



## [Allen 'Turned Up' For Tampa Bay](#)

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Saturday's matchup in Raymond James Stadium is sure to be a good one. Two rivals lay it all on the line in a game that was decided by a fieldgoal when they met three months ago. It's a title game that features two up-and-coming coaches in the conference, as well as some of the most electrifying players in college football.

But for Georgia Tech's playmaker **Anthony Allen**, this game takes on a little more meaning. For the first time in months, **Allen** returns to his hometown Tampa Bay. And for the first time in years, he will get the chance to play in front of family and friends. "I'm real excited," said **Allen**. "I haven't been back there in a while, so I'm really looking forward to it. I'm trying to get my tickets now. My family said I was going to need thirty-plus."

**Allen**, who played alongside fellow Jackets **Phil Smith** and **Michael Peterson** as well as Tech alum **AJ** and **Andrew Smith**, started for 3 seasons for the **Jesuit High School Tigers**. There, he compiled an impressive resume that included an All-State senior season with 1,151 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Tech's outstanding A-Back (Paul Johnson's version of the slot back) has six total touchdowns on the season. But what's most impressive is his 10.6 yards per carry average. In comparison, Toby Gerhart of Stanford, the nation's leading rusher, has a 5.6 average. And in Georgia Tech's last matchup against Clemson, **Allen** gashed the Tigers for 127 yards on the ground, including an 82 yard scamper for a touchdown.

Don't expect **Allen** to change his game plan against the Tigers this time around. "I'm going to do what I do every week. I treat every game like it's the biggest game of my life. Every time I touch the ball, I try to make something happen with it."

Before every game, Georgia Tech carries on to the field it's list of 10 goals that the players devised back in the summer. For both **Allen** and the rest of the Yellow Jackets, getting to this spot has been the number one priority. "It was definitely at the top," **Allen** explained. "The team wants to win an ACC Championship, and it goes through Tampa. It was at the top."