlanta, Ga.
Founded	1885
Enrollment	21,000
Colors	Old Gold and White
Nickname	Yellow Jackets, Rambling Wreck
Conference	Atlantic Coast (ACC)
Home court	Ken Byers Tennis Complex
President	Dr. G.P. "Bud" Peterson
Director of Athletics	Mike Bobinski
Faculty Representative	Reggie DesRoches
Head Coach	Kenny Thorne (Georgia Tech 1988)
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NCAA Championship appearances	1988, 1994, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2015, 2016
NCAA Sweet 16 appearances	1994, 2011

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2015-16 Record

Overall	17-9
ACC	8-4
Region	3-2
Home	11-1
Away	4-7
Neutral	2-1

ITA Rankings (Final 2016)

Georgia Tech	37
Singles	Christopher Eubanks (8), Carlos Benito (115)
Doubles	Carlos Benito/Christopher Eubanks (36), Casey Kay/Michael Kay (42)

Pronunciations

Carlos Benito	buh-NEE-toe
Andrew Li	LEE
Daniel Yun	rhymes with "fun"



2015-16 Georgia Tech Tennis Team

Front row (from left) – Michael Kay, Daniel Yun, Andrew Li, Casey Kay. Back row (from left) – Derek Schwandt (assistant coach), Cole Fiegel, Carlos Benito, Christopher Eubanks, Phillip Gresk, Elijah Melendez, Nathan Rakitt, Kenny Thorne (head coach).

2015-16 Schedule

January

13	EAST TENNESSEE STATE	W, 4-3
	PRESBYTERIAN	W, 6-1
15	MISSISSIPPI (MLK Invitational)	no team score
16	OKLAHOMA (MLK Invitational)	no team score
17	GEORGIA (MLK Invitational)	no team score
23	vs. #46 New Mexico#	W, 4-0
24	vs. #12 UCLA#	L, 0-4
30	at #59 South Carolina	L, 2-5

February

6	at #11 Georgia	L, 1-6
12	#56 AUBURN	W, 6-1
14	GEORGIA STATE	W, 6-1
	MERCER	W, 7-0
28	at #56 Tennessee	W, 4-0

March

4	at #7 Wake Forest	L, 2-5
6	at #57 Duke	W, 4-3
11	at Louisville	W, 5-2
13	at #27 NC State	W, 5-2

18	CLEMSON	W, 6-1
24	at #20 Florida State	L, 2-5
27	#46 NOTRE DAME	W, 5-2

April

1	#67 MIAMI	W, 5-2
3	BOSTON COLLEGE	W, 6-1
8	#3 VIRGINIA	L, 2-5
10	#40 VIRGINIA TECH	W, 6-1
15	at North Carolina	L, 3-4
21	vs. Louisville*	W, 4-0
22	vs. North Carolina*	L, 0-4

May

13	vs. UC Santa Barbara+	W, 4-1
14	at Southern California+	L, 2-4

All home matches in bold at the Ken Byers Tennis Complex
Schedule subject to change

ITA Kickoff Weekend, Los Angeles, Calif.

*ACC Championship, Cary, N.C.

+NCAA regional, Los Angeles, Calif.

2015-16 Roster

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/High School/College
Carlos Benito	6-2	187	Jr.	Madrid, Spain/Ortega y Gasset
Christopher Eubanks	6-7	165	So.	Atlanta, Ga./Westlake HS
Cole Fiegel	6-2	186	Jr.	Alachua, Fla./Gainesville HS
Phillip Gresk	6-7	225	Fr.	Warsaw, Poland/Florida Virtual School
Casey Kay	5-11	165	r-Sr.	Atlanta, Ga./Alpharetta HS/Georgia
Michael Kay	6-1	165	So.	Alpharetta, Ga./Rivers Academy
Andrew Li	5-9	155	Fr.	Hong Kong, China/Laurel Springs School
Elijah Melendez	6-3	175	So.	Suwanee, Ga./home schooled
Nathan Rakitt	6-2	180	Sr.	Marietta, Ga./Laurel Springs School
Daniel Yun	6-0	145	So.	Marietta, Ga./Lassiter HS

Head Coach: Kenny Thorne (Georgia Tech, 1989), 18th season

Assistant Coach: Derek Schwandt (Richmond, 2005), 4th season

Volunteer Coach: Kevin King (Georgia Tech, 2012), 1st season

2015-16 MEN'S TENNIS NOTES

Georgia Tech's men's tennis team competed in an NCAA regional for the second straight year and for the 16th time in program history, defeating UC Santa Barbara in the round of 64 before falling to host Southern California in the round of 32.

Team Update

Georgia Tech (16-8, 8-4 ACC) finished the spring No. 37 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings, and posted its best Atlantic Coast Conference record since 2011. The Yellow Jackets made the NCAA Championship for the second straight year, finishing the regular season in fifth place in the Atlantic Coast Conference standings. The Yellow Jackets posted a 11-1 record at home, with the only loss to No. 1 Virginia, and went 1-1 in the ACC Championship.

Singles Update

The Yellow Jackets were led at the top of their lineup by 6-foot-7 sophomore Christopher Eubanks (Atlanta, Ga.), who finished the spring No. 8 in the ITA singles rankings with an 21-2 dual match record and an 11-1 ACC mark. Named the ACC Player of the Year and an All-American, Eubanks' only losses came to players ranked No. 20 and No. 11, both in road matches. He also received a bid to the NCAA Singles Championship for the second consecutive year.

Junior Carlos Benito (Madrid, Spain) won 10 of his last 17 matches playing at the No. 2 position, went 7-4 in ACC competition, and finished the spring ranked No. 115 nationally after entering the national singles late in the regular season. Head coach Kenny Thorne shuffled players at the other four positions during the spring, most recently elevating junior Cole Fiegel (Alachua, Fla.) to the No. 3 position and sophomore Daniel Yun (Marietta, Ga.) to No. 4. The Jackets were strong at the fifth and sixth positions, where senior Nathan Rakitt (Marietta, Ga.) won 12 of his last 16 decisions and went 8-2 in ACC matches, and senior Michael Kay (Alpharetta, Ga.) moved into the bottom spot for the ACC Championship.

Doubles Update

Tech has won the doubles point in 18 of 24 contests, including eight of the 12 ACC matches. The Yellow Jackets' No. 1 team for most of the spring was Casey and Michael Kay, who finished the spring ranked No. 45 nationally, knocking off a pair of top-15 teams from Florida State and Notre Dame, and went 8-10 in dual matches. The team of Benito and Eubanks began the spring No. 2 but moved up late in the year and went 16-3, with a season-high national ranking of No. 36 at the end, and the third team of Rakitt and freshman Andrew Li went 13-7.

Eubanks Named ACC Player of the Year

Christopher Eubanks was named the 2016 Atlantic Coast Conference Men's Tennis Player of the Year and headlined the 2016 All-ACC Team announced April 28. Tech junior Carlos Benito was chosen third-team All-ACC.

Eubanks was the first Yellow Jacket to be voted Player of the Year since Guillermo Gomez in 2011, and the fifth overall. He joins a list that also includes Bryan Shelton in 1985, Jens Skjoedt in 1990 and Benjamin Cassaigne in 1999.

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, the sophomore compiled a 34-7 record in singles, including an 11-1 mark in ACC play, from his No. 1 singles position. Eubanks spent the entire spring in the top 15 of the ITA Singles Rankings all season, finishing at No. 8. An All-ACC second team selection in 2015, and has defeated a dozen ranked opponents this year. In doubles, Eubanks paired with teammate Benito to compile a 16-3 record and rise to their current national ranking of No. 36.

Benito, a junior from Madrid, Spain, went 7-4 in ACC play with a pair of victories over ranked foes playing in the No. 2 position. After missing the entire fall due to back problems, he went 12-11 in dual matches this spring and won 10 of his last 17 matches heading into the post-season.

Tech's NCAA History

Georgia Tech has reached the NCAA Championship each of the last two years, falling in the opening round of the 2015 regional in Oxford, Miss., and reaching the round of 16 in Los Angeles in 2016.

Those were Tech's first bids since 2011, when the Yellow Jackets hosted a regional and advanced to the round of 16 by defeating Middle Tennessee State and Mississippi State. Tech then lost to No. 2 seed Southern California in Stanford, Calif. ... That is the only time Tech has made it out of a regional in the current format of the championship. ... Tech has made the NCAA Championship field 11 times under head coach Kenny Thorne and 15 times in program history. ... The Jackets' deepest run in the NCAAs came in 1994, when Tech won three matches before being eliminated. ... Tech is 10-16 all-time in NCAA Championship competition.

Eubanks in NCAA Singles Championship

Christopher Eubanks, named ACC Player of the Year, received an at-large bid to the NCAA Singles Championship for the second straight year, the first Georgia Tech player to do so since Juan Spir in 2012 and 2013.

Eubanks, No. 8 in the final Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings, was seeded No. 7 but lost in the opening round to No. 52 Shane Vinsant of Texas A&M in three sets. He is 1-2 for his career in the NCAA Singles Championship.

Christopher Yun Signs NLI with Tech

Christopher Yun, rated a Blue Chip prospect and ranked 21st in the nation by TennisRecruiting.net, signed a national letter-of-intent to play for Georgia Tech's men's tennis team during the November signing period.

Yun, the younger brother of current Tech sophomore Daniel Yun, is from Marietta, Ga., and attends Lassiter High School. He has been ranked as high as No. 18 nationally in 2015, and is currently the No. 10-ranked player in the Southeast and No. 2 in Georgia.

Among his top tournament performances in 2015 have been a runner-up finish at the Sunchang Korea ITF Grade 5 event in April, and he reached the round of 16 in the National Clay Court Championships in July and the USTA National Winter Championships in January. He has a 31-16 overall record this year, including a 3-11 mark against other Blue Chip opponents and a 24-5 combined slate against 5-star and 4-star foes.

Eubanks Makes BB&T Atlanta Open

Georgia Tech's Christopher Eubanks received a wild card entry into the main doubles draw for the BB&T Atlanta Open, which runs July 30 through Aug. 7 at Atlantic Station.

It is the sixth straight year an active Yellow Jacket player has participated in the U.S. Open Series event. Eubanks received the wild card invitation along with Zackery Kennedy of Georgia State, a junior from Atlanta who attended Westlake High School with Eubanks. They will participate as doubles partners.

Eubanks hopes to replicate his success in last year's BB&T Atlanta Open, when he and partner Donald Young advanced to the semifinals of the main draw, where they lost to the world No. 1 team of Bob and Mike Bryan.

Tech's ACC Championship History

Georgia Tech has never won an Atlantic Coast Conference championship in men's tennis, though several Yellow Jackets have individual titles to their credit from an era when individual championships were crowned.

Tech has reached the finals four times, two of those under head coach Kenny Thorne in 1999 and 2002. The Jackets also reached the championship match in Thorne's senior year of 1988 and again in 1994.

KEN BYERS TENNIS COMPLEX

A lot of history was made in the Bill Moore Tennis Center. Some of the greatest players in Georgia Tech history took to those courts and improved their games to the point they could reach the pro tour.

Current Georgia Tech men's tennis head coach Kenny Thorne is one of those. He played AND coached there in his four decorated years on the Flats (1985-89).

In January of 2013, Thorne witnessed the opening of the Ken Byers Tennis Complex, as the women's tennis team opened the facility with a match against Syracuse and men's team opened a day later against Old Dominion. In a way, it was *deja vu* for Thorne, who was a freshman the year the Moore Center opened.

"It's just a very unique thing. It's an honor to be coaching here at this time, and it's an honor for all of our student-athletes to have opened a new facility," said the 1989 graduate and 1995 Georgia Tech Sports Hall of Fame inductee. "That doesn't happen too often in any sport. It's very exciting."

Women's head coach Rodney Harmon, whose team played the first matches on the brand new six-court facility, who was beginning his first season on the Flats, has been around the sport long enough to know something special when he sees it. He's seen it with the Byers Complex.

Ground was broken for the facility on June 15, 2012 and was made possible by a generous gift from alumnus Ken Byers (class of '66) and his wife, Trish.

"It's going to be beautiful and it's going to help both our men's and women's programs stay a factor with the other schools, in our very, very tough conference," said Harmon, who has been in tennis player development for more than 25 years and, as a pro, reached the quarterfinals at the 1982 U.S. Open. "It has a great feeling, which I think will help us set up a home-court advantage because a lot of our fans tend to be very vocal and really support our team."

As advantageous to the team is the amount of space. Off the court, Byers has bigger locker rooms, a lounge, a training facility and more office space for the coaching staffs. The number of available courts for play inside doubled from three to six.

"I think it's going to be big for us," Harmon said. "It allows us to compete year-round, and when the weather gets inclement, both teams have a place to play. We've always had to play outside, and it can get pretty cold sometimes. Now we're going to be able to play indoors and really get prepared for the indoor season, which starts in February."

The doubling of the court space was a key factor in building the new complex.

"You need space and you need quality space and if that means new or renovations then so be it," said former associate athletic director Paul Griffin. "Now, we have an efficient way of running our indoor matches, and because of the weather you wind up playing almost half of your matches indoors be it for wet or for cold."

Thorne and Harmon agree that the opening of the Byers Complex signals the start of big things ahead. Thorne compares the anticipation of the facility's opening to the buzz surrounding the opening of McCamish Pavilion and expects Tech tennis fans to be as energized as basketball fans.

"It's such a big change and ours is a total change," said Thorne. "It's a whole brand-new complex. There are some really exciting things happening. So hopefully it's going to draw a lot more people out. They come see the facility as well as some great tennis."

Harmon expects the facility to also draw some big-name recruits.

"It's going to give us an opportunity to recruit top-level athletes because now a lot of the top schools have new facilities around the country, whether it's Alabama or Florida State or South Carolina, Texas is getting a new facility built," he said. "So now we have a new facility. It's something that to our recruits that makes us a lot stronger."

The Byers Complex, built on the same footprint where the Moore Center stood, is light years ahead of its predecessor and was overdue as far as keeping Tech's programs current. The



ingenuity in building a facility that could fit so much more into the same space as its predecessor made this project design uniquely Tech.

The former three-court indoor tennis facility was replaced with a state-of-the-art six-court indoor facility. The new steel indoor facility is located next to Tenth Street, just behind the magnolias. It features an entrance lobby, men's and women's coaches offices, men's and women's locker rooms and a team lounge. The indoor facility retains the Bill Moore name and provides seating a little more than 200 spectators.

The outdoor part of the complex consists of six competition courts on the south end of the site and four practice courts located between the indoor facility and the competition courts. A landscaped courtyard area was added between the practice courts and Fowler Street. Outdoor seating, situated between the Griffin Track and the completion courts, provides a view of both competition on the track and action on the tennis courts and includes plenty of space for wheelchair seating. Additionally, an East-West Connector provides a lighted walkway for pedestrians along the track-side of the site to facilitate movement between the North Campus Parking Deck and the McCamish Pavilion.

"Thirty years is a long time," said Griffin. "It's not a matter of different inclusions. It's a matter of improved space. It's a tight footprint. The real estate didn't change, so we had to make some compromises on that and one of the other things was to relocate the indoor facility to the 10th street side of the real estate because it will serve as a buffer from the noise and street from 10th street for the outdoor courts that wasn't there before. So there are a lot of those kinds of features that are now a benefit for the program."

"It has a bunch of other features that are assets to the Institute and to athletics in other ways than just tennis," he added. "There's a seating area for track, a pathway from the parking lot to McCamish Pavilion (Tech's basketball arena across Fowler Street), a parking lot on Atlantic to McCamish, improved sidewalks and streetscapes. So it's a very comprehensive project."

For the school, it's the latest improvement to the campus' Fowler Street entrance, which also includes Mewborn Softball Field and the Brock Indoor Football Facility.

That exciting plan will continue to evolve in years to come. The tennis teams are thrilled to be part of it and are eager to do their part to stir up excitement around campus as they begin spring play.

"It is a tremendous commitment," said Harmon. "That whole side of campus, with the new basketball arena, with the tennis facility, with the track and the indoor football complex and baseball and softball, it's now a great corner of campus."

HEAD COACH KENNY THORNE



KENNY THORNE

GEORGIA TECH, 1988
18 YEARS AT TECH
12 NCAA TOURNAMENTS
235-195 RECORD

Kenny Thorne recorded one of the most successful tennis careers by a player from the state of Georgia, winning seven pro titles and defeating four of the world's top-10 players in the 1990's. Some of Thorne's notable victories include wins over Richard Krajicek, Wayne Ferreira, Mark Philippoussis and Todd Martin. As a pro, he achieved his highest singles ranking of No. 121 and a doubles ranking of No. 67. Thorne brings his love of tennis and impressive professional playing experience to his alma mater, Georgia Tech.

Charged with building the Georgia Tech tennis program back to the level it was when he was a player, Thorne was named to the newly-created position of Director of Tennis on June 30, 1998, becoming the ninth head coach in Tech men's tennis history.

Thorne took over the reins of the Tech program after spending one season as the team's assistant coach and wasted little time in taking steps toward his ultimate goal of turning the Yellow Jackets into a contender.

The Yellow Jackets have reached the NCAA Championship 12 times in his 18 years at the helm, and six of those have advanced past the opening round. Tech made it back for the second straight year in 2016 with its best record since 2011 (17-9, 8-4 ACC). After a two-year absence, the 2010 and 2011 teams reached the second and third rounds of the tournament, respectively, finished fourth in the Atlantic Coast Conference each time (15-7 record), while posting a combined 39-14 dual match record.

Over the last eight years, Thorne has developed two of the best singles players in Tech history, Guillermo Gomez (2008-11) and current rising junior Christopher Eubanks, both of whom earned ACC Player of the Year honors. He has also developed two of the best doubles players in Tech history, Juan Spir, who advanced to the NCAA Doubles Championship semifinals in 2012 and quarterfinals in 2013 with different partners. Spir and Kevin King, Spir's doubles partner for 75 of his Tech-record 103 victories, played in the NCAA Singles Championship as well.

Under Thorne's guidance, Tech had at least one ITA All-American every year from 2009-13, and has had at least one All-Atlantic Coast Conference honoree each year since 2008.

Tech's 2011 team finished the year ranked 13th in the nation and reached the round of 16 at the NCAA Championship, both high-water marks for Tech tennis under Thorne. Tech's 21 wins in 2011 were the most for the Jackets under Thorne and the second most in the history of the program.

As a result, the Tech alum was named the ITA National Coach of the Year, becoming only the fourth Georgia Tech head coach ever to receive such an honor.

Thorne built those Tech squads around four-time All-ACC honoree Gomez, who was named the ACC Player of the Year in 2011 and earned ITA All-American honors three times, and broke Thorne's record for career singles victories. He also recruited another pair of ITA All-Americans in King and Spir, who formed one of the top 10 doubles teams nationally and developed into top-of-the-lineup players in singles, both earning NCAA bids in 2012.

Tech's last two teams in 2015 and 2016 have been built around Eubanks, a five-star junior player from Atlanta who has helped the Jackets earn NCAA Championship appearances each year and a 31-21 overall record, while Eubanks himself rose to No. 7 in the ITA singles rankings.

Thirteen of Thorne's Tech teams have finished the spring ranked among the top 50 in the ITA team rankings, and eight of them have finished in the top half of the perennially powerful Atlantic Coast Conference.

He has coached 10 different players to All-ACC honors 21 times, and three of his players have been named ACC Player of the Year. Nine different players have earned ITA All-America honors.

Also under Thorne's watch, 13 players have earned bids to the NCAA Singles Championship and eight have made the NCAA Doubles Championship field.

Other highlights include:

- During the 2003 campaign, Georgia Tech earned a spot in the NCAA Tournament and climbed into the 14th spot in the national rankings midway through the year. The Jackets also boasted their first All-America honorees since 1988, as the doubles team of Roger Anderson and Scott Schnugg earned the honor after finishing the year as the country's 10th-ranked tandem. The duo also earned All-ACC honors after winning the league's Flight One Doubles title. Tech finished with a 12-10 record and notched seven wins over ranked opponents, including a 4-2 victory over ninth-ranked Texas on February 16.

- In 2002, Tech defeated eight ranked teams and reached the finals of the ACC Championship, en route to a 15-11 dual-match record, while also reaching the NCAA Tournament for the third time in four years under Thorne. In the ACC Tournament, the Jackets upset top-seeded and 14th-ranked Duke in the semifinals by a 4-0 score and ended the Blue Devils four-year reign as ACC Champions. On an individual level, Roger Anderson earned All-ACC honors for the second time and earned his



THORNE FILE

Birthdate: January 24, 1966

Hometown: Alpharetta, Ga.

Family: Wife Bridget, children Daniel, Rachel, Zachary and Kenedy

Alma Mater: Georgia Tech, 1989

Playing Career:

- College: Georgia Tech, 1985-89
- Professional: 1989-97
- Highest World Singles Ranking: 121
- Highest World Doubles Ranking: 67
- Six-time Wimbledon, U.S. Open, French Open and Australian Open participant
- One career Challenger Singles Title
- Four career Challenger Doubles Titles
- Two career ATP Doubles Titles

Coaching Career:

- Assistant Coach, Georgia Tech (Sept. 1997 - May 1998), Head Coach, Georgia Tech (June 1998 - Present)

Honors:

- Four-time All-ACC Selection (1985, 1986, 1987, 1988)
- Two-time ACC Academic Honor Roll Selection
- 1988 All-American
- 1988 ITCA Region II Senior Player of the Year
- Georgia Tech Hall of Fame, 1995
- 1999 ACC Coach of the Year
- 2011 ITA National Coach of the Year

HEAD COACH KENNY THORNE

first berth in the NCAA Individual Championship, becoming the first Tech player to do so since 1999.

- During the 2000-01 season, Thorne made great strides toward achieving his goal. When the Yellow Jackets climbed to No. 20 in the national rankings on April 11, they claimed their highest ranking since 1988, when Thorne was an All-American and team captain.

- Thorne led the 2001 Yellow Jackets to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Roger Anderson earned All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors and three Tech players earned ACC Flight championships in singles or doubles.

- Under Thorne's guidance in 2000, Anderson became the first Tech player to earn ACC Rookie of the Year honors after leading the Yellow Jackets with a 24-8 singles record, including a 15-5 mark in dual matches.

- In his first year as head coach in 1999, Thorne earned ACC Coach of the Year honors after guiding the Yellow Jackets to a second-place tie in the regular-season conference standings, a runner-up finish at the ACC Tournament, an NCAA Regional berth and a final national ranking of 32 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA). Senior Benjamin Cassaigne was named the ACC Player of the Year, earned all-conference honors and captured the ACC Flight Championship at No. 1 singles.

- With Tech's 1999 NCAA Regional berth, Thorne became the first person in ACC history and just the second nationally, joining LSU's Jeff Brown, to lead the same school to post-season competition as a player, assistant coach and head coach since the current NCAA team dual-match format was instituted in 1977. (Prior to 1977, team finishes were determined by an accumulation of points based on individual play.) Thorne helped Tech to NCAA play as a senior in 1988, as an assistant coach in 1998 and as head coach in 1999.

Thorne earned an Industrial Engineering degree from Tech in 1989 and during his four seasons as a player from 1985-88, the Jackets posted a 70-38 dual-match record and a 20-7 ACC mark, including wins over nationally-ranked foes such as Georgia and Clemson in 1988, his final season. Tech climbed as high as 10th in the ITA national rankings during Thorne's senior season before the Jackets ended the year ranked 12th nationally.

He qualified for the NCAA singles tournament in 1986 and 1988 and advanced to the second round on both occasions. Thorne also competed in the 1988 NCAA doubles tourney with partner Bryan Shelton. After turning professional in 1989, Thorne spent eight years on the tour, achieving his highest singles ranking of 121 and doubles ranking of 67 in the world. He was also a six-time participant at Wimbledon, the U.S. Open, French Open and Australian Open.

Thorne's best career wins were over 1996 Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek, ATP No. 11 Wayne Ferreira, Australia's Mark Philippoussis and Todd Martin of the United States. He posted two career ATP doubles titles, one career Challenger singles title and four career Challenger doubles titles.

An All-American in 1988, Thorne finished his Georgia Tech playing career as a four-time All-ACC honoree and the career leader in singles victories with 112. He was also a two-time captain and an Academic All-ACC honoree. Thorne was inducted into the Georgia Tech Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995.

Thorne married former Yellow Jacket cross country standout and Tech Hall of Fame inductee, Bridget Koster, in 1990. The couple has two daughters, Rachel and Kenedy, and two sons, Zachary and Daniel. Rachel is a distance runner on the Tech track team.



Tech Year-by-Year Under Thorne

Year	All-Americans	All-ACC	Dual	ACC	*NCAA	#Rank
1999	—	1	16-8	6-2/2nd	2nd round+	32
2000	—	—	10-13	4-4/15th	—	—
2001	—	1	17-7	6-2/12nd	2nd round	27
2002	—	1	15-11	5-3/4th	1st round+	44
2003	2	2	12-10	3-5/16th	1st round	41
2004	—	1	15-8	5-3/4th	1st round+	32
2005	2	1	14-10	5-5/6th	1st round+	30
2006	—	—	12-10	5-6/17th	2nd round	30
2007	—	—	7-16	4-7/9th	1st round+	47
2008	—	1	13-12	3-8/9th	—	62
2009	1	1	10-11	5-6/7th	—	43
2010	1	2	18-8	7-4/14th	2nd round+	25
2011	3	3	21-6	8-3/14th	Round of 16+	13
2012	2	2	9-13	4-7/18th	+	62
2013	2	1	8-16	1-9/10th	+	—
2014	—	1	7-15	1-10/11th	+	—
2015	—	1	14-12	4-8/10th	1st round+	42
2016	1	1	17-9	8-4/5th	2nd round+	32

*Current NCAA bracket includes 64 teams, first rounds at 16 campus sites, 16 survivors advance to national championship site

+Individuals received berths in NCAA singles and/or doubles championships

#Final team ranking from Intercollegiate Tennis Association



PLAYERS & STAFF

COACHING STAFF



DEREK SCHWANDT

**ASSISTANT COACH
RICHMOND, 2005
4TH YEAR AT TECH**

A former assistant coach for the men's tennis program at Fresno State and Virginia, Derek Schwandt joined the Georgia Tech men's tennis program in July of 2012.

In his first three years at Tech, he has helped the Yellow Jackets secure two recruiting classes ranked among the top 15 in the nation according to the Tennis Recruiting Network. Tech's 2013 class was ranked 11th, and the 2014 incoming class was ranked 14th. He also has helped guide the Yellow Jackets to two straight NCAA Team Championship berths following a three-year absence and produce a bona fide All-American in Christopher Eubanks, who is ranked No. 7 in the nation.

In addition, Schwandt has been recognized for his efforts at Tech by being named to the coaching staff for the USTA Collegiate National Team for the summer of 2014 and 2015. In his two years at Fresno State, Schwandt helped the Bulldogs win two straight Western Athletic Conference regular season and tournament championships and rise to No. 14 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings in 2012.

"It's an honor to have the opportunity to work with Kenny Thorne at one of the best institutions and athletic programs in the country," said Schwandt. "This is something that I've been working towards, and a lot of people have helped me get to this point in my coaching career. I'm very excited about our team's potential at Georgia Tech, and I'm looking forward to training hard and competing in the ACC and NCAA."

Schwandt was heavily involved in all aspects of the Fresno State program, from coaching to recruiting, travel, budgeting, conditioning and directing ITA events. The Bulldogs' team grade-point average exceeded 3.3 during each of his two years, and five members of the team made the All-WAC Academic team.

"Derek is one of the hardest workers I have been around, which fits in well with our expectations for staff and team," said Thorne. "He brings a great deal of knowledge and experience from his years coaching at UVA and at Fresno State. He has also worked at the Philadelphia USTA regional training center with some great coaches. He did a great job recruiting at Fresno State, so he will be instrumental in bringing in the best student-athletes that are champions on and off the court. Most importantly, Derek is a person with great integrity. Our program stands for and demands integrity on and off court. Derek represents Georgia Tech well in all areas."

In 2012, Fresno State defeated No. 9 Stanford for the first time in program history, catapulting the team to No. 14 in the country. After winning a second consecutive WAC Tournament title, the Bulldogs went to their second straight NCAA Tournament and fell to No. 27 San Diego in the first round.

Under Schwandt's leadership, Remi Boutillier and Francis Alcantara received bids to play in the NCAA Singles and Doubles Championships in 2012. There, No. 27 Boutillier advanced to the second round while No. 43 Alcantara fell in the first round. As a doubles team, they fell to Georgia Tech's Kevin King and Juan Spir in the first round.

In 2011, he helped lead the Bulldogs to their first WAC Tournament title since 1999 and a No. 37 national team ranking. In the 2011 NCAA Tournament, Fresno State defeated No. 19 Minnesota in the first round before falling 4-3 to No. 14 Cal.



KEVIN KING

**VOLUNTEER COACH
GEORGIA TECH, 2012
1ST YEAR AT TECH**

Former Georgia Tech All-American tennis player Kevin King joined the Yellow Jackets' men's tennis program as a volunteer assistant coach in January of 2015.

King, who starred for Tech from 2008-12 and graduated with honors in mechanical engineering in 2012, is taking time off from professional tennis to recover from injuries to both his hips and is replacing Brad Horton, who served as volunteer coach the last four years.

"When Kevin decided to play for Georgia Tech in 2008, I said he was the perfect Georgia Tech student-athlete fit," said Thorne. "Eight years later, I am still saying he is the perfect Georgia Tech fit. He excelled in the classroom and on the court. We are honored to have him on our coaching staff this year. He will bring the highest level of college experience as well as the highest level of current pro experience to our staff."

The highest-ranked American recruit ever to enroll in Tech's men's tennis program, King left as one of its best-ever doubles players, earning ITA All-American honors in 2011 and All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors in 2010, 2011 and 2012. He played near the top of Tech's singles lineup (ranked as high as No. 7 in the nation as a senior) and teamed with Juan Spir to form one of the nation's best doubles teams (ranked as high as No. 2 during the 2011-12 year), and the best ever to play at Tech. The Peachtree City, Ga., resident finished his career with 87 doubles wins (87-39 record), breaking the previous mark of 82 set by Sergio Aguirre. He teamed with Spir for 66 of those wins (66-22 career, in dual matches, 19-8 vs. ACC), and also compiled an 80-41 career singles record, 25-15 in ACC matches.

He has played professionally on the ITF Pro Circuit and ATP Tour since his graduation in 2012, and has earned berths in the Wimbledon championships and the BB&T Atlanta Open. He has won three ATP Challenger doubles titles playing with his former Tech teammate Spir, two of them on clay-court surfaces and one on hard-court. His high-water marks in the ATP rankings have been No. 287 in singles (Apr. 27, 2015) and No. 114 in doubles (July 28, 2014). He is currently ranked No. 294 in singles and No. 126 in doubles.

From 2008-2010, Schwandt was the volunteer assistant coach for top ranked Virginia. There, he received full-time experience in running practice sessions, coaching in dual-matches, recruiting, administration and directing ITA fall tournaments.

During Schwandt's time at UVA, the Cavaliers won the 2009 and 2010 ITA national team indoor championship, the 2009 and 2010 ACC championship and the 2009 and 2010 NCAA doubles title. They also reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA Championship in 2009, and the semi-finals in 2010. He coached under Brian Boland, the 2008 ITA National Coach of the Year, and Tony Bresky, the 2005 ITA National Assistant Coach of the Year.

From 2005 to 2008, Schwandt played ITF futures and ATP challengers all over the world, including tournaments in South America, Mexico, Canada, Central America and India. He earned an ATP world ranking in singles and doubles. His best win was over Marcus Fugate (500 ATP) 6-7, 7-6, 7-6 in the 2008 Binghamton challenger.

Schwandt completed his master's degree in sport psychology, with a 4.0 grade-point average, at Fresno State in May of 2012. His book review on John Wooden was published in the June 2012 issue of *The Sport Psychologist*.

Schwandt graduated from the University of Richmond in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in business administration, concentrating in economics. At Richmond, he was part of three Atlantic 10 conference championships (2002, 2004, 2005) and three NCAA team tournament appearances. He was named to the All-Atlantic 10 team in 2004 and 2005.

SCHWANDT FILE

- **Name:** Derek Schwandt
- **Birthdate:** November 27, 1982
- **Joined Tech Staff:** July, 2012
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in business administration from Richmond in May, 2005; Master's degree in sports psychology from Fresno State in May, 2012.
- **Playing Experience:** Four years at Richmond (2002-05), All-Atlantic 10 Conference (2004-05), Atlantic 10 Champions (2002, 2004, 2005), competed professionally in several countries (2005-08)
- **Coaching Experience:** Assistant coach at Georgia Tech (2012-present); Assistant coach at Fresno State (2010-12); Volunteer Assistant at Virginia (2008-10).

STUDENT-ATHLETE PROFILES



CARLOS BENITO

JUNIOR • 6-2 • 187
MADRID, SPAIN • IES ORTEGA Y GASSET

General: Spianard who enjoyed success in international events and was ranked 85th among all players in Spain and No. 168 among juniors by the International Tennis Federation ... Played in the top half of the singles lineup for the majority of Tech's matches as a freshman and established himself at No. 2 as a sophomore, entering the national rankings as high as No. 110 ... Teamed with Eduardo Segura as a freshman and Christopher Eubanks as a sophomore in doubles, reaching the national rankings each year ... Has 61 career singles wins, 52 career wins in doubles.

2015-16 (Junior): Enjoyed a fine ACC season, compiling a 7-4 record in conference matches with a pair of victories over ranked opponents ... Won 10 of his last 16 decisions to finish the spring, reaching as high as No. 110 in the ITA national rankings and finishing at No. 115 ... Six of last eight completed matches went three sets, and had 11 three-setters during the spring ... Went 12-11 in dual matches this spring, 11-11 playing at the No. 2 position ... Teamed up with Christopher Eubanks to forge a 16-3 record in doubles and earn a national ranking of No. 36, playing mostly at No. 2 where they were 13-2 ... Did not play at all in the fall due to back problems.

2014-15 (Sophomore): Second on the team in singles wins with a 26-18 overall record, and was 15-8 in spring dual matches ... An even 6-6 in ACC matches, and 5-6 playing at the No. 2 spot ... In Tech's last five matches, defeated players ranked No. 59 and No. 64, both times earning the deciding point for the Jackets in 4-3 victories over Duke and Virginia Tech ... Played at every position except No. 1 ... Ranked as high as No. 20 in doubles with Eduardo Segura, finished No. 61 after going 19-13 overall, 12-9 in dual matches ... They were 4-4 vs. ranked doubles teams.

2013-14 (Freshman): Ranked as high as 15th in the nation in doubles with Eduardo Segura in the early spring, and defeated the nation's 24th-ranked team from South Carolina ... Struggled in ACC play (2-9) and finished the spring 10-11 in dual matches and 12-2 overall ... Finished spring ranked No. 57 ... Went 20-21 in singles to tie for the team lead, 8-12 in dual-match play and 3-8 in ACC matches ... Played all but two of his dual matches either at No. 2, 3 or 4 ... Top foe he defeated was No. 29 Chris Simpson of LSU in the fall ... Defeated No. 104 William Kalberg of Ole Miss in the spring.

Prep/Junior: Trains at the SD Tennis Academy in Madrid, Spain, which is one of the foremost tennis academies in the world ... Has played for the Spanish junior national team as an under-18, under-16 and under-14 player (world under-14 team champion) ... Has a current ATP world ranking of 1485 in singles, and has been as high as 1475 ... Helped Spain win 2010 World Championship in the Czech Republic, and was the 2010 singles world champion of Nike Junior Masters Tournament in the Dominican Republic ... Was the European championship runner-up in doubles in 2011 ... Defeated Austin Krajicek, a three-time all-American at Texas A&M and ranked No. 154 in the ATP World Rankings, in May of 2012 ... Also had recent wins over Roberto Ortega (506 ATP) and Sergio Magro (975 ATP) ... In the past 18 months, he has participated in 27 international tournaments.

Personal: Full name is Carlos Benito Hergueta ... Born January 23, 1995 in Madrid ... Son of Enrique and Gloria ... His mother is a school teacher and his father is the director of a consulting company and are family friends with current Tech player Eduardo Segura ... Has an older brother, Enrique ... Enjoys music and cinema ... Majoring in business administration.

CAREER STATISTICS										
SINGLES	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	Dual	Tour	ACC
2013-14	20-21	0-2	4-5	2-3	2-2	---	---	8-12	12-9	3-8
2014-15	26-18	---	5-6	4-1	2-0	2-1	2-0	15-8	11-10	6-6
2015-16	15-15	1-0	11-11	---	---	---	---	12-11	3-4	7-4
Totals	61-54	1-2	20-22	6-4	4-2	2-1	2-0	35-31	26-23	16-18

DOUBLES	Total	1	2	3	Dual	Tour	ACC
2013-14	15-16	8-11	2-0	---	10-11	5-5	2-9
2014-15	19-13	12-5	0-4	---	12-9	7-4	4-6
2015-16	18-10	3-1	13-2	0-1	16-4	2-6	7-3
Totals	52-39	23-17	15-6	0-1	38-24	14-15	13-18



CHRISTOPHER EUBANKS

SOPHOMORE • 6-7 • 165
ATLANTA, GA. • WESTLAKE HS

General: Led Tech to the NCAA Team Championship and earned a berth in the NCAA Singles Championship each of his first two years, and became one of the top 10 players in the nation as a sophomore ... Played doubles and singles in the 2015 BB&T Atlanta Open and has received a wild card into doubles for 2016 ... Blue Chip prospect rating by the Tennis Recruiting Network, the highest level possible, coming out of high school, and immediately became a regular in the top half of Tech's lineup his freshman year.

2015-16 (Sophomore): ITA All-American who also was named ACC Player of the Year and first-team All-ACC ... Earned a bid to the NCAA Singles Championship for the second straight year, seeded seventh, but lost in the opening round to No. 52 Shane Vinsant of Texas A&M ... Finished the spring No. 8 nationally with an 21-2 record at the top position in the lineup, including an 12-1 mark in conference matches (including ACC Championship) ... Only losses this spring came on the road to No. 20 Wayne Montgomery of Georgia and No. 12 Benjamin Lock of Florida State (rankings at the time of the matches) ... Had a 13-6 record against ranked opponents this year, including one over No. 7 Ryan Shane of Virginia ... Was 34-7 in all singles matches for the year, second-most wins in one year in program history ... Teamed with Carlos Benito to build a 16-3 record in doubles matches, playing mostly at No. 2, and they were ranked No. 36 nationally ... Reached the semifinals of the USTA/ITA National Indoor Championship in the fall after earning a wild-card bid.

2015 Summer Highlights: Received a wild card berth to the BB&T Atlanta Open in both singles and doubles main draws ... Teamed with Atlanta native Donald Young to win their opening-round and quarterfinals matches before falling to Bob and Mike Bryan, the world's No. 1-ranked doubles team, in the semifinals ... Lost to Redak Stepanek in straight sets in his first-round singles match.

2014-15 (Freshman): Second-team All-ACC ... No. 53-ranked singles player who received an at-large bid into the NCAA singles championship, where he defeated 31st-ranked Nathan Pasha of Georgia in the opening round before falling to 15th-ranked Yannick Hanfmann of Southern California in the round of 32 ... Played at the top of Tech's lineup in 18 of Tech's 27 dual matches, including the last 18 dating back to late February ... Went 7-11 at that spot, including wins over No. 37 Andreas Bjerrhus of Virginia Tech in the ACC Tournament ... Had a 6-13 record against ranked players, but defeated players ranked No. 5, No. 11 and No. 15 during spring ... Won the singles title at the Georgia Tech Fall Invitational ... Played most of his doubles matches with fellow freshman Michael Kay, compiling a 15-11 record, including 8-5 at the No. 2 spot ... They won the Georgia Tech Fall Invitational in doubles.

2014 Summer Highlights: Reached the quarterfinals of the ITA Summer Championship, winning his first three matches in straight sets before defeating No. 3 seed Sam Shropshire of Northwestern in straight sets.

Junior Tennis: Compiled a 48-6 overall record in 2013, including a 3-3 mark against other Blue Chip players and an 11-2 record against 5-star players ... Won six rounds in the USTA Nationals at Kalamazoo including a pair of wins over top-15 players ... Won the One Love Tennis Junior Super Championship (straight-set wins in all four matches) and the Georgia State Closed Junior Challenger (straight-set wins in all five matches) in 2013, and made finals of Southern Closed, where he lost to current Tech freshman Will Showers in finals) ... Also was a member of the winning team at the USTA National Boys' 18 Team Championships, and scored final point for Southern team in the finals ... Played in the BB&T Atlanta Open in 2012 and 2013, and partnered with Michael Kay to win the Norcross USTA Regional in October, 2013.

High School: Played three years at Westlake High School, helping his team to the region championship and runner-up finish in the state championship in 2011 and 2013 ... Member of the national Honor Society, Beta Club and Future Business Leaders of America.

Personal: Full name is Christopher Edward Eubanks ... Born May 5, 1996 in Atlanta ... Son of Mark and Carla Eubanks ... Has one older brother, Mark ... Cousin Trey played tennis at Michigan State from 1995-99 ... Enjoys playing basketball, football and baseball ... Majoring in industrial engineering.

CAREER STATISTICS										
SINGLES	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	Dual	Tour	ACC
2014-15	25-21	7-11	7-1	---	---	---	---	14-12	11-9	4-8
2015-16	34-7	21-2	---	---	---	---	---	21-2	13-5	11-1
Totals	59-28	28-13	7-1	---	---	---	---	35-14	24-14	15-9

DOUBLES	Total	1	2	3	Dual	Tour	ACC
2014-15	24-16	2-4	10-5	2-1	14-10	10-6	5-8
2015-16	21-9	3-1	16-3	---	19-4	2-5	8-3
Totals	45-25	5-5	26-8	2-1	33-14	12-11	13-10

STUDENT-ATHLETE PROFILES



COLE FIEGEL

JUNIOR • 6-2 • 186
ALACHUA, FLA. • GAINESVILLE HS

General: Strong, athletic, left-handed player who established himself in the Tech lineup as a freshman and has mostly played in the middle of the Tech lineup ... Three-star player ranked as high as No. 81 nationally whose court time was limited by injuries his final year of high school ... Has a 59-48 career singles record, including a career-high 24 wins as a sophomore ... Has made the ACC Academic Honor Roll both of his years at Tech.

2015-16 (Junior): Played everywhere from No. 2 to 6 in the lineup this spring, posting a 4-7 record in conference matches and 7-13 overall ... Saw the most action at No. 4 (3-4 record), but finished out the spring at No. 3 (1-6) ... Defeated two ranked players, No. 59 Jack Findel-Hawkins of North Florida in the fall and No. 91 Amerigo Contini of Virginia Tech in the spring ... Played doubles in only three matches this spring, and had a 4-6 doubles record for the year.

2015 Summer Highlights: Captured the singles title at the ITA Summer Circuit event in Tallahassee, Fla. ... Defeated three top-8 seeds and lost only one set along the way.

2014-15 (Sophomore): Gave Tech a rock-solid presence at the bottom of the order this spring, going 11-5 between the No. 5 and 6 positions, 17-9 overall in dual matches ... Went 1-2 in the ACC Tournament, getting a win over Notre Dame ... Went 7-3 with Nathan Rakitt at No. 3 doubles, 18-13 overall in doubles.

2014 Summer Highlights: Won the singles title as the No. 6 seed at the ITA Summer Circuit event in Tallahassee, Fla. ... Won the championship after defeating Florida State's Grayson Goldin, the tournament's No. 2 seed, 6-4, 3-6, 1-0 (10-6) in the finals ... Never lost a set until the finals.

2013-14 (Freshman): Enjoyed a fine freshman campaign, winning his first six dual matches at the No. 5 singles position before injuries forced him to move up ... Went 5-3 at No. 4, 1-3 at No. 3, and 12-6 combined in dual matches ... Went 20-14 overall in singles, tying for the team lead in singles wins ... Biggest win was a straight-set triumph over 45th-ranked Adam Lee of Wake Forest ... Went 4-5 in ACC doubles matches, 10-10 overall when partnered with Nathan Rakitt ... Highlight in doubles play was his 8-4 victory with Nathan Rakitt over Georgia's No. 2-ranked combo of Hernus Pieters and Ben Wagland at the USTA/ITA Southeast Regional ... Also earned a doubles victory with Rakitt over Florida's 60th ranked Florent Diep and Michael Alford, and against NC State's Sean Weber and Nick Horton, also ranked 60th at the time.

High School: Attended Gainesville High School in Florida, where he lettered four years as the top player for coach Paul Spradling ... Helped Gainesville to state runner-up finish in 2013 and three region titles ... Lost only once in four years of district play.

Junior Tennis: Was undefeated over the past year against players at his level and below ... Won the Deerfield Fall Super Series and reached the semifinals of another Super Series event in Gainesville before retiring due to illness ... Member of the Cambridge Program, a college preparatory program at Gainesville High School, and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Personal: Full name is Cole Ruston Fiegel ... Born August 3, 1995 ... Son of Rusty and Kim Fiegel ... Began playing tennis at age 6, also played baseball until age 13 ... Came to Tech for the engineering program and the opportunities Atlanta offers ... Majoring in industrial engineering.

CAREER STATISTICS

SINGLES	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	Dual	Tour	ACC
2013-14	20-14	---	---	1-3	5-3	6-0	---	12-6	8-8	6-5
2014-15	24-15	---	1-0	2-0	3-4	7-4	4-1	17-9	7-6	6-6
2015-16	15-19	---	1-0	1-6	3-4	2-1	0-2	7-13	8-6	4-7
Totals	59-48	---	2-0	4-9	11-11	15-5	4-3	36-28	23-20	16-18

DOUBLES	Total	1	2	3	Dual	Tour	ACC
2013-14	13-18	---	6-6	1-5	7-11	6-7	4-5
2014-15	18-13	---	1-3	10-5	11-8	7-5	4-4
2015-16	4-6	---	2-1	---	2-1	2-5	1-0
Totals	35-37	---	9-10	11-10	20-20	15-17	9-9



PHILLIP GRESK

FRESHMAN • 6-7 • 225
WARSAW, POLAND • FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL

General: Big player with a big serve who has become one of the top junior players in Europe ... Reached No. 84 in the International Tennis Federation (ITF) junior rankings and is currently ranked 1722 in the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) World Tour ... Has qualified for 12 ITF futures main draws in the last calendar year ... Sitting out this season to satisfy an NCAA eligibility issue.

Junior Tennis: Currently ranked No. 1 in Poland and No. 3 in Europe among junior players ... Reached the singles semifinals of the men's Polish Championship in 2015, and the quarterfinals of an ITF futures event in Egypt in 2014 ... In doubles, won the gold medal in the 2011 European Youth Olympics in Turkey, and the championship of the 2010 European Championship in the Czech Republic.

High School: Lived in Bradenton, Fla., from 2003 to 2010 before moving back to Poland ... Graduated from the Florida Virtual School ... Attended the Bollettieri Tennis Academy and Eagleton Ferreira Academy.

Personal: Full name is Philip Gresk ... Born April 18, 1996 ... Son of Thomas and Magdalena Gresk ... Father is a retired business executive with two major U.S. companies, while his mother works for Procter & Gamble in Poland ... Has two siblings in their 30s ... Began playing tennis at age 6 ... Interested in pursuing a career in communications, perhaps as a sports journalist ... Enrolled in literature, media and communications.

STUDENT-ATHLETE PROFILES



CASEY KAY

SENIOR-R • 5-11 • 165
**ATLANTA, GA. • LAUREL SPRINGS HS/
GEORGIA**

General: Transferred from Georgia where he enjoyed success in the fall of 2012 but saw little action in the spring of 2013 ... Sat out the 2011-12 season as a red-shirt ... Established himself as a middle-of-the-order singles player for the Yellow Jackets before a debilitating hip injury forced him to the sidelines ... Underwent surgery to correct and returned to the court in the fall ... Has made the ACC Academic Honor Roll both of his years at Tech.

2015-16 (Senior): Returned to good health and teamed with his younger brother Michael to become one of the top doubles teams in the ACC and in the nation ... Ranked No. 42 nationally with a 16-14 overall record in doubles and a 5-9 mark against ranked opponents ... Had an 8-10 mark in the spring, playing 15 matches at the No. 1 spot (6-9), including wins over top-15 teams from Florida State and Notre Dame ... Had a 7-9 singles record, appearing in a dual match only twice.

2014-15 (Junior): Struggled to get on the court after undergoing hip surgery in the spring of 2014 and had not regained his full mobility ... Played in just two singles matches and eight doubles matches,

2013-14 (Sophomore): Went 3-4 in singles and 4-4 in doubles in Tech's first eight dual matches of the spring before being sidelined by a hip injury ... Played mostly at No. 4 in the singles lineup and at No. 2 in doubles ... In the fall achieved a 4-2 record in singles while also earning a 2-3 mark in doubles play ... Defeated Georgia's Hernus Pieters, ranked 72nd in the nation and 5th regionally, in the USTA/ITA Southeast Regional ... Reached the consolation doubles semifinals (with Carlos Benito) in the same event.

2012-13 (Redshirt Freshman at Georgia): Posted an 8-7 singles record in the fall; ended with 8-9 singles record and 5-6 in doubles; overall mark of 13-15 ... Won three straight matches to reach the quarterfinals of the Southern Intercollegiate ... Reached the consolation quarterfinals at the ITA Southeast Regional ... SEC Academic Honor Roll.

2011-12 (Freshman at Georgia): Enrolled in January of 2012 ... Red-shirted the 2011-12 season ... Athletic Director's Honor Roll.

High School/Junior Tennis: Rated the No. 3 prospect in Georgia according to the Tennis Recruiting Network in 2011, and was ranked as high as No. 24 nationally earlier in the year ... Doubles Champion of two USTA National Opens, and reached the semi-finals in doubles at the Easter Bowl ITF, as well as singles semi-finalist of two National Opens ... Won the Spring Southern Closed Doubles with Tech teammate Nathan Rakitt ... Was ranked as high as No. 1 in the South for three consecutive years ... Awarded the Southern Section Bill Ozaki Sportsmanship Award.

Personal: Full name is Douglas Casey Kay ... Born June 25, 1993 in Kansas City, Mo. ... Son of Fred and Jeanne Kay ... Has a twin sister Whitney and a younger brother Michael ... Father, Fred, was a varsity swimmer at Kansas, and sister, Whitney, is on the varsity tennis team at North Carolina ... Enjoys playing basketball and soccer ... Began playing tennis at age 8 ... Majoring in business administration.

CAREER STATISTICS										
SINGLES	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	Dual	Tour	Conf
2012-13	8-9	---	---	---	---	---	---	0-0	8-9	0-0
2013-14	7-9	---	---	---	2-4	1-0	---	3-4	4-5	0-1
2014-15	0-2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	0-2	0-0
2015-16	7-9	---	---	---	---	0-1	1-0	1-1	6-8	0-0
Totals	22-29	---	---	---	2-4	1-1	1-0	4-5	18-24	0-1

DOUBLES	Total	1	2	3	Dual	Tour	Conf
2012-13	5-6	---	---	0-1	1-0	4-6	0-0
2013-14	7-9	2-0	2-4	---	4-4	3-5	0-1
2014-15	2-6	---	---	2-4	2-4	0-2	0-4
2015-16	18-16	6-9	2-1	---	8-10	10-6	4-5
Totals	34-35	8-7	4-5	2-5	15-16	17-19	4-10



MICHAEL KAY

SOPHOMORE • 6-1 • 165
ALPHARETTA, GA. • RIVERS ACADEMY

General: One of the nation's top 25 junior players according to Tennis Recruiting Network who joined his brother Casey on the Tech team and immediately became a regular in the Tech lineup.

2015-16 (Sophomore): Played in only 15 of Tech's 26 dual matches in singles, but teamed with his younger brother Michael to become one of the top doubles teams in the ACC and in the nation ... Ranked No. 42 nationally with a 16-14 overall record in doubles and a 5-9 mark against ranked opponents ... Had an 8-10 mark this spring, playing 15 matches at the No. 1 spot (6-9), including wins over top-15 teams from Florida State and Notre Dame ... Had a 15-12 singles record for the year, 8-7 in dual matches in the spring, 3-3 in ACC matches, playing anywhere from No. 3 to 6.

2015 Summer Highlights: Reached the finals of the Atlanta City Open in mid-June, defeating teammate Daniel Yun along the way, and also made the finals of the U.S. Open National Playoffs Southern Sectional Qualifying tournament ... Earned one of four spots in the BB&T Atlanta Open Wild Card Challenge ... Made the doubles finals of the ITA National Collegiate Summer Championships with Trey Yates of Dunwoody, Ga. (freshman at Kentucky) ... They were seeded third ... Also won two matches and reached the fourth round of the singles draw.

2014-15 (Freshman): Solid freshman year playing in the middle of the order, going 23-21 overall in singles, 10-14 in dual matches ... Played mostly at No. 3 (4-5) and No. 4 (4-7) ... Got a win over Notre Dame in the ACC Tournament and was 4-8 against conference foes ... Developed a good doubles partnership with Christopher Eubanks, compiling a 15-11 record with his fellow freshman, including an 8-5 mark at No. 2 this spring ... They won the Georgia Tech Fall Invitational.

Junior Tennis/High School: Attended Laurel Springs School and Rivers Academy in Alpharetta ... A 5-star prospect according to the Tennis Recruiting Network, ranked No. 23 nationally, No. 10 in the Southeast and No. 3 in the state of Georgia ... Has compiled a 62-20 tournament record in 2013-14, including a 5-11 mark against Blue Chip players, 22-8 against 5-star players and 19-1 against 4-star players ... Twice beat fellow Tech recruit Christopher Eubanks in the spring of 2014 while reaching the quarterfinals of the USTA Southern L1A Championship and the USTA Southern L2 Championships BG18-16 ... In 2013, reached the semi-finals of the 2013 Winter Closed Championship and made the quarterfinals of Southern Spring Closed Championships and the Bullfrog USTA Southern Boys, while advancing to the round of 16 at the Georgia State Closed Qualifying Championships ... Defeated five players ranked No. 39 or higher, and was part of a doubles team that knocked off the No. 2 seed at the USTA Nationals in Kalamazoo.

Personal: Full name is Michael Phillips Kay ... Born November 5, 1995 in Merriam, Kan. ... Son of Fred and Jeanne Kay ... Father Fred swam at the University of Kansas ... Older siblings Casey and Whitney (twins) ... Casey plays on the Tech tennis team ... Loves music and plays the guitar, also engaged in videography, art, snowboarding and longboarding ... Majoring in business administration.

CAREER STATISTICS										
SINGLES	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	Dual	Tour	ACC
2014-15	23-21	---	---	4-5	4-8	2-1	---	10-14	13-7	4-8
2015-16	15-12	---	---	2-3	1-1	3-1	2-2	8-7	7-5	3-3
Totals	38-33	---	---	6-8	5-9	5-2	2-2	18-21	20-12	7-11

DOUBLES	Total	1	2	3	Dual	Tour	ACC
2014-15	19-16	2-4	8-5	2-1	12-10	7-6	5-7
2015-16	16-15	6-9	2-1	---	8-10	8-5	4-5
Totals	35-31	8-13	10-6	2-1	20-20	15-11	9-12

PLAYERS & STAFF

STUDENT-ATHLETE PROFILES



ANDREW LI

FRESHMAN • 5-9 • 155
HONG KONG, CHINA • LAUREL SPRINGS SCHOOL

General: Rising international junior star ranked as high as No. 164 among juniors internationally before enrolling at Tech, where he immediately became a regular in the starting lineup ... Compiled an 8-1 singles record and a 5-1 doubles record in 2015.

2015-16 (Freshman): Played impressively in the fall and helped solidify the bottom of the Tech lineup in the spring ... Performed well enough to see action as high as No. 2 in the order and play eight matches at No. 3 ... Went 17-18 overall in singles, 9-10 in dual matches in the spring and 3-8 in conference matches ... Teamed with senior Nathan Rakitt to go 14-7 in doubles, 12 of those wins in the No. 3 spot, and went 5-4 in ACC matches.

Junior Tennis: The right-handed Li is 24-16 in singles and 73-50 for his junior career internationally, 18-14 and 54-46 in doubles ... Made the finals of a Grade 4 ITF event in Thailand earlier this month, defeating two players ranked in the top 80, as well as a Grade 4 event in China early in 2014 ... Won the doubles title in the China event ... A participant in the 2014 Asian Games for China ... Won the singles title at the CRC Open in Hong Kong, knocking off two former United States collegiate All-Americans in the process ... Captured his first ITF junior tournament championship in January, 2015, by winning an ITF Junior event in Hong Kong ... Won the singles title and teamed with Jack Wong of Hong Kong to win the doubles title as well.

Personal: Full name is Hei Yin Andrew Li ... Born March 28, 1997 in Hong Kong ... Son of Hok Wing Li and Lin Choi Kathy Tsai ... Began playing tennis at age 5 hitting with his father ... Interested in physiotherapy as a career ... Enrolled in business administration.

CAREER STATISTICS

SINGLES	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	Dual	Tour	ACC
2015-16	17-18	---	1-0	3-5	1-3	2-1	2-1	9-10	8-8	3-8
Totals	17-18	---	1-0	3-5	1-3	2-1	2-1	9-10	8-8	3-8

DOUBLES	Total	1	2	3	Dual	Tour	ACC
2015-16	17-15	---	1-0	12-8	13-8	4-7	5-4
Totals	17-15	---	1-0	12-8	13-8	4-7	5-4



ELIJAH MELENDEZ

SOPHOMORE • 6-3 • 175
SUWANEE, GA. • HOME SCHOOLED

General: Left-handed player signed with Tech in the spring of 2014 out of the Stephen Diaz Tennis Academy ... Ranked 132nd in the nation by the Tennis Recruiting Network, and No. 45 in the USTA Southern Section, and is an excellent doubles player ... Won a doubles title (Murfreesboro, Tenn.) and a singles title (Tuscaloosa, Ala.) in an ITA Summer Circuit events over the summer.

2015-16 (Sophomore): Enjoyed a solid fall season with an 12-8 record, but has played only one dual match this spring, a win against Boston College ... Twice beat Georgia's Andy Martinez in tournaments ... Went 4-2 in the ITA Southeast Regional in the fall.

2014-15 (Freshman): Won the Georgia Tech Fall Invitational doubles title in his division and reached the finals in singles ... Inserted into the lineup for seven dual matches, two ACC matches, and went 6-1 in singles playing No. 5 and 6 ... 13-10 overall in singles, 8-6 in doubles ... Won the consolation draw of the B division in the Georgia Tech Invitational with Daniel Yun, and also went 2-2 in singles, reaching the consolation final of the B division ... Went 1-1 in singles and doubles at the Southern Intercollegiate Championships ... Went 2 and 1 in singles and lost in doubles to a top 15 opponent at the USTA/ITA Southeast Regionals.

2014 Summer Highlights: Captured a pair of ITA Summer Circuit titles, winning the singles championship in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and the doubles title in Murfreesboro, Tenn. ... Seeded seventh, he defeated Trevor Gotkowski in the championship match, and knocked off the top seed, Alabama sophomore Sean Donohue, in the semi-finals.

Junior Tennis: Rated a four-star player ... Accumulated a 42-25 overall singles record in the 12 months before signing, including a 39-13 mark against players at the four-star level or below ... Defeated three players at the five-star and blue-chip levels ... Finished in fifth place in USTA Closed Regional in February, 2014, reaching quarterfinals, then won two backdraw matches ... Went 4-2 at a USTA Southern Level 1A event in South Carolina in April of 2014 ... Reached the quarterfinals in singles of the 2013 Bullfrog USTA Sectional, and the 2013 and 2014 USTA Closed Regional in Mobile, Ala. ... Won the doubles championships of the 2013 and 2014 USTA regionals and Winter Southern Closed events, and reached the semifinals in two Bullfrog USTA sectionals.

Personal: Full name is Elijah Joel Melendez ... Born November 5, 1995 in Mobile, Ala. ... Son of Chris and Julie Melendez ... Youngest of three children ... Began playing tennis at age 8 ... Enjoys ultimate frisbee and football ... Majoring in business administration.

CAREER STATISTICS

SINGLES	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	Dual	Tour	ACC
2014-15	13-10	---	---	---	---	1-0	5-1	6-1	7-9	1-1
2015-16	12-8	---	---	---	---	---	1-0	1-0	11-8	1-0
Totals	25-18	---	---	---	---	1-0	6-1	7-1	18-17	2-1

DOUBLES	Total	1	2	3	Dual	Tour	ACC
2014-15	8-6	---	2-0	1-1	3-1	5-5	---
2015-16	11-4	---	---	2-0	2-0	9-4	---
Totals	19-10	---	2-0	3-1	5-1	14-9	---

STUDENT-ATHLETE PROFILES



NATHAN RAKITT

SENIOR • 6-2 • 180
MARIETTA, GA. • LAUREL SPRINGS

General: Five-star prospect ranked No. 4 among 2012 seniors in the state of Georgia and 82nd nationally when he enrolled at Tech ... Developed into an All-ACC caliber player in the top half of the Tech lineup, and finished the 2014 spring season No. 115 in the ITA rankings ... Named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll every year at Tech ... Compiled 72 career singles wins and 68 career doubles wins (12th all-time at Tech).

2015-16 (Senior): Overcame on-court struggles the previous two years to provide a big boost to the Yellow Jackets as a senior, compiling a 14-6 singles record in dual matches during the spring, including an 9-3 mark in the ACC ... Never lost playing at No. 6 (8-0) and was 6-6 combined playing at No. 4 and 5 ... Had an 20-15 singles record for the year, best since his freshman year ... Also has compiled an 13-7 doubles record in the spring with freshman Andrew Li, playing all but one of those matches in the No. 3 position.

2014-15 (Junior): Struggled through much of the spring with a shoulder injury, missing seven matches, two in the ACC ... Just 5-15 in dual matches, 11-21 overall ... Went 4-9 against ranked opponents ... Began the spring playing at No. 1, but played his ACC Tournament matches at No. 3 ... Solid at No. 3 doubles with Cole Fiegel, posting a 7-3 record there (4-2 in ACC matches), 11-7 overall ... Teamed with Christopher Eubanks to reach the finals in Division I doubles at the Southern Intercollegiate Championships, lost to the fifth-seed team - Dromsky/Smelyanski from Tennessee - in the championship ... Won the 2014 Bulldog Scramble in Athens, Ga. ... Defeated two ranked opponents as a part of his 5 and 0 weekend... Fell one win shy of qualifying for the main doubles draw with partner Cole Fiegel at the ITA Men's Tennis Championships.

2013-14 (Sophomore): All-ACC second-team, finished spring with an ITA ranking of No. 115 ... Had a 19-20 overall singles record, second-most singles wins on the team ... Was 10-11 in spring dual matches (8-9 playing the No. 1 position) ... Defeated four nationally ranked players in the spring, including No. 19 Amerigo Contini of Virginia Tech ... Most frequent doubles partner was freshman Cole Fiegel, they played No. 2 in the spring and were 10-10 together ... Highlight in doubles play was his 8-4 victory with Nathan Rakitt over Georgia's No. 2-ranked combo of Hernus Pieters and Ben Wagland at the USTA/ITA Southeast Regional ... Also earned a pair of doubles victories against teams ranked in the top 60.

2012-13 (Freshman): Compiled a team-high 22 singles victories (22-14 record), including a 13-7 mark in dual matches ... Played most of his matches in the No. 4 spot (8-4) and went 6-4 against the ACC ... Faced only two ranked opponents, losing to one while the other match was unfinished ... In the fall, reached the semifinals at the USTA Clay Court Invitational before losing to Cristian Gonzalez from Florida State ... Earned wins in five of his six singles matches at the USTA/ITA Southeast Regional in Tallahassee, Fla. ... Played most of his doubles matches with senior Juan Melian, compiling a 14-11 record, 9-7 in dual matches.

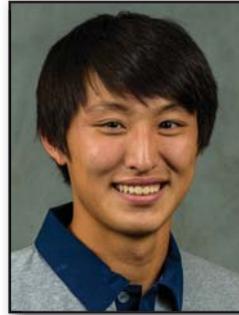
Junior Tennis: Graduate of the Laurel Springs School ... Ranked as high as 58th in the nation in 2011, and 46th in 2010 ... Rated a 5-star recruit by the Tennis Recruiting Network and stood at No. 22 in the Southeast at the time of his signing ... Among his accomplishments were winning the Winter Southern Closed Championships in December of 2011 in Knoxville, Tenn., and winning the Southern Closed Doubles Championship in 2011.

Personal: Full name is Nathan Connor Rakitt ... Born April 21, 1993 in Providence, R.I. ... Has lived in Providence, R.I., and Potomac, Md. ... Son of Steven and Karen Rakitt ... Middle of five children - Jennifer, Jeffrey, Kayla and Gavin ... Picked up tennis at age 4 ... Majoring in Industrial Engineering.

CAREER STATISTICS

SINGLES	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	Dual	Tour	ACC
2012-13	22-14	---	---	3-3	8-4	2-0	---	13-7	9-7	6-4
2013-14	19-20	8-9	2-2	---	---	---	---	10-11	9-9	5-6
2014-15	11-21	3-3	1-4	0-7	1-1	---	---	5-15	6-6	2-8
2015-16	20-15	---	---	---	2-2	4-4	8-0	14-6	6-9	8-2
Totals	72-70	11-12	3-6	3-10	11-7	6-4	8-0	42-39	30-31	21-20

DOUBLES	Total	1	2	3	Dual	Tour	ACC
2012-13	15-12	2-1	7-6	1-1	10-8	5-4	2-5
2013-14	16-17	2-0	8-10	---	10-10	6-7	4-6
2014-15	18-14	---	1-3	7-5	8-8	10-6	4-4
2015-16	19-12	---	2-0	14-7	16-7	3-5	7-4
Totals	68-55	4-1	18-19	22-13	44-33	24-22	17-19



DANIEL YUN

SOPHOMORE • 6-0 • 145
MARIETTA, GA. • LASSITER HS

General: Fast-rising junior player with a five-star rating by the Tennis Recruiting Network and a national ranking of No. 46, No. 6 in Georgia as of July, 2014 ... Excellent athlete and mover on the court with an excellent work ethic ... Broke into the Tech singles lineup at the start of the ACC schedule as a sophomore.

2015-16 (Sophomore): Saw action in 12 ACC matches (including the ACC Championship) after playing in only two pre-conference contests, and compiled a 7-5 record against the conference (9-7 overall) ... Won his first four ACC starts against No. 7 Wake Forest, No. 57 Duke, Louisville and No. 27 NC State ... Defeated No. 83 Edoardo Tessaro from 40th-ranked Virginia Tech in the Jackets' final home match, and won his first ACC Championship match against Louisville ... Played anywhere from No. 3 to 6, but had his best success at No. 5 (4-1) ... Played his last six matches of the spring at No. 4, splitting them, and posted a 15-17 singles mark for the year ... Went 13-6 in doubles, winning all four contests in dual matches playing at No. 3 with different partners.

2014-15 (Freshman): Played in four dual matches this spring, winning three of those when inserted into the No. 5 or 6 spot, and was 2-1 in dual-match doubles ... 8-11 overall in singles, 7-5 in doubles ... Teamed with Elijah Melendez to win the consolation draw in the B division at the Georgia Tech Invitational ... Went 3 and 2 as an individual at the Bulldog Scramble.

2014 Summer Highlights: Reached the quarterfinals of the Tuscaloosa ITA Summer Circuit event in doubles but lost in the round of 32 in singles ... He went on to win twice in the consolation draw.

Junior Tennis: Went 57-24 overall in 2013-14 (27-12 in 2014 only), 5-9 against Blue Chip players, 11-13 vs. 5-star and 27-2 vs. 4-star ... Among his wins was a straight-set win over No. 29 Matthew Mendez and he reached the quarterfinals of the 2013 Bullfrog BG18-16 Designated event ... Reached the finals of the USTA Closed Regional event in February of 2014 in Mobile, Ala. ... Won the Southern Level 1 in doubles at Hilton Head in 2014 ... Top 12 at Arizona Winter Nationals in 2013.

High School: Two-year letterwinner at Lassiter High School in Marietta, Ga., where he helped his team win the regional title and reach the state finals in 2014 ... Earned all-Cobb County honors in 2012, and 2014 ... Made the Principal's Honor Roll.

Personal: Full name is Daniel Seung Jin Yun ... Born July 5, 1996 in Marietta, Ga. ... Son of Chris and Song Yun ... Has a younger brother, Chris ... Introduced to tennis at age 8 ... Enjoys music, swimming, football and basketball ... Majoring in business administration.

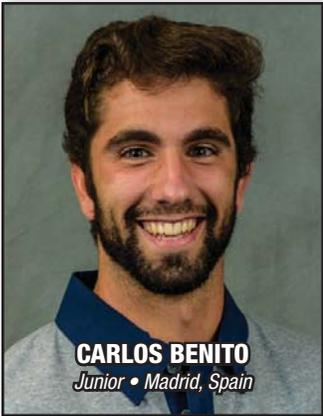
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SINGLES	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	Dual	Tour	ACC
2014-15	8-11	---	---	---	---	1-1	2-0	3-1	5-10	---
2015-16	15-17	---	---	0-2	4-3	4-1	1-1	9-7	6-10	6-4
Totals	23-28	---	---	0-2	4-3	5-2	3-1	12-8	11-20	6-4

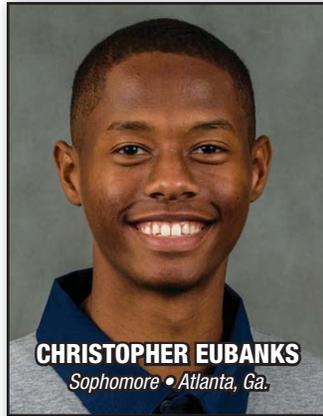
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2014-15	7-5	---	---	2-1	2-1	5-4	---
2015-16	13-6	---	---	4-0	4-0	9-6	2-0
Totals	20-11	---	---	6-1	6-1	14-10	2-0

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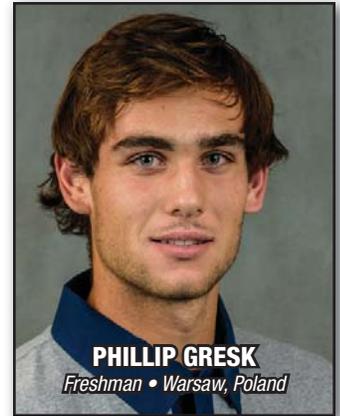
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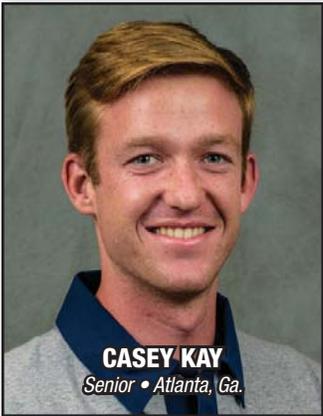
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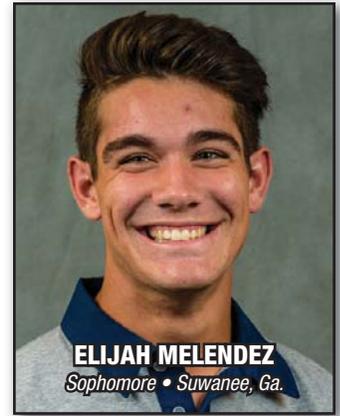
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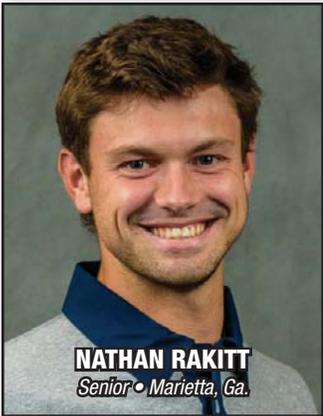
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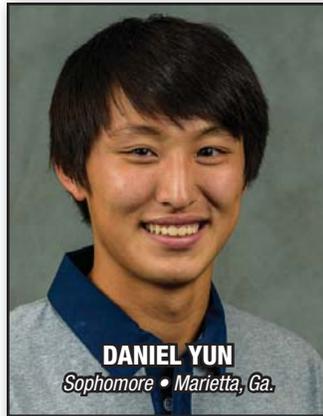
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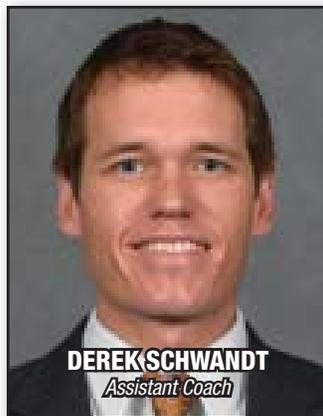
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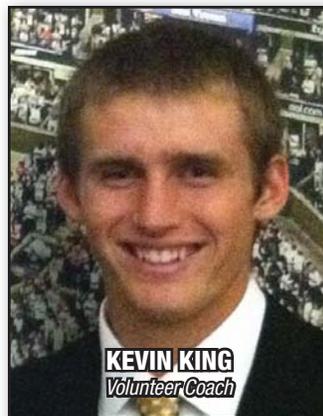
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