



GEORGIA TECH TEAM HANDBALL
AHA UPDATE
Monday, June 27, 2005

Good Afternoon Officers,

1. Coaching. After completing my course in high-performance handball in Argentina, I feel confident now about taking over the reigns of the team, coaching wise. This means that I will direct the team during the exhibition games and tournaments, as well as train the new students that we get from recruiting.

2. Summer Schedule Adjustments. Since we have an attendance problem and we fought hard to get 10 hours per week of gym space at the CRC, I'm going to make practice only voluntary. I will be there during these times, if anyone wants to work on their game. But I'm going to load our schedule with more exhibition games, all of which will be played on the outdoor Astroturf field. I have already booked an exhibition game this Thursday, June 30th, vs. the US Junior National Team. We will therefore have the games, cancel the NY Tournament if we can't get attendance this summer higher than 14, and go to the Houston Beach Tournament in late August / Early September.

3. AHA Handball Dedicated Institution (HDI). After my trip in Argentina, I have made a good number of contacts, and I'm going to have one of my college teams reap the benefits. As such, the AHA will now designate a Handball Dedicated Institution (HDI). That one institution will serve as the recruiting pool for the AHA's elite squads (Senior, 21-and-under, 19-and-under). The AHA will use its contacts to also set an international schedule for BOTH the elite squad and the HDI. The \$150 fee will be waived, and the AHA will also take care of the recruiting. I think this will be a GREAT opportunity for GTTH, as we have enough athletes to put on the US National Teams and enough skilled foreign students to participate in international tournaments in South America and Europe. I'm going to push, with Olivier, to make Georgia Tech the HDI of the American Handball Association. We will talk some more about this later.

4. Georgia Tech White 'n Gold Cup. We have been denied access to the gym's main floor for this summer and as such, we will go ahead and host the GT White 'n Gold (WNG) cup on the Astroturf field. The tentative date for this will be July 22, 23 and 24. The Condors (US Silver Medalists) will play, and so will the US Junior National Team. I have yet to hear from Atlanta Team Handball. I am going to start the process of discussing reservations with the GT people. We're still charging the \$200 per person, and we're still giving medals. The thing is, these medals will not be handball medals (see picture). I will combine the Georgia Tech players with the GTTH Alumni, so this will make for a great team. I will ask each alumnus to make a \$50 donation to the club, and we will start a GTTH Hall of Fame (more details on that later).

5. Handball Night at Mr. C's. According to many of you, the party that we had on June 17 was not a success, since there were only about 30 people present. Well, I don't know what



you were looking at, but for me we did achieve some things. Regardless, I want the GT Students to focus only on having fun, so if you had a good time, the rest will be the burden of others at the AHA. However, the AHA's Public Relations Committee has recommended that to promote the sport at GT we find a nearby bar and have "Handball Night". I have already approached Mr. C's Neighborhood Bar and Grill about this, and I'm going to try and strike a sponsorship with them. It's a very cozy bar on Howell Mill Road (right down the street from Kroger), has a bar, video games, a jukebox and a pool table in the back. Food is also served in there until Midnight, and it closes at 3am. They have about 6 TVs in there, and on Handball Night (any day of the weekday), we will show a handball game every time we go out there. We can print cards to distribute on campus, and I'll even try to bargain a discount on the beverages in there. THERE WILL BE NO COVER CHARGE. I am going to do this as soon as next week, so if you have any reservations, let me know. I think this is a GREAT idea, and I think we should implement it. The info on Mr. C's is at:

<http://www.gtteamhandball.com/admin/mistercs.pdf>

6. Club Finances. We're not doing too well in that department. Even though 30 people showed up at the party, there were only 17 that paid, for a total of \$85. The AHA 20% commission is \$17.00, the AHA picked up the tab on the drinks, and therefore the net profit for the club was \$68.00. Our account is STILL negative (we spent about \$1,300 at College Nationals), and we didn't get any money from the school this summer. So the \$68.00 will be used to purchase medals for our tournament (they cost about \$120, but the AHA has you covered when you have a negative balance). If we invite 3 teams at \$200 apiece, then we will have made a profit for the summer. We will get refunded for College Nationals when the Student Government Association reconvenes late August. I have yet to create the Quicken file for the club finances, but I do intent to get to it late this week, so the GTTH officers should have it by next week.