

Gr. Tech

# Golf Record

1972-1978

|                  | River City Int. | Dixie Int.  | Gator Int.  | Seminole Int. | Furman Int. | Jr.-Sr Int. | Chris Schenkel Int. | S.T.C.      | Metro-7     | Rounds | Average |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|
| Bo Bowden        | 220<br>73.3     | 218<br>72.7 | 225<br>75.0 | 243<br>81.0   |             |             | 229<br>76.3         | 160<br>80.0 | 230<br>76.7 | 20     | 76.25   |
| Mike Donahue     |                 |             |             |               |             |             | 231<br>77.0         | 167<br>83.5 | 228<br>76.0 | 11     | 78.09   |
| Steve Hopson     |                 | 230<br>76.7 | 245<br>81.7 |               |             |             |                     | 164<br>82.0 | 235<br>78.3 | 11     | 79.45   |
| Joe Howe         | 233<br>77.7     |             | 232<br>77.3 | 245<br>81.7   | 165<br>82.5 | 218<br>72.7 | 242<br>80.7         | 156<br>78.0 |             | 19     | 78.47   |
| Larry Mize       | 228<br>76.0     | 216<br>72.0 | 217<br>72.3 | 234<br>78.0   | 149<br>74.5 | 215<br>71.7 | 230<br>76.7         | 222<br>74.0 | 227<br>75.7 | 26     | 74.54 * |
| John Perry       |                 | 235         |             |               |             |             |                     |             |             | 3      | 78.33   |
| Joe Quirk        |                 |             | 223<br>74.3 | 236<br>78.7   | 167<br>83.5 | 236<br>78.7 |                     |             | 236<br>78.7 | 14     | 78.43   |
| Steve Retzlaff   | 254<br>84.7     | 252<br>84.0 |             | 239<br>79.7   | 163<br>81.5 |             |                     |             | 230<br>76.7 | 9      | 81.78   |
| Robbie Robertson |                 |             |             | 244<br>81.3   | 151<br>75.5 | 245<br>81.7 | 233<br>77.7         |             |             | 8      | 79.38   |
| Brent Saylor     |                 |             |             |               |             |             |                     |             |             | 8      | 80.00   |
| No. of Rounds    | 3               | 3           | 3           | 3             | 2           | 3           | 3                   | 3 1/2       | 3           | 26     |         |

Tommy Plaxico  
Golf Coach

## TOMMY PLAXICO

### Head Coach



Likeable Tommy Plaxico, a former Georgia Tech star of the cinders, has been the Yellow Jackets' golf coach since January of 1956. His 23 Tech teams have won 126 dual matches while losing 136 and being tied 8 times. Plaxico does a good job of instilling his golfers with the same desire to win that he himself demonstrated as an outstanding Tech track man of the early 1940's.

Coach Plaxico was a regular on the Tech track team for three years and was captain of the 1941 squad. After a four-year interlude spent as a Navy fighter pilot in World War II, Plaxico returned to the campus to receive his degree in Industrial Management in 1946. He immediately joined the Tech faculty as a member of the Physical Training staff, a capacity in which he still serves. Tommy also served as assistant track coach for five years and was in charge of Georgia Tech's fine intramural program.

Coach Plaxico was born in York, S.C., on May 17, 1919.. He attended Tech High of Atlanta and entered Georgia Tech the fall of 1937. He was married on September 11, 1953 to Frances Perry, of Tifton, Ga. The Plaxicos have four children: daughters Bonnie and Anita, sons Perry and Blake. Coach Plaxico's hobbies are golf and tennis.

### GOLF SINCE 1918

| Matches |                  |         | Matches |                  |         |
|---------|------------------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|
| Year    | Captain          | W L T   | Year    | Captain          | W L T   |
| 1918    | Tom Prescott     | 3 0 0   | 1950    | Scott Howell     | 5 5 1   |
| 1919    | Unknown          | Unknown | 1951    | Scott Howell     | 8 3 0   |
| 1920    | Unknown          | Unknown | 1952    | Tommy Bachman    | 5 4 0   |
| 1921    | Unknown          | Unknown | 1953    | Charlie Harrison | 2 7 0   |
| 1922    | Unknown          | Unknown | 1954    | Lynwood Johnson  | 6 2 0   |
| 1923    | Bip Farnsworth   | 2 1 0   | 1955    | John Maddox      | 4 6 0   |
| 1924    | Bip Farnsworth   | 1 2 0   | 1956    | Ned Edge         | 7 3 1   |
| 1925    | Bill Spalding    | 2 2 0   | 1957    | George Johnson   | 5 7 0   |
| 1926    | Bill Spalding    | 5 2 0   | 1958    | Morris Copeland  |         |
| 1927    | Watts Gunn       | 5 1 0   |         | and              |         |
| 1928    | Watts Gunn       | 6 1 0   |         | Bland Johnson    | 8 7 0   |
| 1929    | Shag Irvin       | 5 3 0   | 1959    | Jimmy Cleveland  | 2 8 0   |
| 1930    | Charles Brimbley | 4 5 0   | 1960    | Jimmy Cleveland  | 9 4 0   |
| 1931    | Scott Hudson     | 4 4 0   | 1961    | Lefty Ewing      | 8 6 0   |
| 1932    | Unknown          | Unknown | 1962    | Bill Ploeger     | 7 7 2   |
| 1933    | Frank Ridley     | 6 0 0   | 1963    | Buddy Baker      | 8 9 0   |
| 1934    | Charlie Yates    | 7 0 0   | 1964    | Robbie Horak     | 5 10 0  |
| 1935    | Charlie Yates    | 7 0 0   | 1965    | Larry Sears      | 7 6 1   |
| 1936    | S. N. Holditch   | Unknown | 1966    | Bunky Henry      | 7 2 2   |
| 1937    | Tommy Barnes     | Unknown | 1967    | Bunky Henry      | 10 7 0  |
| 1938    | Tommy Barnes     | Unknown | 1968    | Bill Dudley      | 3 15 1  |
| 1939    | Gene Brooks      | Unknown | 1969    | Len Williams     | 8 7 0   |
| 1940    | Danny Yates      | Unknown | 1970    | No Captain       | 11 8 1  |
| 1941    | Danny Yates      | Unknown | 1971    | No Captain       | 3 10 0  |
| 1942    | Hal Florence     | Unknown | 1972    | No Captain       | 8 9 0   |
| 1943    | No team          |         | 1973    | Lanny Houillion  | 4 3 0   |
| 1944    | No team          |         | 1974    | No Captain       | 4 5 0   |
| 1945    | No team          |         | 1975    | No Captain       | No dual |
| 1946    | Unknown          | Unknown |         |                  | Matches |
| 1947    | Ike Scott        | 11 2 0  | 1976    | Jim Teuscher     | 2 0 0   |
| 1948    | Ashby Taylor     | 9 5 0   | 1977    | Mike Johnson     | 0 1 0   |
| 1949    | Albert Swann     | 9 2 0   | 1978    | Larry Mize       | No dual |
|         |                  |         |         |                  | Matches |

NOTE: Any available information that would correct or add to above figures will be appreciated.

### 1978 AVERAGE MEDAL SCORES

| Player           | Tournaments | Rounds | Total Medal | Avg. Medal |
|------------------|-------------|--------|-------------|------------|
| Larry Mize       | 9           | 26     | 1938        | 74.54      |
| Bo Bowden        | 7           | 20     | 1525        | 76.25      |
| Mike Donahue     | 4           | 11     | 859         | 78.09      |
| John Perry       | 1           | 3      | 235         | 78.33      |
| Joe Quirk        | 5           | 14     | 1098        | 78.43      |
| Joe Lowe         | 7           | 19     | 1491        | 78.47      |
| Robbie Robertson | 3           | 8      | 635         | 79.38      |
| Steve Hopson     | 4           | 11     | 874         | 79.45      |
| Brent Saylor     | 3           | 8      | 640         | 80.00      |
| Steve Retzloff   | 3           | 9      | 736         | 81.78      |

### GEORGIA TECH'S GOLF HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Perry Adair, 1918           | Coach H. E. Dennison, 1931-55 |
| Ewing G. Watkins, 1921      | Charles R. Yates, 1935        |
| Robert T. (Bob) Jones, 1922 | Berrian Moore, 1935           |
| Watts Gunn, 1927            | Tommy Barnes, 1938            |
| Frank M. Ridley, Jr. 1934   | Albert Swann, 1949            |
|                             | Dr. John H. Ridley, 1935      |
|                             | Charles Harrison, 1952        |

### GOLF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1927 Southern Conference Champions.
- 1949 Southern Intercollegiate Champions.
- 1973 Junior-Senior Collegiate Championship.

### GOLF INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**National Intercollegiate Champions:** Watts Gunn, 1927; Charlie Yates, 1934.

**Southern Intercollegiate Champions:** Tommy Barnes, 1938.

**Southeastern Conference Champions:** Albert Swann, 1948.

**NOTE:** Certainly the most famous golfer in Georgia Tech history was the incomparable Bob Jones who graduated from Tech in 1922. He did not compete in intercollegiate matches but while a student gained many of his national honors in golf.

### TECH'S ALL-AMERICA GOLFERS

- Watts Gunn, 1927
- Charlie Yates, 1934
- Bunky Henry, 1967

### TECH HEAD COACHES

(with dual match records)

Prof. H. E. Dennison 1931-1955 (83-40-1, records not complete).  
Tommy Plaxico 1956-Present (126-136-8).  
No Coaches record before 1931.



## GOLF SCHEDULE

| DATE               | MATCH                    | SITE              |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Feb. 16-18         | Gator Invitational       | Gainesville, Fla. |
| Mar. 2-3           | Seminole Classic         | Tallahassee, Fla. |
| Mar. 22-24         | Furman Invitational      | Greenville, S.C.  |
| Mar. 30-<br>Apr. 1 | Jr.-Sr. Invitational     | Dadeville, Ala.   |
| Apr. 17-19         | ACC Tournament           | Greensboro, N.C.  |
| Apr. 27-29         | Chris Schenkel           | Statesboro, Ga.   |
| May 5-6            | Governors Cup Tournament | Perry, Ga.        |

## 1979 GEORGIA TECH ROSTER

| NAME            | CLASS | LTR. | HOMETOWN           |
|-----------------|-------|------|--------------------|
| Bo Bowden       | Sr.   | 3    | Macon, Ga.         |
| Mike Donahue    | So.   | 0    | Atlanta, Ga.       |
| Billy Gilliland | Jr.   | 0    | Cleveland, Tenn.   |
| Robert Haley    | Fr.   | 0    | Nashville, Tenn.   |
| Steve Hopson    | Sr.   | 2    | Marietta, Ga.      |
| Doug Johnson    | Jr.   | 0    | Montgomery, Ala.   |
| Joe Lowe        | So.   | 1    | Atlanta, Ga.       |
| Jody Lowery     | Fr.   | 0    | Albany, Ga.        |
| Larry Mize      | Jr.   | 2    | Atlanta, Ga.       |
| Scott Muir      | Fr.   | 0    | Marietta, Ga.      |
| John Peay       | Fr.   | 0    | Clarksville, Tenn. |
| Steve Retzlaff  | Sr.   | 1    | Houston, Tex.      |
| Brent Saylor    | Sr.   | 0    | Pittsburgh, Pa.    |
| Keith Watson    | Sr.   | 0    | Toccoa, Ga.        |
| Pat Yancey      | Fr.   | 0    | LaGrange, Ga.      |

## 1978 GOLF RESULTS

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| River City Intercollegiate  | Tied for 18th<br>(24 teams) |
| Dixie Intercollegiate       | 9th (20 teams)              |
| Gator Invitational          | 12th (15 teams)             |
| Seminole Invitational       | 14th (24 teams)             |
| Furman Invitational         | 17th (24 teams)             |
| Jr.-Sr. Invitational        | 11th (15 teams)             |
| Chris Schenkel Invitational | 20th (21 teams)             |
| So. Intercollegiates        | 22nd (24 teams)             |
| Metro 7 Tournament          | 5th (7 teams)               |

Larry Mize competed in the NCAA finals in Eugene, Oregon with rounds of 77, 79, and 81.

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