Craddock's budding dynasty Mackey, Austin to pace powerful women's squad

By MARK ANDERSON

Although the results of the indoor track season aren't in, Dennis Craddock can be sure that he has built North Carolina's women's program into a dynasty. And, as the weather takes the competition outside, the men aren't far behind.

"The weather here is so good that we've already done a lot of outdoor

training," said Craddock. "I think we're ready to go."

The women's team will be looking to defend both its 1988 ACC outdoor championship and its 1989 ACC indoor championship. Craddock's job will be made easier by a cupboardful of returning talent.

"We'll be a top 20 team," said Craddock. "Not too many can compete with us."

Five of last year's ACC champions will lead this year's squad. Kendra Mackey, the 1988 ACC outdoor MVP, may be the most important. At the outdoor championships, she won the 100-meter dash and anchored the victorious mile relay team (which also comprised Kari Krehnbrink, Mia Pollard and Shelby Moorman).

Mackey is coming off of an indoor victory in the ACC 200-meter dash.

Pollard will also defend her title in the 800-meter run, as well as Moorman in the 400. Tracy Cooke won the ACC championship in the 100-meter hurdles.

Kim Austin will also be a key after a tremendous indoor season. She took the ACC championship in the triple jump and the 55-meter hurdles, earning the ACC indoor MVP in the process.

These quality athletes will lead the team, but Craddock realizes that he will need all of UNC's depth to be a great team. Indoors, he was impressed with the improvement and hard work of Chapel Hill native Cammie Putman in the 200 and 400 and distance runner Jeanne Peterson.

Craddock was also pleasantly surprised by the contributions of two freshmen, Rebecca Russell and Penny Blackwell. He felt they adjusted quickly to the level of college competition. Russell was a member of the ACC indoor champion mile relay team.

"We thought they'd be good," said Craddock, "but freshmen aren't usually that good."

The men suffered a heartbreaking loss in last year's ACC outdoor championship, and the rebound won't be easy. They lost all four of their individual champions, including two All-Americas.

In addition, they will lose two important members of the team that finished third in the ACC indoors. Tim Goad was the Tar Heels' best indoor thrower and Kyle Lowe was a vital middle distance runner.

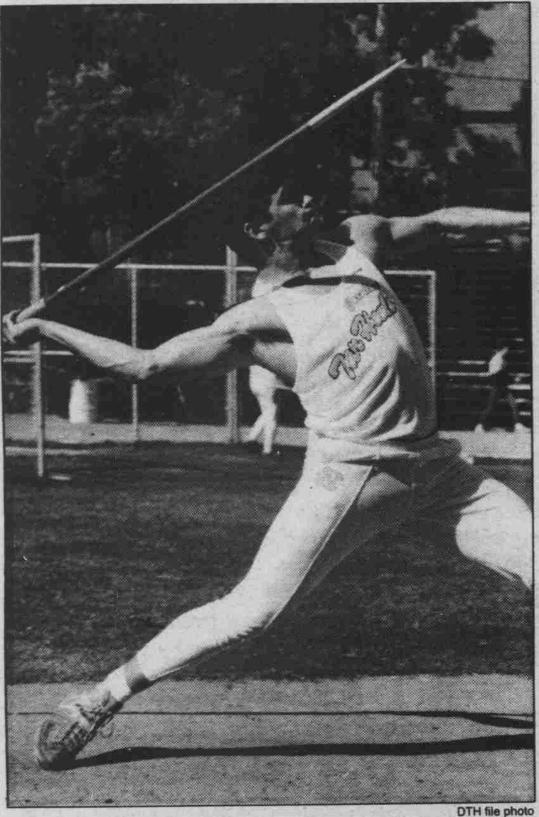
"Kyle was very important to us," Craddock said. "We will miss him."

The men's highly-touted recruiting class was a disappointment to Craddock throughout the indoor season.

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Men's Track Roster

	7110	II COIL	10000
Alan Baldwin	5-10	145	Winterport, Me.
Simi Batra	5-10	135	Maple Glen, Pa.
Donald Colson	5-7	145	Huntersville
Paul Cummings	6-3	165	Pembroke
William Darity	5-10	165	Arden
Ray Farris	6-1	170	Charlotte
Erik Fidel	6-0	170	Harrington Park, N.J.
Scott Fletcher	5-10	145	Winston-Salem
John Frank	6-2	164	Durham
Robert Gray	5-10	170	Roxboro
Tim Goad	6-4	275	Claudville, Va.
Yancey Hall	6-2	160	London, England
Clive Harriott	6-4	175	Salisbury
Chris Hartung	6-0	185	Boone
Andy Hash	5-6	140	Gastonia
Eric Hichman	5-9	134	Greensboro
Vince Howard	5-7	137	Scarborough, Ontario
Danny Howat	6-3	151	Lynchburg, Va.
Ben Huggins	5-11	150	Tarrytown, N.Y.
Masao Kamiyama	5-9	140	Spartanburg
Chris Kendrick	100	163	Boston
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Matt Lotspeich	5-9	150	Atlanta, Ga.
Chuck Lotz	5-10	145	Austin, Tex.
Kyle Lowe	5-10	145	Chapel Hill
Rob Martens	5-8	140	Kernersville
Keith Mathis	6-0	130	Westfield, N.J.
Dennis McGorty	6-0	165	Toronto, Ontario
Mike McGowan	6-0	150	Nashville, Tenn.
Michael McNally	6-0	170	Monroe
Harliss Meaders	6-0	220	Florham Park, N.J.
Jon Mikula	5-11	185	Dix Hills, N.Y.
Scott Morris	6-0	145	Flecham Park
Sean Murray	6-2	225	Winston-Salem
John Phipps	6-2	155	Kettering, Ohio
Andy Pflaum	5-7	128	Knoxville, Tenn.
Tom Rentenbach	6-1	180	Monroe
Brad Richardson	5-10	165	Centereach, N.Y.
Robert Rothwell	6-3	155	Matthews
Robbie Smith	5-10	142	Morgantown
Jeff Starnes	6-2	170	Angier
Travis Stephenson	6-6	218	Bayport, N.Y.
Michael Sutphen	6-0	185	Durham
Brad Sullivan	5-11	180	Wallburg
Tim Swaim	6-3	182	Hendersonville
Maxwell Thompson	6-3	185	Durham
Cab Townsend	6-0	170	Roanoke, Va.
Robert Vineyard	5-8	150	Mountain Brook, Ala.
Grant Vinik	5-8	145	Winston-Salem
Lamont Witherspoo	- 5. 5. SV	230	TTIIIOTOTI OUTOTI
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Sean Murray is on the rise among conference javelin hurlers

