



## **Quick Facts**

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| Official Name                         | Georgia Institute of Technology                   |
| Location                              | Atlanta, Ga.                                      |
| Founded                               | 1885  |
| Enrollment                            | 47,946  |
| Colors                                | Old Gold and White                                |
| Nicknames                             | Yellow Jackets, Rambling Wreck                    |
| Official Athletics Website            | Ramblinwreck.com                                  |
| Conference                            | Atlantic Coast (ACC)                              |
| President                             | Dr. Angel Cabrera                                 |
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| Lettermen Returning/Lost              | 7/1   |
| 2025 ACC Finish                       | 8th (Bowling Green, Ky.)                          |
| 2025 NCAA Regional Finish             | 4th (Auburn, Ala.)                                |
| 2025 NCAA Finals Finish               | T-15th  |
| ACC Championships                     | 19  |
| (1985-91-92-93-94-99-200<br>18-19-23) | 01-02-06-07-09-10-11-12-14-15                     |
| NCAA Regional Championship            | s 7   |
|                                       | (1991-98-99-2002-14-22-23)                        |
| NCAA Top-8 Finishes                   | 18  |
| Highest NCAA Finish 2nd in            | n 1993, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2023                    |
| NCAA Finals Appearances               | 33  |
| (1947-85-86-87-88-89-90-              | 91-92-93-94-95-98-99-2000                         |
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|                                       | 10-11-13-14-15-19-21-22-23                        |
| 01-02-03-04-05-06-07-09-              | 10-11-13-14-15-19-21-22-23-<br>83 (24 first-team) |

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| Facebook         | WW | w.facebook.com/Ge | eorgiaTechGolf |
|                  |    |                   |                |

# **2024-25 National Rankings**Scoreboard NCAA Golf 23

| Bushnell/GUAA Coaches         |            |      | 26    |
|-------------------------------|------------|------|-------|
| Individuals                   | Scoreboard | WAGR | PGATU |
| Kale Fontenot                 | 211        | 231  |       |
| Albert Hansson                | 148        | 189  |       |
| Carson Kim                    | 205        | 324  |       |
| Brady Rackley IV              |            |      |       |
| Benjamin Reuter               | 99         | 69   |       |
| Didrik Ringvall Bengtsson     |            |      |       |
| Hiroshi Tai                   | 128        | 51   |       |
| Aidan Tran                    | 472        |      |       |
| #All rankings as of 5/27/2025 |            |      |       |

## **GEORGIA TECH GOLF INFORMATION**



#### 2024-25 GEORGIA TECH GOLF TEAM

From left standing: assistant coach Evan Smith, Kale Fontenot, Brady Rackley IV, assistant coach Jeff Paton, head coach Bruce Heppler, Albert Hansson, Didrik Ringvall Bengtsson. Seated in front: Benjamin Reuter, Aidan Tran. In driver's seat: Hiroshi Tai. In rumble seat: Carson Kim

## **2024-25 Roster**

| Name                      | Ht.  | Wt. | CI.   | Hometown / High School                               | Major                   |
|---------------------------|------|-----|-------|--|-------------------------|
| Kale Fontenot             | 6-3  | 190 | So.   | Lafayette, La. / Ascension Episcopal)                | Business Administration |
| Albert Hansson            | 5-11 | 175 | Fr.   | Fiskebäckskil, Sweden / Filbornaskolan (Helsingborg) | Business Administration |
| Carson Kim                | 6-0  | 150 | So.   | Yorba Linda, Calif. / Sunny Hills HS                 | Business Administration |
| Brady Rackley IV          | 6-4  | 215 | r-So. | Atlanta, Ga. / The Lovett School                     | Industrial Engineering  |
| Benjamin Reuter           | 6-3  | 186 | Jr.   | Naarden, The Netherlands / Caland Lyceum HS          | Business Administration |
| Didrik Ringvall Bengtsson | 5-8  | 148 | Fr.   | Stockholm, Sweden / Filbornaskolan (Helsingborg)     | Business Administration |
| Hiroshi Tai               | 5-10 | 165 | Jr.   | Singapore / Windermere (Fla.) Prep                   | Business Administration |
| Aidan Tran                | 6-1  | 165 | Jr.   | Fresno, Calif. / Clovis North HS                     | Business Administration |

Head Coach: Bruce Heppler (Brigham Young, 1985), 30th season

Assistant Coach: Jeff Paton (Georgia State, 1985), 5th season

Assistant Coach: Evan Smith (Point University, 2016), 1st season

Fontenot = FON-tuh-no Reuter - ROY-ter Bengtsson - DID-rick RING-wall BENG-tson Hiroshi Tai - her-RO-shee TIE

## **2024-25 Schedule**

| Date                | Tournament/Location/Venue  | 2024-25 Finish |
|---------------------|--|----------------|
| Sept. 6-8           | Visit Knoxville Collegiate, Loudon, Tenn. (Tennessee National Golf Club)                         | 8th/16         |
| Sept. 20-22         | OFCC/Fighting Illini Invitational, Olympia Fields, III. (Olympia Fields Golf Club - North Course | ) 1st/15       |
| Sept. 30-Oct. 1     | Ben Hogan Collegiate Invitational, Fort Worth, Texas (Shady Oaks Country Club)                   | 8th/15         |
| Oct. 18-20          | Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Invitational, Alpharetta, Ga. (Golf Club of Georgia – Lakeside   | Course) 7th/14 |
| Oct. 28-30          | East Lake Cup, Atlanta, Ga. (East Lake Golf Club)  | 1st/4*         |
| Feb. 6-8            | Amer Ari Intercollegiate, Kamuela, Hawai'i (Mauna Lani North Course)                             | 10th/20        |
| Feb. 17-19          | Watersound Invitational, Panama City, Fla. (Watersound Club)                                     | 4th/12         |
| March 2-4           | Southern Highlands Collegiate, Las Vegas, Nev. (Southern Highlands Golf Club)                    | 13th/15        |
| March 17-18         | Pauma Valley Invitational, Pauma Valley, Calif. (Pauma Valley Country Club)                      | 9th/15         |
| April 14-15         | Ford Intercollegiate, Richmond Hill, Ga. (Ford Field & River Club)                               | 7th/12         |
| April 25-28         | ACC Championship, Bowling Green, Ky. (The Club at Olde Stone)                                    | 8th/15         |
| May 12-14           | NCAA Auburn Regional, Auburn, Ala.   | 5th/13         |
| May 23-28           | NCAA Championship, Carlsbad, Calif. (Omni LaCosta Resort and Spa)                                | t15th/30*      |
| *lost playoff for 1 | 5th spot at 54-hole cut  |                |



## **TECH GOLF NOTEBOOK**

#### **Tech Returns to NCAA Championship**

Georgia Tech's golf team advanced to the NCAA Championship Finals for the 34th time in school history in 2025, winding up in a tie for 15th place after 54 holes of stroke play. The Yellow Jackets lost a playoff with Wake Forest for the right to compete in the final round of stroke play, though individuals Hiroshi Tai and Carson Kim advanced as individuals.

Tai, defending his 2024 NCAA title, finished in a tie for 18th place at even-par 288, while Kim, a sophomore, tied for 38th place at 3-over-par 291. Tech finished the spring ranked No. 23 nationally in the Scoreboard NCAA Rankings.

#### **How Tech Got Here**

Georgia Tech advanced through an NCAA regional for the sixth straight year, finishing fifth at the Auburn (Ala.) Regional, by five strokes over sixth-place SMU. Head coach Bruce Heppler's team won one tournament (Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational in the fall) in 2024-25, and recorded one other top-5 finish, a tie for fourth at the Watersound Invitational in February, after which the Jackets achieved their highest national ranking this year (No. 12). Tech finished eighth at the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship and lost to Virginia in the quarterfinals of match play.

Redshirt junior Benjamin Reuter (Naarden, The Netherlands) has been the Yellow Jackets top finisher in three of seven spring events, with freshman Albert Hansson (Fiskebäckskil, Sweden) leading Tech at Pauma Valley and at the ACC Championship. Sophomore Carson Kim (Yorba Linda, Calif.) did so at the Ford Collegiate, and Tai delivered his top-10 finish at the Auburn Regional

Tech posted a 93-85-5 head-to-head record for the year, needing to be at .500 or above to qualify for a berth in an NCAA Regional. The Jackets competed against a demanding tournament schedule in 2024-25, with 72 percent of the teams they have faced ranking in the Scoreboard top 50.

#### **Tech Lineup**

Tai, the defending NCAA individual champion, Kim and sophomore Kale Fontenot (Lafayette, La.) were the three starters back from last year's NCAA semifinal team along with junior Aidan Tran (Fresno, Calif.) who was Tech's alternate player and had to step in for the Jackets in rounds 2, 3 and 4 of stroke play and their quarterfinal win over Illinois.

They lead a Tech lineup that also included Reuter, who returned from redshirt year to be the Jackets' highest-ranked player (No. 99) in the Scoreboard NCAA rankings, Hansson, a freshman ranked No. 148.

Reuter posted a runner-up finish at Olympia Fields and has two other top-10s, including a tie for fourth at the Watersound Invitational this spring. Hanson finished 13th at Pauma Valley and 14th at the ACC Championship.

Tai, a pre-season All-American by Golfweek magazine and Golf Channel who competed in the Masters in April, had three top-20 finishes this fall and finished No. 128 in the NCAA Scoreboard rankings following post-season performances. The junior won twice as a freshman prior to his NCAA Championship.

Fontenot (No. 221 in the Scoreboard rankings) had a top finish of 30th place at Watersound, while Kim, ranked No. 205, tied for 10th at the Ford Collegiate, the best finish of his career to date, and 18th at the Auburn Regional.

#### **Tee Shots**

- Tech has made it through the NCAA regional round each of the last six years dating back to 2019 (no post-season in 2020 due to COVID-19), after failing to advance three straight years from 2016-18.
- Tech entered the NCAA Championship Finals with its lowest seeding (No. 20) since the 2021 championship at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz., when it was seeded No. 22. The Yellow Jackets beat expectations, making the 54-hole cut to finish 15th in stroke play.
- Tech won a tournament in the fall for its first victory since the 2023 NCAA Salem (S.C.) Regional, winning the Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational. The Yellow Jackets reached the NCAA Championship semifinals without winning a tournament in 2023-24, the first time the Yellow Jackets had done that since 2003. Tech also went winless in 2016 and 2017, but in those years, the Jackets failed to advance through their regional.
- The Scoreboard NCAA Rankings recognize Tech for having two tournament wins this year, but one of those was the stroke play portion of the East Lake Cup, which included just four teams and was only 18 holes.
- In 12 regular-season events, Tech has faced 120 teams ranked among the Scoreboard top 50 out of 166 total teams (72.2%), with no fewer than eight top-50 teams in any tournament outside of the East Lake Cup, in which three of the four teams were in the top 25.
- Outside of Tech's stroke-play wins at the Olympia Fields event and the East Lake Cup, its fourth-place finish at the Watersound Invitational in February and its fifth-place finish at the Auburn Regional, the Yellow Jackets have finished no higher than seventh in any other tournament.
- Tech has eight total individual top-10 finishes, three of those by Benjamin Reuter, two by Hiroshi Tai, and one each by Albert Hansson, Kale Fontenot and Carson Kim.
- Since the NCAA added match play to the format to determine its champion in 2009, the Yellow Jackets have advanced to match play six times, including the last two years. Tech advanced to the championship match in 2023, beating Pepperdine and North Carolina before falling to Florida, and to the semifinals in 2024, knocking off top-seed Illinois before it lost to Florida State.
- In stroke play, Tech finished 15th in 2021, 12th in 2022, second in 2023, eighth in 2024 and tied for 15th in 2025 over the last five years.
- Tech has played in the NCAA Championship finals 22 times in 30 years under head coach Bruce Heppler. Four of the Jackets' five runner-up finishes have come under Heppler.
- Tech has won 14 of its 19 ACC titles under head coach Bruce Heppler, who is in his 30th year leading the program. The Yellow Jackets and Wake Forest are tied for the most ACC titles won all-time with 19 each.
- Tech has qualified for match play in four of the five ACC Tournaments since the conference added match play to the format in 2021, missing out only the first year (2021).
- The Yellow Jackets are 3-3 all-time in ACC match play, losing its quarterfinal match to Virginia in 2025, winning the championship in 2023 and falling to Wake Forest in the 2022 finals.
- Tech's only other match play in 2024-25 occurred at the East Lake Cup, where the Jackets defeated Ohio State in the semifinals (4-0), and lost to Auburn in the finals (3-2).

#### **ACC Men's Golf Titles** (since 1954)

| Wake Forest       | 19   |
|-------------------|------|
| GEORGIA TECH      | 17-2 |
| North Carolina    | 11-1 |
| Clemson           | 10-1 |
| Duke              | 8    |
| Florida State     | 1    |
| Virginia          | 1    |
| (outright-shared) |      |

#### ACC Men's Golf Titles (by coach)

| Jesse Haddock, WF  | 15   |
|--------------------|------|
| Bruce Heppler, GT  | 12-2 |
| Larry Penley, CU   | 9-1  |
| Devon Brouse, NC   | 6    |
| Puggy Blackmon, GT | 5    |
| Ellis Hagler, DU   | 5    |
| Bones McKinney, WF | 3    |
| Chuck Erickson, NC | 2    |
| Jamie Green, DU    | 2    |
| Trey Jones, FS     | 1    |
| Ed Kenney, NC      | 1    |
| Mike McLeod, NC    | 1    |
| Rod Myers, DU      | 1    |
| Bobby Robinson, CU | 1    |
| Jerry Haas, WF     | 1    |
| Bowen Sargent, VA  | 1    |
| (outright-shared)  |      |
|                    |      |

#### **ACC Individual Champions** (by school)

| Wake Forest       | 22   |
|-------------------|------|
| North Carolina    | 14   |
| GEORGIA TECH      | 10-1 |
| Clemson           | 8    |
| Duke              | 6    |
| NC State          | 6    |
| Virginia          | 4    |
| Maryland          | 3    |
| Florida State     | 3    |
| Louisville        | 1-1  |
| (outright-shared) |      |
|                   |      |

### NCAA Championship Finals Appearances (1985 to present)

| Oklahoma State      | 38 |
|---------------------|----|
| Arizona State       | 36 |
| Florida             | 36 |
| Texas               | 36 |
| GEORGIA TECH        | 33 |
| Clemson             | 30 |
| Oklahoma            | 31 |
| Georgia             | 29 |
| North Carolina      | 27 |
| Wake Forest         | 27 |
| Southern California | 26 |
| Arizona             | 26 |
| UCLA                | 23 |
|                     |    |

#### NCAA Championship Match Play Appearances (2009 to present)

| Oklahoma State | 10 |
|----------------|----|
| llinois        | 9  |
| Texas          | 8  |
| Vanderbilt     | 7  |
| GEORGIA TECH   | 6  |
| Arizona State  | 6  |
| 6 teams tied   | 4  |
|                |    |

## **TECH GOLF NOTEBOOK**

#### **Tech's NCAA Championship History**

Georgia Tech has reached the NCAA Championship finals 33 times since 1985 (33 times in program history), which is the fifth most in that time period behind Oklahoma State (38), Arizona State (36), Florida (36) and Texas (36).

Tech has posted 18 top-8 finishes in the NCAA Championship, 13 of those since Bruce Heppler became the head coach.

The Yellow Jackets have qualified for match play six times since the advent of the stroke-play/match-play format in 2009, finishing third in stroke play in 2010, second in 2011, second in 2013, fifth in 2014, tied for fifth in 2023 and eighth in 2024.

Tech lost to the eventual champion four times in its six appearances in match play, most recently in the championship match against Florida (3-1) in 2023. Tech fell to Augusta State by the score of 3-2 in the quarterfinals in 2010 and 2011 and to Alabama (3-0-2) in the 2013 semifinals.

Tech has been the runner-up in the NCAA Championship five times (1993, 2000, 2002 and 2005 before the introduction of match play, and again in 2023). Only Oklahoma State, which has 18, and Texas (6) have more.

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.

Four Tech players have won national collegiate championships. Hiroshi Tai captured the title in 2024 in Carlsbad, Calif., and Troy Matteson lifted the trophy 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.

#### **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.

The NCAA added a fourth round of stroke play in 2016 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 are determined.

Match play 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 six teams (Oklahoma State 9, Illinois 9, Texas 7, Vanderbilt 7, Oklahoma 6 are the others) to have advanced to match play six or more times in the 16-year history of the stroke play/match play format.

#### **Georgia Tech Match Play History**

While match play in college golf may be infrequent, Georgia Tech is no stranger to it, having participated in 15 regular season match play events since 2000, as well as six times since the NCAA added match play to determine its champion, and three times in the four years the Atlantic Coast Conference has implemented it as part of its format. Here is a history of Tech's participation.

Tech has a 31-20-1 record in match play since 2000, including a 3-6 mark in NCAA Championship matches and a 3-3 record in the ACC Championship.

2025 ACC Championship - lost to Virginia, 3-0

2024 East Lake Cup - def. Ohio State, 4-0; lost to Auburn, 3-2

2024 NCAA Championship - def. Illinois, 3-2; lost to Florida State, 3-2

2024 ACC Championship - lost to Florida State, 3-0 2023 East Lake Cup - lost to North Carolina, 3-2; def. Florida, 2-1-2

2023 Cypress Point Classic - lost to Texas, 2-1; tied Auburn, 1-1-1; lost to Illinois, 5-1

2023 NCAA Championship - def. Pepperdine, 3-2; def. North Carolina, 3-2; lost to Florida, 3-1

2023 ACC Championship - def. Duke, 3-1-1; def. Wake Forest, 3-2
2023 Ramblin' Wreck Match Play - tied Charlotte, 3-3; def. Ohio state,
5-3

2023 ACC/Big 12 Showndown - lost Texas, 4-1-1

2022 ACC Championship - def. Florida State, 3-2, lost Wake Forest, 3-2 2019 Cypress Point Classic - def. California, 2-0, def. UCLA, 2-0, def. Duke, 5-1

2018 Jack Nicklaus Invitational - def. Kent State 3.5-2.5, def. South Carolina, 4-2

2017 Cypress Point Classic - def. Georgia, 8.5-3.5, def. Stanford, 8-4, lost Southern California, 19.5-4.5

2016 FarmLinks Collegiate Match Play Championship - lost Vanderbilt, 4-1-1, lost Alabama, 3-2-1

2014 NCAA Championship - lost Oklahoma State, 4-0-1

2014 Capital City Club Match Play Championship - def. Auburn, 4-2, def. Georgia, 5-1

2013 NCAA Championship – def. UNLV 3-2 (quarterfinals), lost Alabama\* 3-0-2 (semifinals)

2013 regular season - lost South Carolina 3-2-1, lost TCU 3-2-1

2011 NCAA Championship — lost Augusta State\* 3-2

2010 NCAA Championship – lost Augusta State\* 3-2

2008 Callaway Golf Collegiate Match Play – def. Texas 4-1, def. Georgia 3-2, def. South Carolina 3-2, lost UCLA 4-1

2006 Hooters Collegiate Match Play – def. Missouri 5-0, def. Arizona State 3-1-1, def. Stanford 3-1-1, lost Georgia 3-2

2005 Hooters Collegiate Match Play – def. Penn State 3-2, def. Arizona 4-1, def. Texas 3-0-2, lost Oklahoma State 4-0-1

2004 Hooters Collegiate Match Play – def. USC 3-2, def. Georgia 3-2, lost Florida 3-1-1. def. Oklahoma State

2000 CGF National Intercollegiate Match Play – def. Texas 2.5-2.5 (won playoff), def. Georgia 3-2, lost Arizona 3-2

\*won national championship

#### **Tech in NCAA Regional Competition**

Georgia Tech has advanced through an NCAA regional 29 times in 34 tries, and all but four times since the NCAA went to a six-regional qualifying format in 2009. Tech has won seven regional tournaments overall, two of them shared titles, most recently in 2023, when the Yellow Jackets won in Salem, S.C.

The NCAA began using regional qualifying tournaments in 1989, first with the 81 teams split among three sites (27 teams each), then among six sites with either 13 or 14 teams each beginning in 2009. Since the NCAA went to six regional sites in 2009, Tech has advanced to the championship finals 12 times. No NCAA championship events were held in 2020 due to COVID-19.

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). The 2014 win in Raleigh, the 2022 victory in Columbus and the 2023 win in Salem occurred in a 13- or 14-team field.

Four Georgia Tech players have won individual titles at NCAA regionals, but the most recent has been Troy Matteson in 2003,

coincidentally at the Auburn University Club. The Yellow Jackets were the team runner-up in that regional.

### **Tech's ACC Championship History**

Georgia Tech has won 19 ACC men's golf championships, tying the Yellow Jackets with Wake Forest for the most titles in conference history. Tech's titles have all come from 1985 to the present. Before the Demon Deacons outlasted the Jackets in the championship match in 2022, Wake Forest's most recent title came in 1989.

Tech has won the ACC Championship 11 times in the last 19 years, most recently in 2023. The 2020 ACC Tournament was not held after the 2020 spring season was cut short due to COVID-19.

Tech has won 14 of its conference titles under current head coach Bruce Heppler, 12 of those outright (1999, 2001, 2002, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2023) and two shared (2006, 2007). The Yellow Jackets won five championships (1985, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994) under previous head coach Puggy Blackmon.

Twelve of Tech's ACC titles have been won at the Old North State Club in New London, N.C., site of the event 22 of the last 28 years. The others took place at Bryan Park Golf Course in Greensboro, N.C. (1985), Northgreen Country Club in Rocky Mount, N.C. (1991, 1992, 1993, 1994), Disney's Magnolia Course in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (2001) and the Country Club of North Carolina in Pinehurst, N.C. (2023).

Georgia Tech has produced 10 ACC individual champions, including Bob McDonnell (1985), David Duval (1991, 1993), Mikko Rantanen (1994), Bryce Molder (2000), Cameron Tringale (2006), Chesson Hadley (2010), Paul Haley (2011), Anders Albertson (2013, 2015) and Ollie Schniederjans (2014). Albertson and Duval are among five ACC players to win two championships.

#### **Tech Golf APR Perfect Again**

Bruce Heppler's golf program again earned a perfect fouryear APR score of 1000 for the four-year period ending in the 2022-23 academic year in the NCAA's survey announced in May, 2025. The Yellow Jackets have earned a perfect four-year score each of the 21 years since the metric was introduced, and has also received an APR Public Recognition Award every year. Among Power 5 conferences, Tech is one of two men's golf teams and 12 programs overall that have achieved the feat. Tech has scored a perfect 1,000 in the single-year APR for 21 straight years since the metric was introduced.

APR is an annual scorecard of academic achievement calculated for all Division I sports teams. It measures eligibility, graduation and retention each semester or academic term and provides a clear picture of the academic performance for each team in every sport.

#### **Heppler ACC Coach of the Year 10 times**

Georgia Tech Bruce Heppler has been named ACC Coach of the Year 10 times in his 25-year tenure on The Flats. That is the most for one coach in conference history.

Tech won the Atlantic Coast Championship in April for the 18th time, matching Wake Forest for the most in conference history. The Yellow Jackets have won six tournaments altogether, more than any other Division I team in 2018-19, bringing to 59 the total number of titles earned by the Jackets under Heppler. He has coached Tech to 13 of its 18 ACC titles.

## TECH LINEUP NOTES (click here to access Tech's online roster and bios)

#### **Kale Fontenot (Sophomore / Lafayatte, La.)**

Name pronounced "FON-tuh-no" ... Has been a regular member of the Tech lineup from the start of his freshman year ... Currently No. 231 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking ... Did not qualify for the first fall event but played in all the rest, compiling a 72.62 stroke average over 34 rounds, fourth-best on the team ... Top finish was a tie for 11th at the Ben Hogan Collegiate Invitational (+1) in the fall ... Tied for 28th at the Olympia Fields/ Fighting Illini Invitational (+3) and 42nd at the Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Invitational (+2) ... Split his matches in the East Lake Cup, defeating Ohio State's Vaughn Harber ... Best spring finish was a tie for 30th at the Watersound Invitational (even), and tied for 37th at the Ford Collegiate (+8) ... Tied for 36th at the ACC Championship (+3), 38th at the NCAA Auburn Regional (+8) ... Finished spring No. 211 in the Scoreboard NCAA qolf rankings

#### Albert Hansson (Freshman / Fiskebäckskil, Sweden)

Swedish amateur golfer who is ranked No. 189 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking ... Qualified to compete in all 13 events during his freshman year, compiling a 72.22 stroke average in 37 rounds, second-best on the team ... Top spring finish was a tie for 13th at the Pauma Valley Invitational (-3), and tied for 14th at the ACC Championship (-3) ... Posted four other finishes 33rd or higher, including a tie for 29th at the NCAA Auburn Regional (+5) ... Top fall performance was a tie for 18th at the season-opening Visit Knoxville Collegiate (-1), and tied for 3rd in stroke play at the East Lake Cup ... Also tied for 36th at the Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Invitational (+2) and 37th at the Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational (+5) ... Won both of his matches at the East Lake Cup, 2&1 over Topher Reed of Ohio State, and 2-up over Brendan Valdes of Florida ... Finished spring No. 148 in the Scoreboard NCAA rankings

#### Carson Kim (Sophomore / Yorba Linda, Calif.)

No. 324 in the WAGR ... Competed in all but two events to date in his Tech career and was a solid contributor in the lineup ... Qualified and played in 12 team events this year, compiling a 72.86 stroke average over 37 rounds ... Tied for 18th at the NCAA Auburn Regional (+2) and 38th at the NCAA Championship (+4) ... Best tournament in the spring was a 10th-place finish at The Ford Collegiate (even), and tied for 22nd at the Watersound Invitational (-2) ... Top finish in the fall was a tie for 28th at the Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational (+3) ... Other finishes ranged from 49th at the Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Invitational (+5), where he closed with a 68, to 80th at the Amer Ari Intercollegiate (-1) ... Finished spring No. 205 in the Scoreboard NCAA rankings

#### **Brady Rackley IV (Redshirt Sophomore / Atlanta, Ga.)**

Two-time all-state high school player in Georgia who led The Lovett School to state and region championships in 2021 and 2022 ... Played in two fall events as an individual, with a top finish of T-49 at the Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Invitational (+5) ... Posted a 75.17 stroke average across six rounds

#### Benjamin Reuter (Redshirt Junior / Naarden, The Netherlands)

Last name pronounced "ROY-ter" ... No. 69 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking ... Strong and impressive figure physically ... Returned from a redshirt year to become Tech's top player, ranked No. 99 in the NCAA Scoreboard rankings with seven top-20 finishes in 13 events, three of those in the top 10 ... Posted team's top scoring average at 72.05 over 37 rounds ... Tied for 46th at the ACC Championship (+6) and 38th at the NCAA Auburn Regional (+8) ... Best spring finishes were a tie for 4th at the Watersound Invitational (-6) a tie for 12th at the Southern Highlands Collegiate (+3) and 13th at the Amer Ari Intercollegiate (-13) ... In the fall, was the runner-up by one stroke at the Olympia Fields/ Fighting Illini Invitational (-8) and led Tech to the team title ... Also tied for 14th at the Ben Hogan Collegiate Invitational (+3) and 15th at the Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Invitational (-3) ... Defeated Josiah Gilbert of Auburn in match play (2&1) at the East Lake Cup (other match was unfinished) ... Broke or matched par in 20 of 37 rounds

#### <u>Didrik Ringvall Bengtsson (Freshman / Stockholm, Sweden)</u>

Name pronounced "DID-rik RING-wall BENG-tsun" .. Swedish amateur golfer who is ranked No. 216 in the European Amateur Golf Ranking and No. 1154 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking ... Competed in three events in 2024-25, all as an individual ... Top finish was a tie for 28th in the Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Invitational (even) in

the fall

#### **Hiroshi Tai (Junior / Singapore)**

2024 NCAA Champion who became the Yellow Jackets fourth all-time individual national collegiate champion with his victory last May at the Omni LaCosta Resort and Spa ... His collegiate and amateur performances to date elevated him to No. 51 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking ... Tied for seventh place at the NCAA Auburn Regional (-3) and 18th at the NCAA Championship (even), as he returned to form following a rough erly spring ... Other finishes ranged from 31st at the ACC Championship to 71st at the Southern Highlands Collegiate .. Logged four top-20 finishes in 13 events overall in 2024-25, with a top finish of a tie for sixth at the Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational (-3) ... Tied for 12th at the Visit Knoxville Collegiate (-2) and 17th at the Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Invitational (-2), all in the fall ... Went 1-1 in match play at the East Lake Cup, defeating Auburn's Tyler Sabo (2&1) ... Has team's third-best stroke average at 72.32 in 38 rounds ... Finished spring at No. 128 in the Scoreboard NCAA rankings ... Won twice as a freshman, the fifth player in program history to win twice or more as a freshman

#### Aidan Tran (Junior / Fresno, Calif.)

California native who has played in 21 events in his Tech career, including eight in 2024-25 ... Best showing in five spring tournaments was a tie for 22nd at the Watersound Invitational and 39th at The Ford Collegiate (+9) ... Other finishes ranged from 33rd to 61st ... Played twice in the fall, tying for 48th at the Visit Knoxville Collegiate (+6) and 39th at the Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Invitational (+3) ... Opened with a 69 in Knoxville and closed with a 68 at the Golf Club of Georgia ... Finished with a 73.59 stroke average across 22 rounds ... Served as Tech's alternate player at the ACC Championship, the NCAA Auburn Regional and the NCAA Championship ... No. 472 final position in the Scoreboard NCAA rankings





**Kale Fontenot** Sophomore • Lafayette, La.



**Albert Hansson** Freshman • Fiskebäckskil, Sweden



**Carson Kim** Sophomore • Yorba Linda, Calif.



**Brady Rackley IV** Redshirt Sophomore • Atlanta, Ga.



**Benjamin Reuter** Redshirt Junior • Naarden, The Netherlands



**Didrik Ringvall Bengtsson** Freshman • Stockholm, Sweden



Hiroshi Tai Junior • Singapore



**Aidan Tran** Junior • Fresno, Calif.



**Bruce Heppler** Head Coach



**Jeff Paton Assistant Coach** 



**Evan Smith Assistant Coach**