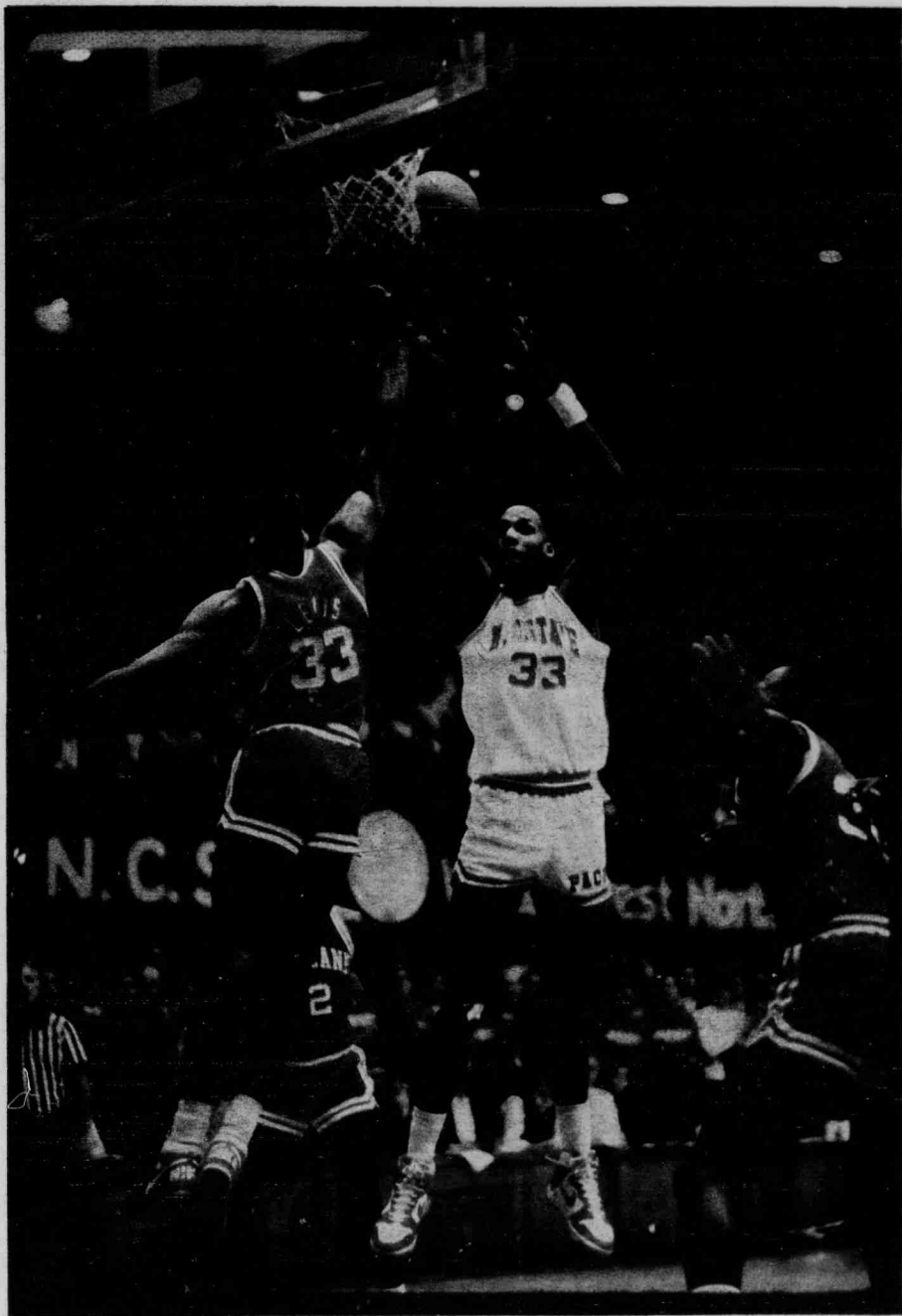


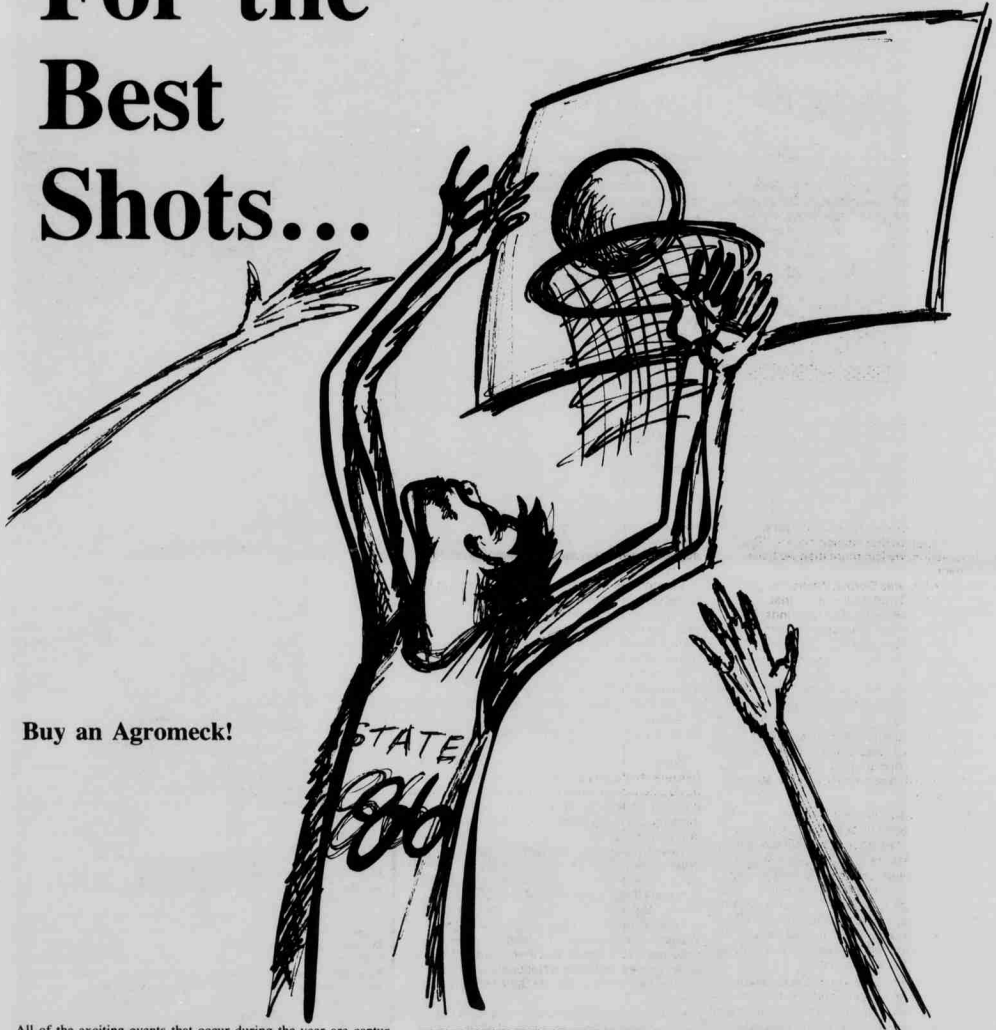
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Basketball Twilight Zone

Memories of '84 follow current men

All fall Jim Valvano has been saying, "It's like *deja vu*, it's like *deja vu* in 1984."

Now whether he is talking about the weird feeling of having experienced something before or some chick he knew back in the Bronx, we'll probably never know. But the fact is, there is good reason for Raleigh's most famous Italian to be speaking French.

Valvano has been looking over his shoulder to see if Rod Serling is smoking a cigarette and saying State has just entered the basketball Twilight Zone.

It's almost too eerie for Valvano to think how much the current version of State's basketball team is similar to the 1983-84 Wolfpack squad.

That, of course, was the year after the famed national championship, the year State had no point guard and little experience in its returning players.

"We return some very talented players," Valvano said before that season began. "But, without question, we lost more than we have coming back."

What State lost was Dereck Whittenburg, Sidney Lowe and Thurl Bailey, a trio that combined for 1,392 points, 469 rebounds, 372 assists, 120 steals and 101 blocked shots the year State won the national title.

What Valvano has said this year sounds hauntingly familiar.

"The bottom line is," he said, "that we lost three starters, and one of them had the potential to be a superstar."

Lost to the NBA draft were Nate McMillan, Ernie Myers and certain superstar Chris Washburn, who still had two years of eligibility. That trio led State to the championship game of the NCAA Midwest Regional last year.

But this year, Valvano is still in the middle of his annual hunt for a point guard. State hasn't had a legitimate point guard since Lowe, but has always found a way to make do.

Last year McMillan stepped in and quietly led State to within one game of the Final Four.

In 1983-84, Valvano brought in a flashy dynamo called Spud Webb, a junior college transfer who wore No. 4. Webb jumped and dunked his way into Wolfpackers' hearts and also led State to a NCAA Regional Final in his senior year.

This year, Valvano hopes to do the same with spunky JUCO Kenny Drummond, a 5-10 point guard who also wears No. 4. Drummond has been tabbed by the coach as the starter in tomorrow's season opener against Navy. But that doesn't mean the other three point guard wannabes — Vinny Del Negro, Quentin Jackson and Kelsey Weems — won't have their shot.

Drummond has shown a more consistent outside shot and combination of offensive and defensive skills," Valvano said. "He's been tenacious, but also has been a consistent shooter from the outside.

"But we'll keep changing it around."

If it were possible, the coach would pick a part of each one.

"If you take Vinny's size, Kelsey's speed,

Drummond's defense and Quentin's outside shot, you'd have an all-America," Valvano said.

The other positions are much more stable — if injuries heal, that is.

Sophomore all-star candidate Charles Shackleford has missed practice the past two weeks because of an injured wrist. And though the center is expected to play against Navy Saturday in the Hall of Fame Tip-off Classic, Valvano isn't sure how effective he will be, especially facing the best big man in the nation, David Robinson.

Robinson, a seven-footer, led the Middies to the Eastern Regional final last year along with established point guard Doug Wojcik.

State's only leader is senior Bennie Bolton, who developed his skills last year when he — finally — hit several clutch shots and scored all of State's points in the second overtime of the win over Arkansas-Little Rock.

Bolton will be joined at the forward position by itchy Mike Giomi, who sat out all last year after transferring from Indiana. Valvano calls the 6-9 senior a "blue-collar" worker and a "critical player" for the Wolfpack. Giomi will take most of the heat with Shackleford on the inside.

The second guard will likely be filled by sophomore Walker Lambiotte, although he too has been hurt.

Valvano seems to be happy with his lineup, especially the perimeter game.

"We're not as talented up front as we were last year, but we shoot the ball from the perimeter with Drummond, Lambiotte and Bolton than we did with Bennie, Nate and Ernie," Valvano said. "We might have to take advantage of the three-point play more."

If his team can stay healthy, that is.

Seems everyone on this team is prone to freak injuries. Lambiotte slipped on a sweaty floor and injured his hip.

Super frosh Avie "Crash" Lester, who already has one shattered backboard to his credit, needed three stitches last week to close a cut he got while dunking. Shackleford was also injured while dunking. Don't ever send these guys to a doughnut shop. It could be fatal.

Valvano didn't have all this to contend with in 1983-84, but he says he's in a better position than if the same thing had happened in 1983.

"I think this team has more quality depth," Valvano said. "We can handle it better."

Through the first 26 games of the '83-84, Valvano was thrilled with his team's play after it collected a 19-7 record. But then State lost its last seven games, including a National Invitational Tournament game to Florida State in Reynolds Coliseum.

A tough schedule, inexperience and all the question marks have Valvano right where he wants to be once again — the basketball Twilight Zone, where no one really knows what might happen.

The coach has a few ideas, and the Pack will likely be right back where he wants them in March — the NCAA tournament, vying for its fourth Final Four appearance in five years. After the perfunctory struggle, of course.

"I expect us after the first eight games to be 4-4," Valvano said. "It's not going to be easy and we're going to struggle. It's my job to get the team ready by tournament time to play up to its potential."

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Women trying to fill holes in lineup

By Katrina Waugh
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The Wolfpack women will have to find answers to the many questions in their lineup in order to successfully capitalize upon the talents of all-America candidate Trena Trice. The women open their season next weekend at the Central Florida Tournament in Orlando Florida.

Trice, a 6-3 senior, averaged 18.5 points and 9.7 rebounds a game on her way to the all-ACC first team last season. She is considered by many as a strong all-America candidate.

She is expected to continue to perform well, but the team can't rely only on Trice.

"Trena has a chance to have an outstanding season, but the big key for us will be on the perimeter," head coach Kay Yow said.

Returning point guards Carla Hillman and Debbie Bertrand are the basis on which the perimeter game will develop, Yow said.

"Both had flashes of brilliance (last season), but they just weren't as consistent as we'd like," Yow said.

The rest of the lineup is filled with question marks.

Red-shirt freshman Adrina Crichtlow, who was a high school all-America at forward, has recovered from the knee injury that sidelined her last year, but her strength is an unknown quantity.

Seniors Angela Daye and Annemarie Treadway, sophomore Lori Phillips, and freshmen Sandee Smith and Kerrie Hobbs will all be looking for a forward spot.

Junior Mary Lindsay and freshmen Krista Kilburn and Kim Forsyth will be competing



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Freshman Sandy Smith could see some action at forward this season.

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'Small' forwards give up height for more bulk

By Mike Beal
Staff Writer

The 1985-86 edition of the Wolfpack basketball team gives new meaning to the term "small forward".

Gone are the years when the Pack could start three giants who on a good day could grab a satellite or two if they so desired.

"We don't have the height that we've had in years past, but that lack of height will be made up for by good defense, smart play and hard work," said assistant coach Ed McLean.

The "hard work" part of McLean's theory for overcoming their shortcomings has already produced visible results.

While the forwards can do nothing to increase their vertical magnitude, the Wolfpack has initiated a weight program to beef up horizontally.

Thanks to the weights, Chucky Brown has gone from



180 pounds as a freshman to 202 pounds as a sophomore, Walker Lambiotte has gained almost 15 pounds of muscle and even 6-10 Charles "Shack" Shackelford has put on 5 much-needed pounds.

Seniors Bennie Bolton, 6-7 and 221 pounds, and Mike Giomi, 6-9 and 230 pounds, are the probable starting forwards for this year's team.

Bolton, who averaged 8.7 points and 3.0 rebounds per game last season, came on strong at the end of last year and played particularly well in

the NCAA Tournament.

"Bennie is a super player," McLean said. "He's super strong around the basket, and isn't afraid to mix it up inside."

"He has also improved his outside shooting tremendously. He will be called on to shoulder a lot of the early season load, and we think he will respond well."

Giomi had to sit out last season after transferring to State from Indiana, where he played two and a half years under coach Bobby Knight.

"Mike is a hard worker, and for his size, he does well against bigger guys. He has a tremendous shooting touch," McLean said.

Senior Teviin Binns and sophomores Chucky Brown, Walker Lambiotte and Kenny Poston will provide backup at forward for the Pack.

At 6-10, Binns is as big as the Wolfpack forwards get. Hampered by a severe ankle sprain last year, Binns never reached his full potential, but



Staff photo by Marc Kawanishi

Brown has increased his bulk and strength since last season.

the senior will be counted on heavily this year.

"Teviin came in to practice in great shape," said McLean. "He has an uncanny ability to score, and is especially dangerous from the baseline. He also excels at the free-throw line."

Brown, at 6-8 and 202 pounds, averaged 3.1 points

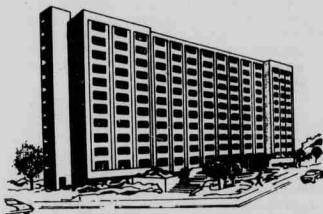
and 2.2 rebounds in his freshman season.

"Chucky is active in practice, and works very hard at his game," McLean said. "He is much bigger and stronger than he was last year."

Walker Lambiotte, 6-7 and 203 pounds, will split time

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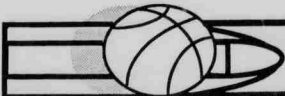
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New talent to take Heels to top

Tech, Pack close behind

Who will win the ACC this year? A reasonable question — and one that deserves an answer. Well, a good try, anyway.

NORTH CAROLINA will lead the way for the ACC this year, taking the conference's regular season first-place honors. Dean Smith has his usual stable of quality players and managed another banner recruiting year in '86.

This season, the Tar Heels will return two starters — 6-3 guard Kenny Smith and 6-10 forward

Joe Wolf — and 6-1 sophomore starter Jeff Lebo. These three will provide much of the Heels scoring punch, and Lebo and Smith will prove to be one of the best backcourt combinations in the country.

As for the frontcourt, several players are ready to step into the starting lineup to help Wolf with the rebounding burden.

Senior small forward Curtis Hunter, freshmen forwards Scotty Williams and Pete Chilcutt and, of course, center J.R. Reid should all get significant court time for UNC.

David Popson, a veteran forward, can be a force in the ACC if he ever plays up to potential. Coach Smith has a way of making people perform as seniors, and Popson looks like a prime candidate for a Smith-induced late blooming.

The second-best team in the ACC will be **GEORGIA TECH**. Bobby Cremins' Yellow Jackets may own the top forward combination in the country in 6-6 leaper Duane Ferrell and 6-8 scorer Tom Hammonds, both former ACC rookie-of-the-year winners.

As for the guard and big man situation, Georgia Tech could be in a bit of a bind. 6-4 Bruce Dalrymple returns at the off-guard to anchor the backcourt. With his considerable rebounding, scoring and defensive skills, Tech has one mighty good guard.

But with the departure of senior All-ACC player Mark

Price, who averaged over 17 points last season, the Jackets will be searching for a point man to complement Dalrymple. Erratic 6-5 Craig Neal is first in line to take the position, while 6-4 freshman Brian Oliver may be right with Neal for playing time in the backcourt.

At center, seven-foot Antoine Ford will try to replace John Salley. Even with all those feet, Ford still won't be able to fill the Spider's shoes.

STATE, with Charles Shackelford, the 6-11 sophomore center who got lots of experience last year against guys like Brad Daugherty, Kenny Walker and Danny Manning, should make it to third place in the ACC and a tourney bid.

With "Shack" in the frontcourt will be 6-9 Indiana transfer Mike Giomi. "Indiana transfer" may become a permanent part of Giomi's name after this season, because lots of folks will be talking about him. Rumor has it that Giomi played right with Washburn in practice last year, so don't be surprised if an experienced Giomi plays much better than expected.

Bennie Bolton, 6-7, should take his place on the front line for his senior campaign and possibly, if he plays like he did in the NCAA tourney last year, could be All-ACC.

The big question for the Pack is at the guard spots. If the past is any indication, 5-11 junior college transfer Kenny Drummond will emerge at the point and take the Pack to the NCAA tourney with a late-season surge while the second guard is manned by several players.

At 6-5, Vinny Del Negro can play either guard position, while Walker Lambotte and freshman Andy Kennedy shoot for the second guard position.

Third place may be a conservative pick if the team can find a point man in time.

Also be on the lookout for a young but talented **DUKE** squad this season. Heavy senior losses drop the Devils down a couple of notches from last year's NCAA runner-up team, but don't count the Dookies out.

Tommy Amaker will return to run the point, and behind Kenny Smith at Carolina, he's the best at it in the league. What most people don't know



is that Amaker can score too. 6-10 Danny Ferry comes back for his sophomore season at forward, to unveil the deadly outside touch that he was recruited for.

Lending help up front will be Billy King, he of the free throw woes. The 6-6 King, however, was not a bad field goal shooter, and may emerge as a double-figures man in scoring this season. His main talent, however, lies in defense and rebounding, both of which he does with reckless abandon. King is Duke's must-do man if they are to play any better than fourth place.

Alaa Abdellnaby, a 6-10 freshman, will provide Duke with some frontcourt rebounding strength. Guards Kevin Strickland and Quin Snyder should help out, while recruits Robert Brickley and 6-5 McDonald's All-American Phil Henderson will probably get a lot of playing time at either guard or small forward.

CLEMSON, believe it or not, has the players and the potential under coach Cliff Ellis to be a second- or third-place team in the ACC, and will probably do well enough this year to get to the NCAA tourney.

With senior Horace Grant, the 6-10 rebounding terror of the conference, returning, Ellis has the basis for a strong, contending basketball team. Grant averaged 10.5 rebounds last year, and also added 16.4 points per game.

With returnees Anthony Jenkins and assist leader Grayson Marshall, the Tigers needed only to add a few blue chip recruits to go from a seventh-place team to a

potentially top-flight club. They did just that.

Ellis brought in McDonald's All-American Ricky Jones, who at 6-7 and proud owner of a 40-inch vertical jump, has drawn comparisons to Michael Jordan. Also enrolled at Clemson is Michael Brown, formerly of Syracuse, who can shoot from long range effectively. Brown is expected to be the Tigers' three-point man.

The run-and-gun offense of Ellis, when combined with the quick, pressing-trapping defense, could have the Tigers breathing down Carolina's neck in March.

At **VIRGINIA**, Terry Holland will be desperately trying to fill the void left by the departure of center Olden Polynice. With Polynice, Virginia had to be considered among the league's and nation's elite. Without him, they will almost assuredly founder.

Junior Mel Kennedy will help the Cavaliers on offense, but much of the Kennedy contributions will come from senior forward Andrew (no relation). Together, the Kennedys averaged 21 points and 9.7 rebounds, adding up to about one Lan Bias statistically. Other than these two and 6-9 righthousing forward Tom Sheehy, who may end up at center, Virginia is hurting for frontcourt experience and talent.

In the backcourt, Virginia has a multitude of players who should see action. Senior Tom Calloway, juniors John Johnson and Darrick Sims and sophomore Kenny Morgan are all competent guards. But without a front line, the

Cavaliers will be in deep trouble.

Not nearly as much trouble as either **MARYLAND** or **WAKE FOREST**, who should battle it out for last place this year. Maryland's problems have been well documented — Bias' death, academic problems with several players, Driesell's "resignation" — the list goes on. Look for the Terps to go through a very lean year in the ACC.

Maryland will field a team, though, and most likely it will be led by junior Derrick Lewis, sophomores John Johnson and Ivan Powell, and freshman McDonald's All-American Steve Hood. Keith Gatlin is academically out.

As for Wake Forest, second-year coach Bob Staak will probably get his first wins of his ACC coaching career, probably against Maryland. Witi, 5-3 Tyrone Bogues, 6-7 scorer Mark Clark and 6-2 Rod Watson reliable returnees, Staak has the nucleus of a good team.

Big man Mike Scott left last year after Christmas break, transferring to Kentucky and taking with him the only potential center on Wake's roster. New recruit Ralph Kitley, at 6-10, may be the answer in two years, but he isn't ready for the ACC yet.

Arthur Larkins has experience, talent and desire, but at 6-4 is too small to play forward in the ACC. At another school, where the burden is less, Larkins would be a guard.

Staak has his work cut out for him, but so do the rest of the ACC coaches. In the ACC, no team is ever safe, and this year should be no different.

Women open next week in Florida

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for time in the No. 2 guard spot.

State will have the opportunity to use different combinations and give its freshmen experience before getting into its conference schedule.

"We have a number of combinations that could be used," Yow said. "There will be plenty of experimentation."

The squad will face tough competition from both ACC and non-conference opponents, beginning next week in Orlando.

The Pack then faces South Carolina at home, Tennessee away and UNC-Asheville at home before opening a

tough conference schedule Dec. 17, at Clemson.

The women play two more tournaments in December before returning to conference play.

They will participate in the Ohio State Buckeye Classic On Dec. 19-20 and the WRAL Classic on Dec. 29-30.

For the rest of the season, the Wolfpack faces only conference opponents unless it makes the NCAA tournament, as the Pack has in each of the five years the women's tournament has been held.

Last year, State bowed out in the first round of the tourney, losing to Penn State at College Station, 63-59.



Yow instructs her team during preseason practice.

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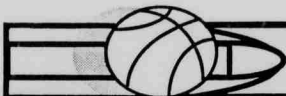
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Test your Wolfpack basketball knowledge

By David Kivett
Contributing Writer

1. Since 1954 when official ACC scoring records were first taken, a Wolfpack player has led the league in seasonal scoring on six different occasions. David Thompson and Kenny Carr combined to lead the league for five straight years — Thompson in 1973, 1974 and 1975, and Carr in 1976 and 1977. That leaves one more year and one more player for the Wolfpack to sit atop that mark. Was it: A. Dick Dickey; B. Van Williford; C. John Richter; or D. Hawkeye Whitney?

2. In the 1977-78 season, the Wolfpack finished second in the NIT, losing in the finals to Texas. In the semifinal game against Georgetown, the Wolfpack won the game in overtime at the buzzer. Was the winning shot: A. a slam dunk by Hawkeye Whitney; B. a shot for over 35 feet by Clyde Austin; or C. a corner jumper by Tiny Pinder?

3. Since N. C. State's first basketball season in 1911, the Wolfpack has had 15 different coaches. Everett Case had many great teams that won Southern and Atlantic Coast Conference titles. Norm Sloan and Jim Valvano each cap-

tered the ACC title as well as the National Title. As a matter of fact, Case-coached teams won four ACC titles; Sloan's teams won three; and Valvano's teams have won one. However, the Wolfpack has won nine ACC Championships. Name the coach who headed the Wolfpack to the remaining conference championship.

4. In the Wolfpack's first game in Reynolds Coliseum on Dec. 2, 1949, State defeated Washington & Lee, 67-47. Who scored the first official basket in Reynolds Coliseum during that game? A. Buckey Waters; B. Vic Bubas; C. Nick Pond.

5. David Thompson scored 57 points against Buffalo State in December of 1974, during the early part of the 1974-75 season. That is a school and ACC record for most points in a single game. Only one other Wolfpack player has scored more than 50 points in a single game. Was it: A. Ronnie Shavlik with 55 points against William & Mary, 1954-55; B. Sammy Ranzino with 53 points against Virginia Tech, 1950-51 season; C. Kenny Carr with 55 points against Duke, 1975-76 season; D. Ed Ledwith with 54 points against Atlantic Christian, 1969-70 season.

6. Since 1947, four players have led the Wolfpack in scoring for three consecutive years: David Thompson in 1973, '74, '75; Dick Dickey in 1947, '48, '49; and Thurl Bailey in 1981, '82, '83 are three of the four. Is the fourth: A. Van Williford, 1968, '69, '70; B. Hawkeye Whitney 1978, '79, '80; C. Kenny Carr, 1976, '77, '78; or D. Ron Shavlik 1954, '55, '56?

7. David Thompson is the Pack's all-time scoring leader with 2,309 points. Sammy Ranzino is second with 1,967. Hawkeye Whitney is third with 1,964 points, and Kenny Carr is fourth with 1,772 points. Three of the four were named seasonal captains for the Wolfpack, while the fourth served at times as a game captain. Who was the one who was never as a seasonal captain?

8. We know from a previous question who scored the first basket in Reynolds Coliseum in the Washington & Lee game on Dec. 2, 1949. Who scored the first free throw? Was it: A. Vic Bubas; B. Sammy Ranzino; C. Dick Dickey; D. Norman Sloan?

9. Everett Case began his coaching career in high school, compiling a remarkable 726-75

record for a 91.1 winning percentage. In the Navy, his next stop, Case had an equally impressive 56-5 record (92%). At State, his teams were 377-134 (74%). Overall he was 1,159-214 (84%). Above all these figures the most impressive is the age at which he began his coaching career. How old was Case when he first began coaching basketball?

10. In the 1973-74 season, the Wolfpack participated in four tournaments: The Sugar Bowl Classic, the Big Four Tournament, the ACC tournament and the NCAA tournament. In only one other season did the Wolfpack play in four tournaments. Name the year and Tournaments.

11. In the 31 games of the 1973-74 season, all-world David Thompson scored in double figures 30 times. Name the game in which he scored less than 10 points and where the game was played.

12. Name the starting lineup for the Wolfpack's NCAA semifinal game against UCLA in 1973-74.

13. The Dixie Classic was played at Reynolds Coliseum the 1949-50 season through the 1960-61 season and was one of the greatest basketball tournaments of all time. The format of the three-day tournament called for eight teams to play. There were four games a day. What was the cost of a season ticket (a pass for all the games) to the Dixie Classic held in Reynolds on Dec. 28, 29 and 30, 1949?

14. The price of a complete book of tickets to the 1985 ACC basketball tournament was \$70.00, the same price for

all seats in the 16,400 seat Orni in Atlanta. In 1950, the Southern Conference Tournament was held at Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium. In the three-day tournament, eight teams competed, playing a total of seven games. There were three different priced tickets. Can you name the highest price of a ticket that was good for all seven games?

15. Of all the Wolfpack basketball players to have played in the NCAA tournament, can you name the one who has scored the most points for the entire tournament?

16. Who was the tallest player in N. C. State basketball history?

17. What category and with whom did current Wolfpack Kelsey Weems share the ACC lead for last year?

18. Terry Gannon was known as the "Long-Range Bomber" in 1983 when the ACC had the three-point rule, but he didn't even lead the Wolfpack in three-point attempts. Who did?

19. In 1965, who came off the bench to spark State to the ACC tournament championship and win the Everett Case Award as the tourney's most valuable player?

20. What player from State is the only player to ever win back-to-back ACC tournament MVPs?

21. Where and against whom did Kay Yow get her first technical foul?

22. Who is the only Wolfpack woman to wear a single-digit number on her jersey and what is the number?

Forwards short but bulky

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between the forward and guard positions.

"(Lambiotte) works hard in practice," McLean said. "(He had) a good summer with the weights and on the court."

Kenny Poston, at 6-6 and 196 pounds, played only sparingly last season, but is expected to play more this year.

"Kenny has amazing court speed," McLean said. "No one has worked harder to improve than Kenny."

Newcomers at the forward position are Brian Howard and Avie Lester.

Howard, from Winston-Salem is 6'7" and still growing.

"Brian has been very steady in practice," says McLean. "He is an excellent jump shooter, and also is a fine defensive player. He should be an excellent player for us in the future."

Lester, from Roxboro, N. C., has displayed great ability around the backboard. "Avie is very aggressive around the boards, and is an overall aggressive player."

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Aircraft carrier needed

State to field point guard and four athletes

By Deron Johnson
Staff Writer

Jim Valvano's dream lineup for this year's basketball team would have had 6-10 Charles Shackelford at center, 6-11 Chris Washburn and 6-9 Mike Giomi at the forwards, 6-7 Bennie Bolton at wing guard and 6-5 Vinny Del Negro running the point.

But, as is the case for many of us when we're having a good dream, Jimmy V was awakened by the defection of Washburn, the team's leading scorer and rebounder, to the NBA, severely complicating the Wolfpack's big-man situation.

Without the flashy center-forward, Valvano finds himself with only two players 6-10 and nobody any taller than that. And one of those 6-10 players,

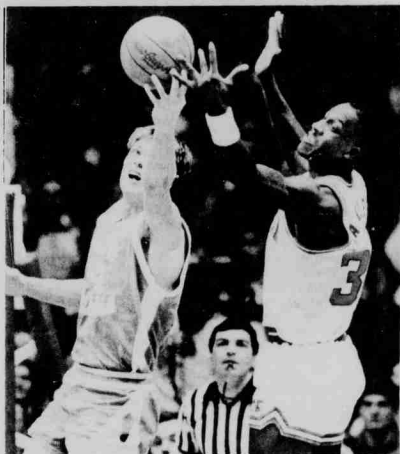


Tevin Binns, has seen little playing time and at a slender 191 pounds is not exactly a power player.

But don't feel too sorry for

State and Valvano. While the Wolfpack is not big in size, it has an unusually large number of players who can rotate at the pivot position. The majority of the Wolfpack forwards double at center and vice-versa. As assistant coach Dick Stewart explained, there are a number of possibilities at center.

"If you had to write a synopsis of Coach Valvano's system, it would be one point-guard and four athletes," Stewart said. "We've generally, if you look at Valvano's teams historically, had one true center and three other big men who move in and out of the pivot. So what we really have is four players who we call power players."

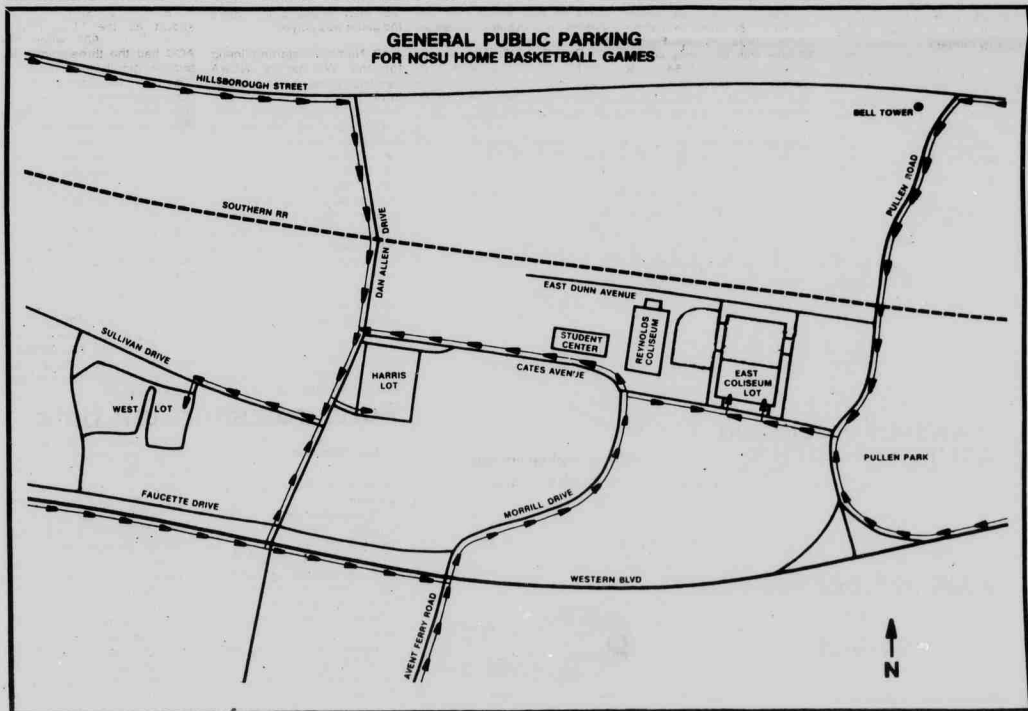


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Charles Shackelford will get relief this season from several players who will rotate players in the middle.

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Giomi returns to action

Blue-collar Hoosier now eligible for Wolfpack

By Ron Morris

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Mike Giomi says he's had the best of both worlds as a college basketball player.

"When you're growing up, being young in college, you need a little bit more discipline," says Giomi. "Then the older you get, it's nice to just go out there and play — maybe free-lance a little more. I've had those situations."

Giomi says he got the necessary discipline for 2½ seasons under coach Bobby Knight at Indiana. After sitting out a full season, Giomi believes he will be allowed to better display his talents under his new mentor, Jim Valvano.

Those talents include a grasp of the fundamentals of defense, a nice shooting touch from 15 to 20 feet along the baseline and a work ethic that makes him a solid rebounder.

"He's my blue-collar player," State coach Valvano says of the bulky, 6-foot-9

Giomi. "He gets off the bus and his nose is bleeding. He has permanent scars on his knees. He's that kind of a player."

For that, Giomi gives much credit to Knight.

"Under coach Knight, you learn defense first and you learn to stop your man," Giomi says. "If you do well on offense, then you get to stay in the game. If you don't do well on defense, then you get to sit on the bench. Your offense just comes along with it."

"At Indiana, it's not so much how many points you score, it's if you held your man defensively to 11 points or you got him fouled out. Playing that way was good for me."

"Here, I think I'll score more just because it's a little bit different style. Some people say maybe it will be better for me that I can score more and rebound more and run more."

Although Giomi disputes the charge, Valvano agrees that those who play under Knight at Indiana are labeled as de-

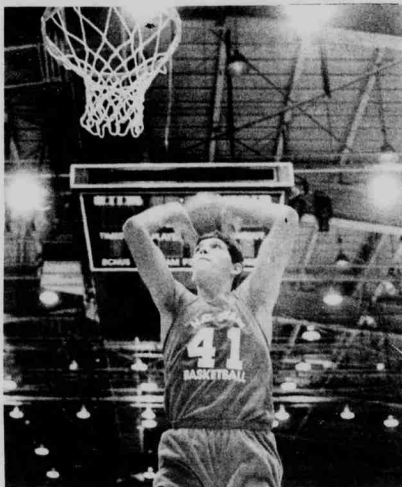
fensive specialists.

"I think as soon as you go to Indiana there is tendency to overlook the rest of the kid's game," Valvano says. "I wouldn't say Mike is a defensive stopper up front. He does a good job, but last year he had problems with Washburn and Shackelford. So he'll have problems with big kids like that. But he is very fundamentally sound on defense. He is generally in the right position. Yes, people tend to think they're going to see a guy who has no offensive skills, and they're wrong in Mike's case."

"He runs the court very well for his size and for a player who looks like he shouldn't run that well. He does everything at his maximum, works as hard as he can. He shoots the ball well."

Equally impressed with Giomi were teammates from last year, Kelsey Weems and Nate McMillan.

"He gets out on the break really well," Weems says. "You don't see many people



Staff photo by Scott Rivenbark

Indiana transfer Mike Giomi eyes the basket in mid-air during practice.

like him, with that size, who can run like he does. He hustles, he rebounds and he runs. He gets out on the break better than most guards. He's going to help our fast break a lot. We'll probably be a lot more run-oriented with Mike on the team.

Says McMillan, "I used to just watch him play defense in practice. He's always in the help position if his man doesn't have the ball. He was probably the best defensive player we had. If we would have had him last year, we would have been in the Final Four."

Giomi has been somewhat of a fringe member of the Wolfpack team for the past 18 months. He was permitted to practice with the team throughout last season, and ultimately learned the system and his role within the team.

However, with the departure of Chris Washburn to the pro ranks, Giomi's role could change considerably.

"If we went into a game where you had to watch Wash and Shackelford, and Giomi was roaming all over the place, I think he winds up getting all kinds of garbage," Valvano says. "I don't know how you would have guarded us."

"Now that Wash is gone, he becomes a much more important player to us. Now he is one of the guys they're going to try and stop. I hope that he gives us some stability up front. We're going to basically have three new players again.

With that, you'd like one to be a veteran and he certainly is."

Giomi says he worked in practice most of last season as the small forward with Washburn and Shackelford as the high and low posts. He said he fully realizes his role might now include more play inside.

"If it were up to me, I'd play (at) three (small forward)," Giomi says. "But, it really doesn't matter. I just want to play. It's been a long time since I've played. That's all I really want to do, is just get out there on the floor."

How Giomi landed at N.C. State is well documented, but worth recounting. He was suspended from the Indiana team in January of 1985 for violating Knight's academic standards. Giomi was eligible under NCAA and Indiana rules to remain on the team, but he missed three classes and that led to the suspension by Knight.

"I regretted being dismissed from Indiana," Giomi says. "That was probably one of the lowest points in my life."

Despite his dismissal, Giomi still holds the highest regard for Knight and Indiana. He states, flatly, that Knight remains the best coach in college basketball.

"Maybe I don't agree with him as a man, but I agree with him totally as a coach," Giomi says. "I think he is the best."

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Deanose Smith still reigns as Top Schnoz

No, I'm not the slapstick-spewing, all-ACC picking sportswriter who has graced the pages of this annual edition the past three years. It seems that Scott Keeper's satire has been banned from the wire services by State's own Jim Valvano when the column was published nationwide a year ago.

Apparently, Valvano smelled something fishy when he was

granted me written permission to resume his buffoonery, but with one stipulation — that I again rank Dean the ACC's Top Schnoz, which I gladly agreed.

Now on with my picks (and pickings).

Since Kenny Smith found the *Playboy* all-America team disliking to his taste, I deemed it appropriate to place him on his own honorary team — *Playgirl's* all-America Hunk Team. Sources close to the subject say 15,000 copies of the mag, set to hit the newsstands next week, have been pre-ordered by Chapel Hill residents. On a related issue, Dean's wife, Linnea, has been named Kenny's press secretary to handle all the incomming publicity.

Speaking of assorted fruits, Kenny earns another prestigious award as a member of the all-Big Apple team. Fellow NYC street products competing in the ACC this year are State's Tevin Binns (Bronx), Virginia's John Johnson (Brooklyn) and Mel Kennedy (Long Island) and Tech's Bruce Dalrymple (Manhattan).

How'd you like to meet those guys in a dark alley? Meanwhile, closer to home, the all-Wimp team again includes — you guessed it — Tech's Craig "Noodles" Neal for the fourth straight year. Neal, who checks in at 6-5 and a whopping 166 pounds, also qualifies for the first annual



'Super Flake'

"Jim McMahon Super Flake" award. Reportedly, 'ole Noods sported a rat-tail haircut and blue patent-leather sneakers at last year's ACC Tournament.

But moving on to other hardcourt sleestacks, teammate Willie "Pee Wee" Reese, who at 6-9, 199-pounds was ruled ineligible for Pee Wee 100 last year for fear of his disappearing on the track.

A third member of the imposing 1988-87 Jackets making this year's team is John "Peanut Brittle" Martinson (6-1, 147, 25-inch circumference).

Others joining this De-lightful brunch is Duke's Greg "Bouillon" Burgin, a 7-0, 215-pound, non-caloric, high-quality praying mantis who sells himself as a chimney sweep for Moped gas money; Quin "Scurvy" Snyder, a 6-2, 160-pound hair specimen; and, of course, State's own Tevin Binns (but don't break), who miraculously manages to hold



The Nose have it

up his head despite an overabundance of facial hair just below his forehead. Actually he's pretty good when it comes to throwing his weight around well against other inside players. Forty-two points — wow-wa!

Which brings us to the all-Name team, containing in its ranks, of course, Tevin (Tay-Vee-In) Binns and Quin Snyder. Panagiotis Fasoulas and Olden Polynice are gone their separate ways, a welcomed relief for all ACC announcers. But just when you thought these sideline warriors would get a reprieve long enough to catch their breath, along comes all-Coaches' Name team member Mike Krzyzewski, who brings in a guy named Alaa Bud Hussein Abdelnaby from Egypt (via Jersey). I'll just call him Al for short-short.

Smooth sounding team members include once again State's Kelsey Weems and UNC's Ranzino Smith and



Binns but doesn't break

newcomer Avie Lester. Non-Tobacco Road member is Maryland's Teyon (Tay-yon) McKoy.

Moving on to more easily deciphered context, the all-Johnson team contains John (of Maryland), John (of Virginia) and Antonio (of Wake). Similarly, the all-Smith team is made up of three Tar Heels — Dean, Kenny, and Ranzino, along with Duke's John.

And finally, what you've all been waiting for (but not in suspense) — the all-Schnoz team. Starting with the players, State's Vinny Del Negro and Duke's Phil Henderson and Billy King will flaunt the biggest olfactory organs in the ACC this season.

In the coaches' department, Duke's Coach Pino-K-O brings up the rear, followed by State's Valvanose and UNC's Deanose.

Let's face it, Jim. The Nose have it — not the Eyes.

DEVIN STEELE

Sports Columnist

nosed out of the all-Coaches Schnoz team for the third straight year by UNC's Deano Smith.

In a muzzled telephone conversation with the V-man, he said he was sick and tired of losing the "Nose Wars" to the Chapel Hill Ski Slope.

"It hurts my recruiting terribly when news is spread that Dean's more capable of sniffing out my prospects than I am. It's not fair. It's.s.n.not. Beaker Keeper is one to be talking about a probiscus problem anyway."

Keeper, who has kept busy sniffing out his own "prospects" lately, therefore has

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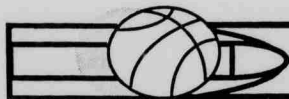
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Recruits of '84 no major force

By Bruce Winkworth
Associate Editor

Fresh on the heels of the 1983 NCAA basketball championship, State coach Jim Valvano hit the recruiting trail and corralled a group of incoming players that was hailed far and wide as one of the nation's best.

Valvano already had his 1983-84 recruiting class in place, led by junior college player Spud Webb and blue-chip high school recruits Bennie Bolton and Russell Pierre, so the group he began recruiting after the national title was actually for the following recruiting season.

"I said when it (the national championship) happened that you'd see the effects a couple of years down the road," Valvano told Doug Doughty of *The Atlantic Coast Conference Basketball Handbook*. "We already had all our players for next season in place before this season began."

Valvano's super recruiting class began to take shape with the November 1984 signing of center Chris Washburn of Hickory by way of the Laurinburg Institute. Washburn and current Kansas forward Danny Manning were almost universally regarded as the top two high school players in the nation.

Valvano added two more highly regarded players during the early recruiting period that

year, all-America forward John Thompson of Lawrenceville, Va., and guard Nate McMillan of Raleigh and Chowan Junior College.

With those three in the fold early, Valvano added guards Quentin Jackson from DeMatha High School of Hyattsville, Md., and Vinnie Del Negro of Springfield, Mass. When the 1984-85 season rolled around, recruiting analysts agreed that the incoming group Wolfpack newcomers was among the nation's elite groups.

Street and Smith's Basketball Annual, in its ranking of the top recruited schools in the country, listed State's recruiting class as second only to Kentucky's. *The ACC Handbook* agreed.

Street and Smith's listed Washburn among its "15 Freshmen of Influence," and ranked Washburn and Thompson in its All-South regional high school all-star listings.

"My recollection was that I certainly had State in my top five or six," *Poop Sheel* recruiting expert Brick Oettinger said. "I'm not sure I had them No. 2, but that was an excellent group any way you cut it."

Of that group, only McMillan played as a regular the first year. In his two years with the Wolfpack, McMillan may have been the ACC's most underrated player.



Only two players, Quentin Jackson and Vinnie Del Negro (from left), remain from State's 1984 recruiting class, ranked second-best in the country. Chris Washburn (middle) turned pro after last season, JUCO Nate McMillan (fourth from left) graduated and John Thompson (right end) transferred.

Washburn opened his freshman season in the starting lineup but was suspended from the team after six games for stealing a stereo from another athlete's room. Washburn termed the incident "a prank," but no one was terribly abused by it.

That prank may have cost State its second trip to the Final Four in three years, but Washburn returned to the fold last season and became an offensive force, leading the team in scoring and rebounding, and a second-consecutive trip to the NCAA regional finals.

To date, that's all State has to show for its heralded group, and the next two years may not show much more. Attrition set in, and the recruiting class of '84, once a highly regarded group, is now the duo of Jackson and Del Negro.

As a junior college transfer, McMillan had just two years of eligibility, which expired at the conclusion of last season. Despite coming to State with much more heralded players, McMillan's contributions to the Wolfpack were too numerous to mention and most never showed up in the agate type of the daily newspapers.

Despite averaging less than 10 points a game, McMillan was drafted early in the second round of last year's NBA draft by Seattle, and his contributions to State basketball will almost certainly top the list for the class of '84.

"I didn't realize Nate McMillan was as good as he was," Oettinger said. "I saw him in high school, but they had him as a forward there. He wasn't a big scorer, and of course that was never his game anyway. But I had no

idea from what I saw that he'd be as good a guard as he became. I think his two years at Chowan did him a world of good."

Thompson, listed on several high school all-America teams, warmed the bench as a freshman and transferred to Virginia Commonwealth after one semester as a sophomore. He will be eligible to play at VCU in January.

Oettinger said weight may have been part of Thompson's problems. Coming out of high school, Thompson was listed at 215 pounds. As a freshman at State, Thompson's weight had soared to 230.

"I saw him at the Five-Star camp his junior year, and he was 6-7 and about 215, not 230," Oettinger said. "He was mobile and shot the ball with

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Power players will fight for playing time

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Stewart said that Shackelford, Binns, Giomi, Chucky Brown and freshman Avie Lester will all share time at the power positions.

The only big man returning for State who has a significant amount of playing time in the Wolfpack offense is Shackelford, who has spent most of the preseason recovering from a wrist injury that he suffered while dunking.

"Shack's had a tough fall," Stewart said of the Kinston freshman. "During Midnight Madness he dunked one and bruised the bone in his left wrist. That took three or four days to heal and then in a scrimmage a couple of weeks ago he bruised his right wrist dunking but more severely than the first time."

It's easy to forget that Shackelford, who was second in Wolfpack scoring (10.3 points) and rebounding (6.1) to only Washburn last season, did not play his first collegiate game until late December last season when State lost to Kansas in Greensboro. Ironically, his season also ended with a loss to the Jayhawks in the quarter-finals of the NCAA tournament.

Backing up Shackelford as the only other player on the roster who has the size to be a true center is Binns, who was hampered by an ankle injury most of last season.

In State's final Red-White scrimmage Saturday in Reynold's Coliseum, Binns displayed his scoring ability by scoring 42 points with a variety of shots ranging from outside jumpers to crowd-pleasing dunks. He also recorded a game-high 17 rebounds.

"We've asked Tevin to play the wing position in the past," Stewart said. "But now we've moved him back to the power position, where he's more comfortable. The power position is where Tevin feels closer to home and has proven that he can score."

Valvano said that he was confident of Binns' scoring ability, but that Binns needed to improve his defense to see more playing time.

After sitting out a year, Indiana transfer Mike Giomi is expected to make an immediate impact on the Wolfpack's power game. Under Hoosier coach Bobby Knight, Giomi was known for his board-

crashing abilities and rebounding. At 230 pounds, the Ohio native certainly has the muscle to go inside.

In Saturday's scrimmage, Giomi led the Red team to victory with team highs of 26 points and 13 rebounds. In addition to his inside play, Giomi has displayed a good touch on his jump shot out to 15 feet.

Stewart said he expects 6-8 sophomore Chucky Brown to emerge this season as more of the scoring force inside for the Wolfpack.

"This year Chucky is concentrating on the power position," Stewart said. "Just in the past weeks, he's made tremendous strides going inside for rebounds and trying to get the fouls going to the basket."

Rounding out the possibilities at center for the Wolfpack is highly touted freshman Avie Lester from Roxboro-Person High School. As a prep senior, Lester was named MVP of the Big Six Conference, averaging 16.4

points, 10.2 rebounds, and 33 blocked shots.

"Avie has been a tremendous and pleasant surprise as a young player, without any college experience, coming in and consistently rebounding the best of anyone on the team," Stewart said. "He has good strength. He's also a good runner. Given the opportunity to get some playing time he should develop into a very good player."

Although the inside position appears to have the talent and versatility needed to compete

with its ACC opponents, many questions remain unanswered.

"Those guys on the inside are going to have to answer the questions for this year," Stewart said. "Who's going to rebound? How dominant can we be on the inside on both ends of the floor?"

"I think many of our questions will be answered during the early part of the season, when Coach Valvano has been known to give his newcomers and less experienced players a chance to get some playing time."

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Bolton ready to take on senior year

'Mr. Clutch' set for the challenge

By Devin Steele
Staff Writer

When the outcome of a game rests on the Wolfpack's shoulders in the closing seconds this year, who will step to the front as hero or goat?

Well, don't expect to see a new face take that last-second shot, drive to the basket or step to the line to take a free throw or two. As was came to be expected late in the season last year, the job rests in Bennie Bolton's hands.

Were it not for Bolton, the Pack probably would've been sent home in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. After missing on a last-second shot against Arkansas-Little Rock, Bolton scored all of State's eight points in the first overtime and led a Wolfpack flurry in the second extra period in an 80-66 victory.

Bolton showed signs of wanting the ball in crucial situations as the season wound down. Looked upon mainly to shoot the outside jumper his first three seasons, Bolton was seen driving to the basket when the Wolfpack needed a take-charge play.

Bolton first stepped forward

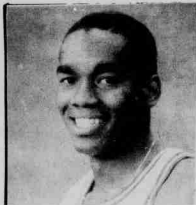
in a 73-69 overtime victory at Clemson, scoring six of the Wolfpack's points in the extra five minutes. Then, he kept State in the driver's seat with a pair of long jumpers late in a game against UNC in a 76-65 win.

But several of his first few attempts at heroism backfired. He missed a jumper when the score was tied at 69 against Oklahoma with 1:10 left, and the Pack went on to lose, 72-69. In the first round of the ACC Tournament, Bolton failed on an attempt from the corner in State's 64-62 loss to Virginia.

After earning the label of "Mr. Clutch" with those attempts, Bolton said he is ready to take on similar challenges in his senior season.

"Last year, those things fell upon my shoulders and I succeeded sometimes and failed sometimes, and I don't see anything being different this year," he said. "The team knows I'm used to being in that situation and I think the team will look for me to take those shots and come through and be able to hit them."

"I'm a shooter and I have to take a shooter's mentality that



Bennie Bolton

my next shot is always going in. A perfect example is the Virginia game. I took that last shot and what if I didn't shoot in the Arkansas-Little Rock game? That's a perfect example of how a player's supposed to view his next game — as a whole new start."

'I'm not the vocal type. I don't rah-rah and yell a lot. I just try to lead by example.'

— Bennie Bolton

Recruited as a pure shooter, Bolton dampened his reputation his freshman year with a 32 percent field goal average (worst effort in 15 years for an ACC player attempting at least 100 shots). He saw slightly less action his sophomore season, but improved his shooting accuracy to 48 percent. In the last third of that season, he began to find his range.

As a junior, Bolton began to fully develop his skills after being supplanted into the starting lineup at small forward by the 10th game. He played more than twice as much as ever before and nearly tripled his previous best scoring average (8.7 from 3.5). In addition to emerging as a clutch player, he was also the team's second-best free throw shooter with a 79.9 average.

He also became a better ball-handler and penetrator, finishing with more assists than turnovers for the first time in his career and leading the team with eight three-point plays.

But he said there's still room for more improvement, specifically in the rebounding department. Of the ACC's 23 front-court players who saw at least 250 minutes, his rebound per minute average (.12) ranked last.

"I'm gonna have to improve upon my statistics, point-wise, rebound-wise and assist-wise," he said.

Bolton has readied for his last fling in the off-season with a strenuous weight training program. The 6-7 wing forward has dropped only two pounds to 219, but he has added bulk to his chest and shoulders while decreasing his body fat content.

And he said he has noticed a considerable difference on the court in preseason drills.

"I feel stronger just when I'm out there running sprints," he said. "I'm able to mix it up under the boards better, and I think that's a benefit of weight training."

With the loss of Chris Washburn, Bolton said he will be called upon more as an inside player than before, but will still be needed at the perimeter. The rebirth of the three-point rule will also affect his role, he said.

"I think a lot of teams, now that Chris is gone, are gonna focus on Shack (Charles Shackelford), and I think that will give me the freedom to shoot the outside shot and drive to the hole. I think the three-point rule will be good for college basketball and for me personally. That's the shot I usually take."

Coach Jim Valvano said his demands are high for the team veteran.

"He's doing better, but he has to do it within the framework of his game," Valvano said. "He's not a slashing, drive-in-the-lane player, but he's an outstanding perimeter shooter. We have to develop the inside with Bennie from the outside."

Bolton said he also likens his position as a senior role-model for his teammates.

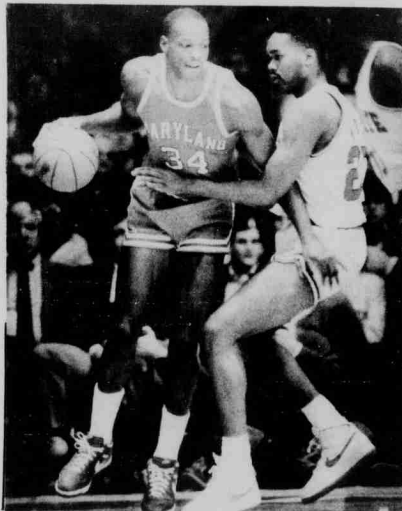
"Automatically, being a senior, the leadership has fallen upon my shoulders and I'm trying to uphold that image by coming to practice every day, working hard and showing the leadership seniors are supposed to show," he said. "I'm not the vocal type. I don't rah-rah and yell a lot. I just try to lead by example."

Bolton said he realizes that once the final buzzer rings out his collegiate career in a few months, it will also end his organized playing career — unless the NBA opens its doors. But he said he's not thinking about or getting his hopes up for that opportunity yet, should it come his way.

"If that's possible and God wants that to happen, then it'll happen," Bolton said. "But I'm just looking towards this team and what I have to offer this year. It's like a fantasy, the NBA draft, and I don't want to get myself into that type of fantasy-world perspective."



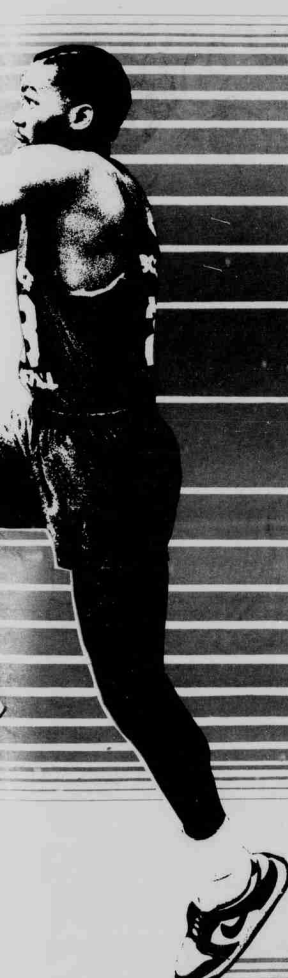
Bennie Bolton... State's only four-charge for the Wolfpack game is on the line.



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Bolton, guarding Bias in last year's action, sees room for improvement in all phases of his game in his senior year.

ear, life with artist's perception



He lives by strong mental approach

By Devin Steele
Staff Writer

Perspective. While many folks see life through rose-colored glasses, few begin to fully grasp a thorough outlook of their purpose in this world and lead their lives accordingly.

One of those few seems to be Bennie Bolton. It has taken many trials and tribulations in his 21 short years, but now Bolton believes his perspective of life has grown to unlimited, yet realistic, proportions.

Bolton says he is beginning to understand the laws governing man, and it is helping him prepare not only for his senior season on the Wolfpack basketball team, but for the rest of his life.

Drawing, strong guidance and the death of close friend Len Bias have all contributed to this strong mental approach, he says.

Bennie Alexander Bolton has the ability to see things from an artist's perspective and the talent to transform his images into still-life reflections of everyday life.

Bolton says he has been sketching all his life, as his large portfolio attests. With just a pencil or some other form of charcoal, Bolton has drawn landscapes and buildings as well as simple objects like basketball shoes. But his favorite is people.

"I prefer to draw people in every-day life," Bolton said. "I've got a couple of Martin Luther King, and I've drawn old men, women crying, little children — just things that catch my eye."

As many artists, Bolton leaves interpretations of his work up to the eyes of the beholder. Asked to explain a sketch of an old man over his bed, Bolton said, "I call that one 'Hope.' It's a picture of someone not as fortunate as me or others in a situation where life is not as good as others. He's got a Bible in his hand, with his head bowed, (and he's) praying for a better day."

Bolton has been asked by most of his teammates to draw them, but as is the case for



Staff photo by Mark Inman

Pencil sketching has contributed to Bolton's visual perception, but the death of close friend Bias changed his intangible perception on life. Bolton was offered \$150 for this sketch of Bias, but he refused the offer.

many student athletes, time just doesn't permit him the opportunity to draw them all. Most of his works take several hours to complete, but some take months. He has found the time to draw Lorenzo Chartes and his roommate of two years, Spud Webb.



Staff photo by Mark Inman

Bolton calls this sketch 'Hope.'

Bolton has given away some of his works, including the latter he gave to Webb's mother. Others are too cherished to part with.

"The ones I get attached to I don't give away for anything," Bolton said. "I drew a picture of Len Bias two days after he died, and a lady came into my room and offered me \$150 for it, but I wouldn't sell it because Len was a good friend of mine. That's something I cherish."

Drawing, Bolton said, provides him an escape from basketball and it even has hypnotic qualities.

"I love basketball, but I don't like to think about it 24 hours a day," he said. "It gives me that escape. After a bad game or a bad practice, I can go to

the room and whip out a pad and pencil and just draw away and forget about it. That helps me instead of having it on my mind constantly and compounding the mistakes the next day.

"I like to draw pictures and just look at them," he continued. "It puts you in a certain perspective, puts you in a different framework as far as your outlook on life is concerned."

Bolton grew up in a rugged, troublesome neighborhood in Washington, D.C. The youngest of six children to Mary Bolton, he lived in a fatherless home after his father died when Bennie was three years old.

With no father figure around, Bolton said his chances of being lured into the corruption of the streets were that much greater.

"I have four brothers, so I always had that male figure around," Bolton said. "But then again they were all doing their separate ways, so I didn't really have that male figure to sit down and show me right from wrong and teach me about life."

Bolton thanks basketball, for one, for detaching him from detrimental situations.

"The type of neighborhood I lived in, there was a lot of drug abuse and things of that nature, so basketball sort of put my mind on something other than the negative things that were going around," he said. "It provided me that escape to get out of that setting."

Bolton met who would play his role-model father when he enrolled at DeMatha High

School. At 14, he was introduced to his upcoming four-year coach, Morgan Wooten.

"Mr. Wooten really taught me the type of pride, the type of motivation, discipline and determination you have to have in order to succeed in the real world. I really thank him for teaching me how to survive in life and how to treat other people."

"I thank all the people who steered me in the right direction and put my head in the right perspective when I could've easily been steered the wrong way."

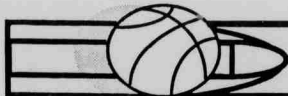
Bolton has gained a valuable lesson in life in the past seven years, but not one single incident has made as sudden, as realistic an impact on his life as the death of longtime friend Len Bias on June 19. That death turned Bolton's outlook in a new direction, he said.

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Bias wished Bolton his best in this 1982 note.

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Valvano changes with new job

By Tim Peeler
Sports Editor

Things are different now for new Athletics-Director-slash-basketball-coach James T. Valvano. Not a lot different, but different.

Maybe it's the new job — he became AD July 1, taking over for the retired Willis Casey. Maybe it's all the responsibilities, handling an \$8.5 million budget. And just maybe it's because Jimmy V — the ultimate wise-cracker, the ultimate class cut-up — has mellowed a little with age.

After seven years as head basketball coach, a national championship and three final-eight appearances in the NCAA tournament, there isn't much Coach V hasn't done on the court. And, as everybody knows, there is little the coach hasn't done off the court, from endorsements to motivational speeches to television appearances.

He and the administration certainly felt it was time for him

to handle the responsibilities of being AD.

So far, he's gotten rave reviews. Just ask him.

"Our men's soccer team drew a bye in the NCAA tournament and was ranked No. 1 in the South," he said.

"Our women's soccer team made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament. Our men's cross country team won the conference championship and our football team should be going to a bowl game.

"I think our department is doing fairly well. If you don't want to give me credit for that — which is fine — what would you like to find fault with?"

Charlie Bryant, president of the Wolfpack Club, has seen how well Valvano has managed the Athletics department and helped in raising funds for scholarships.

"He a very good manager and a good planner," Bryant said. "What's impressed me is that he doesn't make snap decisions, but he doesn't hesitate to make a decision. And

he always seeks counsel.

"Last spring when we were traveling to Wolfpack Club meetings, Jim laid the groundwork for good, solid support. Certainly he will be an asset to our fund-raising efforts. It's a little too early to tell, but we are anticipating a good year."

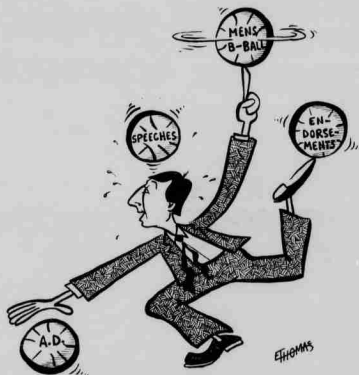
To his staff and coaches he is known as a positive influence and a "coaches' A.D."

"He's been very interested in what's happening with all the sports," baseball coach Sam Esposito said. "That's important. No matter how old you are, it's nice to have someone pat you on the back and recognize what you are doing."

From an administrative standpoint, there is an even better indicator.

"I've never seen such good press," Chancellor Bruce Poulton said. "I think its been great. Everybody seems so upbeat."

But "The Man Who Would Be King," as one national



publication called Valvano, has still changed somewhat. What's happened since he became AD back in July, besides the success of the athletics teams, the financial success, the public support?

The new office — the official Athletics Director's office — is kind of plain. No flashy laminated magazine covers, no mementos of the 1983 national championship, no charts that show the NCAA tournament pairings from that year with the scores from each game, right up to the Wolfpack's 54-52 win over Houston.

Plain gray carpet is on the floor of the spacious office, with two plain paneled walls, one red brick wall and a huge

window that looks out from Case Athletics Center over Cates Avenue to the track.

The furniture — two armchairs and a couch — is made of too-bright, red leather. The AD's chair is not quite as bright, but just as red.

Not at all like the Basketball office upstairs, where you can't swing your belt buckle without hitting some sort of memorabilia.

The new office just isn't flashy enough to be Valvano's. It's almost — perish the thought — dull.

Last March, just after the Wolfpack was eliminated from the ACC tournament by Virginia, Valvano hit the big four-oh. And that doesn't mean



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With all of his other responsibilities, Valvano hopes to find time to take his team to the final eight again this year.

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he made straight A's in school. He entered middle age.

Before his March 10 birthday, Valvano said jokingly: "I guess I better get serious about life. I guess I better figure out what I want to do."

In February, the Board of Trustees gave him a good idea by naming him Athletics Director, replacing Casey. After his first six on the job, Valvano knows he is exactly where he wants to be.

The day-to-day operations of running the department can be a bit much, but that's why

Valvano has made sure to surround himself with plenty of assistants.

Senior Associate A.D. Frank Weedon handles most of the daily chores of the department. Assistant A.D. Kevin O'Connell manages the budget and is responsible for football and basketball operations. Nora Lynn Finch, another assistant A.D., is charged with all 22 non-revenue sports and making sure they don't get lost in the hoopla of bowl bids and NCAA B-ball tournaments.

Ray Tanner and Howard Hink are also assistant A.D.s,

with more mechanical than administrative responsibilities. Tanner is in charge of "game-day operations," making sure visiting teams are well taken care of while in Raleigh. Hink is in charge of all Athletics facilities, from the turf at Method Road Stadium to the Port-a-johns at Carter-Finley.

Valvano admits he's the "image," the "talent," as the television people call it, behind a staff that is delegated most of the Department's responsibilities.

"My main responsibility," he



Valvano's responsibilities as Athletic Director are public relations, he said.

said, "is public relations, both on and off the field."

Valvano and Poulton had a mutual agreement when Valvano took the job.

"When he was appointed," Poulton said, "we said very clearly to everyone what his standing was. We said he would be able to coach basketball for at least two more years. Beyond that, it's up in the air."

Both agree that eventually a decision will be made to abolish the dual role.

"There is going to be a point where it wouldn't be maybe in the best interest of the Athletic Department to have a dual role," Valvano said. "When that point comes, we'll know. I think it will be apparent and a decision will be made."

"For now, I'm eager to have evaluation."

Poulton agreed: "We said that after those two years, we would sit down at the end of

each basketball season and evaluate his position. If he wanted to discontinue coaching, we would decide there. Or if he wanted to discontinue being Athletics Director, we would decide then.

"But our feeling on the matter is, if it's not broken, why bother to fix it?"

"It's possible for one man to be president of the United States. There's a multiplicity of responsibilities involved there. He just makes sure he has good people to whom he can delegate responsibility."

"It's possible for one man to be chancellor. Certainly it is possible for one man to be both basketball coach and Athletics Director."

"It's all possible if you can delegate responsibility to good people."

Organizationally, there is no reason at all that anything should suffer."



Valvano said he finds time to carrying out dual responsibilities as coach and athletic director.

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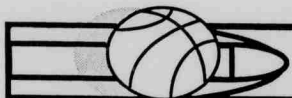
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Yow keeping busy

By Katrina Waugh
Assistant Sports Editor

the 1988 Olympic basketball team which is both an honor and a few thousand added headaches.

Kay Yow is starting off her 12th season at State busy.

In addition to her coaching responsibilities she has taken on the head coaching job for

Yow is also a member of the Amateur Basketball Association of the U.S.A. women's games committee

and the Board of Directors of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

She said she will have to depend on help from her two assistant coaches, Ed Baldwin and Karen Freeman, to successfully manage her time.

"We have a challenge ahead of us," Yow said.

Yow, however, has proven that she is able to overcome a challenge.

She has brought the Wolfpack to the ACC tournament finals in seven of the nine tournaments held and to the conference championship in 1980 and 1985.

Her State teams have participated in post-season play for 11 consecutive seasons, including each of the five NCAA Women's Basketball Championships since the tournament was initiated in 1981.

State is 86-18 against ACC opponents and 257-81 overall in the 11 years Yow has been coach.



Technician file photo has made her schedule even tougher.



Over the summer, she coached two United States' squads to gold medals in the Goodwill Games and the World Championships in Moscow.

Yow, who is a co-sponsor of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at State, received both negative and positive criticism after revealing that

she took Bibles to Moscow and distributed them to Soviets, a violation of Soviet laws.

However, Yow says that she was acting on the request of friends she had found in Moscow on a previous visit.

"We were just helping friends," Yow said.

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Women's success depends on backcourt

Hillman, Betrand vie for spot

By Chris Wilson
Sports Writer

Any success enjoyed by the Wolfpack Women's basketball squad this season will depend on how well head coach Kay Yow's backcourt develops during the season.

"We have both our point guards back in Carla Hillman and Debbie Bertrand, but neither produced consistently last season," head coach Kay Yow said.

Hillman, a 5-6 senior, averaged 5.4 points and 2.2 rebounds last year, but committed 105 turnovers.

Hillman did show improvement in State's NCAA tournament clash with Penn State, handing out three assists, taking four steals and turning the ball over just twice.

"It's crucial to get that kind of performance from the point guard," Yow said.

Yow and her coaching staff have been waiting for that kind of output from Hillman for some time.

"Carla has great floor sense," assistant coach Karen Freeman said. "She's also pretty quick and at this point, she's our best defensive player. We'll look to Carla to provide us with the needed leadership it will take to be successful."

Bertrand, a sophomore from Brooklyn, N.Y., averaged 4.9 points and 1.3 rebounds last season. A quick, flashy player, Bertrand will be asked to run a fast tempo, but also to hold the ball up to give the Wolfpack time to set up in its double-post offense.



"Debbie is a very quick player," Freeman said. "She can penetrate or pull up at the key for the jump shot."

Annamarie Treadway, a 5-7 senior from Greensboro, will play both guard and forward for the Wolfpack. Treadway is probably the Pack's strongest

player. Last season she tallied 6.8 points per game and pulled down 3.3 rebounds.

"Annamarie is a very strong, good athlete," Freeman said. "She has a good baseline shot. We'll expect her to do a lot of weak-side rebounding." State has a lot of depth at

the perimeter, with Mary Lindsay and freshmen Krista Kilburn and Kim Forsyth.

Lindsay, a 5-9 junior, averaged 3.6 points and dish-ed out 57 assists last season.

Freeman called Kilburn, a 5-9 freshman from Fayetteville, Ga., an aggressive, blue-collar type player. Forsyth, also 5-9, is from Altamonte Springs, Florida.

Coach Freeman expects the guards' offensive punch will come from how well they play defense. The State women traditionally convert many fast break baskets off their tough defense.

"We'll generally play man-to-man defense because we're banking on our quickness to score some points for us," Freeman said. "We'll play 94-foot full-court offense and defense and hope that will produce a few points."

Giommi back on boards

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"For different players and different situations, I think both coaches are excellent. V takes situations on a defense or offense in game situations and is really good with it. His approach to coaching is that he's not going to work you to death. He expects you to have some inner pride and inner strength to motivate yourself. I like that a lot.

"You're more of a friend to coach V than you are to coach Knight. Coach Knight just handles things business-like, which is okay. I'm not saying I didn't have a good relationship with coach Knight at times, but I just feel a little bit closer to Coach V. He's the kind of coach that you want to play for because you like him. You want to do good for him as well as for yourself and for your team. That means a lot."

At Indiana, Giommi started 22 of 30 games as a sopho-

more. As a junior, he averaged 8.7 points per game, shot 63.7 percent from the floor and was leading the Hoosiers in rebounding with 5.3 per game prior to his suspension.

Giommi says he is anxious to improve on those numbers this season.

"I can't wait," he says. "I've got a lot to prove, not only to people but just to myself. I want to prove that I can still go out there and do it, that I can play and be successful. I did pretty good at Indiana, but I think I'm a heck of a lot better player now. I'm a lot smarter and more mature. I think

it's a great challenge for me and a great opportunity to play in the ACC and for NC State.

"This is a great opportunity for a player. You don't get many chances in college to do it twice. I went to a great school at Indiana University. Now I'm going to another great school at State. I don't think I lost out on too much."



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Women forwards are quick, straight shooting, backed by unproven talent

By Ginger Brown
Staff Writer

Wolfpack Women's coach Kay Yow has slated two veterans, Angie Daye and Annemarie Treadway, to start at forward this season. Yow and her staff expect both to provide leadership for the team.

Daye, a returning starter at forward, averaged 9.9 points and 6.7 rebounds last season. "She has all the tools to be a good forward," assistant coach

Ed Baldwin said. "She could be an excellent player for us this year. She is very quick and a very good runner. Angie is also an excellent shot."

Treadway, who also plays guard, didn't start last year but will probably be the other starting forward for the Wolfpack this season. At 5-7, Treadway is small for a forward but possesses the skills the coaches are looking for at that position.

"She's smaller than most

opponents she'll face, but she knows the fundamentals," Baldwin said. "She's really aggressive and a real competitor."

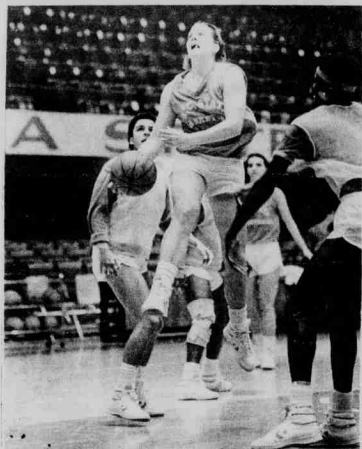
Behind Daye and Treadway, the Wolfpack has talented but unproven depth at the forward position, mainly due to injuries.

Sophomore Lori Phillips played in just 12 games last year because of injuries, averaging 1.5 points and 1.4 rebounds per game in just 75 minutes of play.

"Lori is one of, if not the best shooter on the team," Baldwin said. "If she can remain healthy, she could be one of our best players."

Red-shirt freshman Adrina Crichlow sat out last year with a knee injury. The highly regarded Crichlow is expected to play this winter, if she can regain some strength. At 6-0, Crichlow was a high school all-America in Wheatley Heights, New Jersey.

The Wolfpack has a pair of freshman forwards in reserve as well, Sandee Smith and Kerri Hobbs. Baldwin sees potential in both and expects



Staff photo by Marc Kawanishi
Forward Krista Kilburn does her best Mike Jordan imitation

them to spend the season improving.

"Sandee has a lot to learn," Baldwin said. "This will be a year of learning for her, without question. As the year progresses, she'll begin to contribute more and more."

Hobbs could also see time as backup center.

"As our reserves get more experience and play against some tough opponents, our depth will improve and our team will get better and better," Baldwin said.



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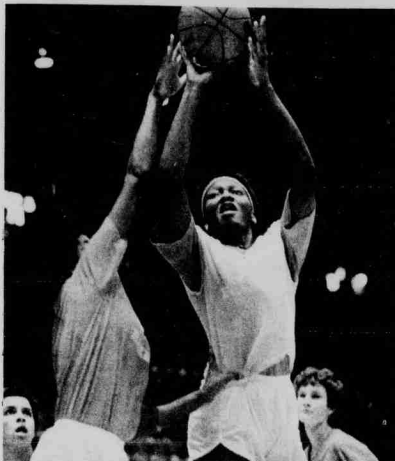
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All-America candidate Trena Trice grabs a rebound during pre-season drills.

Pack women counting on all-ACC Trena Trice

By Ginger Brown
Sports Writer

The women's basketball team will lean on the experience of senior Trena Trice for the 1986-87 season. Trice, who is the Wolfpack's returning starter at center, was the Pack's leading scorer and rebounder last year, averaging 18.5 points and 9.7 rebounds.

A member of the all-ACC first team, Trice also earned most valuable player honors in two mini-tournaments last year: the Old Dominion Optimist Classic and the WRAL Classic.

"Trena was an all-ACC player last year, and she could very well be an all-America this year," assistant coach Ed

our main threat to score. She's definitely the key to our team this year."

Head coach Kay Yow added: "Trena has a chance to have an outstanding season."

The Pack's only backup at center is Kerrie Hobbs, who doubles as a forward. Hobbs is a 6-1 freshman from Mount Laurel, New Jersey.

"Kerrie Hobbs has all the tools to be a great college player," Baldwin said. "She's a great leaper and a good shot. Experience will be the key factor in determining how good she will be."

The lack of depth doesn't bother Baldwin much. "We will develop depth as we go along," he said. "If we can escape injuries, we should be real strong at center this year."



Baldwin said. "She might even be the dominant player in the conference this year."

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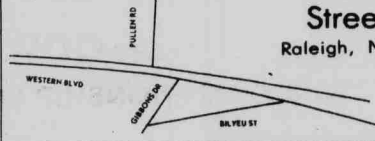
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Virginia likely to defend women's ACC crown

Cavaliers, State, Duke, Carolina vie to prevent Terps from retaining tourney title

Editor's note: Hall is the Sports Director for WKNC, which will broadcast all the Wolfpack Women's home ACC basketball games.

This year's ACC women's race will be just as tight, if not tighter, than the men's. While the men's race will be a four-team race, the women's title chase could include five teams.

The women's league comes off a season that saw Virginia post a sensational 25-1 record in the regular season, only to end up bowing out in their first game of the NCAA tournament. Maryland came off a 6-8 conference record to win the ACC tournament last year and end their season at 17-13.

The Duke Blue Devils came off their best season ever, and they ended up playing in the National Invitational Tournament after posting a 21-9 mark. State and North Carolina figure to be in the running once again for the title, but the Tar Heels lost a head coach and the Wolfpack lost two very strong starters in Debbie Mulligan (swing guard) and Teresa Rouse (small forward).

Wake Forest won its first ACC tournament game ever last year and posted a 16-13 record overall under new head coach Joe Sanchez. Georgia Tech also reached a personal goal, defeating Maryland during the regular season to end a 20 game ACC losing streak.

Clemson is trying to regain the consistent program it had back in the beginning of this decade. The Tigers were 12-16 overall and 4-9 in the conference, finishing in sixth place.

It's shaping up to be another exciting year in ACC women's basketball so let's take an in-depth look at each team in order of their predicted finish.

VIRGINIA — With 10 letterwinners, including all five starters, returning from last year's Top 10 squad, the Cavaliers are looking forward

to continued success during the 1986-87 season. Last year the Cavaliers captured the ACC regular season title with a 13-3 mark and finished at 26-3 overall, ranked sixth in the nation.

Virginia was the top seed in the Eastern Region of the NCAA Tournament. But after a first-round bye, the Cavs lost to James Madison 71-62 in Charlottesville to end the most successful season in the program's history.

This season, Virginia head coach Debbie Ryan — the 1986 ACC coach of the year — is hoping to build on last year's success and use the added experience to move forward. All five starters are back this season including the first team all-ACC guard tandem of Donna Holt and Daphne Hawkins, and second team all-ACC and Kodak Regional All-America forward Nancy Moyer.

Fourth-year forward Trina Thomas and third year center Laurie Carter are the other returning starters. The 5-11 Thomas averaged 6.8 points and a team high 5.9 rebounds last season and Carter averaged 7.9 points and 5.7 rebounds per game.

In addition to the rigorous ACC schedule, the Cavs will play a host of national-caliber teams with non-conference games against Louisiana Tech, Rutgers, DePaul, Duquesne, and University of the Pacific, as well as rivals James Madison, Old Dominion and Virginia Tech.

MARYLAND — The Terrapins enter this season with a freshman class that is ranked among the nation's best. With this year's freshman class complementing a starting unit that returns intact, the Terps are looking to be one of the league's, if not nation's, best teams.

Beth Hunt, a 6-3 rookie from Myrtle Beach, is regarded to be one of the nations best players. She averaged 24.5 points, 15 rebounds and 5 blocks as a prep senior.

The starting five should return with greater confidence after winning the ACC tournament last season. Deanna Tate, a 5-9 sophomore from Gastonia, was the heart of the Terps offense, contributing 16.7 points per game.

On the front line there's

Carolyn Dehn-Duhr, who averaged 13.7 points and 5.7 rebounds while 6-2 forward Vicky Bullett also contributed 10.4 points and led the team in rebounding with 6.4 a game. The rest of the returning starting five include Lisa Brown, a 5-8 guard with an 8.9 scoring average and Sabrina Rivers, a 5-10 sophomore of Jamaica, N.Y., who averaged just over 4 points and 4 rebounds during her freshman campaign.

DUKE — By far, the Blue Devils had their best women's season ever during the 1985-86 campaign, and coach Debbie Leonard's Blue Devils will look for another outstanding year in the upcoming season.

Duke posted a 21-9 mark last season, the most wins ever for a Blue Devil team. Duke made it to the NIT for its first-ever post-season bid. This year the Blue Devils will again be led by all-America forward Chris Moreland. She led the league a year ago in scoring with a 23.0 point average and rebounding with 11.8 per game.

Joining Moreland on the frontline this year will be 6-3 senior center Sarah Sullivan and 6-4 freshman center Sue Harnett. The Blue Devils return a wealth of experience at the small forward in Paula Andersen, Katie Meier, Ellen Langhi and Tracy Christopher.

Anderson, a 5-11 junior, was a starter at forward for most of last season. The backcourt duties will be handled by seniors Kim Hunter and Carolyn Sonzongi, who was second on the team in steals last season.

Overall, Duke returns four starters and 11 letter-winners from last year's team.

STATE — All-America candidate Trena Trice will be leading the way at center this year, but the Wolfpack's hopes in the 1986-87 season will depend largely on the development of its perimeter players.

Trice, a 6-3 center from Chesapeake, Va., has established herself as one of the nation's finest pivot players. Last season she averaged 18.5 points and 9.7 rebounds per game. She was named to the All-ACC first team, and was also honored as the MVP of Old Dominion's Classic and WRAL Classic.

The point guard battle will be between Carla Hillman and Debbie Bertrand. Both players had flashes of brilliance last season, but neither produced consistently.

The rest of the line-up is cloudy. Red-shirt freshman Adriana Crichlow, one of the nation's top prep prospects two years ago, is back after a painful knee injury.

Coach Kay Yow also returns a pair of seniors in Angela Daye and Annemarie Treadway. Both saw a lot of playing time last year at the forward spot and swing position.

The Wolfpack has a trio of backcourt players battling for the No. 2 guard slot. Mary Lindsay (Jr.), Christa Hillburn (Fr.), and Kim Forsyth (Fr.) all will see action at the second guard position. Red-shirt sophomore Lori Phillips, 6-1 Kerrie Hobbs and 5-11 Sandee Smith round out the baseline players for the Pack.

The Wolfpack's 1986-87 schedule should provide Coach Yow's squad with a severe challenge. State will play home-and-home games against the vastly improved ACC, and will also face a tough out of conference slate.

State will host Rutgers and South Carolina, and travel to Tennessee and Old Dominion.

NORTH CAROLINA — First year head coach Sylvia Rhine Hatchell has stepped into a healthy program to say the least. She inherits a team that finished with a 23-9 mark last year and was ranked 16th nationally.

This team returns 11 letter-winners, seven of which can be classified as returning starters, considering injuries forced the Tar Heels to field 14 starting combinations last year.



A healthy Dawn Royster, a former ACC player-of-the-year, returns for the Heels. It's up to new midseasoner she averaged 14.4 points and 9.4 rebounds per game.

Joining Royster on the front line will be veterans Kathy Wilson, a 6-2 junior, and Tia Pindexter, also a 6-2 junior. Both players suffered injuries last season that cut their season short. At guard the Heels return 5-5 Darlene Cannon, who averaged 5.8 points per game and dished out 9.7 assists.

Marlene List, who averaged 7.5 points and 3.2 rebounds a game while making 112 assists, also returns at guard.

The ingredients are all there for the Heels. It's up for new coach Sylvia Hatchell to put them together in the perfect recipe.

WAKE FOREST — Like Maryland, Wake Forest came on strong in the ACC tournament last year. The Deacs upset Duke and lost by two points to UNC in the semifinals.

Wake returns three starters from its ever changing lineup of last season. By late last season, Wake was starting a four-guard lineup.

Deacon coach Joe Sanchez brought in six freshmen and it seems to have paid off for his team.

All-America Amy Privette returns at guard. The 5-8 senior averaged 17.8 points, 5.7 rebounds and 4.4 assists. Sophomore Alice Neale, a 5-6 guard, broke into the starting lineup last season and should show experience in the backcourt.



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Bolton has learned valuable lessons from Bias' death.

Bias' death changed Bolton

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"I have to say that was the single most turning point in my life," Bolton said. "I've had deaths in my own family that didn't affect me the way that that death did, and I've learned a lot from it; you're here today and gone tomorrow, so just try to live every day like it's your last."

"Treat people like you want to be treated," he

continued. "Everything's not promised to you, so you just have to work hard and live life to the fullest. I've always heard that saying, 'live life to the fullest, but it never stuck with me until Lenny died.'"

A quote from the Bible, attached to a bookshelf in Bolton's room, further enhances his sincerity in this philosophy: "Boast not

thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what day brings forth (Proverbs 27:1)."

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Perspective. It's a concept you can physically draw on a pad, and it's also a intangible concept developed through the guidance of others. But more often than not, it's a concept learned from life's hard lessons. Just ask Bennie Bolton.

Many '84 recruits scramble

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confidence, which I never saw him do at State. But he was already an animal on the boards. He was a tremendous rebounder. He didn't need the extra weight to rebound. There's a tendency to say we overrated John Thompson, but he still has two years to play at VCU. I'm inclined to wait and see what he does there. There's no question in my mind that when I saw him in high school, he could play with anyone in his class, and that was a very good class."

Washburn, whose mere presence in college was harshly questioned after his Scholastic Aptitude Test scores were released as part of his court record, left for the NBA following last season. The Golden State Warriors made Washburn the third overall pick in the NBA draft last June.

"There was no question that Washburn was a No. 2-3 player in an excellent class," Oettenger said. "In a way I was surprised to see him leave for the NBA, but I remember his mother saying when Chris was a junior in high school that the plan was for him to play two years in college and then go pro. I thought maybe his missing so much of his

freshman year might have set that plan back a bit, but there was never any doubt, from what I understood, that he was going to leave school early."

In retrospect, it's easy to say that the wheels came off the Wolfpack recruiting class of '84, but what happened to State's has happened across the country, especially to that season's top-rated recruiting classes.

Of the 48 high school players recruited by Street and Smith's top 10 rated recruited groups, 10 players have either transferred to other schools, gone hardship to the NBA or dropped out of school and out of sight. Of Street and Smith's "15 Freshmen of Influence," four have transferred, two have gone to the NBA, and one dropped out of school.

Of those Top 10 rated recruited groups, State and Arizona State each lost two players, while Kansas lost three, Notre Dame, Indiana and Georgia Tech each lost one each.

All of this speaks very loudly about the great science of recruiting, which is almost as popular as the games themselves. Tune in any local radio sports call-in show and you'll hear a lot of basketball recruiting, even in the summer.

When Valvano brought in the Washburn, Thompson, McMillan, Del Negro, Jackson recruiting class, many people wanted to start hanging championship banners from the rafters of the Coliseum, even before any of them had played a single game.

"All I try to do is determine who the top players are," Oettenger said. "The players have to choose what school they will attend, and that's almost always crucial. Some make a mistake, and unless they're a Top 15 player who could play anywhere, that will have a profound effect on their career. It determines whether or not they'll play, and that determines to a great deal whether or not they'll be happy. Many great high school players have chosen the wrong college, and the results have been tragic in some cases."

"You can never tell what will happen once the player gets to college. Some go where the coach will bring out the potential in them, and others don't. Some players get injured, and some are late physically developing. Obviously what (recruiting analysts) do, and some do it much better than others, is not an art but a very imprecise science."

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Amy Cartner returns at center and she should be complimented by Lisa Dodd, a 6-3 freshman from Long Beach, N.Y., who averaged 17.2 points and 13.5 rebounds a game as a prep star. Denae Stensaas, a JUCO all-America, returns for the Deacs. She averaged 19.2 points and six assists last year.

GEORGIA TECH — The Yellow Jackets return four starters off a maturing team that finished 10-17 overall and head coach Bernadette McGlade perhaps has her best recruiting class ever.

The Jackets lost point guard Anita Malone but Tory Ehle, who played the No. 2 guard last year, is expected to be moved to point. JUCO transfer Hea Ju Moon, a 5-8 native of Seoul, Korea, should take over at the second guard spot.

The front line is still solid with 6-7 center Delores Bootz. She was fourth in the ACC in scoring with an 18.1 average. She also has 56 blocked shots and was first in field goal

percentage at 61.

Both forwards are back in 6-0 junior Marielle Walker and 5-6 sophomore Ida Neal.

Walker averaged 12.1 points per game last year. Incoming freshman Jackie Farmer could figure in the front line plans.

Another freshman is Sheila Wagner, a 5-8 recruit from Peekskill, N.Y., who was the

leading scorer — male or female — in N.Y. prep history, with 2,478 points.

CLEMSON — The Tigers were a paltry 12-16 overall and 4-9 in the conference last year, and it probably won't get much better this year.

Clemson must replace 5-11 forward Janet Knight, the schools' second all-time scorer

and Melinda Ashworth, who averaged 15.3 points for the Tigs last year.

Returning, however, is 6-3 center Louise Greenwood, forward Larson Brickley and 6-0 reserve Karen Ann Jenks. Brickley, a 6-3 senior, scored 13.8 points a game last year, while Jenks added 11.5 points and 6.7 rebounds, good

enough for second on the team.

Micky Lynch and Cheryl Mix return in the backcourt. They could get a strong challenge from Chris Spackman, a 5-8 freshman from Indianapolis, who is reported to be a strong ballhandler. She also averaged 14.6 points a game last year as a high school senior.

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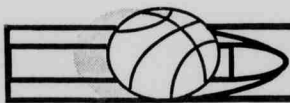
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Valvano reunited with teammate, assistant

By Deron Johnson
Staff Writer

When Dick Stewart was a sophomore guard under head coach Bill Foster at Rutgers, he was the assist man to a senior shooting guard named Jim Valvano. Now, 18 years later, Stewart is again assisting Coach V, but this time as an assistant coach.

Actually Stewart has coached at State under Valvano before, from 1983 through the spring of 1985. But when Foster called that year to ask Stewart for help at South Carolina, he had to heed the call.

"He called me and said 'How about coming down? I need some help,'" Stewart said. "It was like my father calling. I couldn't say no."

For nine months Stewart was an assistant for the Gamecocks until Foster was forced to resign and went on to take the head job at Northwestern. At the same time, Valvano's assistant Tom Abatemarco left State to become head coach at Lamar.

"When I heard Tommy had left I called Jim Valvano and

told him I had done all I could for Coach Foster and I'd like to come back to State," Stewart said.

"When this opportunity opened I couldn't get my Nikes on fast enough to run back up here. This is home for me. I'm just happy to be here."

Stewart said that Valvano has had an influence on his life as early as their playing days at Rutgers.

"I passed him the ball every opportunity I got at Rutgers," Stewart said.

"He was a great shooter. No one around here ever saw him and doesn't know how really good he was.

"But my junior and senior years he became an assistant coach under Foster and influenced me to go into coaching."

After graduating from Rutgers, Stewart had coaching stints with Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Fordham, and Penn State before being reunited with Valvano right after the 1983 national championship season.

Stewart, who has a wife and four children, said that return-

ing to State was like a homecoming.

"It was like coming home to your family after being away," Stewart said. "If there is anyone happier with their situation in life than I am I'd like to see them."

"Coach Valvano is just an amazing guy to work with. He's tireless. He has an amazing energy flow that affects everyone else. There's not a more intelligent coach who controls the game more from the sideline in the game."

Stewart's delight with being back at State may also stem from the turmoil that the Gamecock's basketball program is experiencing, beginning with the forced resignation of Foster.

"South Carolina's struggling for an identity with the Metro Conference. A lot of people still associate South Carolina with the ACC and can't understand the reason that they pulled out," Stewart said. "In the Metro, South Carolina is not natural rivals with teams like Louisville and Memphis State."

Since Valvano took over as Athletics Director at State, as



Dick Stewart

well as coaching the basketball team, some people wonder how long the coach will hold on to the dual role.

"Saying that V can't handle both jobs is saying you don't know Coach Valvano," Stewart said. "He's full of energy. He feeds on work. He's an insomniac."

"He's a great athletic director. He's brought this department together. In many places you have the petty jealousies between the major money sports and the smaller revenue sports and here Valvano has united everyone."

"As far as basketball is concerned, he's obsessed with basketball. He's got more energy than 10 normal people. His priorities are North Carolina State and North Carolina State basketball. I'm

sure he'll stay with basketball."

When Abatemarco served under Valvano he was known for his recruiting skills, but Stewart said he didn't want to narrow down his duties to specifics. He sees himself as trying to be more of the Renaissance Man in Valvano's system.

"My role here is to do whatever Coach Valvano wants me to do," Stewart said.

"In my 18 years of coaching I hope I've developed versatility and that's what I have to offer."

"We have a team concept on this team. Three or four minds are better than one. We get together with V and coordinate things and I hopefully carry them out."

Just like old times, Stewart is still dishing out the assists to Valvano.

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D'Amico joins Pack

Touted forward finds way to Raleigh

By Deron Johnson
Staff Writer

Raleigh is a long way from Reading, Pa., and even further when you go by way of South Carolina. Just ask freshman transfer Brian D'Amico, who has taken a roundabout route to State to play basketball for Jim Valvano.

D'Amico was heavily recruited by Maryland, the Big East and South Carolina before then-Gamecock assistant coach Dick Stewart convinced him to attend South Carolina and play basketball for then-Gamecock head coach Bill Foster.

Before D'Amico even stepped on campus, Foster left for Northwestern and Stewart was on his way to join Jimmy V and the Wolfpack.

Suddenly the 6-10 center, who averaged 20.5 points and 8.4 rebounds per game as a

high school senior, found himself in an awkward position. D'Amico had never had a chance to prove himself under Foster, and he wasn't sure whether he would be wanted in the new USC regime.

"I talked to the new coaches there," D'Amico said. "It's not that I didn't like them. It's just that I didn't feel comfortable with them. You never know if you're really wanted there or if they're going to take care of you there."

Fortunately for D'Amico, Stewart was gone but had not forgotten. Through another coach the new State assistant got word to D'Amico that the Wolfpack had one more scholarship left and that it was his if he wanted it.

Ignoring transfer overtures from Providence and Kutztown University, D'Amico signed with the Pack without even visiting the campus.

"I told coach Stewart that, 'Sure I'd take the scholarship,' and for obvious reasons. The ACC is known as the best basketball conference in the nation, and N.C. State has a reputation of having a winning season and getting in the NCAA's every year. And especially because of the reputation of coach Valvano. He's a great guy.

D'Amico said that his relationship with Stewart also may have had a little to do with him coming to play for the Wolfpack.

"Coach Stewart showed that he cared what happened to me," D'Amico said. "I could talk to him on a personal level."

When D'Amico first arrived at State, he was ruled ineligible to practice because of a high school GPA thought to be below the 2.0 minimum re-



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Avie Lester gets a hand on a shot by Brian D'Amico. D'Amico is still ineligible to play this season because the NCAA stipulates that a transfer player must sit out a year before participating in a varsity sport.

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7	at Louisville (TV)	3:00
9	WINTHROP	7:30
11	CLEMSON	7:30
14	at Georgia Tech (TV)	9:00
16	BROOKLYN COLLEGE	8:00
19	at Duke (TV)	9:00
22	VIRGINIA	1:30
25	at Maryland	8:00
28	Wake Forest (TV) (in Greensboro)	1:30
Mar.		
2	CHICAGO STATE	7:30
6-8	ACC Tournament (in Landover, Md.)	TBA

WOMEN

Nov.		
28-29	University of Central Florida Tournament (Western Michigan, Fairfield and Central Florida)	7:00, 9:00
Dec.		
4	SOUTH CAROLINA	7:30
6	at Tennessee	7:30
13	UNC-ASHEVILLE	6:00
17	at Clemson	5:00
19-20	at Ohio State Buckeye Classic (Tennessee Tech, West Virginia and Ohio State)	6:00
29-30	WRAL CLASSIC (Indiana, Iowa, and Penn State)	6:00, 8:00
Jan.		
3	CLEMSON	2:00
5	at Virginia	7:30
10	GEORGIA TECH	2:00
13	at North Carolina	7:30
15	EAST CAROLINA	6:30
21	at Duke	7:30
24	at Maryland	7:30
28	WAKE FOREST	7:30
31	at Old Dominion	7:35
Feb.		
3	Duke	7:30
7	VIRGINIA	2:00
10	NORTH CAROLINA	7:30
14	MARYLAND	7:30
16	NORTHERN ILLINIOS	6:00
18	at Wake Forest	7:30
21	at Georgia Tech	2:00
Feb. 28-		
Mar. 2	ACC Tournament in Fayetteville	

1986-87 Basketball Special

1985-86 Men's Results

Overall Record: 21-13 ACC Record: 7-7
Home: 13-3 Away: 2-7 Neutral: 6-3

State 80.....	Western Carolina 57
State 94.....	Furman 56
Loyola (Ill.) 60.....	State 58
State 88.....	Tampa 64
Florida State 76.....	State 67
Kansas 71.....	State 56
	(at Greensboro)
State 77.....	Wake Forest 64
State 92.....	Radford 57
State 64.....	Chaminade 46
	(Chaminade Classic, Honolulu, Hawaii)
State 80.....	UNLV 73
	(Chaminade Classic, Honolulu, Hawaii)
State 106.....	Monmouth 53
North Carolina 90.....	State 79
State 66.....	N. C. A&T 48
Duke 74.....	State 64
State 60.....	Clemson 57
State 45.....	Wake Forest 44
State 67.....	Maryland 55
State 55.....	Virginia 53
Georgia Tech 67.....	State 54
State 54.....	Kentucky 51
State 73.....	Clemson 69 (OT)
State 76.....	Louisville 64
State 103.....	Brooklyn College 52
Maryland 67.....	State 66
Duke 72.....	State 70
Virginia 69.....	State 60
State 76.....	North Carolina 65
Georgia Tech 69.....	State 57
Oklahoma 72.....	State 69
Virginia 64.....	State 62
	(ACC Tournament, Greensboro)
State 66.....	Iowa 64
	(NCAA Sub-Regional, Minneapolis, Minn)
State 80..	Arkansas-Little Rock 66 (2 OT)
	(NCAA Sub-Regional, Minneapolis, Minn)
State 70.....	Iowa State 66
	(NCAA Midwest Regionals, Kansas City)
Kansas 75.....	State 67
	(NCAA Midwest Regionals, Kansas City)



1985-86 Women's Results

Overall Record: 18-11 ACC Record: 9-5
Home: 9-4 Away: 7-5 Neutral: 2-2

Memphis State 68.....	State 58
	(in Amana-Hawkeye Classic at Iowa)
State 82.....	Bradley 42
	(at Amana-Hawkeye Classic at Iowa)
State 80.....	Appalachian State 60
Georgia 92.....	State 67
State 66.....	South Carolina 55
State 83.....	Western Carolina 52
State 76.....	Clemson 72
State 66.....	Villanova 63
	(in Optimist Classic at Old Dominion)
State 66.....	Old Dominion 59
	(in Optimist Classic at Old Dominion)
State 72.....	Louisville 53
	(in WRAL Classic in Raleigh)
State 74.....	Kansas 46
	(in WRAL Classic in Raleigh)
State 77.....	Georgia Tech 69
Virginia 65.....	State 64
Rutgers 83.....	State 56
Tennessee 67.....	State 65
North Carolina 70.....	State 68
Duke 70.....	State 66
State 71.....	Maryland 55
State 73.....	Wake Forest 66
State 73.....	Old Dominion 58
State 102.....	Duke 86
State 92.....	Georgia Tech 57
North Carolina 81.....	State 79 (OT)
State 75.....	Maryland 51
Virginia 70.....	State 62
State 77.....	Wake Forest 64
Maryland 77.....	State 55
	(ACC Tournament in Fayetteville)
Penn State 63.....	State 59
	(NCAA Tournament at Penn State)

ACC Men's Final Statistics

Team	CONFERENCE		ALL GAMES	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Duke	12	2	37	3
Georgia Tech	11	3	27	7
North Carolina	10	4	28	6
N. C. State	7	7	21	13
Virginia	7	7	19	11
Maryland	6	8	19	14
Clemson	3	11	19	15
Wake Forest	0	10	8	21

ACC Women's Final Statistics

Team	CONFERENCE		ALL GAMES	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
Virginia	13	1	25	1
North Carolina	10	4	20	7
Duke	9	5	20	6
N. C. State	9	5	18	9
Maryland	6	8	14	12
Clemson	4	10	11	15
Wake Forest	4	10	15	12
Georgia Tech	1	13	10	16



1986 Men's Roster

NAME	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	Hometown
Tevin Binns •	C/F	6-10	191	Sr.	Bronx, N. Y.
Bennie Bolton •••	F	6-7	221	Sr.	Washington, D. C.
Chucky Brown •	F	6-8	202	So.	Leland, N. C.
Vinny Del Negro •	G	6-5	179	Jr.	Springfield, Mass.
Kenny Drummond *	G	5-10	155	Jr.	Peoria, Ill.
Mike Giomi **	F	6-9	230	Sr.	Newark, Ohio
Brian Howard	G/F	6-7	192	Fr.	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Quentin Jackson ••	G	6-0	180	Jr.	Annapolis, Md.
Andy Kennedy	G/F	6-7	180	Fr.	Louisville, Miss.
Walker Lambotte •	G/F	6-7	203	So.	Woodstock, Va.
Avie Lester	F/C	6-9	215	Fr.	Roxboro, N. C.
Kenny Poston •	F	6-6	196	So.	Cherryville, N. C.
Charles Shackelford •	C/F	6-10	222	So.	Kinston N. C.
Kelsey Weems •	G	6-1	176	So.	Atlanta, Ga.

• Denotes Letters Won

* Denotes Jr. College Transfer
** Denotes Transfer from Indiana University

1986 Women's Roster

NAME	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	Hometown
Debbie Bertrand •	G	5-6	140	So.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Adrina Crichlow	F	6-0	160	Fr.	Wheatly Heights, N. Y.
Angela Daye •••	F	6-1	152	Sr.	Pendleton, N. C.
Kim Forsyth	F/G	5-9		Fr.	Altamonte Springs, Fla.
Carla Hillman	G	5-6	140	Jr.	Chesapeake, Va.
Kerri Hobbs	F/C	6-1		Fr.	Mount Laurel, N. J.
Krista Kilburn	F/G	5-9		Fr.	Fayetteville, Ga.
Mary Lindsay ••	G	5-9	130	Jr.	Waynesboro, Ga.
Lori Phillips •	F	6-0	155	So.	Greensboro, Va.
Shandee Smith	F	5-11	145	Fr.	Toccoa, Ga.
Annemarie Treadway •••	F/G	5-7	145	Sr.	Greensboro, N. C.
Trena Trice •••	C	6-3	165	Sr.	Chesapeake, Va.

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State to face nation's top talent

By Rodney Shotwell
Staff Writer



Kenny Smith

The Wolfpack will face some of the nation's top talent this season, including four consensus all-Americans — Danny Manning of Kansas, Kenny Smith of North Carolina, David Robinson of Navy and Pervis Ellison of Louisville.

Last year, Danny Manning built a reputation as one of the best college players in the nation and, as a result, opens his junior year having already scored more than 1,000 career points.

As a sophomore, the former Greensboro Page star was the core of the Jayhawk team, averaging 16.7 points a game and almost single-handedly eliminated State in the NCAA Tournament as Kansas defeated the Wolfpack, 75-67, in the Midwest Regional championship. Manning was just as potent on defense, blocking 46 shots last year.

Kenny Smith, the point guard at UNC, is the glue for the Tar Heels. The 6-3 senior dished out 210 assists last year, in addition to averaging 12 points per game. Over the summer, Smith started for the

United States in the World Games and scored the winning basket against the Soviet Union in the championship contest. This year, he should be more of a leader, setting the defense and sparking the fast break.

David Robinson, Navy's standout center, is perhaps the most talented player in the country, and the key to whatever success the Midshipmen will enjoy. A certain NBA first round draft pick (and perhaps the number one pick overall), Robinson was the main reason

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5 fresh faces — 3 frosh — fill men's roster

Lester, Howard, Kennedy join veterans Giomi, Drummond

By Donna Lee
Staff Writer

State will no doubt feel the loss of Chris Washburn, Nate McMillan and Ernie Myers this season, but the Wolfpack should be comforted by the addition of five promising new players to the roster.

Senior Mike Giomi sat out the 1985-86 season after transferring to State from Indiana, where he played two and a half years for coach Bobby Knight. He started 32 of 61 games under Knight through the first half of the 1984-85 campaign. He led the Hoosiers in rebounding, averaging 5.3 per game, and was the No. 3 scorer with 9.5 points per game.

At 6-9, Giomi will replace Washburn and join holdovers Charles Shackelford and Bennie Bolton up front.

Junior college transfer Kenny Drummond will battle Vinnie Del Negro for the point guard position vacated by McMillan. Drummond, 5-10, was voted junior college player-of-the-year in California last year, where he led Sacramento City College to the 1986 state championship with 31 points and MVP honors in the title game. He was the

team leader in scoring with 21.8 points per game, steals with 6.0 per game and assists with 5.9 per game. Drummond set school records with 203 steals and 200 assists.

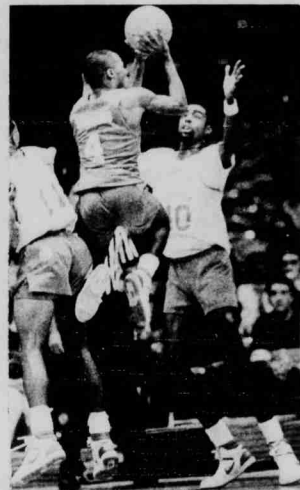
Freshman forward Brian Howard, averaging 16.4 points, 11.6 rebounds, 4.6 blocked shots and 4.6 assists per contest, led North Forsyth High School in Winston-Salem to a 26-3 record last season. Howard earned several high school honors, including back-to-back most valuable player awards in the Central Piedmont Conference. He also represented North Carolina on the Gatorade Circle of Champions and was selected North Carolina high school player-of-the-year by the *Greensboro News & Record*.

Freshman guard Andy Kennedy was voted prep player-of-the-year for the state of Mississippi. Kennedy averaged 29.8 points, 10.7 rebounds and 7.6 assists last season for Louisville High School. The 6-7 swing player started for the South team in the Dapper Dan Classic and was also selected as Mississippi's representative on the Gatorade Circle of Champions.

Player-of-the-year honors



Avie Lester



Kenny Drummond

were also awarded to freshman forward Avie Lester from Roxboro, N.C. Lester, a standout on the Person High School squad, averaged 16.4 points and 10.2 rebounds per game. The 6-9 hopeful was named to the all-state team by the Associated Press and won Most Valuable Player honors in the Big Six Conference as a senior.

Coach Jim Valvano is very positive about the newcomers.

"I expect after eight games to be 4-4," Valvano said. "Drummond is right now the best point guard we have and Avie Lester is the first kid off the bench."

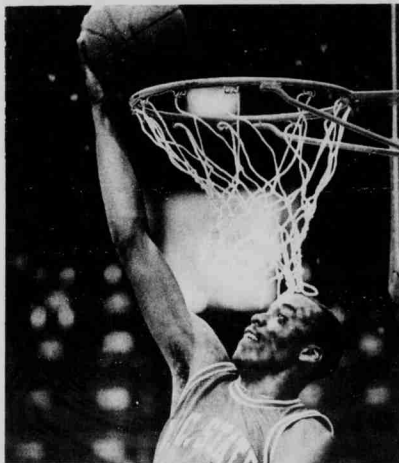
With the season opener

against Navy and the upcoming Great Alaska Shootout coming up fast, the newest

members of the Wolfpack should see some playing time and gain needed experience.



Andy Kennedy



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Brian Howard

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Women facing tough schedule

By Trent McCranie
Staff Writer

The Wolfpack women are in for a rough ride this year as the schedule is laden with top-rated teams, not to mention the competitive Atlantic Coast Conference rivals.

Head coach Kay Yow, however, has the slate in full perspective.

"(The schedule) is really tough, but it is advantageous and its better to play good teams," Yow said.

The Pack, 18-11 overall and 9-5 in the ACC last year, goes up against Top 20 teams and

other highly rated squads, including South Carolina, Indiana, Old Dominion and Tennessee, which reached the final four of the NCAA tournament last year.

"(These teams) are very competitive," Yow said.

On top of the non-conference rivals, the ACC is coming back strong once again with teams of top caliber.

"(The ACC) is the toughest its ever been," Yow said. "From top to bottom, there is a lot of talent."

Most of November and December is occupied by three tournaments: University of

Central Florida Tournament in Tampa, Nov. 28-29; Ohio State Buckeye Tournament in Columbus, Dec. 19-20; and the WRAL Classic here in Raleigh, Dec. 29-30.

These tournaments are good for the team in preparing for ACC and possible NCAA tournament competition as well as atmosphere, Yow said.

In the Tampa tournament, the Wolfpack will face relatively unknown, unranked opposition.

In its first game against Western Michigan, Yow doesn't know what to expect.

The Pack will then face

either Central Florida or Fairfield, both unfamiliar to State.

"After the first two opening games," Yow said, "we get into the thick of it."

The Wolfpack has South Carolina, Tennessee, UNC-Asheville and Clemson, an ACC foe sandwiched between the non-conference slate. After the Buckeye Classic, State hosts top-rated Iowa, Penn State and Indiana in the WRAL Classic.

The tough ACC schedule then takes over and culminates March 1-2 in Fayetteville in the ACC Tournament.

Tourney Time

University of Central Florida Tournament
Nov. 28-29 Orlando, Fla.
Central Florida Fairfield State Western Michigan

Ohio State Buckeye Classic
Dec. 19-20 Columbus, Oh.
Ohio State West Virginia State Tennessee

WRAL Classic
Dec. 29-30 Raleigh Indiana Penn State Iowa

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Men open college basketball season against Navy in Tip-Off Classic

By Mike Beal
Staff Writer

The Wolfpack basketball team will hope that history both does and doesn't repeat itself as it takes on Navy in the Hall of Fame Tip-Off Classic in the traditional opening of the collegiate basketball season tomorrow.

Two years ago when the Wolfpack last played in the Classic, held each year in Springfield, Mass., it scored a convincing 76-64 victory over a Houston team that it had defeated only eight months before to claim the national championship.

The Pack was without the Terrific Trio — Derek Whitenburg, Sidney Lowe and Thurl Bailey — and Houston was minus its Phi Slamma Jamma fraternity president Akeem Olujuwan.

In the 1984 classic, three Pack players led the way to victory.

One was Terry Gannon, who scored 16 points in the Classic after having led the Pack in

1983 Tip-Off Classic Springfield, Mass.

State (76)

Lorenzo Charles 7-11 9-12 23, Bennie Bolton 0-2 0-0 0, Czeall McQueen 4-5 0-0 8, Ernie Myers 0-9 0-0 0, Spud Webb 7-11 4-4 18, George McClain 2-3 4-5 8, Terry Gannon 5-9 5-6 16, Russell Pierre 1-2 0-1 2, Alvin Battle 1-2 0-0 2, Rodney Butts 0-0 0-0 0, Mike Warren, Terry Shackelford, Harold Thompson and Tommy Dinarido did not play. Totals 27 54 22 28 16.

Houston (64)

Braxton Clark 3-8 3-4 9, Michael Young 10-15 0-1 20, Akeem Olujuwan 8-16 0-2 16, Bennie Anders 3-7 0-2 6, Alvin Franklin 3-7 0-0 6, Derek Giles 0-0 1-2 1, Renato Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Eric Dickens 0-1 0-3 0, Marvin Alexander 1-1 0-0 2, Rickie Winslow 0-2 0-0 0, Reid Gettys 2-4 0-0 4, Greg Anderson 0-1 2-2 2, Stacey Belcher, James Weaver and Gary Orsak. Totals 29 62 6 17 64.

Rebounds — State (Charles 13, McQueen 6, Pierre 6), Houston (Olujuwan 12, Young 5); Assists — State (Webb 5, Gannon 4), Houston (Franklin 6, Dickens 4); Steals — State (Webb 3), Houston 5. Halftime — State 33, Houston 33.

Attendance — 8,700.

hold-your-breath three-point shots the year before.

Anthony "Spud" Webb, the current NBA slam dunk champion, made an impressive debut with the Pack. He scored 18 points and made quite a few "in-your-face" passes around Houston players, many of whom had still not recovered from the Miracle in Albuquerque.

Lorenzo Charles, of "The Dunk" fame in the championship game, led all Pack scorers with 23 points.

Unfortunately for the Wolfpack, the game was not a harbinger of good things to come. The Pack struggled much of the season and finished with a 19-14 record.

The team was not invited to the NCAA's to defend its title and had to settle for an NIT appearance.

This year's contest will match two of the best big men in college basketball.

David Robinson is considered a certain first round draft choice for the pro's if he can



Staff photo by Scott Riverbark
Valvano instructs sophomore Charles Shackelford

figure out how to work for both a basketball team and the Navy, like former Academy-mate Napoleon McCallum.

Last year Robinson averaged 22.7 points per game, 13 rebounds per game and 5.9 blocked shots per contest. He is a force to be reckoned with inside.

Other key players for Navy include point guard Doug Wojcik (5.3 ppg, 7.2 assists) and guard Cliff Reese (5.1 ppg).

The other big man featured in the contest is the Pack's Charles Shackelford.

"Shack" had a great freshman campaign for State,

averaging 10.3 points per game.

Shackelford was a great compliment to Chris Washburn last year inside, but this year the burden of inside play will fall on his shoulders. To make matters worse, Shackelford injured his wrist three weeks ago and missed two whole weeks of practice. Wolfpack coach Jim Valvano said Shack should be ready for the first game, but the coach doesn't know how effective his rusty big man will be against Robinson.

"Two weeks is a long time to go without practicing."

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Pack fans goin' tubin'

ESPN, NBC to televise at least 11 contests

By Chris Wilson
Staff Writer

Wolfpack fans who aren't able to attend a basketball game this season will more than likely be able to watch it on television with the rest of the nation. Wolfpackers will view at least 12 nationally televised games during another tough State schedule this year.

Televise play begins tomorrow as State plays Navy in the Tip-off Classic at Springfield, Massachusetts, in a game to be broadcast nationally by ESPN.

ESPN will also cover State's games in the Great Alaska Shootout the following weekend.

ESPN will televise six of State's ACC games including Maryland, Jan. 3; Georgia Tech, Jan. 10; Wake Forest, Jan. 15; North Carolina, Feb. 5; Georgia Tech, Feb. 14; and Duke, Feb. 19.

State lost to the Yellow Jackets last season 69-57 as ESPN viewers looked on Feb. 27.

On Jan. 18, NBC gets into the action, covering the annual North Carolina-State slugfest at the Dean Smith Student

Activities Center in Chapel Hill. State beat Carolina last year on NBC television 76-65 in Reynolds Coliseum Feb. 23.

NBC's basketball team of Dick Enberg and Al McGuire will also visit red-hot Reynolds' Coliseum — one of Al's favorite places — when the network televises the Oklahoma-State matchup on Jan. 31. Last year this was the Sooners won 72-69 in Norman, Oklahoma.

NBC will again broadcast the game against the Cardinals of

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National TV games

Nov. 22	Tip-off Classic	ESPN
Nov. 29-30	Great Alaska Shootout	ESPN
Jan. 3	Maryland	ESPN
Jan. 10	Georgia Tech	ESPN
Jan. 15	Wake Forest	ESPN
Jan. 18	at North Carolina	NBC
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Top prep prospects pick Pack

By Trent McCranie
Staff Writer

State's recruiting, intensified by the need for a top-quality point guard, has resulted in the signing of three of the top prospects in the land of high school seniors.

On Nov. 12, the first day of the early signing period for high school seniors, the Wolfpack received commitments from point guard Chris Corchiani from Miami Lakes High School in Hialeah, Fla.; forward Sean Green from Oak Hill High School in Mouth of Wilson, Va.; and forward Byron Tucker from Oxen Hill, Md.

Today is the last day for high school seniors to sign for the fall early signing period.

Corchiani, 6-1 and 175 pounds, is regarded as one of the best point guards in the country. He has been named as one of the top 50 seniors. In his junior year, he led Miami Lakes to the Florida 4-A state championship while averaging 25.2 points and 10.7 assists per game.

He's the best point guard I've ever coached," Gabe Corchiani, Chris's father and high school coach, said. "I know that probably doesn't sound good coming from his father, but it's the truth. I think it would be unfair for Chris not to say so."

Green, 6-6 and 200 pounds, is known as a good one-on-one

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NAME	G-GS	MIN	FGM-FGA	PCT.	FTM-FTA	PCT.	REB	AVG	PF-DQ	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS.	AVG
Washburn	34-34	1185	241-429	.562	117-176	.664	229	6.7	66-0	31	82	30	29	599	17.6
McMillan	34-34	1208	127-262	.485	86-90	.733	155	4.6	88-2	233	98	27	90	320	9.4
Myers	34-30	943	114-275	.415	88-105	.830	96	2.9	68-2	99	72	6	31	316	9.3
Shackelford	29-29	876	128-244	.525	42-68	.618	178	6.1	84-5	17	43	27	19	298	10.3
Bolton	34-27	845	114-235	.485	67-86	.779	103	3.0	73-2	53	45	3	8	295	8.7
Lambotte	30-6	436	87-139	.626	10-18	.556	39	1.3	34-0	27	20	9	25	144	4.8
Brown	31-5	310	38-80	.475	21-34	.618	67	2.2	30-0	13	13	6	8	97	3.1
Binns	28-0	190	39-71	.549	18-25	.720	29	1.0	10-0	7	13	4	6	96	3.4
Weems	24-4	221	37-64	.578	11-21	.524	22	0.9	25-0	44	32	0	12	85	3.5
Fasoula	29-0	319	30-68	.441	20-41	.488	92	3.2	66-3	0	9	56	6	80	2.8
Dal Negro	10-0	139	11-30	.367	7-11	.636	14	0.8	14-0	31	8	1	9	29	1.7
Jackson	21-1	137	9-24	.375	10-13	.769	10	0.5	10-0	20	15	0	9	28	1.3
Poston	7-0	37	2-14	.143	2-3	.667	14	2.0	5-0	2	2	3	3	6	0.9
STATE	34-170	6875	961-1943	.495	479-694	.690	1153	33.9	581-14	577	456	174	255	2401	70.6
OPP	34-170	6875	872-1977	.448	406-590	.688	1085	31.9	631-12	508	495	52	171	2150	63.2

TEAM REBOUNDS: 94

DEADBALL REBOUNDS: STATE 108 OPP 110

INDIVIDUAL BESTS

MOST POINTS:
33, Washburn vs. Brooklyn College

MOST REBOUNDS:
13, Washburn vs. Nevada-Las Vegas

MOST ASSISTS:
12, McMillan vs. Monmouth & Louisville



Final 1985-86 Women's Basketball Statistics

Record: 18-11 Overall; 9-5 ACC

NAME	G-GS	MIN	FGM-FGA	PCT.	FTM-FTA	PCT.	REB	AVG	PF-DQ	A	TO	BLK	S	PTS.	AVG.
Trice	29-27	835	224-371	.604	89-128	.695	281	9.7	98-3	16	93	53	40	537	18.5
Daye	29-23	776	117-222	.527	52-68	.765	195	6.7	85-6	51	63	15	32	286	9.9
Rouse	28-28	743	119-227	.524	13-19	.684	103	3.7	61-0	49	47	5	15	251	9.0
Mulligan	29-29	821	94-198	.475	37-50	.740	53	1.8	51-4	98	62	7	30	225	7.8
Treadway	28-1	537	78-178	.438	34-49	.694	92	3.3	41-0	49	62	0	18	190	6.8
Adams	29-8	607	83-126	.500	53-86	.616	125	4.3	67-4	38	43	7	19	179	6.2
Hillman	29-26	725	54-117	.465	49-76	.645	84	2.2	64-2	108	105	3	50	156	5.4
Bertrand	29-1	408	48-119	.403	47-101	.465	39	1.3	52-2	48	68	2	31	143	4.9
Lindsay	26-2	288	26-46	.543	43-59	.729	24	0.9	36-0	57	51	0	18	93	3.6
Phillips	12-0	75	6-20	.300	2-4	.500	17	1.4	9-0	1	9	0	2	18	1.5
Oeborne	4-0	15	0-2	.000	1-3	.333	1	0.3	3-0	1	4	0	2	1	0.3
STATE	29	803	1626	.510	419-643	.652	1084	37.4	581-22	516	608	92	257	2079	71.7
OPP	29	741-1791	414	394-598	.659	1001	34.5	591-18	437	541	59	246	1876	64.4	

TEAM REBOUNDS: 90

DEADBALL REBOUNDS: STATE 88 OPP 85

INDIVIDUAL BESTS

MOST POINTS:
30, Trice vs. Clemson

MOST REBOUNDS:
18, Trice vs. Bradley, USC & Maryland

MOST ASSISTS:
9, Hillman vs. Louisville

Pack faces Navy tree

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Navy advanced to the NCAA Eastern Regional finals where it lost to Duke.

The best Navy defensive weapon since the invention of the battleship, Robinson shot down 207 attempted shots last year.

"You gotta worry about playing a team with him on it," Wolfpack coach Jim Valvano said. "He blocked more shots than our entire team did last year."

The seven-foot center was also prominent on the boards, averaging 13 rebounds per game. Additionally, he averaged 22.7 points — many garnered with the best left-handed hook since Joe Louis — per game.

Navy isn't the only team featuring strength in the middle. The defending NCAA champion Louisville Cardinals return 6-9 sophomore Pervis Ellison, last year's NCAA Tournament MVP.

With the loss of guard Mitt Wagner and forward Billy Thompson to the NBA, Ellison will have to improve the 13.1 points and 8.2 rebounds per game he averaged last year if the Cardinals are to have a chance at repeating as champions.



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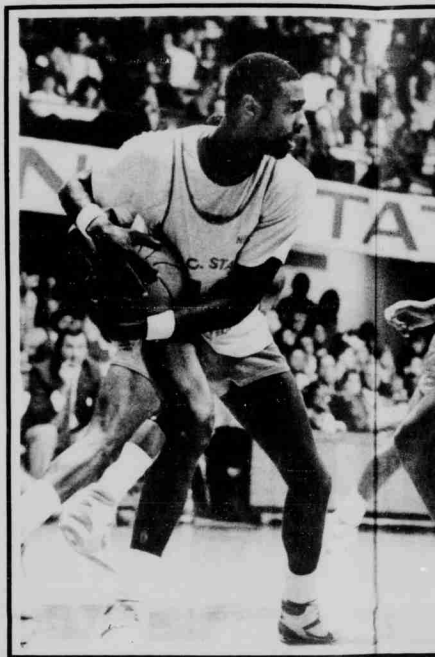
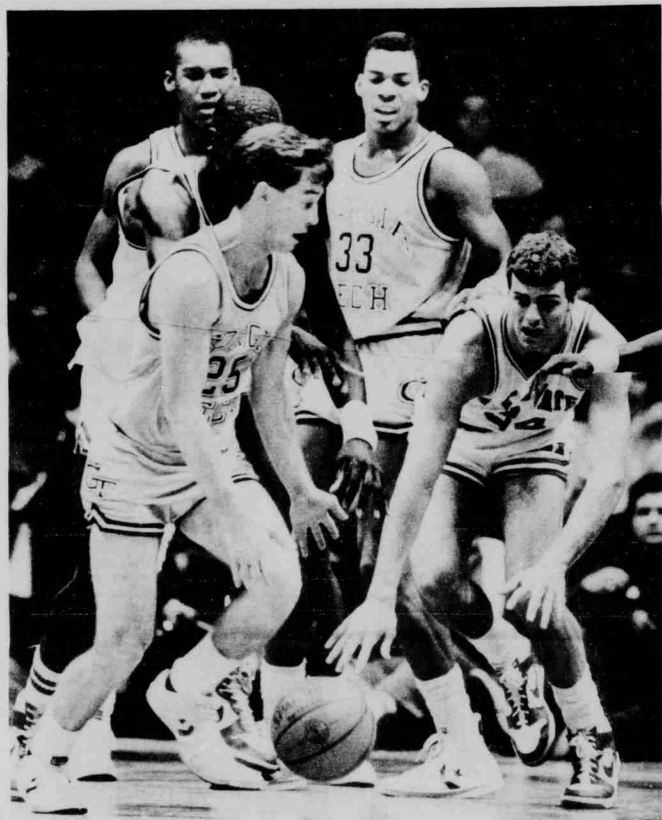
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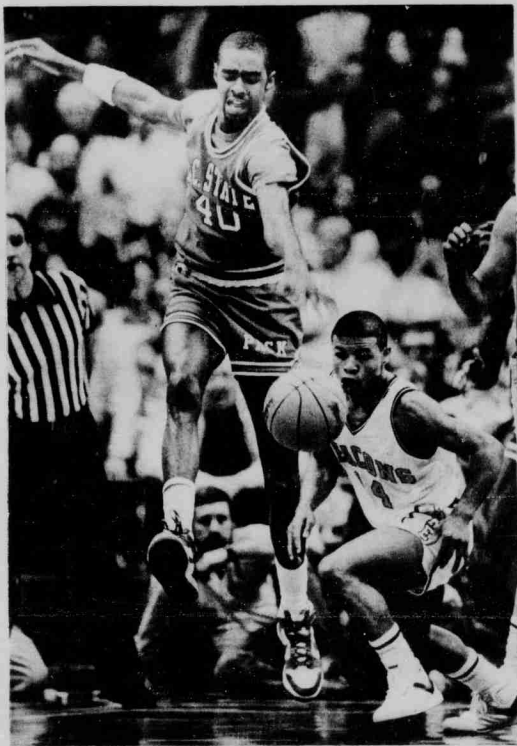
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Return to the Great Alaskan Shoot-out

By Donna Lee
Staff Writer

Jim Valvano and his wait-and-see Wolfpack might not return from the Great Alaska Shootout with a basket full of wins, but Coach V will have a good idea of what his 1986-87 team will look like.

"It's a wonderful way to find out a lot about your team," Valvano said.

The tournament, scheduled for November 28-30, will be an excellent opportunity for the Wolfpack to gain experience as a team. State will play one game each day of the Shootout.

"It's great because you have to play everyday," Valvano said. "You do have time to think about what happened the day before."

Valvano has a 5-1 record at the Shootout while at State and Iowa. His only loss was to Kentucky in the finals in 1979 as coach of the Gaels.

The Wolfpack has made two

trips to the tournament, one with Valvano as coach. In 1978, the Wolfpack registered wins over Texas A & M, Louisville and Pepperdine to take the championship. In 1983, Alaska-Anchorage, Santa Clara, and Arkansas bowed to the Wolfpack, giving State its second Shootout title.

"We had just come off a big win against Houston (in the Tip-off Classic) last time, but we weren't picked to win," Wolfpack senior forward Bennie Bolton said. "People aren't expecting much this year either, but I think we'll do well."

"In '83, we'd lost our big men and had a point guard from a junior college. This year, with Washburn, Myers, and McMillan gone and Kenny Drummond coming in from a junior college, the situation is very similar."

The Great Alaska Shootout is traditionally a star-studded event, and 1986 is no exception. Seven of the eight teams

participating this year were involved in post-season play last season. Louisville, favored this year in the Metro Conference, is the defending NCAA champion with a 32-7 record last season.

Of Louisville's two returning starters, the most important is 6-9 center Pervis Ellison, who averaged 13.1 points and 8.2 rebounds per game last year.

The most experienced team will be Northeastern from the ECAC North Atlantic Conference. Northeastern has all five starters returning. Coming off a 26-5 record, outstanding players for the Huskies include 6-7 forward Reggie Lewis, who had 23.8 points, 9.3 rebounds, and an 80.3 percent free throw accuracy. Also watch 6-2 guard John Williams, sporting 13.5 points and 3.4 rebounds per contest.

The Iowa Hawkeyes, with first year coach Tom Davis, return four starters this season. Roy Marble, a 6-5 forward, helped the team to a

20-12 record with an average of 12.5 points and 4.9 rebounds a game.

Washington returns three starters from last year's 19-12 team, including 7-0 center Christian Welp. Welp averaged 19.4 points and 8.5 rebounds last season.

Also carrying a 19-12 record from the 1985-86 season is Texas. The Longhorns leading man is Patrick Fairis, a 6-5 forward who averaged 14.8 points and 5.1 rebounds per outing.

The team with the least-impressive previous record and no post-season showing in 1986 is Utah State, which will try to improve on last season's 12-16 mark with three returning starters.

Shootout host Alaska-Anchorage, a Division II school, had a 22-10 record last season.

Six of the Shootout's 12 games will be televised nationally on ESPN, including State's opening-round game

against Texas on Friday, Nov. 28.

Other pairings for the first round are Alaska-Anchorage against Iowa, Louisville against Northeastern, and Utah State taking on Washington.

Great Alaska Shoot-out participants

Team	85-86 record
State	21-13
Louisville	32-7
Northeastern	26-5
Iowa	20-12
Washington	19-12
Texas	19-12
Utah State	12-16
Alaska-Anchorage	22-10

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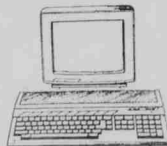
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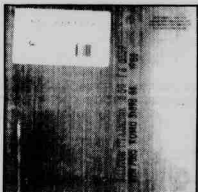
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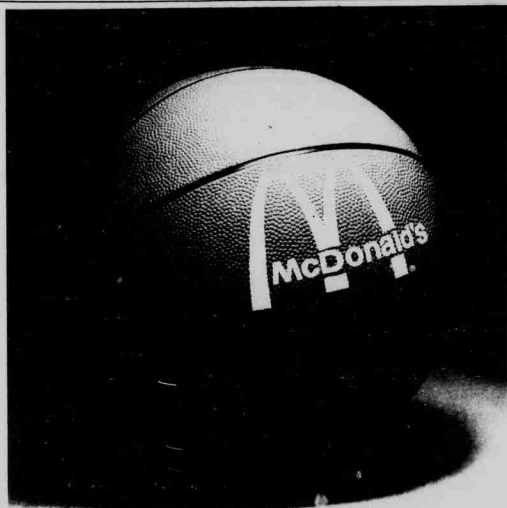
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Wolfpack forwards tall

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player who specializes in quickness. In order to fulfill his potential, he will have to improve his perimeter shooting

and ball control. He will add to State's small forward ranks.

Tucker, 6-9 and 200 pounds, will add to the Pack's already tremendous overall size. Tucker, also on the top 50 list,

will provide even more depth for frontline players Charles Shackleford, Chucky Brown and Avie Lester. Tucker has been labeled a Thurl Bailey-type player.

Top 15 recruiting classes

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|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. Georgetown | 6. St. John's | 11. Clemson |
| 2. North Carolina | 7. Kansas | 12. Southern Cal |
| 3. Syracuse | 8. Michigan | 13. Georgia Tech |
| 4. Villanova | 9. UNLV | 14. Kentucky |
| 5. State | 10. Illinois | 15. Duke |

Trivia answers

- C. John Ritcher, who averaged 17.0 points in 1958-59.
- B. a shot of 35 feet, 7 inches by Clyde Austin
- Press Maravich in 1965.
- B. Vic Bubas
- A. Ronnie Shavlik with 55 points versus William & Mary in the 1954-55 season
- B. Hawkeye Whitney, 1978, 79, 80.
- David Thompson
- Dick Dickey, who was fouled on the fourth field goal of the game and converted the three-point play.
- Case was 18 years old, when he first coached at Connerville (Ind.) High School.
- The 1950-51 season in the Dixie Classic, the Southern Conference Tournament, the NIT and the NCAA.
- Thompson had just eight points against Pittsburgh in the finals of the NCAA East Regional played in Reynolds Coliseum. Thompson played 10 minutes before taking a terrible fall and leaving the game.
- Monte Towe, Morris Rivers, Tommy Burleson, Tim Stoddard and David Thompson.
- \$7.25 (\$5.89 for the ticket; \$1.18 federal tax; \$.18 state tax)
- \$9.00 (The other ticket prices were \$7.00 and \$5.00).
- Derek Whittenburg with 120 points.
- Chuck Nevitt at 7-5.
- Both Weems and Len Bias had three technical fouls last year, tops for a player in the ACC. Two of Weems' Ts were for hanging on the rim.
- Sidney Lowe led the Pack, attempting 115 three-pointers. Gannon led the ACC with a 58.9 three-point shooting percentage, making 53 of his 90 attempted shots.
- Larry Worsley.
- Against Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer, N.C.
- Mary Lindsay, a junior on the current State team who wears No. 4, is the only Wolfpack woman to have a single-digit number on her jersey.

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Non-conference opponents tough

Kansas, Cards, Sooners

By Rodney Shotwell
Staff Writer

The Wolfpack's non-conference schedule this season should look familiar to most State fans. Typical of head coach Jim Valvano's recent non-conference stints, the Wolfpack this year plays teams with varying amounts of talent, with the final objective to prepare the Wolfpack for tournament play.

Some familiar names highlight the schedule. Among the non-conference teams on the schedule this year, the Wolfpack played Western Carolina, Tampa, Loyola of Chicago, Kansas, Oklahoma and Louisville a year ago. Kansas, Louisville and Oklahoma always are among the nation's most talented squads.

State also plays against some impressive individual talent this season. In its first game in fact, the Wolfpack will face perhaps the most impressive individual talent in the country — 7-1 David Robinson of Navy — in the annual Hall-of-Fame Tip-off classic in Springfield, Mass. Robinson led the Midshipmen to a 30-5 record last year as Navy advanced to the NCAA Eastern Regional finals before losing to Duke.

After its game with Navy, State travels to Anchorage for the Great Alaska Shootout, which also features Louisville (again), Iowa and Northeastern, to name but a few. State opens its home season with East Tennessee State on Dec. 3.

The Buccaneers return just one starter — guard Carniel Manuel — from last year's 13-16 squad. Manuel averaged just 9.9 points per game last season.

Three days later, State travels across the state to Western Carolina to help open WCU's new basketball arena. The Cats have four returning starters on their side and a ton of season-opening hoopla from the hometown fans.

Duquesne comes to Reynolds Coliseum Dec. 13. The Dukes have a solid core of returning players, including Emmett Sellers, Collins Dobbs and Brian Shanahan, but starters Dwayne Rawls and Rick Suder, who combined for almost 36 points per game last year, are gone. Duquesne will have to depend on freshmen to fill the void.

The December schedule continues with a Dec. 17 home date with UNC-Asheville, a Dec. 27 trip to Tampa (Dec. 27), and a return engagement Dec. 30 with Loyola of Chicago. The Ramblers, who pulled a stunning 60-58 upset over the Wolfpack a year ago in Chicago, returned guard Bernard Jackson (16.3 ppg) and center Andre Moore (17.9 ppg).

State will play six straight conference games before taking another non-conference break, although the Wolfpack's Jan. 25 date with Kansas, to be played in Kansas City's Kemper Arena, could hardly be called a break. The Jayhawks return all-America forward Danny Manning from last year's Final Four entry, and Manning could easily be as big an individual talent as Navy's Robinson. These two teams last met in the NCAA tournament when Kansas handed the Wolfpack a 75-67 loss.

Kansas is one of two tough non-conference games sandwiched around conference foe Virginia. If Kansas and Virginia weren't a tough enough two-game stretch, the Pack then plays Oklahoma Jan. 31 at Reynolds Coliseum.

The Sooners are a pre-season Top 10 pick with returning all-stars in forwards David Johnson and Darryl Kennedy, and guard Tim McCalister. Following Oklahoma is a trip to Chicago to play DePaul on Feb. 2. The Blue Demons feature forward Dallas Comegys.

After a routine game with North Carolina, State travels to Louisville to face the defending NCAA Champions. The Cardinals have sophomore center Pervis Ellison, the most outstanding player from last year's tournament finals. The other returning starter from last year's team is Herbert Crook, a junior forward with an 11-point average. Far and away the class of the Metro Conference, the Cardinals are ranked No. 2 in the national polls.

The rest of the non-conference schedule includes what Valvano calls "bops," games originally scheduled because they looked like sure wins at the time. Loyola a year ago proved that a bop is never a sure thing. This year's bops include Winthrop (Feb. 9), Brooklyn College (Feb. 16) and Chicago State (Mar. 2).

Pack frequents national television

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in the televised match-up.

CBS officials in New York said.

Louisville on Feb. 7, an away game for State. Last year the Wolfpack came out on top at home 76-64 over the eventual national champions

Although CBS is not scheduled to broadcast any Wolfpack games this year, there is always a possibility for a schedule change — especially if the Pack shows early season dominance,

State, after losing to well-known contender Kansas 71-56 last year in the Greensboro Coliseum on CBS, is again slated to rival the Jayhawks on national television.

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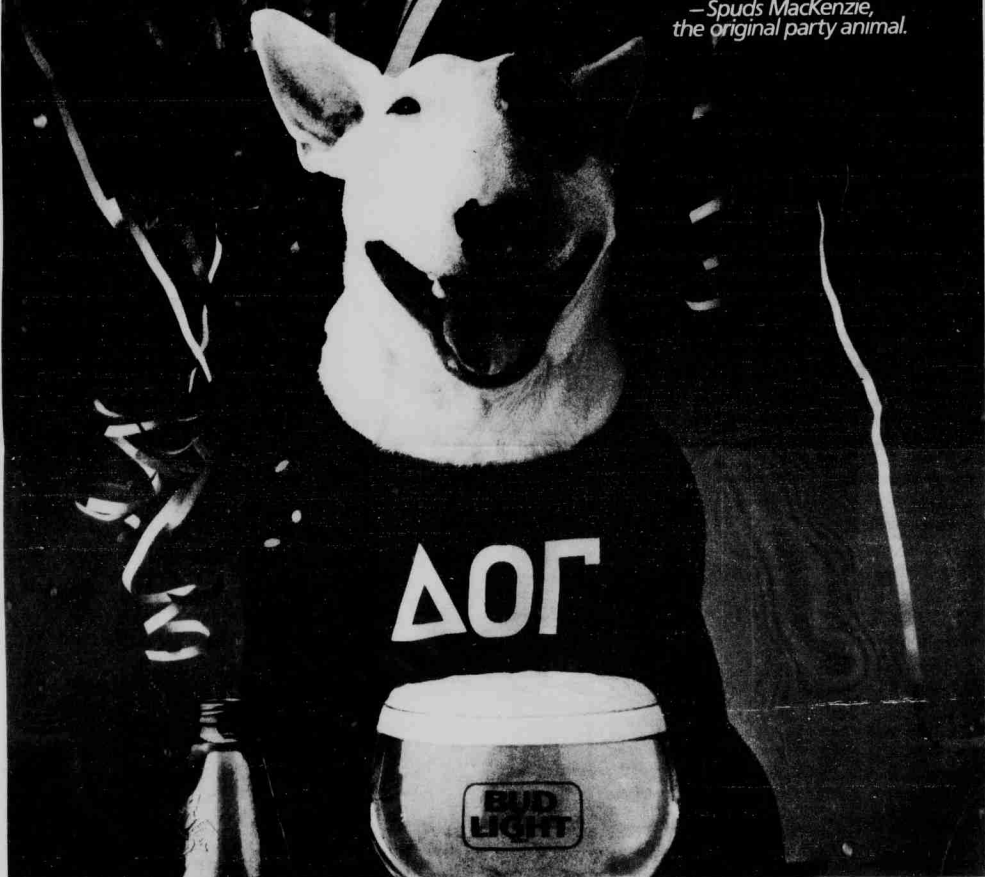
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