

## MALCOLM MACKEY • GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY • PLAYER (1989-93)

One of the nation's premier big men by the time he graduated from Georgia Tech in 1993, Malcolm Mackey led the Yellow Jackets to a pair of Atlantic Coast Conference championships during his career. He started as a freshman along with Tech's famed "Lethal Weapon 3" combination of Kenny Anderson, Brian Oliver, and Dennis Scott in leading the Yellow Jackets to the 1990 ACC title and a trip to the NCAA Final Four. He then led the Yellow Jackets to the third ACC championship in the program's history as a senior in 1993. Tech made the NCAA Tournament in all four of his years and won 87 games.

Among those 87 wins were 26 over nationally-ranked opponents, and two over teams ranked No. 1 at the time, against Duke and North Carolina during his 1992-93 senior season. Besides Tech's run to the Final Four in Denver in 1990, Mackey was also a part of the Yellow Jackets' "Miracle in Milwaukee" in 1992, a 79-78 second-round NCAA Tournament win over sixth-ranked Southern California.



Overshadowed by his more famous perimeter teammates in 1990, Mackey nonetheless was a key cog in the Yellow Jackets' drive to the ACC title and to the Final Four, providing Tech's brawn inside with the 6-9 Johnny McNeill. That year, the Jackets knocked off East Tennessee State; a LSU team that featured Shaquille O'Neal, Stanley Roberts, and Chris Jackson; Michigan State and Minnesota before falling to eventual NCAA champion, UNLV. Mackey averaged 7.2 points and 7.5 rebounds that freshman year while connecting on 55.9 percent of his field goals.

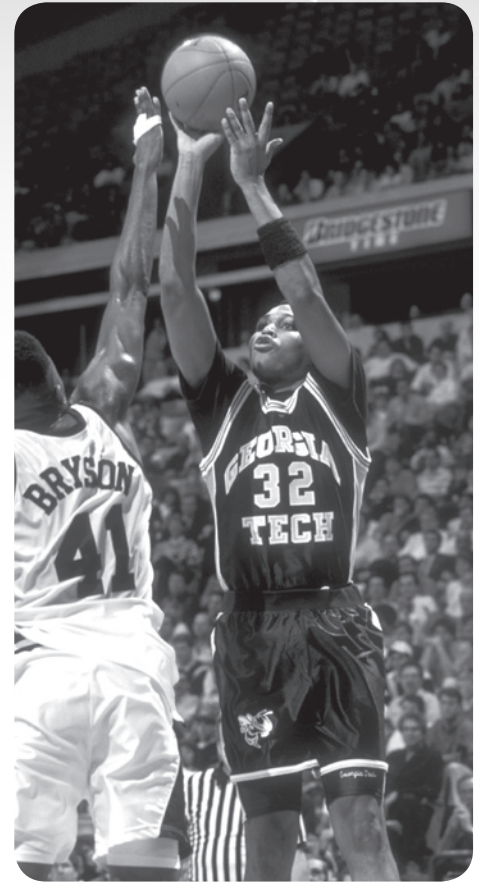
Over the next three seasons, Mackey was amazingly consistent, averaging 15.9, 15.8, and 15.6 points a game, respectively. In addition, he twice (1990-91 and 1992-93) averaged more than 10 rebounds a game. He steadily improved as a free throw shooter, finishing his career at 62.1 percent after hitting less than 45 percent as a freshman.

In all, he led the Jackets in rebounding each of his four years in Atlanta while three times leading the team in blocked shots.

After Tech's 1993 ACC Championship, Mackey was featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated magazine's NCAA Tournament preview edition.

A 6-11, 248-pound forward from Chattanooga, Tenn., Mackey finished his Georgia Tech career as one of only 16 players in NCAA history to score more than 1,500 points and grab more than 1,000 rebounds during their careers. He remains Tech's all-time leading rebounder (1,205) and is ranked 10th in career points (1,734). He still owns three of the top eight single-season rebounding totals in Tech history.

No Tech player has played in more games (130) and more NCAA Tournament games (11) than Mackey, who still ranks eighth in career field goals (708), ninth in field goal percentage (.545), third in blocked shots (199), and eighth in minutes played (4,141) on the Tech career chart. He earned All-ACC honors in 1991 and 1992, and made the ACC All-Tournament team in 1990 and 1992.



Following his senior year, he was selected in the first round (27th overall) of the NBA Draft by the Phoenix Suns. He played one season in Phoenix and appeared in 22 games. He also played in preseason (but not in any regular season games) for Dallas Mavericks (1997) and Sacramento Kings (1999).

Mackey also played professionally in Italy, Spain, China, France, Greece, and Puerto Rico, and helped coach the Chattanooga Steamers of the American Basketball Association (2004-05).

Mackey was inducted into the Georgia Tech Hall of Fame in 2005.