

For NCAA title

Wolfpack prepares its defense

by Jim Pomeranz

Here we go again. The Pack is back! Back the Pack! Wear red! Give me the red, the red, the red, red, red. Give me the white, the white, the white, white, white, white. And the beat goes on.

It's basketball time once again. THE DEFENDING national champion Wolfpack has started a new season and all opponents should take note: this team is the number one team in the nation and, remember, State is the defending NCAA champions, and that does sound nice.

There is a big difference in the 1974-75 version and last year's squad. That difference is 7-4 Tom Hurlerson, and no one will replace him. According to head coach Norman Sloan, "we will not even try to replace him. He can not be replaced."

With all but three members returning from last year, Sloan feels the team is "gonna be very good."

Of course, the returnees are led by All-America David Thompson, Monte Tow, Phil Spence, Tim Stoddard, and Morris Rivers, all of whom are expected to be in the starting lineup early in the season.

OTHER VETERANS of Wolfpack basketball who will grace the lineup are Mark Moeller, Craig Kusumaul, Bill Lake, Jerry Hunt, Bruce Dayhuff, and Dwight Johnson. Mike Burma will be sitting out this year due to an injury.

But added to the list of veterans will be three outstand-

ing freshmen: Kenny Carr, Craig Davis, and Robert "Bobo" Jackson. Sloan says he is "very high on their performances thus far."

So, as the season approaches, what will viewers see as the Wolfpack takes to the new Astroturf floor in Reynolds Coliseum? **"WE WILL NOT HAVE** the standard center," explained the 6-7 Stoddard. "So, we will have a lot more movement than last year. There will be a three forward offense.

"We won't be able to stand around like we were able to do last year and get away with it," the Hammond, Ind. native continued. "But basically it will be the same thing as last year but without a center.

"There will be a lot of substituting this year," stoddard stated. "We have pretty much depth, especially with the two guards that came in. With Craig (Davis) and Bobo (Jackson) we will be a lot deeper at guard."

According to Stoddard the system for substituting will be the same as in the past. "If you're playing well then you get to stay in," he said. "But if you're standing around you'll come out. Or if you are playing bad then you'll come out of the game."

STODDARD STATED that State is as good as everybody else in the conference or better. "They (the other teams) all think they've improved," he said. "Well, we're just as good as we were last year. The main reason other teams say they are so good is because they have so many

returnees."

The teams with all the returnees are saying that they will be good if they do the things they are supposed to do. The same is true for State.

"If we don't go out and do the things we're supposed to be doing we won't be as good as we're supposed to be," Stoddard continued. "Also you've got to have the confidence. If you don't have confidence, then there's no sense being out there."

On defense this year, the Pack will look similar to last year: man-to-man. And Sloan explains why: "With a bigger team the zone is better, but without big men the zone is not as effective.

WE HAVE SMALL, quick players," the head mentor continued, "and with them the zone is not as effective. With our smaller players we will apply more pressure and try to make more turnovers.

"Our best defensive approach is the man-to-man and applying pressure and harassment all the time and making those turnovers and getting the ball back," Sloan explained. "Also, man-to-man is better when you're trying to protect a lead and are trying to run time off the clock and trying to get the ball back."

So, the Pack is off and running again: with a man-to-man defense and a swift footed offense. Last year the final destination was Greensboro, this year the battle winds up in San Diego.

Look out everyone: here comes the defending NCAA champion State Wolfpack.



photo by Redding

David Thompson: The leader of the Pack.

Everett Case: State success story

by Ken Lloyd

For the past two seasons State's basketball Wolfpack has been the scourge of the Atlantic Coast Conference, winning 26 straight league games and capturing two championships in addition to last year's NCAA title. But Norm Sloan's charges will have to go quite a ways to

match State's ten-year domination of area basketball during the late 1940's and early 1950's.

The Wolfpack (or Red Terrors, as they were known for a while) became the darlings of North Carolina and the whole of Dixie between 1947 and 1956 under the tutelage of the legendary Old Gray Fox, Everett Case.

Case's first ten teams won 267 games against only 60 losses, won six straight Southern Conference titles and three consecutive ACC championships, and captured six of seven Dixie Classic titles. During the stretch State never won less than 24 games in any season.

In addition, the other members of the Big Four, who had become accustomed to using "State College" as a doormat, found themselves on the losing end of a 63-21 stick against the crafty Case during that decade of domination. Carolina's Tar Heels were on the losing end of the score 15 straight times during one stretch.

During the early 1940's, State's football and basketball teams got kicked around pretty badly, especially the basketball teams. So the college administration made a decision to pour more money into the basketball program since basketball offered a much easier, quicker and cheaper route to athletic prominence than football. With only a dozen well-placed scholarships, a crack basketball team could be built whereas it would take dozens to do the same in football.

With the decision to upgrade the basketball program, the

college set out to find the best coach set around for the right price. The man they came up with was the volatile Case, a Navy Lieutenant Commander who had become a legend in Indiana high school basketball circles in the 1920's and 30's. During 23 years of coaching in the state, Case had won 726 of 801 games and four state titles.

Case Upgrades Program

Case wasted little time in upgrading State's program as he went out and got some "tall, rangy lads with plenty of speed." All were service veterans who Case had seen or heard about while coaching in the Navy, and most were natives of Indiana. Thus, the team was dubbed the "Hoosier Hotshots" by the local press. The first team under Case consisted of nine freshmen and one junior. The lone donation from previous State teams was guard Leo Katkavek, who was a returnee from a pre-war team. The talent was so thick that the high scorer of the previous year couldn't even make the team.

Case introduced the modern, fast-moving, exciting style of play that had never before been seen in the South. Led by forwards Dick "Red" Dickey and Pete Negley. State carved a 26-5 mark in 1947. Included in the wins were a 58-42 decision over

eventual national champ Holy Cross and a 50-48 squeaker over Carolina for the conference title. State had to employ a full court press for most of the latter game, reportedly the first time that had been done in the South.

State earned a spot in the National Invitational Tournament as the only newcomer in the eight team field. The Red Terrors made it to the semifinals before Kentucky beat them 60-42. Ironically, that was the first and last meeting between the two teams, both of whom went on to be regarded as the two greatest teams in the South in the 1950's. Case tried without success to get the Wildcats on their regular schedule, as Adolph Rupp always balked for reasons that were said to extend beyond the basketball court.

Win 16 Straight

With only Negley missing, and their name changed to Wolfpack, Case's boys picked up right where they left off the season before in 1947-48, ending up with a 29-3 ledger. During one stretch, State reeled off 16 straight victories, with only two games being closer than 22 points, and was ranked first in the nation during the later stages of the season.

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A familiar chore for Everett Case.

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Johnson heads new JV program

by Greg Drago

After a year of non-existence the junior varsity basketball program is back in action at State.

But whereas many of the players on the past J. V. squads

have been offcasts of the varsity program this year's team is completely made of "walkons."

ALSO, DIFFERENT from past junior varsity teams, this year's program only has seven opponents on the schedule.

According to head coach Wilburt Johnson the program will be more than just a means of improving a "walkon's" talent.

"I think the purpose is to give game experience to those who need it," he stated. "The players

need all opportunities they can get to move up. Besides just practicing against numerous all-Americans this setup offers them another shot to be seen in game competition."

JOHNSON WAS added to the basketball staff during the summer. He was formerly an assistant programs director at State.

The Raleigh native played guard for three years for St. Augustines, but prior to college Johnson was named to his high school all-conference team four times and was all-state three times. In 1966 he was named state Catholic Conference Player-of-the-Year.

But even with his outstanding basketball performances he has had no prior coaching experience, but Johnson feels this will not hurt his present status. "NOT HAVING any coaching experience is an asset," stated Johnson. "There are so many complicated plays we have to teach the guys."

Although the casual personality of Johnson was hired to blend a bunch of blossoming ballplayers into a winning unit, the majority of his time is spent away from actual coaching.

"Seventy-five percent of my activities are related to recruiting outstanding high school prospects," explained Johnson. And he is qualified for such responsibility.

"Before coming to State I was involved in a program trying to get kids just to go to college," he stated. "Recruiting wise, I do things that are natural to me. I'm very comfortable doing what I do."

IN THE PAST junior varsity and freshmen programs have served as a training ground for future varsity players. But with the allowance of freshmen on the varsity level and the nationwide recruiting battles that take place each year the J. V. programs have taken on a lesser importance.

But is the junior varsity program still a source of future varsity material?

"It is a source," commented Johnson, "but certainly not a prime source. If we get a player every couple of years the program is an asset."

Even though the majority of the players will be "walkons" there will still be room for present varsity players if they see fit.

"If coach Sloan feels a player needs some playing time, that player could possibly play in the preliminary game," stated Johnson. "Some varsity players might be told they can play in the J. V. affair if they want to instead of just sitting around."



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Directing his squad is junior varsity coach Wilburt Johnson.

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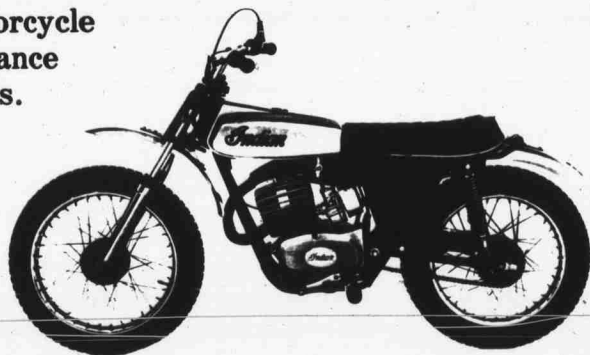
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Struggle to top over for Sloan

by Jimmy Carroll

"To have the honor and the privilege and the genuine, sheer ecstasy and pleasure of standing here to represent this group of champions is the highlight of my life."

Those were Norman Sloan's words eight months ago. Twenty-two years of coaching college basketball had been climaxed by a national championship, an accomplishment which to many remains only a dream. In the beginning of his career, it was merely a dream to Sloan as well, but it was never one he didn't believe would come true.

"It (the national championship) was one of our goals," Sloan said just prior to the beginning of the current season. "I think you believe you can do most anything."

THE ROAD TO THE national championship was a long one for Sloan, but unlike an ordinary fairy-tale was not filled with a lot of lean years.

On the contrary, in his 22 years of coaching, Sloan has experienced only five losing seasons while compiling a career won-loss record of 358-208 and being named Coach-of-the-Year in three major conferences.

In his initial season at Presbyterian College in 1951-52, Sloan coached his team to an impressive 21-7 record. After a four-year stint at Presbyterian, Sloan was hired by The Citadel. Sloan stayed there only four years, but that was long enough to receive Southern Conference Coach-of-the-Year honors.

MOVING TO FLORIDA in

1960, Sloan suffered just one losing season in six. He earned Coach-of-the-Year accolades in the Southeastern Conference and was hired by his alma mater in 1966.

After a horrendous 7-19 finish in his first season with the Wolfpack, Sloan guided State to consecutive seasons of 16-10, 15-10, and his first nationally prominent team, 23-7 in 1969-70.

That team upset second-ranked South Carolina in the ACC tournament finals and finished third in the NCAA Eastern Regionals.

SLOAN CAPTURED his first of three ACC Coach-of-the-Year awards after that season, and his journey to the top was about to begin. State struggled to 13-14 in '70-71, but in the following three years rocketed to 16-10, 27-0 and 30-1 and a national championship. Sloan was tabbed the top coach in the country after last season's accomplishments.

In eight years at State, Sloan has compiled a 147-71 mark, including a national championship and an undefeated season. Sloan's basketball career began just like everyone else's, when he was a small boy.

"COACHING IS WHAT I always wanted to do as a boy," he said. "As long as I can remember, it's what I've wanted to do."

A native of Indiana, Sloan came to State because of the well-known reputation of coach Everett Case.

"I knew Coach Case's reputation in high school, and respected him, and he got in touch with me," Sloan remembered. "I knew some of the players down here

then, I had played against them; and, I visited the school and liked it."

WOLFPACK TEAMS which Sloan played on swept three Southern Conference crowns and participated in two National Invitational Tournaments. Under Case, Sloan picked up many of his present coaching philosophies.

"He liked the running game, we like the running game," Sloan compared. "He liked pressure defense, we like pressure defense. He gave the players the opportunity to speak their minds and still emphasized teamwork, and we try to do the same."

During the past two seasons with Wolfpack basketball establishing itself as the nation's best, Sloan repeatedly refrained from taking credit himself, explaining that his job is not to teach David Thompson how to shoot or Monte Towe how to pass.

"THE ROLE OF A coach is misunderstood by many people," he said. "Our emphasis is different from a high school coach's. Our emphasis is more on morale, conditioning, concentration and intensity. More time is spent on those than basic teaching.

"You don't have to teach basic skills to college players," he continued. "They already know how to shoot and dribble, or they wouldn't be here. The competition is going to force you to improve your skills. Our emphasis is on attitude."

Winning the national championship placed Sloan in the spotlight, as he received numerous invitations to coaching



Norm Sloan talks to reporters after NCAA title game.

clinics and speaking engagements throughout the country.

ONE OF HIS PET desires is to get the dunk shot placed back into the college game.

"I think the dunk shot should be put back in," he said. "They've taken an exciting play out of college basketball."

But he also had some other suggestions for rule changes.

"When you can get board position on free throws should be

changed," he believes. "I think you should be able to get position as soon as the ball is released. I don't think the officials should have to handle the ball out of bounds on violations. It just slows up the game."

So now, as Sloan begins his 23rd year coaching college basketball, his struggle to reach the top has ended. But he now faces a new and more difficult challenge—staying there.



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Women's basketball

Doak feels Pack full of talent



Lulu Eure leads fast break.

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by Ray Deitz
On December 7, 1974 coach Peanut Doak will unveil the first women's varsity basketball team here at State. The cagers will face Virginia's women in the preliminary game before Monte Towe and the guys take on Virginia's men.

Highlighting the first edition will be a full-time coach, a beefed up schedule, a veteran squad plus some promising newcomers.

A CASUAL OBSERVER to women's basketball practices might get the idea they lack organization. For sure, the practices last about thirty minutes a day and the team probably works out two to three days a week. But the story is different, according to Doak.

"We've been practicing every day from four to six p.m. and have been working out on Sundays," said the first-year coach. "We had one scrimmage last week that went a full 40 minutes that I was pleased with. One team scored 71 points."

Although a coach normally cuts a squad down to a certain number of qualified individuals, Doak insists he would like to give everyone that goes out for the team a chance to play.

"WE WILL CARRY all the girls that want to stay for basketball," he said. "I'd kinda like to let them cut themselves. We've got 15 game uniforms. What we'd take on the road I don't know."

What Doak does know is that

he has some talent to take on the road. People like swingman Genie Jordan, pesky Lulu Eure and reliable Donna Andrews are among the veterans. Most of the players on the team have between two and four years high school experience.

"Genie always does a lot for this team, and Donna really helps out a lot," he said. "Lulu and Cynthia Steele are great ball handlers."

THE PIVOT position appears to be up for grabs and a couple of freshmen are ready to claim it.

"We've been working with Stephanie Mason and Francis Goodman at the center position," said the coach. Rumor had it that Stephanie was all-State.

Regina Lacy, another newcomer, has been impressive in pre-season drills, according to Doak.

Donna Andrews, a second-year forward, feels this year's squad will be a better quality team.

"It'll take a few games to show it, but I think we'll be a better team," said Andrews. "We'll be stronger at center since we have an all-stater."

"I THINK WE'LL be playing a tougher schedule this year with teams like Elon, Western Carolina, East Carolina, UNC and Old Dominion," she added. "We have everybody back except for one from last year. Also, I think we'll be more organized."

Lulu Eure, who might represent the Monte Towe of the women's team, will direct traffic

on the floor, in addition to sinking swishers from twenty feet out. Eure envisions a more spirited, fast-moving team.

"We're going to play a lot of high-caliber ball this year. There will be a lot of fast-breaking and better all-around play," said Eure. "There's been a lot of enthusiasm this year. There were 40-50 that went out for the team."

"We have a good amount of depth this year," she added. "And Coach Doak really knows what's going on. Last year, Sandy Hill and Ginny Leith volunteered to help us. But it's really important to have a regular coach. It will make the girls work harder."

GENIE JORDAN, a workhorse on three State non-varsity basketball teams credits the Athletic Department for really pushing women's athletics in a positive direction.

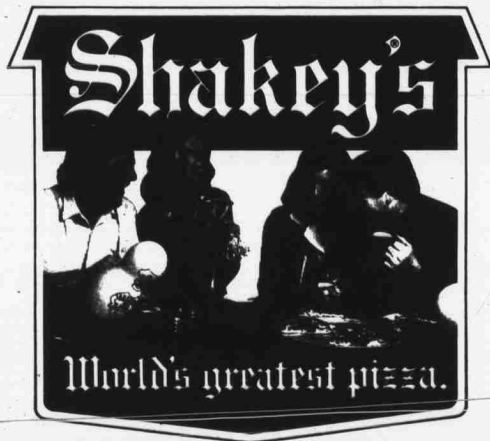
"The Athletic Department has really gone out of their way to get this basketball program set up," said the talented senior. "Being a varsity sport will mean a lot more status."

"We've got a lot more quality and a lot more freshmen than usual," she added.

Jordan, who began her basketball career in the fifth grade of elementary school, feels strong conference play in high school helped develop her basketball skills.

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for four years and we played in a real strong conference," she said. "Plus we had a fantastic coach."

A recent addition to the Wolfpack coaching staff is former Pack hoopster Greg Hawkins, who serves as assistant coach. At first, Jordan didn't know how the addition of the popular Hawk would fit in to a serious basketball program like the women's varsity team.

"At first I didn't know how things would work out," she stated, "but having Greg and Coach Doak working together has worked out well."

The slender Jordan played center at West Montgomery, but has been utilized at virtually every position since her arrival at State.

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT kind of offense we'll be using," she

said. "I've lost weight since I left high school and am not strong enough to play center. I think I'll probably play wherever I can penetrate the most."

Since State does not have a curriculum in Physical Education, Jordan feels a lot of talent in the past has slipped by. Yet, she feels enthusiasm and support of the varsity basketball team is vital to the possible implementation of sports such as field hockey and softball to the varsity level.

"We've got to pay attention to things like training rules if we plan on getting any other full-scale programs next year," reflected Jordan, on a more serious level. "If we fall through this year and don't get the support of the players, we'll be in trouble."

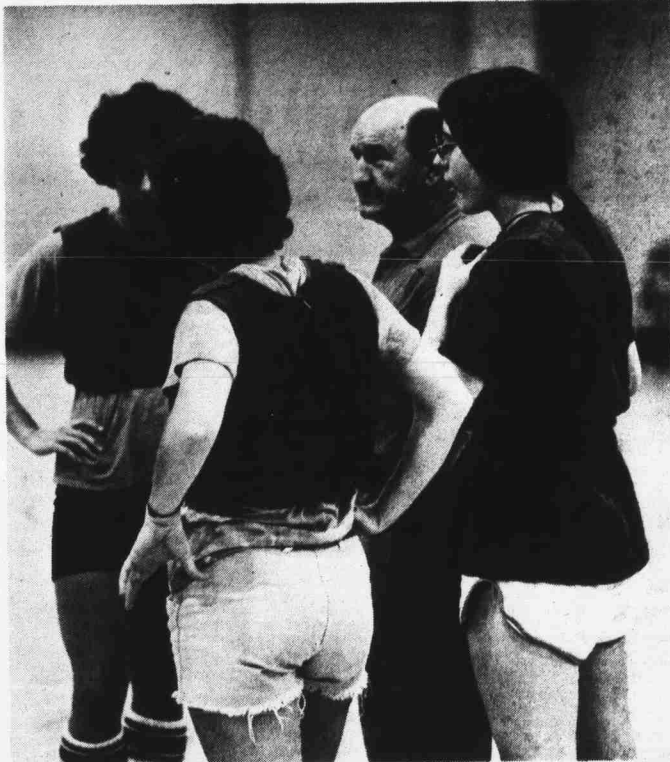


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First-year women's basketball coach Peanut Doak instructs prospective cagers.

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Jan. 20	at Davidson	6:00
Jan. 21	at St. Mary's	7:00
Jan. 25	METHODIST	5:30
Feb. 1	MEREDITH	11 am
Feb. 6	at Methodist	7:30
Feb. 10	DAVIDSON*	7:00
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ence title, but for some unexplained reason lost the District III berth in the NCAA playoffs to Kentucky. Both teams had lost only two games, but State was ranked higher in the polls, thus creating much controversy in West Raleigh.

Nonetheless, State was still invited to the NIT. But with the All-American Dickey out with the mumps, the Wolfpack lost to DePaul, 75-64, in the first round.

State had high hopes in 1948-49, since only one regular was absent. But the team was up and down during the first part of the season, losing eight games out of the first 22 and losing for the first time at home in Case's tenure. However, the Pack rebounded and won its last 11 to take the Southern Conference crown, but still failed to get a post-season tournament bid.

New Coliseum Opened

On December 2, 1949, State opened the spacious, spanking-new Reynolds Coliseum by beating Washington & Lee. Later during the Christmas holidays, State hosted and won the inaugural Dixie Classic, a tournament that pitted the Big Four against four outside foes.

The Wolfpack went on to win 12 of 14 conference games enroute to its fourth straight title and earned a berth in the

still another title. State received bids to both the NCAA playoffs and the NIT, the first time that had happened in conference history.

Trio Ruled Ineligible

However, State was severely weakened going into the post-season tournaments as its top three players—Ranzino, guard Vic Bubas, and center Paul Horvath—were ruled ineligible. The trio had participated on the varsity as freshmen and were thus ineligible for post-season play due to the NCAA's three-year rule. The Southern Conference had been the only league that had allowed freshmen to play on the varsity.

As expected, State lost to Seton Hall in the NIT, and Case's crew was a heavy underdog a week later against Villanova in the NCAA playoffs. Despite the odds, though, the never-say-die Wolfpack, relying on inexperienced substitutes, stunned the Wildcats, 67-62, in what Case was to call many years later one of his two greatest wins while at State. The Wolfpack's glory was short-lived, however, as Illinois popped their bubble the next night to give State a 30-7 record for the year.

The 1951-52 Wolfpack was erratic all year as it went 20-9 during the regular season. State won the Dixie Classic with a two point win over favored Cornell,

from St. John's to end State's domination and did just that in his first attempt.

Lightning struck again as State was the victim of another first—it failed to win the SC title. Behind the sensational shooting of Billy Lyles late in the game, Wake Forest upset the Wolfpack 71-70, as State missed a chance at the final shot.

Despite the setbacks, State still had another good year, winning 26 of 32 games and capturing its third straight Dixie Classic title.

Fortified by the strongest group of sophomores in the School's history, State returned to the times of old in 1953-54. Even though Navy handed the Pack its first loss in Dixie Classic play, State swept to the conference title in the ACC's first year.

Loss to LaSalle

The road was not without its close calls, however. In the ACC tourney, State edged Carolina 52-51, slipped by Duke 79-75, and then got even with Wake Forest by winning 82-80 in overtime for the title.

In the NCAA playoffs, State lost to LaSalle and Tom Gola, 88-81, but gave the Explorers their toughest game on their way to the national championship. Sophomore Ronnie Shavlik, a 6-8 center, was the backbone of the team as he became the highest scoring soph (15.1 ppg) and top single season rebounder in State's history. Another sophomore, Vic Molodet, became State's highest scoring guard in history (13.9).

Even though State lost three starters off the '53-'54 team, there was still enough talent around to adequately fill the vacancies and give the Wolfpack high hopes once again.

Cop Fifth Dixie Classic

In winning its first 12 contests, State also captured its fifth Dixie Classic title, but not without a couple of scares in the tourney. After edging Carolina 47-44 in the semifinals, the Wolfpack battled a tough Minnesota Gopher team on even terms throughout the title game before guard John Maglio, a seldom used reserve, drove the lane in the final seconds of the contest and laid the ball softly in the basket to give State a thrilling 85-84 win. Case called the contest "one of the greatest ball games ever played in the Coliseum."

After splitting its next eight games, State closed the regular season with nine straight victories. State then topped Clemson, Wake Forest and Duke to easily win its second ACC championship and carve out a 28-4 record.

Placed on Probation

But the Pack was on probation because of recruiting violations that occurred in 1953, and was thus ineligible for NCAA post-season play. So Case and his boys packed their bags and went to the National AAU Championships in Denver, where they eventually lost to the San Francisco Olympic Club, the eventual champions, in a close tilt.

Shavlik was once again the sparkplug of the team, averaging 22.1 points and 18.2 rebounds per game. He was a consensus All-American.

Now everyone, even the crafty Case, was pointing to the 1955-56

season. The coach said the team could be the best in his nine years since it had all the qualities of a national championship club—depth, experience, speed, excellent shooting, good rebounding and a solid defense.

Ranked Second

The Wolfpack won its first 11 contests, most of them quite easily, and moved up to the number two position in the nation behind San Francisco and Bill Russell. In the Dixie Classic, State was impressive in downing sixth-ranked Carolina and Oregon State, the NCAA runner-up the year before.

Then State stumbled a bit, losing two of its next three to 11th-ranked Duke and to Carolina. However, the Pack came back and won nine of its last ten.

But in the final game of the season, State suffered a serious blow as Shavlik broke his wrist. The big center was counted out of the upcoming ACC tourney entirely until Dr. A. E. Harer, the team physician, supervised the making of a special leather brace for the wrist that would take the place of a heavy and cumbersome plaster brace.

Shavlik was ineffective in State's opening-round win over Clemson. But in the next two games he gave brilliant one-arm performances and was a demon on the boards as the Wolfpack overcame Wake Forest and Duke for the title. Molodet took up the offensive slack against the Deacons in the title game as he

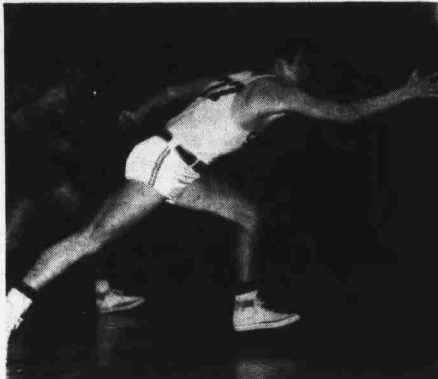
Dick Dickey: State all-American and all-Southern conference performer plays one of the last games in Frank Thompson Gym.



scored 32 points, hitting 12 of 15 shots from the floor.

Next it was on to the NCAA playoffs for the scrappy Wolfpack. But in the first round of the tourney, State suffered one of the school's most heartbreaking losses ever as Canisius capitalized on the Pack's numerous mistakes to win 79-73 in four overtimes.

The disconsolate Case called the loss his toughest in 36 years of basketball. "I thought we could give 'em all (NCAA tourney teams) a battle," he recalled. He considered that team his best at State up to that point.



Sammy Ranzino dazzled fans in new Reynolds Coliseum.

NCAA tourney. State was impressive in a win over Bob Cousy and Holy Cross, but then lost a close one, 78-73, to City College of New York in the semifinals. CCNY went on to win both the NCAA and the NIT crowns for the first and last time in history, but its triumphs were marred by the infamous "fix" scandals of 1950.

Ranzino Stars

State ended up with a 27-6 record as junior forward Sammy Ranzino led the team with an 18.9 scoring average. He was the conference's outstanding player and was named to many All-America teams, as was Dick Dickey.

Before the 1950-51 season, State was thought to be good enough to be rated number one in the nation in some pre-season polls. The Wolfpack lived up to that billing as they won 25 of 29 regular season games, including the Dixie Classic championship, and also took the SC tourney for

but lost to Duke later in the season in the Coliseum for Case's first loss to a Southern Conference foe in Raleigh.

Like always, though, State was good enough to win the conference title and earned a berth in the NCAA Eastern Regionals to be held on its home floor. Case and his men were anxious for a shot at top-ranked Kentucky in the Coliseum, but they missed their chance as Frank McGuire's St. John's Redmen upset the Pack, 60-49.

Bobby Speight, a speedy 6-8 forward, led the team with a 15.9 scoring average and was a third-team All-American.

Heels End Pack Dominance

In 1952-53, it was a bad season for State on two counts. First of all, after winning 16 of its first 18 games, the Wolfpack was upset by Carolina, 70-69, for the Tar Heels' first win over a Case-coached team after 15 unsuccessful tries. Frank McGuire had been imported to Chapel Hill

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Pack opponents say ACC may be seven-team race

by Jim Pomeranz

Many people know what this year's Wolfpack will present on the basketball court. But what is not known is how players from other squads in the ACC feel their respective teams will fare.

Bill Hahn, a senior guard at Maryland recently described how his Terrapins will be in 1974-75.

"We're going to run and gun and apply more pressure this year," Hahn explained. "We're gonna be much quicker and probably surprise a lot of people. In a lot of preseason polls we're not in the top 10. We should be...we're gonna surprise a lot of people this year."

Hahn said the starting Terrapin lineup this year will more than likely include John Lucas and Maurice Howard at the guard positions, Owen Brown and sophomore Steve Sheppard at the forward spots, and Tom Roy at center.

He said Lucas and Howard "will be the team this year. They will handle most of the scoring."

Hahn speaks of Sheppard as being "strong as a bear (with Bear being his nickname). He has helped us a lot so far in practice and will do a lot for us this year," he added.

"He hasn't played on an organized team in two years and this will be a different style for Bear," Hahn continued. He showed me a lot at the end of one

of the close games in Mexico City (where Maryland won the International Cup games in September) when he didn't choke."

Hahn said that Maryland is looking forward to the season, and feels that with two teams from the conference going to the NCAA playoffs, things will be a little different this year.

"It should be an interesting year," he stated. "Our goal is to win the ACC tournament, but we will try to finish as high as possible in the regular season. Last year it was disappointing to sit at home and watch other teams not as good as we were playing in the NAAs. But with more than one conference team allowed to go to the tournament things will be different."

The Runnin' Dukes

"Follow the Runnin' Dukes" it says on the front of the Duke University press guide. Will the Blue Devils actually live up to the preseason publicity?

"I think so," stated 6-8 senior forward Bob Fleischer. "We have the speed to do it."

"It is something the new head coach Bob Foster has installed. It is not just a run and gun offense. It's a little more than that."

"We're gonna push the ball up court as fast as we can," continued Fleischer. "This is my third year at Duke, but it's my

first year running. We're going to try to bring down the rebound and get the ball up court as fast as possible. And we will have an open offense that is somewhat patterned, but not very much. There will be a double post with the other three constantly exchanging positions."

According to Fleischer, the Dukes may find it difficult to run all the time without mistakes.

"When you try to push the ball like we're going to try you're gonna throw it away some of the time," he stated. "We can't do it that much and expect to be successful. Everything is full-court this year. We'll have a pressure defense and try to turn the ball over and get it up court as quickly as possible."

"If we can utilize our material then we can run," Fleischer continued. "But we have got to have help from our bench, and if we can avoid injuries we can run. If we run as well as we would like to run then we will use the whole bench."

After last year's ACC Tournament Fleischer told the younger players on Duke's squad that if Neil McGeachy was dismissed then they should leave Duke for somewhere else. He has no hard feels about the coaching change this year though.

"Right now I have about the same feelings as I did last year," he said. "But it doesn't matter to me who's the coach. Being a



Tigs' Tree Rollins

senior, it means too much to me to have a bad year."

Clemson's Tree

All that Clemson's Tates Locke can talk about is how much Wayne "Tree" Rollins has improved from last year.

"Rollins is better because of his summer play," the Tiger head coach said. "He is more aggressive than last year."

How does Rollins feel about being the tallest in the ACC this year?

"I would really rather play against someone my own size than someone smaller," he explained. "I play better against someone my own height."

Rollins was satisfied with his play last year as a center that played the basket more than the ball. "This year I will play my man more than last year when I was sagging off," he stated.

Rollins said that Clemson will be more of a running team this year. "We're going to give a lot more pressure," he explained. "I'll be giving more myself than last year. But even with all the extra individual effort the team will function more as a team."

So, like Duke, Clemson will be running more this year against opponents. But what will happen when, let's say, Clemson and Duke knock heads?

"Well," said Rollins, "we're not gonna try to outrun them."

Tar Heel team effort

After Carolina defeated Army in a football game with so many points that the final score resembled a basketball contest, the Tar Heels held their annual Blue-White roundball game in Carmichael Auditorium.

"We had a lot better Blue-White game than expected," stated Ed Stahl. "A lot of talent showed up in that game. The defense came around. That will be one of the keys to our season."

The 6-10 senior forward said that there will be nothing different from the basic Dean



Duke's Bob Fleischer is glad he won't have to battle Maryland's Len Elmore this season.

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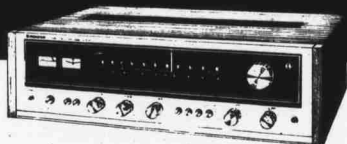
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Jackson, Davis, Carr expected to aid NCAA champs as freshmen



Freshman guard Bobo Jackson, a 6-2 native of East Chicago, Ind., will see a lot of action for the Pack this year.

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by Scott Derrett
Ever since the rule was changed allowing freshmen to compete on varsity teams, the list of that actually happening has grown long.

But the list grows long only because the talent is worthy of the varsity level. The prime example was the addition of Dave and Don Buckley to the varsity football program at State three seasons ago.

With the start of basketball season, the Wolfpack encounters three other "prime examples" in freshmen Kenny Carr, Robert "Bobo" Jackson, and Craig Davis.

These three outstanding high school players all come to State with impressive credentials. The outlook is for Davis and Jackson to add to the speed and depth of the backcourt, while Carr will be counted on for additional rebounding and scoring at the forward position.

"Bobo" Jackson

Jackson comes to the Wolfpack from Washington High in East Chicago, the same school that sent Tim Stoddard to Raleigh. While serving as team captain for three years, he led Washington High to a record of 44-19.

Jackson came to State for numerous reasons.

"I like the way the people treat me around here," Jackson explained. "And I like coach Sloan's style of coaching. He's play a lot of different people and I especially like that."

There has always been a difference in high school



Bobo Jackson

basketball and the college style. Jackson has had to adjust to some of these differences.

"Since coming to State I've had to learn new passing techniques," he stated. "Defense is also a big adjustment. You've got to be quicker in college, and I've even had to change my jumpshot."

Team unity always plays an

important role in any sport and at State, according to Jackson, there is that necessary ingredient this year.

"The coaches and players really get along good together," cited Jackson. "We have become one big family with everyone helping each other."

Jackson is confident of the Pack's performance this year although he has felt slight pressure thus far.

"I knew it would be tough at first," he said, "but the Red-White games have eased most of the pressure now. Things are going fine now, and I feel confident we can go all the way again."

Craig Davis

Davis came to state for a similar reason to Jackson.

"I liked the people," the Rockville, Md. native stated. "I knew State had a great coach, and I also liked David (Thompson) and Monte (Towe) when I talked with them. The atmosphere here is just great."

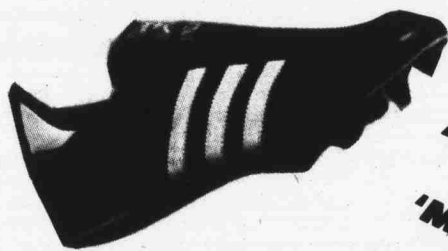
In Rockville while at Peary High Davis was chosen all-Washington, all-State, and all-America. He was also chosen Most Valuable Player for the Metro-all stars in the 1974 Capital Classic game against the United States All-Stars.

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"Team concept can whip State"

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Smith basketball style except there will not be as much complexity as there has been in the past. "A lot more will be left up to the discretion of the individual player," Stahl explained.

Freshman Phil Ford, veteran



North Carolina's Ed Stahl

Brad Hoffman, and sophomore John Kuester will take care of most of the ball handling but according to Stahl, Walter Davis will be much like the team leader.

"Walter can pick up a lot of the loose balls around the basket and put them in when we need the points," said Stahl. "He can shoot well, drive well, tap in at the right times, and has the capacity to bring a team back on his own but that will not be his sole goal. "Like Bobby Jones did, Walter will do things that are important to the team throughout the season and people will forget them," he praised, "but when you look at the stats he will show up big."

As usual though, even with all the individual talent, the team effort basketball will prevail at Carolina, and according to Stahl it will prevail more so than in the past.

"There is a little more belief in each other this year," the Columbus, Ohio native stated. "Whoever is put into the game at any given point will be accepted by those already on the court. We are a closer knit group."

Stahl feels that a major goal this year will be to beat State, something it hasn't done in the last seven outings. And he believes that this "close knit group" will be the major factor needed to defeat the Wolfpack. "Team concept can whip State," he said. "Their vulnerability lies in the confidence of their opponents. We have those capabilities of beating State."

Virginia's Wonderful

At Virginia, enter a new coach

and exit a great basketball player.

Terry Holland has taken upon himself a great task of building a top basketball program for the Cavaliers, but before he could ever get started Gus Gerard turned professional. That sort of left a lot more than expected on the shoulders and in the hands of junior forward Wally Walker.

"I have more responsibility than before," Walker said. "I'll be more inside than in the past. But the loss of Gus won't change things a great deal."

The Cavaliers will be one of the smaller teams in the conference with freshman Marc Iavaroni (6-8), and sophomores Ray Morningstar (6-9) and Ed Schelliek (6-9) trying for the center position.

According to Walker, Virginia will display a three guard offense.

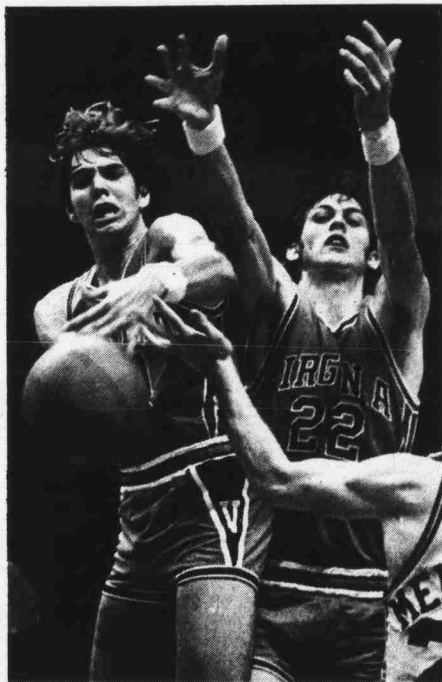
"We will not slow the ball down like we did my freshman year," said Walker, "but we will not run and gun either. And we will have to have a good defense if we plan on being successful. It's going to have to be man-to-man."

Have there been any major changes with the addition of Holland at Virginia?

"Holland has kept things much simpler," states Walker. "He is a low key type of coach."

Simple Wake Forest

Wake Forest has a center with more optimism than any player in the ACC. Cal Stamp doesn't feel that the conference is divided between the strong (State, Carolina, Maryland, and Clemson) and the weak (Duke,



Virginia's Wally Walker battles for rebound.

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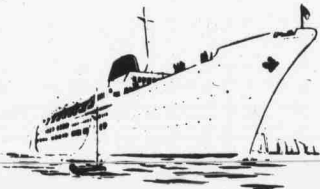
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**'Every team
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Virginia, and Wake Forest).
"Every team is in there," the 6-8 senior center stated. "State, Maryland, and Carolina are going to be strong but not as dominant as in past years. As the season starts that may change, but I feel that way right now.

"There is more height balance now than last year," he continued. "It will be easier for me to face my guy. He will be more my size and that makes me more confident. But last year the only advantage I had was that I could screen my guy easier."

So, to start with Wake will have an easier time because Stamp can see eye-to-eye with his opponent. Besides that, what will Wake display this year?

"It will be much different this year," Stamp continued. "We have more depth for one thing. Last year when a player was put into a game the coach didn't really know if the player would help. This year is different, because we know more about everybody and we've all had experience."

"And this year we are getting away from all the patterns we have and putting in a simple offense," he explained. "Last year we had a patterned offense because we couldn't gamble. This year, I feel that position-for-position we are on equal terms or better with the other teams in the conference."

Stamp's optimism spreads in sort of a circle: from Stamp to the rest of the team and back to Stamp.

"I think I'll handle myself pretty well against my opponents," he said. "I'm as good a rebounder as they are or better. Right now I feel pretty confident about my play and Wake's chances this year."

From the preseason view of players from Maryland, Duke, Clemson, Carolina, Virginia and Wake Forest all the teams should finish on top in the ACC "if they do the things they are supposed to do." It's usually that way every year.

The Atlantic Coast Sports Writers that were in Greensboro in early November picked the seven teams to finish in the following order: State, Maryland, Carolina, Clemson, Wake Forest, Duke, and Virginia.



Wake's Cal Stamp expects to see eye-to-eye with opponents.

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Freshmen

'All three are playing extremely well'

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Even though Davis also played football and baseball he describes basketball as simply "fantastic."

"You have to do so many things just to be part of the team," he explained. "It's really great."

At 5-9, Davis has been compared to Monte Towe, and he doesn't mind at all.

"Monte is a fantastic person," complemented Davis. "He has helped me out tremendously in becoming a better person. Monte's been an inspiration to all little men in America."



Craig Davis

"I just hope that I can someday be to N. C. State what Monte

Towe is now," he continued. "But there will never be another Monte Towe."

Kenny Carr

DeMatha High in the Washington, D. C. area has been known for turning out some of the top basketball players in the nation.

Carr is no exception.

He comes to State with all-America credentials and rated as one of the top twenty freshmen this year. The Hyattsville, Md. native liked the Wolfpack for numerous reasons.

Pro scouts will be looking at David (Thompson) and the others," he pointed out. "I also like the offense that coach Sloan advocates. It's a lot like the pros."

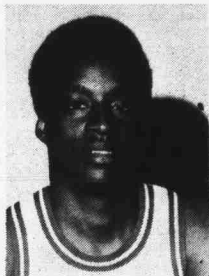
Team unity is something else that Carr likes about State.

"Everybody is hanging around together and working hard," he stated. "Each player helps the others whenever he can. The coaches and players get along well together. Everyone is learning each other's moves and this is helping the situation."

Carr has had to change his playing style slightly since coming to State.

"In high school I went one-on-one, mainly because I was told to," he explained. "But here you've got to pass and hit the open man."

"Everything is shaping up real



Kenny Carr

well," continued Carr. "We're hanging together and I think we'll be better than last year. The conference will definitely be tough, but I feel we will do it (win the championship) again."

These three freshmen will see plenty of action this year and according to David Thompson and Monte Towe the addition will be welcomed.

"All three are playing extremely well for freshmen," said Thompson. "They've got to get into the swing of things and should help us out a lot."

Towe added, "These three are not only good ball players, but they are good athletes. They are quick and will add needed speed to the team."

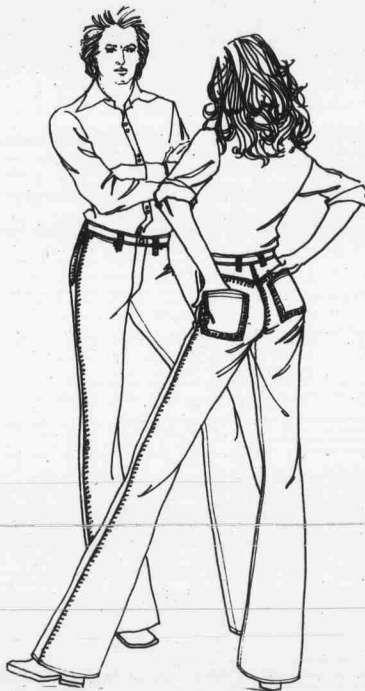


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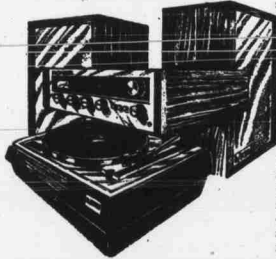
Then, I carefully matched up these various components — speakers, receiver, turntable and cartridges — until I found the best-value system in every case.

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"If I had \$269 to spend, this is the stereo system I'd buy."

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speaker in this price range. The Pioneer 424 delivers 12 watts/channel — true RMS power. The entire system with the Atlantis Consumer Protection Plan is only \$269 — a discount of 35% off list price.

"If I had \$589 to spend, this is the stereo system I'd buy."

This is the optimum amount of money to spend to get the best value in components. The equipment: the Pioneer 434 receiver, a pair of EPI 110 loudspeakers, and a PE 3044 turntable with an Empire 999 AE/III cartridge.



The EPI 110 is the vinyl-clad version of the highly acclaimed 150. With its famous inverted one-inch dome tweeter, it offers better angular dispersion than all the other speakers available, and its transient response is fantastic: you find yourself looking around the room for the symphony player. It's so good it will expose anything, so you've got to match it with nothing less than the new Pioneer SX-434.

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"If I had \$799 to spend, this is the stereo system I'd buy."

Spending this much money, you've now got a system that can deliver spatial relation or concert hall realism. That is, two ESS AMT-5's powered by the Pioneer 636 and the newly engineered PE 3046 turntable with an Empire 999 AE/III phono cartridge.

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636 receiver has 25 watts per channel (RMS) driven into eight ohms — the perfect compliment to these magnificent speakers. The Wizard's also impressed with the Pioneer's FM sensitivity of 2.0 uV and the receiver's great versatility: provisions for two turntables, two tape monitors, up to three pairs of speakers, and a microphone input. Normally you find all this on much more expensive receivers, yet we can offer the entire system — receiver, speakers, turntable, dustcover, base and cartridge for \$799.

"If I had \$1199 to spend, this is the stereo system I'd buy."

These components are magnificent: the Bose 901-11" loudspeakers powered by the Harman Kardon 800's with the flawless Dual 1228 automatic turntable and Empire 1001 AEX III cartridge.

The Bose 901-11's need no introduction to knowledgeable hi-fi enthusiasts; they've been acclaimed the best regardless of size or price. The Harman Kardon receiver is most interesting. It's really a 4-channel receiver (with all the built-in decoding systems and a 4 x 25 watts/channel), but when used for stereo, it produces over 50 RMS watts/channel at .3% distortion and has a tuner with 2.0 uV sensitivity. These specs in stereo make it the finest \$300 stereo available, certainly the most flexible, since your system can be converted to 4-channel just by adding another pair of



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Bark, bark again for Wolfpack?

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As the 1974-75 basketball season approaches, one big question in most fans' minds is: Can State repeat as the NCAA champions?

The fact that the Wolfpack still has All-America and Player-of-the-Year David Thompson gives some people reason to believe the answer is "yes." But to other basketball watchers, the fact that big man Tom Burleson has graduated to the pro ranks is reason to say "it will be tough without that 7-4 man in the lineup."

BURLESON WAS definitely a big factor in State's conquest of the national title last year in the Greensboro Coliseum. His presence and that of Thompson is also the main reason that the Wolfpack has lost only one game in the last two seasons. That and maybe something else.

Two years ago as the Wolfpack was approaching a season of probation, basketball experts took a look at State's schedule and quickly exclaimed, "Bark! Bark!" Reference was being made to the "dogs" or the less powerful and lesser known teams on the Pack's schedule. But even with the South Floridas and Georgia Southerns on the lineup card for State that year, the Wolfpack still had to face all seven Atlantic Coast Conference foes.

That year the Wolfpack accomplished what seemed like the impossible: 27 wins and no defeats. Maryland had been tough all three times they met the Pack and so had arch-rival Carolina. As a matter of fact, there wasn't a single conference game that year that wasn't tough.

LAST SEASON no such sounds were heard, but this year it seems that the impressionists are coming out of the woodwork again. With the University of North Carolina at Asheville, Western Carolina, and UNC-Charlotte on the schedule the sound of "bark, bark" can be heard whenever the Wolfpack's schedule is mentioned.

Usually when a team becomes a

national power, other prominent teams are added to the schedule. It gives a nationally known team a nationally known set of opponents. But at State the story is different. And head coach Norman Sloan gives good reasoning why.

"This schedule has been made up a long time," he stated. "Our schedule is tough. Our non-conference schedule is not quite as tough as our conference schedule, but we have all we can handle with the conference schedule."

"**EVERYBODY GAVE US** a hard time two years ago when we went undefeated with the teams at the first of our schedule," continued the ninth-year Wolfpack mentor. "Those games helped us. The only addition to last year's schedule was UCLA. That game hurt us. They kicked the heck out of us."

"You don't get ready for our conference games by playing other top national teams," Sloan said. "I'd rather be 4-0 against 'dogs' than 0-4 against 'non-dogs.' But that is not to say we're playing dogs this year, because we're not. Davidson will be tough playing them in Charlotte, and we have Oregon State in Greensboro."

Charlotte and Greensboro. Two of the places that State will play games this year. Both are in North Carolina, and with State such an overwhelming favorite with basketball fans at this point in time, both arenas will probably be full of highly-partisan Wolfpack fans.

So, even though Davidson and Oregon State will be tough the crowd will be behind the Pack all the way, and when one speaks of partisan ACC crowds...well, it's just like playing at home. Tough games can be turned into cake walks.

BUT THE SCHEDULE was made up quite a while ago. With the teams already lined up for this year's action, how do the players feel about such an "easy" non-conference schedule?

Let's remember that the majority of the defending champion team has been traveling ever since the final buzzer sounded in the Greensboro Coliseum last March. When a team, especially a team that is not a repeat from the previous year, wins the national championship invitations are extended from many different groups for appearances and exhibition games. The Pack took one of the best vacations possible in August when State represented the United States on a tour through the Orient. It was travel and basketball for two straight weeks. Then upon returning, six State players took on the Russians in a tour of the United States.

Most of the players feel good about the little amount of travel the team will take this basketball season; just three games outside of North Carolina: Maryland, Virginia, and Clemson.

But then some still would like a tougher schedule, but are satisfied with what lies ahead: the entire ACC schedule.

"**I WISH WE HAD** tougher non-conference opponents," stated Thompson. "But it's tough enough for any team going through the conference schedule we do."

The conference schedule is probably the toughest of any team in the nation. The Wolfpack must play Maryland twice, North Carolina maybe three times, and Clemson twice. All those squads, including the improved Wake Forest and Duke teams and Virginia, who has always given State a rough time,

are usually enough competition to satisfy any top-ranked team. And remember, after all is said and done during the regular season the ACC tournament awaits around the corner and is an obstacle to the title.

Usually every team in the nation has a hard schedule and a soft schedule.

"Every team...every strong team...has a schedule with which to just get loose," explained guard Morris Rivers, "especially with a conference like ours. Every game in the conference is a must with us."

Must games. That's what is in store for State this season. Rivers said it right. Not only are all conference games a must, but after taking a look at the "dogs" on the schedule every game is a must. The non-conference teams have everything to gain by upsetting the defending NCAA champions, and nothing to lose.

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Nov. 2	WISCONSIN	GREENSBORO
Nov. 5	ILLINOIS	GREENSBORO
Nov. 8	UTAH	GREENSBORO
Nov. 11	OREGON STATE	GREENSBORO
Nov. 14	MISSISSIPPI	GREENSBORO
Nov. 17	WEST VIRGINIA	GREENSBORO
Nov. 20	WEST STATE	GREENSBORO
Nov. 23	MISSOURI	GREENSBORO
Nov. 26	MISSOURI STATE	GREENSBORO
Nov. 29	ARKANSAS	GREENSBORO
Dec. 2	MISSOURI STATE	GREENSBORO
Dec. 5	WEST VIRGINIA	GREENSBORO
Dec. 8	MISSISSIPPI	GREENSBORO
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Sam Esposito, a two-timing man



Wolfpack baseball and basketball coach Sam Esposito.

by Helen Petts
Most Wolfpack fans know of Sam Esposito as the head baseball coach. But while he does direct the action on Oak Field that is not his full time job at State.

Esposito is also one of three assistant basketball coaches.

"**I MET COACH Sloan** up in Indiana and inquired about job openings in baseball in the south," Esposito explained. "He remembered that State's baseball coach was retiring, and he spoke of needing an assistant basketball coach."

"Well, he called me, and I came for an interview and they hired me," he continued. "I got both my jobs through Coach Sloan. It's no wonderment why Sloan wanted Esposito at State. His credentials make him highly qualified in baseball and basketball."

HE WAS NAMED high school all-America in both basketball and football at Fenger High in Chicago, and then went to Indiana University on a basketball scholarship playing guard. He was voted the Indiana Athlete of the Year after just one year of basketball and baseball,

and shortly thereafter signed a contract with the Chicago White Sox.

While with the White Sox Esposito played short-stop and third base and participated in the 1959 World Series against the Dodgers. A few years later he was traded to Kansas City after nine years of playing with Chicago.

"I feel that playing professional baseball was an important part of my life and a very valuable experience," he stated.

AT STATE, ESPOSITO has pretty specific duties with the basketball team.

"The duties of an assistant coach mostly involves recruiting," he explains. "Each coach travels to areas around the country that he is familiar with, for instance an area that you may have lived in."

"I go to the midwest, Indiana-Illinois," said Esposito. "But besides recruiting we attend practices and assist coach Sloan in any way we can."

UNFORTUNATELY, the basketball season overlaps with the start of baseball season, and this sometimes causes problems. "Usually I have time between both sports but last year we had some trouble because we (the basketball team) went all the way," he stated. Luckily the big tournament was being held in Greensboro so I could travel back and forth from there and Raleigh fairly easily. I did miss a few games but my assistant coach Jim Edwards handled things. And none were conference games."

But overlapping games is not the only conflict that presents a two sport coach.

"**ANOTHER PROBLEM** with coaching both teams is that there is a conflict in the winter," Esposito explained. "Since I am involved with the basketball team then I don't really have a chance to work out with the guys. I would like to be around them more and help them out, but I just can't do it."

Esposito sees this year's Wolfpack basketball team like those in the past.

"It's gonna be exciting to watch this team as it has been in the past," he said. "We look real good again, and I'm really pleased at this time, especially with the performance of the freshmen. I think they will all see a lot of playing time."