

# An Interview by the Reck Room with Todd Sudsbury

**RR:** Thanks Todd for taking the time to talk Tech athletics with the Reck Room.

**Todd:** My pleasure. My goal is to meet with all members of the Tech community, no matter how small or insignificant. But I'll need to have this interview wrapped up in 30 minutes because I'm meeting with a group from the Midtown Gay Ham Radio and Shetland Pony Club, and those girls are thinking about sponsoring a Women's Softball game this Spring....I don't want to be late for that one, and they always bring Krispy Kremes.

**RR:** OK then, let's get right to the questions. From what can be gathered from media reports, it seems that you have full confidence in football coach Geoff Collins and the direction of the team. Is that correct?

**Todd:** Well yes. What else can someone in my position say really? I have complete confidence in Coach Collins for at least another year.

**RR:** Todd, that doesn't sound like a great vote of confidence to me. Can you clarify?

**Todd:** Not really.

**RR:** Why is that?

**Todd:** This is off the record, but for starters, this AD thing is a bitch. It's turned out to be a lot harder than I expected. With regards to Collins, I had no idea everything would become a circus in such a short period of time. I didn't sign up for this! I'm just saying I have confidence in Coach Collins until the Athletic Board tells me its either him or me that's got to go, or until I can somehow

find enough donor money to replace him. Finding donor money at Ga. Tech is like finding water in the desert....I'm screwed.

**RR:** So your personal preference is to replace Collins?

**Todd:** Quite frankly, I really, really like Collins. We both like our hash browns covered and smothered. We both like the Atlanta rap scene, dudes like Lil' Yachty, 21 Savage, and Playboi Carti. But I'm starting to think Collins may have snookered me when he said he knew how to coach football!

**RR:** Yes, being able to coach football as a football coach is important I suppose, but Collins' reputation as a recruiter is what fascinated many Tech fans at the beginning, correct?

**Todd:** Oh yes. He has been able to take Ga. Tech from a 3 star average per signee to a solid 3.25 average per signee. Even if you factor in all the talented guys leaving for the portal, I'd still be willing to bet that Ga. Tech now has slightly better talent on it's roster than under Coach Johnson. That's a positive in my book!

**RR:** You referenced Coach Johnson. Have you communicated with him since he left Tech?

**Todd:** That dick? Oh yeah...he calls me every week and leaves a message on my phone asking if I'm missing him yet. I'm screwed.

**RR:** Let's change the subject and talk men's basketball for a second. Has Coach Pastner finally turned the corner?

**Todd:** Man, I sure hope so! But between you and me I think I got

sold another "recruiter" that can't recruit.

**RR:** Yes, that was Pastner's reputation coming to Tech, an above average recruiter. Why hasn't that panned out?

**Todd:** As you know, Pastner had a few bad breaks early on that really hurt his recruiting efforts. And once you get painted with a reputation, fair or unfair, it's hard to change that perception. I call him Ol' Ball and Chain Pastner....he doesn't like it. I'm screwed.

**RR:** Well at least some of the minor sports at Tech are doing well. Volleyball and golf come to mind. And Danny Hall's baseball team has been consistent for you over the years. Your thoughts?

**Todd:** Oh yeah, oh yeah. We do OK in sports that have very few fans and bring in no money. My luck, right? These sports actually cost us money to operate. And Danny Hall is consistent all right.....winning seasons followed by a BIG choke in the NCAA tourney every year. I think he does it on purpose just to give me another ulcer. I'm screwed.

**RR:** Well that's all of my questions at this time Todd. Is there anything you would like to say in closing?

**Todd:** Well yes. If anyone out there reading this has several million dollars tucked away for a rainy day, I sure would like to get a call from you. We can talk about renaming the training table, or perhaps the stadium. I'm flexible.

**RR:** Thanks Todd! I'm sure your phone will be ringing soon.  
**Todd:** Right....I'm screwed.