Eight years ago, Georgia Tech requested that a structural analysis of the now demolished south stands at Grant Field be performed. Serious structural deficiencies requiring immediate repair were discovered. The Athletic Association took action to restore the structural integrity of the south stands so that they could be used for the next five years. Following the 1984 Georgia Tech vs. Georgia football game, the wrecking balls went into action, laying waste to the long-time Grant Field fixture.

Rather than landscaping the vacated area, the Georgia Tech Foundation, in conjunction with Athletic Director Dr. Homer Rice, decided to construct a building on the site that would provide space for use by the Georgia Tech Foundation and the Athletic Association.

The building’s namesake, William C. Wardlaw, was a long-time loyal Georgia Tech alumnus whose wife is contributing approximately 1.5 million dollars towards the building project.

Upon its completion in May, the building will be occupied by two major campus organizations, the Athletic Association and the Georgia Tech Foundation. The building will contain the following facilities: a visitors' locker room, a 10,000 square foot strength center, two levels of parking, an entertainment area serviced by a full kitchen, and twelve executive suites — ten reserved for corporate sponsors, one for Dr. Homer Rice, and one for the visiting Athletic Director.

TOP: An aerial view of the new Wardlaw building while still under construction. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Front of the Wardlaw building as seen from North Avenue. A spectacular view of the Atlanta Skyline.
Working Hard to Keep the Athletes on their Feet

With all of the hoopla that goes along with college sports and college athletes, it is easy to forget the people behind the scenes who make it all possible. Here at Georgia Tech we have an excellent staff of trainers, along with nationally recognized support facilities. The staff consists of six professionals, ten men and four women. The trainers work with the school’s 300 varsity athletes, 120 of which are football players.

Most of the student trainers served as trainers in high school. Some of their typical duties include taking care of the visitors’ locker room and doing record keeping on the computers. Most of these student trainers are either on full or partial scholarship, and rightfully so in light of the sacrifices required. The trainers must arrive on campus a month before classes start to help with pre-season football practice. During that month they work from 5:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. for seventeen days. During fall quarter when football is in full swing, the trainers work twenty hours per week. Once football season has ended the trainers’ work load is cut back to about two half-days per week.

The professional staff is led by head trainer Jay Shoop who also serves as Director of Sports Medicine. He primarily works with the football team but also oversees the other sports to make sure they have the proper training staff. The rest of the professional staff includes Crandall Woodson, who works with both football and basketball, Vicki Chambers, who concentrates on women’s sports, Fred Lindsey, who works with football and track, Walter Smith, who works primarily with the baseball team, and Mark Albert, who is a physical therapist dealing primarily with athletes requiring physical rehabilitation.

Though they are seldom recognized, the trainers contribute hours of hard work that are necessary to keep the Georgia Tech athletic programs worthy of national recognition.

TOP: Georgia Tech’s student trainers are always available to administer immediate attention to the athletes. BOTTOM: Track is a sport that often requires the assistance of a trainer because of the amount of muscle stress.
FIRST ROW: George Caviness, Chris Silvers, Julie Johnson, Janet Gould, Pam Coley, Richard Swank, Mike Roush.

SECOND ROW: Greg Burke, Al Burke, Craig Boyd, Tony George, Danny Czaja, Scott Christianson, Jeff Sherrill.

THIRD ROW: Fred Lindsay, Dr. Nick Gordon, Dr. Fred Allman, Mark Albert, Jay Shoop, Dr. Robert Lambert, Dede Casey, Dr. Aaron King, Crandall Woodson, Walter Smith.
New Buildings Appreciated by Athletes

Among the many construction projects taking place on the campus this year were the Jim Luck Building and the Bill Moore Tennis Complex.

The Jim Luck Building is a men's basketball support facility that is adjacent to the Alexander Memorial Coliseum. At present, the facility contains a new men's locker room, an office for Coach Bobby Cremins, a weight room, a media room, and the Hyder Room, used primarily for entertaining, which contains Tech basketball memorabilia.

The Bill Moore Tennis Complex is a one million dollar facility containing three indoor tennis courts, a pro shop, a lounge area, and an entertainment area. In addition, tennis players now have new men's and women's locker rooms, and two corporate locker rooms.

Hopes High for Jackets But Season Falls Short

This year's Georgia Tech football team started the year with many high expectations. First-year coach Bobby Ross was bringing a high-powered offense from Maryland, where he had won the ACC in two of his five years as coach. Tech was ranked as high as twentieth by the UPI pre-season poll and was picked to finish as high as second in the conference. As many as four Tech starters were named to various All-Conference pre-season polls and Riccardo Ingram was named in two pre-season All-American polls.

Tech opened the season with a 51-12 thrashing of the Citadel. Quarterback Rick Strom threw for 317 yards and 3 touchdowns. Freshman Greg Lester was named ACC “Rookie of the Week” as he caught 2 passes for 56 yards and scored a touchdown.

The Jackets' ACC opener proved to be the first of many heartbreaking losses as North Carolina scored 20 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to beat Tech 30-23. Kicker Thomas Palmer hit field goals of 48 and 52 yards for personal bests.

Tech's third game, against Clemson, saw the Jackets fall to 1-2 with a 33-12 loss. Riccardo Ingram led the defense with 14 hits and Greg Lester caught touchdown passes in three consecutive games, a first for a Georgia Tech freshman.

Tech continued to slide with a 17-0 loss to North Carolina State. Defensively, linebacker Eric Thomas paced Tech with 14 tackles.

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VARSITY FOOTBALL

Lack of Recruiting Time Hurts Ross in First Season

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TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Sean McDevitt prepares to punt the life out of that unsuspecting football. Keith Holmes takes part in a much deserved celebration after leveling Auburn quarterback, Jeff Burger. Darrell Gast barks out the signals to the offensive unit as Tech prepares to lay waste to the Tennessee front line. BOTTOM: Richard "Thrills" Hills evades Auburn pursuers as he rolls to another one of his impressive scampers.
Bullpups Sunk by Baby Jackets

On Thanksgiving day, the Georgia Tech junior varsity football team took the field against the Georgia Bullpups for the 53rd time in the rivalry's history. Each year the two teams get together at Grant Field with the proceeds from the game going to the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital.

The Baby Jackets came into the game with the confidence gained through a 20-14 upset of the Bullpups last year. This year, the Baby Jackets were able to go into the game with 41 varsity players, with the balance of the squad coming from players recruited from the student body.

At the final gun, the Baby Jackets had handed the Bullpups their second straight loss by a score of 25-0, extending their series lead to 27-25-1.

Not only does the game serve to raise money for a worthwhile cause, but it also allows the varsity coaching staff to observe untested players who are looking for a position on the varsity squad.
The Jackets’ disappointing season continued with a 48-14 loss to Duke. Duke quarterback, Steve Slayden shredded the defense and threw for a career high 396 yards. Tech’s Darrell Gast threw for a career high 416 yards, but had three passes intercepted.

The Yellow Jackets had high hopes for their 1987 Homecoming game, but Virginia prevailed 23-14 to drop Tech to 2-7 and leave them as the cellar-dwellers in the ACC.

Against Wake Forest, Tech lost 33-6 and dug holes in the cellar. Darrell Gast completed only 4 of 21 passes and had 4 interceptions, while replacement Todd Rampley completed 10 of 24 while throwing three interceptions. Paul Jorgensen and John Porter led the defense with nine tackles apiece.

Georgia Tech wound up its disappointing season with a 30-16 loss to rival Georgia on national television. Tech drew first blood with a Thomas Palmer 25 yard field goal. Georgia then scored on a four yard touchdown by running back Lars Tate. Tech bounced back with a drive ended by a 14 yard touchdown pass from Darrell Gast to Steve Davenport. The Bulldogs scored on a seven yard pass from James Johnson to Troy Sadowski to end the first half with a 15-9 advantage. Georgia scored on a 34 yard run by Tate on its first possession in the second half to take a 23-9 lead. Malcolm King then sprinted 11 yards and brought Tech to within seven. However, the Tech offense could produce no more as Georgia scored on a 33 yard run by Rotnei Hampton to make the final score 30-16 and end Tech’s season at 2-9.

CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT: Tech’s Malcolm King tries to avoid the pursuing Bulldogs.
HOMECOMING COURT

Ms. Georgia Tech
Sharon Just

Mr. Georgia Tech
David Mayfield
TOP: 1986 Homecoming Queen Miss Renee Dominy, 1987 Mr. Georgia Tech, David Mayfield, and his escort Miss Debbie O'Neal.

LEFT: 1987 Ms. Georgia Tech, Sharon Just, and her escort Jim Anderson.

Finalists for Ms. Georgia Tech were: Dionne Claybrook, Michelle Morrison, Lisa Farmer, Tracey King

Finalists for Mr. Georgia Tech were: Jerald Dotson, Doug Turner, Tom Dyal, Chris Shriver

Homecoming of 1987 saw the replacement of the traditional Homecoming Queen Contest with the Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech Contest. Semifinalists are chosen based on number of student votes received; a panel of five judges determines four finalists and the winners. The judges base their decisions upon scholastics, self-assurance, leadership ability, enthusiasm and school spirit, communication skills, campus and community activities/honors, personal/career goals, and total student votes received.
Major Wins Make An Exciting Season For Jackets

Despite the loss of Antoine Ford and Michael Christian, the Georgia Tech men's basketball team put together another winning season that included some real heart stoppers. Playing with a short bench is nothing new at Tech as Coach Cremins' teams have become famous for their iron five. This year, however, Cremins has enjoyed the luxury of a very competent sixth man, junior Anthony Sherrod. Sophomore James Munlyn has also seen a good deal of playing time this year as he made his presence felt in the Tech front line.

Tech's first outing this year was the second annual exhibition game against the Soviet National Team. For the second year in a row Tech lost to the much older and more experienced Soviet Squad. Tech opened its 1987-88 season by thumping Alcorn State 114-71. Tech quickly slipped to 1-1 after losing to nationally ranked Florida in the first round of the Big Apple NIT. The Jackets got back on track with a 79-71 victory over a pesky Jackson State team.

In their next game, in front of a record attendance crowd in the Omni, the Jackets chalked up a heart stopping victory against archrival Georgia. With time running out and Tech down by a point, Dennis Scott missed a jumper that would have won the game, but before the final buzzer sounded, Anthony Sherrod got the rebound and put in the stickback that gave the Jackets a 78-77 win.

Tech had a much easier time with their next opponent, Augusta College, handing them a 108-74 pounding. In their next game, the Jackets faced an always tough LSU team. LSU had managed to eliminate the Jackets from the NCAA Tournament for the past two years in a row. The Jackets would not be denied this time, handing LSU an 87-70 loss in front of a frenzied Omni crowd. The Jackets found themselves in Philadelphia for their next game where they beat Pennsylvania 79-55. Tech then returned home to take on Richmond in the Thrillerdome. For the second year in a row the Jackets were upset by Richmond with this year's 67-73 loss ending Tech's 39 game win streak against non-conference teams in the Thrillerdome.

Quickly bouncing back, Tech went on to win the Cotton States Classic, held in the Omni by eliminating William and Mary in the first round 90-59, and then beating Auburn in the championship game 83-72. Tech continued to improve on its 8-2 record by steam rolling George Washington University 86-57. In their last contest before the ACC opener, Tech stunned Louisville 62-61 at Freedom Hall with Duane Ferrell tossing in 28 points.


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Tech opened its ACC schedule against Wake Forest in the friendly confines of the Thrillerdome. Led by Hammonds' 19 points, the Jackets chalked up their first ACC victory of the season, 78-66. Tech pummeled cross town rival Georgia State 111-82 before meeting their next ACC opponent, N.C. State. When it comes to the ACC season, it is understood that in order to be successful you must win at home because victories on the road are hard to come by. With Tech losing to N.C. State in the Thrillerdome 74-76 on a last second tip-in, it looked as though Tech was in for a rough season. Despite the loss, Ferrell reached the 1500 career point milestone with his 27 point effort. For their next ACC game, Tech had to travel to Charlottesville where they have traditionally had a tough time against Virginia. This year was no exception with Tech losing 55-58 and dropping to 1-2 in the ACC. Tech evened its ACC record at 2-2 after defeating Clemson 85-76 at the Thrillerdome. In their next game, Tech nearly pulled off one of the most difficult challenges in the ACC — beating North Carolina in the Dean Dome. With Jeff Lebo's flurry of five consecutive three-point shots, however, Tech would have to swallow a two point loss to the nationally ranked Tar Heels.

With a 2-3 ACC record, Tech then had to meet Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium, unquestionably one of the toughest places to play in the country. As Duke rarely loses at Cameron, they downed the Jackets 65-78, dropping them to 2-4 in the ACC.

TOP: Guard Craig Neal executes another one of his amazing assists. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Neal drives the lane against Auburn for an easy two. Hammonds with yet another one of his convincing dunks. Neal prepares to go airborne. Ferrell has his hands full with North Carolina.
Georgia Tech's One-Two Punch Knocks Out Opponents
The Thrillerdome lived up to its reputation in Tech's next, and perhaps most memorable, game. In front of 8,112 frenzied fans, and a national television audience, Tech snatched victory out of the jaws of defeat to end a two game losing streak against non-conference rival DePaul. Down by two and with one second remaining on the clock, Tech's Dennis Scott launched a 25 foot bomb that got nothing but net to give the Jackets a 71-70 victory. This win touched off a seven game win streak.

In their next six games, the Jackets defeated ACC opponents Maryland, Wake Forest, N.C. State, and Duke. In what always proves to be one of the biggest games of the season in terms of emotion and fan support, this year's game against Duke in the Thrillerdome proved to be no exception. With 9,117 screaming fans on their feet the entire game, Tech edged Duke 91-87 to climb back into the thick of the ACC race at 8-4. Hammonds was the high scorer in that game, tying his season best of 29 points. Hammonds also brought the house down with one of his breakaway megadunks that the fans nor the national television audience will soon forget.

With expectations high, and riding a wave of confidence, Georgia Tech hoped to beat the nationally ranked Tar Heels in front of an exuberant Omni crowd and another national television audience. Tech's seven game win streak ended, however, as the Tar Heels handily defeated Tech 80-97. Hoping to end the regular season on a positive note, Tech traveled to Clemson only to be turned back in a double overtime loss, 94-97.

Finishing fourth in the ACC at 8-6, Tech looked to the ACC Tournament to better its standings. Maryland, however ended Tech's hopes by handing the Jackets a 67-84 defeat, capturing their first victory over the Yellow Jackets in ten games.
The Georgia Tech Women’s Basketball Team finished its season with an 11-15 overall record. The year included numerous highlights. The Lady Jackets won their own Radisson Classic Tournament with a 101-75 victory over UAB, and a 76-70 victory over Monmouth.

After a 92-71 drubbing by UGA, the Lady Jackets went north to the Fordham Classic in New York, which they won with a 73-63 victory over VCU, and an exciting 79-78 victory over Fordham. After a tough home loss to Southern, the Lady Jackets again went to New York and registered a 66-45 victory over Marist, and a 108-88 victory over Iona in which senior Marielle Walker poured in 43 points.

Tech opened its ACC season with a road loss to Maryland followed by a victory over N.C. State. The Lady Jackets then went steadily downhill with eight straight losses. Four of those losses came against nationally ranked teams including a loss to defending national champion, Tennessee. Tech swept N.C. State with a 76-74 win in which Hea Ju Moon set a school record by hitting six three-point shots. Tech was then beaten by Wake Forest in their last ACC road game. A non-conference game with Auburn-Montgomery netted the Lady Jackets an 88-74 win.

For the first time in school history, the Georgia Tech Lady Jackets beat the North Carolina Tar Heels in a head to head game. The hero of the game was Hea Ju Moon who hit the desperation three-point shot to provide the 76-74 win for the Ladies.
Tech proceeded to close out the season by winning only one of their last five games. A non-conference victory over Coastal Carolina, in which senior Delores Bootz scored 32 points, was the last taste of victory for the Lady Jackets. The losses came to Maryland, Virginia, and UT-Chattanooga.

The Georgia Tech Lady Jackets ended their season with a loss to the Maryland Terapins in the first round of the ACC Tournament.

Perhaps the Lady Jackets' biggest loss this year came not on the court but with the death of teammate Mandy Miller. Mandy was a much loved member of the Tech athletic community and her presence will be greatly missed.

TOP: Coach McGlade explains her game plan. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Hea Ju Moon penetrates the defense and goes up for the lay-up. Our Lady Jackets always play tough defense. Delores Bootz towers over her opponents as she proves effective with her inside game. Val Avant brings the ball up the court for the Lady Jackets.
When one speaks of college athletes, images of bone-crunching tackles, the game winning home run, or the jump shot at the buzzer usually come to mind. In that same breath, one is obliged to mention our own Georgia Tech cheerleaders. While their jobs may appear to be all fun and games, the truth is, these very dedicated men and women put in several hours a week perfecting those breathtaking acrobatics as well as strengthening their oh-so important voices used in rallying the support of all Jacket fans. As in years past, Buzz has once again managed to captivate fans of all ages with his ever-popular sideline antics, which includes his famous bee pass and terrorism of opposing cheerleaders.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Buzz gives his counterpart the evil eye at this year’s Homecoming game. This Tech cheerleader is giving it her all trying to stir up crowd enthusiasm. Tech’s mic-man, Joel McMahon, barks out those familiar Tech cheers.
Jackets Secure Fifty-one Wins

Although the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets were beset by the loss of three key players at the beginning of the season, there was no hesitating when it came to winning games and sweeping to the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season crown and its third consecutive tournament championship.

The Joltin' Jackets had as one of their major preseason goals, to be number one in the country. After winning their first sixteen games they achieved this goal as Collegiate Baseball/ESPN ranked the Jackets No. 1. This achievement was especially significant because no Tech team has ever won more than twelve consecutive games or begun a season by winning more than eleven.

With players like Riccardo Ingram, who was the Most Valuable Player at the ACC tournament, Athlete of the Year, and third in the country in RBI's, the Jackets have set the alltime school record of 51 wins surpassing the previous season's mark of 45.

Among the many firsts for Georgia Tech this season were, winning the ACC regular season title, sweeping the season series from Clemson and North Carolina, winning at N.C. State and North Carolina, extending its record to 30 games over .500, holding the No. 1 ranking in the nation for a week, having ranked in the top 10 in the pre-season polls, hosting an NCAA regional, and having the ACC's Player of the Year, Riccardo Ingram, and tournament Most Valuable Player, Todd Shiver.

TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: An opposing player attempts to break up the double play by taking down Ty Griffin. A Joltin' Jacket crushes the ball with excellent form.

BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: A Jacket hurler prepares to deliver a screaming fastball. A Jacket attempts to tag home plate, giving the Jackets yet another run.
In his sixth year as head coach, Puggy Blackmon has kept the Georgia Tech golf team among the top fifteen teams in the nation. Consisting of only one senior, three sophomores, and seven freshmen, this year's team was extremely young, yet it was the most talented team Tech has ever fielded.

Senior Bill McDonald and sophomores, Charlie Rymer, Chris Cupit, and Tripp Isenhour made up the nucleus of the team since these four saw extensive tournament play during the preceding season. McDonald, the team's leader and one of the best ball-strikers in the nation, was named a pre-season All-American by Florida Golfweek magazine.

Coach Blackmon was impressed with the improvement of freshman Tom Shaw, and noted the importance of freshmen in keeping the team among the nation's elite. In Blackmon's estimation, this year's team has the potential over a period of time to go a long way. "We're in a transition and setting our sights on the NCAA Championships," said Blackmon. The golf team has already compiled an impressive record by finishing fifth or better in 31 of its last 40 tournaments, including nine victories, and going to three straight NCAA Tournaments.
Les Petherick, Greg McDonald, Chris Cupit, Francis Holroyd, Alan Rosen, Tripp Isenhour, Charlie Rymer, Bill McDonald, Mike Clark, Tom Shaw, David Rowley, Chan Reeves, Kim, Coach Puggy Blackmon.
Experience Obtained in First Year of Fast Pitch

The past year brought about big changes for the women’s varsity softball team; fast-pitch softball was introduced. Under head coach Terry Chambers, also the women’s athletic trainer, their main objective became gaining needed experience. Because fast-pitch softball is not played at the Georgia high school level, finding players who had knowledge of fast-pitch softball and the credentials to attend Tech became difficult. As a result, the 6-27 record reflected the team’s inexperience rather than their true ability.

The team looked towards Lori Tannenbaum, who received the Yellow Jacket Award, for leadership and support. The Most Valuable Player, Melissa Stringer, had an impressive .310 batting average. Unfortunately, Stringer and head coach Terry Chambers will not be returning next year. The head coaching job will be given to Danny Benedict, who stresses a strong desire to win, academics, and hard work.
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Runners Showed Determination

In only their third season of varsity status, the Lady Jacket Harriers started the season by taking second place in the Georgia State Invitational.

The Lady Jacket Harriers placed first in both the Tennessee-Chattanooga Invitational and the Appalachian State Invitational, with first place finishes by Michelle Linihan and Bridget Koster respectively.

The Lady Harriers swept the top four places at the Georgia Intercollegiate State Championships, locking up first place in a field of eleven teams. Bridget Koster led the Jackets throughout the race and finished first overall setting a new course record. Four runners for the Lady Jackets, Bridget Koster, Michelle Linihan, Amy Wendt and Karen Hoffman received All-State titles while Coach Dee Todd was honored as the Georgia Coach-Of-The-Year.

The next week at the Vanderbilt Invitational in Nashville the Lady Jackets finished four runners in the top five taking first place overall in a field of twelve teams.

Hosting the ACC Championships, the Lady Jackets were shooting for at least sixth place. They placed fifth overall out of eight teams, falling just two points short of fourth, giving them their best ACC showing ever. "I'm pleased that we moved up in the conference, that was part of our goal all along," Coach Todd said of the meet. "The ACC is tough with four teams ranked nationally in the Top Twenty."

The Lady Jackets finished the season at the NCAA District III Regionals, finishing seventh out of thirty-three teams, with Bridget Koster finishing twenty-fourth overall.

"We have the core of a good team and the best thing is that all of these girls will be back next year," added Todd.

RIGHT: Lady Harrier pushes herself as she approaches the finish line. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: The Jackets' best harrier, Peter Rea, gives it his all as he passes an opponent. Tech harrier keeps up a steady pace.
The Pack Attack Takes on Competitive Conference

Most of the emphasis this year for the Jackets was on gaining experience. This year’s team was very young, with the team leader, Peter Rea, and four of the top seven runners being freshmen. The Jackets made an effort to concentrate more on team goals rather than individual goals.

The Jackets opened the season with a third place finish at the Georgia State Invitational, with Peter Rea finishing fourth and seventh respectively.

For the fourth straight year, the men’s Cross Country Team dominated the Georgia Intercollegiate Championships, placing five runners in the top nine and taking first place overall. Freshman Peter Rea finished second followed by sophomore Brian Crumbo in third. Tech's top five harriers came away with All-State titles.

“Our goal was to put our top five in front of Georgia’s second runner, and that’s exactly what we did,” remarked coach Steve Keith. For the second year in a row Coach Keith was honored as the Georgia Coach-Of-The-Year at the meet.

The following week, the Jacket Harriers finished third in a field of fifteen teams at the Vanderbilt Invitational in Nashville. Peter Rea was the top performer for the Jackets. This was the Jacket’s best performance as a team, placing their first five runners only 38 seconds apart.

Improving on last year’s finish, the Jackets finished sixth at the ACC Championships, which they hosted at Piedmont Park. “I was happy that we improved a place this year . . . we have a very young team, and we’ll continue to improve. The quality of our conference is such that we could have run a great race and still finished in sixth,” commented Keith. Three ACC teams are nationally ranked in the Top 20. Peter Rea’s nineteenth place finish is one of the highest ever by a freshman.

The Jacket Harriers ended the season at the NCAA District III Regionals, finishing sixteenth out of thirty-four teams. Don Livingston was Tech’s top finisher at forty-ninth place overall.

Coach Steve Keith is looking ahead to next season as six of the seven runners will be returning. Also, Danny Collins is expected to return after sitting out a year due to knee problems. Danny was the seventh fastest sophomore in the country last year. “He will be a welcomed addition,” Keith added.