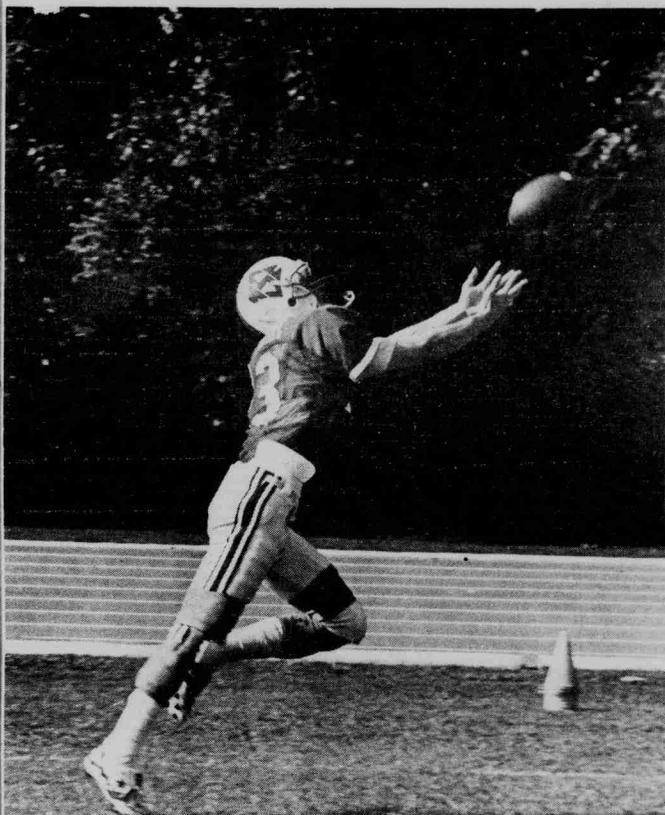


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New combinations hope to improve the lamentable 3-8

Three and eight. In two years, that's how old my two nephews will be. That's a depressing thought. For any Wolfpacker, those two numbers are depressing.

They are not a pretty pair of numbers. They don't even have any mathematical significance, no geometrical symmetry. They even add up to a boring number. The only place 11 is any good is in craps. And I won't even begin to make an analogy with that gambling game and State's football team.

Truly the seniors on this year's Wolfpack football team have got to hate those two numbers (FTN). Even the coaches gave the number 38 to a freshman — redshirt cornerback Stacy Manning.

But for the last three years, State has labored under those figures — and former head coach Tom Reed.

New football coach Dick Sheridan inherited the coaching positions with a huge black cloud hanging over the football program. Reed left after compiling his third set of FTN. He was criticized by the administration for failing to win games and, despite a pair of upsets at the end of the season, Reed ended the season with a loud whimper with a loss to Duke. Two weeks after his third straight loss to the Blue Devils, Reed resigned, leaving two years on his five-year contract. After much speculation, Sheridan left his job at Furman to become the Pack's third grid coach this decade.

Since the new staff has taken over, players say there is a new sense of unity on this year's team. No more petty intra-squad competitions.

"There was a division last year," said senior tight end Ralph Britt. "The offensive coaches were competing with the defensive coaches. Now they cooperate."

"I go against Scott Wilson all the time in practice. But he's a good friend of mine off the field. That's the way it should be, but it wasn't that way in the past."

Both offensive and defensive coaches have instituted new formations for their respective teams. On offense the Pack will employ the very same option-I offense that Sheridan's Paladin squads used to beat State the past two years.

Sheridan has already said all-ACC quarterback Eric Kramer won't throw nearly as much as he did last year when he set school records for passing yards in a season (2,510), touchdown passes thrown (16) and total offense (2,252). On the downside (maybe even the backside), Kramer was sacked 52 times.

Kramer, who has only been a starting quarterback for two years and has never played on an option-oriented team, is excited about the new system.

"It's a lot of fun learning all the different phases of it," Kramer said. "The whole offense is picking things up pretty quick."

"Actually it's a little more diversified as far as different phases of the running game, the option, we have some quick-hitting dive plays and traps. Hopefully they won't know when I'm going to throw."

Last year's running game was like loud-barking Chihuahua: everyone knew it was there, but it never really hurt anyone. The rolling Pack, led by Vince Evans' 712 yards, amassed only 926 yards rushing, including the minus-268 lost by Kramer while running from defensive linemen.

Setting up behind Kramer this year will be a new crop of ball-carriers. Bobby Crumpler, a linebacker in 1985, returned to the position for which he was recruited — tailback — and Steve Salley, a 5-11, 209-pounder, has worked his way up the depth-chart to becoming the probable starting fullback. Though both have impressive high school credentials (Crumpler once carried for over 400 yards in one game), neither has carried the ball in a college game.

But there is no lack of experience in the receiving corps, with two of last year's top three receivers returning. Haywood Jeffries, who averaged 15.1 yards per catch with six TDs and 36 receptions in '85, impressed with Sheridan's staff both last spring and in this fall's drills.

Jeffries will be backed up by speedster Danny Peebles, who caught 12 passes last year.

The flanker will be anchored by experienced Nasrallah Worthen, last year's third leading receiver, with Mack Jones lending support.

The inexperienced offensive line, anchored by seniors Britt, left tackle Bill Leach and right guard Johnny Smith, has finally found its starting six after injuries left it in shambles.

On defense, another somewhat new system — and a completely new coaching philosophy — is being implemented.

The Pack will line up in a 5-0 formation, which is what Reed used his first two years before switching to a six-man front last year.

But it will take more than that to boost the Wolfpack defense, which was dead last in almost every category last year in the ACC. The porous Pack gave up nearly 28 points, 212 yards rushing and 166 yards passing a game.

"We're going to be more of an aggressive defense," said senior cornerback Nelson Jones. "We're at the bottom so we have nothing to lose by going for it all and taking big chances."

"I think it's more of a different philosophy. It may look the same to people sitting in the stands, but really it's a whole different scheme."

To make this new scheme work, Sheridan will rely on co-captain Kelvin Crooms, who led the team in tackling last year with a total of 161 stops. Otherwise, there are a lot of new faces that will be trying to halt opposing offenses, including at least one freshman starter, inside linebacker Brett Rothgeb.



TIM PEELER
Sports Editor

1986 Wolfpack Football

Returning Lettermen: 47; offense 24, defense 23

Starters Returning: 10; offense 6, defense 4

Lettermen Lost: 18; offense 9, defense 9

Starters Lost: 12; offense 5, defense 7

Head Coach: Dick Sheridan (first year)

Assistant Coaches: Steve Robertson, defensive line, assistant head; Joe Pate, defensive coordinator; Johnny Henderson, secondary; Ken Pettus, linebackers; Jeff Snipes, defensive ends; Ted Cain, offensive coordinator, tight ends; Robbie Caldwell, offensive line; Jimmy Kiser, wide receivers; Michael O' Cain, offensive backs.

All-star candidates: QB Eric Kramer (all-ACC), LB Kelvin Crooms, DB Nelson Jones, WR Haywood Jeffries, PK Mike Coffey.

Key recruits: Brett Rothgeb (ILB, Columbus, Ohio), Preston Poag (QB, Dalton, Ga.), Ray Agnew (DT, Winston-Salem), Rich Pokrant (LT, Pittsburgh, Pa.), Tony Conway (TE, Jacksonville), Mike Kavulich (FL, Marietta, Ga.), Todd Varn (RB, West Columbia, S.C.), Kent Jordan (C, Athens, Ga.).

Last year's record: 3-8, 2-5 ACC.

Journeyman Wilson finds home

Bruce Winkworth
Staff Writer

According to blueprints drawn up by the Wolfpack coaching staff, Scott Wilson has made his last position switch. This past spring, State head coach Dick Sheridan switched Wilson from quarterback to out-

side linebacker, and early indications are that Wilson will stay there the remainder of his career at State. That will be a switch in and of itself.

With his switch to linebacker, the articulate, soft-spoken Massachusetts native is playing his fourth position since coming to State as a New England prep school quarterback four years ago. Before Wilson ever took a snap as a State signal caller, then-head coach Tom Reed moved the 6-8, 246 pound Wilson to tight end. The following spring, Reed moved Wilson to defensive tackle. Wilson played on the defense for three games before Reed moved him back to quarterback.

"When Coach Reed switched me back to quarterback, I was happy," Wilson says. "That's the position everyone wants to play, and I was ready to settle down and play in just one place. When Tim Esposito was quarterback, I was his backup."

As a backup to Esposito,

Wilson played in just one game, two years ago against Virginia, completing one of two passes. The following spring, it appeared that Wilson would stay at quarterback. Instead he injured the rotator cuff in his right shoulder and was red-shirted last season. At the end of that season, Reed resigned and Sheridan took over the State football program.

At his first meeting with the State squad, Sheridan asked the players to meet with the position coaches for whatever position they wished to play. Wilson, thinking he was still a quarterback, joined the other quarterbacks. He stayed with them long enough for Sheridan, a mere six-footer, to get a good look at him.

"I've never had a quarterback I couldn't look in the eye," Sheridan says. "In our offense, the quarterback has to be fairly mobile and hand the ball off to his running backs a lot. At his size, Scott wouldn't have been very mobile and would have been handing the ball down to the running backs."

Sheridan called Wilson in for a meeting and suggested Wilson try his hand at yet another new position — outside linebacker.

"He probably holds the ACC record for positions played," Sheridan says, "and we're asking him to play another one. We'd heard that he rushed the quarterback really well, and at 6-8, he's an imposing man to

pass the ball over."

As the season approaches, Wilson is happy with the change, which has several implications for him. First, he's more comfortable at linebacker than at any of the other positions he's played.

"When he asked us to go to the positions we wanted to play, I went to quarterback," Wilson says. "But we had Erik (Kramer) there, and he's an exceptional quarterback. Also, we're running the option, which doesn't suit me as a quarterback."

"Now, I think I've found a home in a position for myself. Now, I look forward to practice every day. I like to critique myself as a player, to see myself improve. Now, I can do that."

The improvement has been evident. Wilson is slated to start the season with Greg Harris as State's top two outside linebackers. State's itinerant worker has settled in.

"I like playing defense," he says. "I think of myself as a defensive person. I had no problem making the adjustment back to defense. If you're going to play this game, you have to be aggressive, and that's the way I've always played."

Second, settling in at one position means no more sudden weight gains or losses. When Wilson switched from quarterback to tight end and on to defensive tackle, he had to gain about 40 pounds. To do that, he had to eat 7,200 calories per



Scott Wilson

day, drink nearly 10 gallons of water per day and do heavy weight training four times per week. After gaining all that weight, he moved back to quarterback in mid-season and had to lose it all, and quickly.

The moving from position to position also may have caused the rotator cuff injury. Wilson is sure of it.

"I'm convinced that I hurt it by switching positions all the time," Wilson says. "When I was playing defensive line, I was lifting all the time, and my shoulder was probably overdeveloped. When I moved back to quarterback, I felt that I could do the same things as before, and I couldn't. It feels fine now. I just attribute the whole thing to all the changes I made."

Wilson had to get used to changes the moment he stepped onto the State campus. He was recruited by several schools in the Yankee Conference. Instead he chose State because he wanted a chance to contribute in a Division I program with a good business and economics program.

Furthermore, the distance between western Massachusetts and North Carolina is more than a matter of mere mileage. The two are worlds apart in many respects, and Wilson wasn't prepared for that as a freshman.

"I encountered culture shock almost daily my first semester," he says. "Barbecue? What's that? Collard greens? The way people talked, the lifestyles. There was a lot of culture shock."

Then, as with almost every State player in recent years, Wilson had to adjust to a new coaching staff when Sheridan became State's third head football coach this decade. Wilson was part of Reed's first recruiting class. Without wanting to sound negative about Reed, Wilson has no trouble comparing Sheridan's staff with its predecessor.

"The present coaching staff treats every individual as family, as a friend" Wilson says. "That's very important to a player, to be able to approach the coaches. It wasn't as friendly a relationship with the old staff as with the new staff. I could talk to the old staff, but it wasn't as comfortable as now. I feel much more comfortable going to my position coach now."

Of course, in the past, Wilson had to buy a program just to be sure who his position coach was. Hopefully, he'll have the same one the rest of his career. It's beginning to look that way.

Wilson at a glance

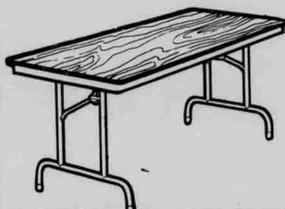
Outside linebacker	Junior
Hometown: Amherst, Mass.	
Year	Wgt.: 246
1983.....QB, No.	
1984.....TE, 12	
1985.....DT, 97	
1986.....QB, 13	
1988.....OLB, 97	

Miscellaneous statistics

Passing ('84, 2 att., 1 comp., 1 int., 4 yds.
Rushing ('84, QB): 3 carries, minus-2 yds.
Tackles ('84, DT): 3 unassisted, 3 assisted, 6 total

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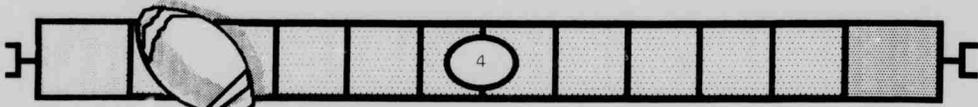
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Former linebacker Crumpler switches to tailback

Todd McGee
Staff Writer

On the first day of classes last spring semester, newly hired State football coach Dick Sheridan called a team meeting in the Weisiger-Brown Building. Sheridan wanted to meet with his new players and give his coaches a chance to see what they had to work with at their respective positions.

Individually and in groups, the players filed into the team meeting room. One-by-one Sheridan introduced his assistant coaches, taking care to make sure the players knew what positions each coach was responsible for.

After the introduction was complete, Sheridan then made what may have been the most shocking announcement many of the Wolfpack football players ever heard. He told every player to go with the coach he wanted to play for. The past was officially history; each player was free to choose where he wanted to play for Sheridan.

"I just did what I felt was appropriate," Sheridan said. "It is always important for a player to be in a position he feels good about and we wanted to do what was best for the players."

For the most part, the players have taken advantage of Sheridan's largess. Fullbacks have moved to linebacker, linebackers to free safety, and defensive backs to running backs. Kickers are now wide

Crumpler at a glance

Tailback Junior
Hometown: Newton Grove, N.C.
Hgt.: 5-10 Wgt.: 203

Miscellaneous statistics

1985 defensive stats
18 unassisted tackles
9 assisted
2 tackles for loss
1 pass broken up

Offensive stats
Pushed 15 times for 113 yards
in Red-White game
Gained over 4,000 yards at
Hobpton High School
Pushed for 401 yards against
Union Pines High as a junior
in high school

receivers and punters, centers are now tackles and the depth chart is now a mess.

At least four defensive starters coming out of spring drills — outside linebacker and journeyman Scott Wilson, inside linebacker Fred Stone, free safety Michael Brooks and strong safety Chris Johnson — are in their first year at that position.

On offense, one change stands above the rest. Former linebacker Bobby Crumpler took advantage of Sheridan's offer, switched to tailback and earned the Number one ranking after spring drills were completed.

"I was going to ask him if I could move to offense anyway, so I'm glad he did it," Crumpler

said. "That's where my heart is."

Crumpler was originally recruited as a tailback and played that position his first season, while he was redshirted. After that season, then Wolfpack head coach Tom Reed approached Crumpler and asked him if he would consider switching to defense.

"I told him I wanted to go home and think about it over Christmas," said Crumpler, a 5-10 junior from Newton Grove. "But when I came back, I found out that he had already switched me to defense. I was going to tell him I didn't want to switch. I wanted to stay (at tailback). I was kind of disappointed."

Crumpler, whose 401 yards rushing against Union Pines during his junior year at Hobpton High is still a state high start. I just want to be there cord, was so disappointed he entertained thoughts of transferring.

"I did at first, especially after the first couple of practices," he said. "I was lost back there. I just couldn't adapt. I wanted to go back home."

Home to Crumpler is where the ball is, but he didn't complain and worked hard to improve on his defensive play. He has toiled the last two

seasons in relative obscurity, first at strong safety then at linebacker. He made 39 tackles in his tenure, but all the while his heart remained with the offense.

"Sometimes I would see the other other guys running the ball and I wished it was me," he said.

But when Reed resigned last December and State hired Sheridan, whose offense is a ground-oriented, option attack, Crumpler's interest was sparked. And when Sheridan decided to let his players determine where they wanted to play, Crumpler's prayers had been answered.

"He gave me a chance and it has worked out," Crumpler said. "I felt a lot of rust at first. I couldn't get a handle on the ball."

But the Pack coaches realized that Crumpler not only had to adjust to being a running back but also to a new offensive system — the option — and they gave him plenty of time to straighten things out. As a result, Crumpler blossomed in the spring, and emerged as the Pack's top tailback going into fall camp.

But keeping that ranking is another matter. Crumpler is engaged in quite a battle with senior Frank Harris and realizes



Bobby Crumpler

that he will have to work hard just to stay number one. "He pushes me and I push him," Crumpler said of Harris. "It doesn't matter to me if I start. I just want to be there when the time gets tough."

Crumpler is bigger and stronger than Harris, but Harris has the edge in speed and experience. Harris is a shifty back in the Joe McIntosh mold, while Sheridan and Crumpler both agree that Crumpler's style resembles Vince Evans: a back who will try to run over and through a defender instead of around him.

"He's not a Tony Dorsett-type of runner," Sheridan said. "He's a back that will get you the tough yards. He's a very de-

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Terps? Tigs? Who knows in ACC tossup

Atlantic Coast Conference football has always been a tough conference to pick, but in the past three years, two teams have become the teams to beat in the ever-competitive league.

Maryland and Clemson, of course, are the two teams everyone thinks of when ACC football rolls around. Maryland is unbeaten in ACC play the past three years. Five years ago, Clemson won a national championship, then followed with two consecutive strong seasons of 9-1.

most other ACC teams (they don't have to play Maryland) the **GEORGIA TECH** Yellow Jackets could come out of ACC play with only two losses. But don't count on it.

After losing QB John Dewberry as a tight starter because of the fearsome "Black Watch" defensive unit, the Jackets, though still better than other ACC schools, may be easy prey for opposing quarterbacks.

Tech's offense and the coaching ability of Bill Curry, last year's ACC coach of the year, will have to see the squad through tough defensive times.

QB Todd Rampley, who stepped in and helped the Jackets win the American Bowl last year when Dewberry was benched for missing curfew, should be an adequate but not great player.

Tech's real offensive production will come from its running game, with returning tailbacks **Gary Collier** (67, 193) and **Jerry Mays** (6-8, 170), the ACC's last two rookies-of-the-year, leading the way. A young but big offensive line could be a problem, but with senior tackle **John Davis**, handling leadership duties, the line should come together quickly.

The only returning starters on defense are seniors **Anthony Harrison**, a safety, nose tackle **Ivery Lee** (6-0, 263), and cornerback **Reginald Rutland**. The rest of the defense will be made up of newcomers and untested hopefuls. **Prediction:** 4-3 ACC, 6-5 overall.

The fourth place team in the ACC is always a team that could have been, but never really was good. That should describe **NORTH CAROLINA** for yet another season. Coach **Dick Crum**'s team has good personnel, good size and experience, but somehow, they'll finish in the second division again.

The Heels return 13 starters from last year: six on offense and seven on defense. Defensively, the Heels should be tough, with junior nose tackle **Tim Goad** (6-4, 290) solidifying a line that has two all-ACC performers, **Ron Burton** (6-1, 240) returns at end and after an all-ACC campaign, junior tackle **Reuben Davis** (6-3, 280) could be in

line for all-America honors. The whole defensive backfield also returns.

Offense will be the question for UNC again this season. With **Mark Meye** healthy, the QB job is undecided, and that will hurt team unity. **William Humes** should provide a good deal of spark at TB, and **Harris Barton**, a 6-4, 275-pound tackle will open plenty of holes for his backs. **Prediction:** 4-3 ACC, 6-5 overall.

VIRGINIA had a great year last year, but don't expect to much from the controversy riddled Cavaliers this year. They return only three starters on their point-producing offense.

The running game is significantly depleted and will probably make the Cavs throw the ball a lot this year. The loss of **Barry Word**, last year's ACC player of the year, is also a loss of 114 yards per game on the ground. The loss of all-America tackle **Jim Dombrowski** and five other linemen leaves the **Wahoos** in dire need of quality blocking.

QB Don Majkowski could have a banner year with returning receivers **John Ford** and **Raleigh's Quannah Bullock**. But without any returning linemen, he'll likely have it rough finding time to throw. **Howard Petty**, a two-year starter at TB, should return there this year and play almost as well as **Word** last year.

Defensively, the Cavs lost their top two linebackers, and will have to go with two youngsters in their places. Otherwise, the Cavs defense should work very well, especially in the secondary, where all four defensive backs will return. **Prediction:** 4-4 ACC, 5-6 overall.

New coach **Dick Sheridan** has everyone talking around campus, with his new attitude and the optimistic outlook. **Sorky**, folks, but **STATE** will probably not be as good as sicks-t-a. A dose of optimism never hurt, though.

With only 10 returning starters, only four on offense — things look dim in **Packland**. **Sheridan** can help in a lot of ways, but he can't get out of the field and play. Lack of experience on the offensive line should be the downfall of the State offense.

While all-ACC QB **Erik Kramer** won't suffer like he did last year (52 sacks), he won't be throwing the ball that much, either. The new option offense should help spare **Kramer** from getting mashed up like last year, and should help the young offensive linemen who often have trouble with pass blocking.

Defensively, State returns four starters from a defense that was last in the league in about every thing last season. It's hard to tell if that is good or bad because on one hand, it returns with a year's experience, but on the other, it was the worst in the league. The line should be better, but linebackers are young and the secondary is, too. **Prediction:** 5-4 ACC, 5-6 overall.

DUKE and **WAKE FOREST** can be discussed in the same light. They both have passing oriented offenses, one good running back and really poor defenses. Coach **Steve Sloan**'s Duke passing attack, the return of junior QB **Steve Slayden**, and some fine wide receivers, **Duke** should be in every game offensively.

Six starters return to the Duke offense, including super-quick runningback **Julius Grantham**, who missed much of last year because of an injury. **Grantham** should add to the weak Duke running attack, which suffered without him last year, finishing last in the ACC in that category.

Wake Forest returns eight of fensive players, and with **Al Grob's** pro passing offense, can't be counted out, much like **Duke**. But most teams that throw the ball a lot aren't very strong up front, and neither is **Wake** or **Duke**.

QB Mike Elkins and **WR James**

Predicted conference finish

1. Maryland
2. Clemson
3. Ga. Tech
4. UNC
5. Virginia
6. State
7. Duke
8. Wake Forest

Brin, an all-ACC player, should hook up to produce lots of Deacon points, but heavy defensive losses should add up to more opponents' points when the Deacs take the field.

Without 6-4, 245-pound all-ACC linebacker **Mike Junkin**, **Duke's** defense really hurts. **Junkin** made 162 tackles last year, tops in the conference. Only three other starters return, only one of them a lineman, **Dave Demore**, a 6-2, 242-pound junior end.

Wake's defense, led by defensive back **A.J. Greene**, has only three starters returning, none of them linemen. **Wake** will most likely have a hard time stopping the run. **Predictions:** Duke (2-5, 4-7); Wake (1-6, 3-8).

MAC HARRIS

Asst. Sports Editor

Other teams, like Georgia Tech and Virginia, have made recent strong showings, but they seem to pale in comparison to the big two. Carolina has become the team that could-but-never-does, middling out after they get through their easy out-of-conference schedule. **Duke**, **State**, and **Wake** have all settled near the bottom of the ACC.

After playing a killer schedule and ending up with a **Cherry Bowl** victory over Syracuse last year, **MARYLAND** has its traditionally strong defensive unit mostly intact.

Led by linebackers **Keeta Covington** and **Chuck Faucette** and five other starters from last year, the Terps should have no problems shutting down the run or the pass.

But offense is the big question for the Terps. Seven starters are now gone, including quarterback **Stan Gelbaugh** and all-America tackle **J.D. Maatveel**, and the Terps are going to have to work hard for every point they score.

The Maryland offense will receive another running back **Alvin Blount**, a 5-10, 200-pound senior who gained 884 yards last year. Contributing to the passing attack will be 6-1, 195-pound receiver **Azizuddin Abdur Rafoof** and 6-6, 234-pound tight end **Ferrell Edmunds**. **Prediction:** 5-1 ACC, 9-2 overall.

CLEMSON, after an disappointing 6-6 record and 20-13 loss to Minnesota at the Independence Bowl, has plenty of returning starters on both offense and defense. **Clemson** will have 17 of the 22 players it had last year on the field again this year.

On offense, eight lettermen will suit up for the **Tigers**. **FB Chris Lancaster**, a 6-1 224-pound sophomore, returns to open holes for Heisman candidate **Kenny Flowers**, the team's fastest man with a 443 40. He gained 1,052 yards last year, and scored an ACC-high 13 TDs. Also back for the offense will be quarterback **Rodney Williams** and tight end **Jim Riggs**, a 6-5 245-pounder all-ACC performer who could become all-America this year.

On defense, **Clemson** will have 6-2, 255-pound junior end **Michael Dean Perry**, the **Fridge's** "little" brother. The younger **Perry** missed much of last season with a foot injury that required surgery. **Prediction:** 5-2 ACC, 7-4 overall.

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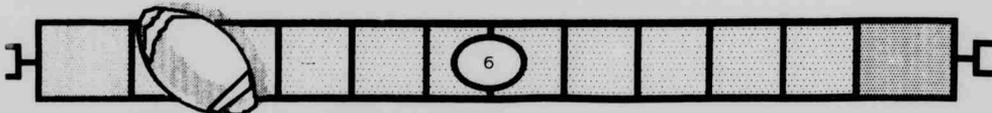
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Magazine lists State in 'Bottom 20'

Pack unveils itself in Penthouse

According to Larry Linderman, *Penthouse* magazine's self-proclaimed leader of America's football forecasters, annual first-game rivals State and East Carolina are among the 20 worst teams in the college ranks, as well as the Wolfpack's ACC foe Wake Forest.

Linderman's "list of losers" puts the Deacons at No. 6, saying "Wake Forest attracts more dorks than any other school in the conference." The Pirates check in at No. 14 — "nothing could be finer than to

Crumpler makes transition to runningback

(continued from page 4)

terminated runner, very dependable."

"If I see a defender coming, I'll try to make contact first," Crumpler said. "I'm more of a north-south runner. You can't get any yards running east-west."

Offensive backfield coach Mike O'Cain thinks the hardest part for Crumpler has been relearning his habits, habits he last used over two years ago.

"Just making the right decision with the football — when to cut, when not to cut — those things you lose from not having been a tailback for two years," O'Cain said. "He's adapted really well to everything. He's done everything I have asked him to and I look for big things from him."

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play East Carolina — just ask their opponents" — and ranks State at No. 18 — "the Wolfpack is a cinch to get skinned all season long."

This year's "Bottom 20" (in order of ranking): Columbia, Kansas State, UTEP, Northwestern, Oregon State, Wake, Wichita State, Boston University, Vanderbilt, Tulane, Kent State, Navy, New Mexico State, ECU, Houston, Rutgers, Wyoming, State, Louisville and Rice.

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Speaking of the annual Wolfpack-Pirate clash, the coaches for the two squads, Dick Sheridan and Art Baker, just happen to be former head coaches at Furman and good friends.

When Baker was Paladins mentor from '73-'77, Sheridan was his offensive coordinator. Sheridan then took over the Furman head coaching job when

Baker left for The Citadel in 1978.

The Citadel and Furman share the same conference affiliation (Southern), so Baker and Sheridan went head-to-head for five years, with Sheridan winning four of those games.

Baker left for ECU in '85. The next year, Sheridan would take the head position at State, thus extending the rivalry-friendship for the next few years.

Sheridan's first coaching job came as a high school assistant to Baker at Eau Claire High in Columbia, S.C., who then later helped him get his first head coaching job at Airport High in Columbia.

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Ralph Britt, a senior and starting tight end for State, might have had one more year of eligibility left had it not been for a coaching faux pas in the final game of Britt's initial season with the Wolfpack.

Britt was on the sideline, dressed out for his last game as a freshman, when he was sent into the game for kickoff-team duty. At the time, State was losing to Maryland 29-6. As soon as the ball was kicked off, Ralph Britt was officially in the game and could no longer be redshirted — even though he had not played a single second for the Pack all year long.

The NCAA rule on redshirting concerns only the first three games of a season. A player may play as much as he wants in the first three games, but after that, if he plays at all, he can no longer be listed as a redshirt. Britt's ill-fated substitution late in the season — for one play — cost him and the Pack a valuable season of college football.

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Record-setting Erik Kramer, last year's all-ACC quarterback, will be new coach Dick Sheridan's top returnee on offense.

Kramer returns as Pack's top quarterback for '86

Probably the strongest position Dick Sheridan inherited in January is signal-caller. Sheridan was blessed with all-ACC performer Erik Kramer and highly touted freshman Preston Poag lending support. State should be set for backfield leadership.

Kramer took the ACC by storm with his passing abilities, despite the fact that the rest of the team took the conference with all the force of a slow drizzle.

But the outlook is not completely rosy for the quarterback position. Both Kramer and Poag lack a good deal of college experience. Including last season, Kramer, who transferred from Pierce Junior College in California, has only two years under his belt as a starter.

He was not recruited out of high school and started only one year at Pierce. However, he

gained honorable mention all-America for his efforts.

Last year, Kramer spent much of his time running and throwing for his life. He set six school passing records, but he was also chased all over the backfield by opposing linemen. The linemen caught him over 50 times for sacks.

Kramer has already been told he will not throw as much this year in Sheridan's option-I offense. That's just fine for Kramer, even though he has never been an option quarterback. He's excited about the challenge of a new offensive formation.

Poag, an all-state prep performer in Georgia last year, can combine the rush and the pass. As a senior at Dalton High in Dalton, Ga., Poag threw for 1,250 yards and 14 touchdowns and rushed for over 500 yards and six TDs.



Redshirted freshman Cam Young may also get some playing time as Kramer's backup.

Offensive line re-groups for this year without stars

Chris Wilson
Staff Writer

When State trots on the field tomorrow night to face East Carolina, at least one group of players — the offensive line — will be anxiously awaiting the first play from scrimmage.

"They're chomping at the bit to play," recruiting coordinator Bobby Purcell said. "These guys are ready to hit other people besides themselves. They've worked extremely hard in practice and want to prove themselves on the playing field."

The offensive line is the deepest spot on the team, Purcell said.

"Even though there is no standout player as in past years, this line has much experience and a lot of desire," Purcell said.

Their primary goal is to win the ACC title.

"And it's a very realistic goal," said Purcell. "If they play up to their potential, play consistently, and eliminate mental errors, they should have a really good season."

Starting for the Wolfpack's interior offensive line this season will be center Chuck Massaro; two-year starter Johnny Smith at right guard; left guard John Inman; right tackle Joey Page; and first-time starter Bill Leach at left tackle. Tackle is one of the deepest positions on the team, with 10 to 12 potential starters.



With strength being a necessity in the ACC, each man can bench press well over 400 pounds, with a few doing more than 500.

"They'll be ready for the start of the season," offensive line coach Robbie Calwell said enthusiastically. "There are a few kinks, but they'll be worked out by game time. The coaching staff is pleased with the way the players are adapting to Coach Sheridan's program. Practice times are longer, but it'll all be worth it come Saturday night."

Veteran receivers to show the way for backs

Mike Beal
Staff Writer

The 1986 Wolfpack receivers may not catch as many passes as they did in 1985, but don't believe for one minute that their on-field contributions won't be just as important.

"We expect to have a better balance between running and passing this year," said coach Jimmy Kiser. "The guys are not going to catch as many balls, but they will play important roles in blocking for running plays. They're very proud of their blocking."

Speed is a key word to us when describing the Pack's receiving corps. Two speedsters are set at the split end position, with senior Haywood Jeffries getting the starting nod and sophomore burner Danny Peebles, who ran on the Pack's all-ACC track squad in the 4x100 meter relay, coming off the bench. The flanker position is just as quick with Peebles' fellow trackster Nasrallah Warthen (triple jump, long jump), a junior, starting. Depth will be provided by speedy junior Mack Jones, who played in a reserve role last year, and incoming freshman Mike Kavulich.

"We've had a good fall," said Kiser. "Now we want to see what we can do on the field."

After the receiving corps finishes its blocking assign-

ments, State running backs will plow through the resulting gaps, hopefully for big yardage.

A combination of "good attitudes" and "hard work" that the runningbacks have shown has Wolfpack backfield coach Mike O'Cain excited about the upcoming season.

According to coach O'Cain, his charges have shown both excellent attitudes and great improvement this fall. "These guys came to practice with the right attitude and in good shape, and we're very pleased," a smiling coach O'Cain stated.

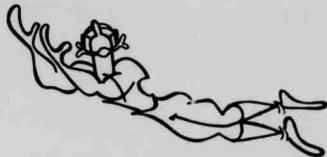
O'Cain has reason to be happy. Among his returning players is senior quarterback Erik Kramer, the all-ACC quarterback in 1985. Providing depth at quarterback will be freshman Preston Poag and redshirt freshman Cam Young.

The runningbacks are also strong with sophomore Steve Salley (5-11, 209) getting the nod at fullback and junior Bobby Crumpler (5-10, 203)

starting at tailback. Backing up Salley will be sophomores Mal Crite (5-11, 223), and Larry Dodd, (6-1, 218).

Spelling Crumpler at tailback will be the job of senior Frank Harris, who will likely see a great deal of playing time because of his previous game experience (41 carries, 122 yards last year). Incoming freshman Todd Varn (6-1, 190) should also provide stability at the tailback slot.

"These guys will get a good test this year. We intend to have a strong ground game and to be very physical," added O'Cain. "And I believe these guys can do j'st at that."



Carter-Finley turns 20!

Two decades of football action in rickety Riddick's replacement

Bruce Winkworth
Staff Writer

Tomorrow night's game with East Carolina unofficially marks the 20th anniversary of State's Carter-Finley Stadium. While the actual anniversary is still five weeks away, 1986 marks the beginning of State's third decade at Carter-Finley.

Just 21 years ago, State football teams played on the site of what is now the Riddick parking lot, and the one grandstand still standing from that facility should give passers-by a good idea just how cramped and tiny the old stadium was.

Wolfpack athletic officials realized that long before Riddick hosted its last football game, the University needed a new stadium. In February 1962, the Wolfpack Club and university officials authorized a stadium feasibility study with the engineering firm of L.E. Wooten and Co.

From there, plans moved quickly. A Stadium Development Committee, headed by Raleigh businessman R. Walker Martin, completed the necessary financial plans, which were officially authorized by university officials March 3, 1965. The committee then accepted bids for the various stadium contracts and awarded those bids June 29, 1965.

The final touch to the new stadium's plans came when Raleigh businessman A.E. Finley donated \$290,000 to finance a stadium fieldhouse. Contracts for the fieldhouse, scoreboard and parking areas were awarded in early 1966. The final cost of the entire project came to \$3.7 million.

Construction went quickly. More than 300,000 cubic yards of dirt were removed during grading for the stadium, 70,000 bags of cement were poured to make 25,000 tons of concrete, and 1,350 tons of steel were used in the stadium structure. The overall site covered 75 acres, including 10 acres for the stadium itself and 65 acres for parking and access roads.

Named for State grads

The stadium was named in honor of W.J. (Nick) and Harry Carter, both graduates of State, and the Carter family of Wallace, N.C., for their financial contributions to the stadium project and their long-standing support of various university programs.

The fieldhouse was named for Finley, a long-time financial supporter of the University and the donor of the original \$290,000 for the fieldhouse.

In 1979, university officials added Finley's name to the stadium itself, renaming it Carter-Finley Stadium to commemorate Finley's long record of support for the University.

The first game played at Carter-Finley Stadium was against South Carolina on Oct. 8, 1966. The Gamecocks won that initial game, 31-21, and in the ensuing 20 years, 4,498,605 people have watched the Wolfpack in action at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Because of the tremendous support of State fans, university officials were able to pay off the stadium's mortgage 25 years ahead of schedule. The original bond from the city stipulated that all proceeds from home games, minus 10 percent for stadium operations, go directly toward retiring the stadium bond of more than \$4 million.

The original retirement date for the bond was 2004, but university officials paid off the last of the bond in August 1978 and burned the mortgage in a pre-game ceremony at the 1978 season opener against East Carolina.

Has seen exciting regimes

Recent seasons haven't produced a great many thrills for State fans



attending Carter-Finley Stadium, but that is a recent trend. Over the course of 20 years, fans at Carter-Finley have witnessed some of the most exciting football played anywhere.

In particular, the coaching regimes of Lou Holtz and Bo Rein in the 1970s produced countless thrills for Wolfpack fans. Holtz presided over three unbeaten seasons at home, losing just one home game in four years. Rein had one unbeaten season at home.

Singling out a single-most exciting game at Carter-Finley Stadium is almost impossible. There have been too many great games played there. But many agree upon a series of games, the series with Penn State from 1967 through 1982. Without question, that series stands above all the rest. State managed to win just two of the 15 games against the Nittany Lions in that span, but the series was hardly that one-sided.

Seven of Penn State's wins in the series were by fewer than 10 points, and the most heartbreaking of all was by a mere two points.

"It's hard to beat the Penn State series," Carter-Finley Stadium and Reynolds Coliseum public address announcer C.A. Dillon says. "I hated to see it end, it had become such a big rivalry. I guess the one game in that series that stands out was the one where they kicked that 50 yard field goal in the last second of the game to win. We had that one won."

That was 1979. With time running out and the Wolfpack ahead, 7-6, Penn State kicked a 50-yard field goal that actually hit the cross bar before going through the goal to give Penn State a 9-7 win.

"Time should have expired, but they stopped the clock with one second remaining," State Sports Information Director Ed Seaman says. "That field goal shouldn't have counted, and it probably cost us a bowl bid. We'd already won the conference championship, but the Gator Bowl picked North Carolina. We had the same record as Carolina, but they'd beaten us earlier in the season."

In the 1977 meeting between the two, State tailback Ted Brown rushed for 251 yards, still a Wolfpack single-game record, and State led much of the second half. But Penn State put together a long scoring drive late in the game for a 21-17 win, and yet another heartbreaker for the Wolfpack.

Provides more than games

There have been other memorable games at Carter-Finley, including the 21-20 win over North Carolina in 1975, and a pair of 1973 thrillers, 28-26 over UNC and 24-22 over Maryland.

The new stadium has provided more than great games. Dillon says Carter-Finley gives the Wolfpack scheduling advantages that would have been impossible at Riddick. Many times during the pre-Carter-Finley days, the Wolfpack was able to play no more than three home games, and it had to play most of its games against North Carolina at Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill.

"It's good to see us playing so many more home games," Dillon says. "In the Riddick era, we played as few as three home games a year because the stadium was so small. We'd have about 15,000 people per game at Riddick, and I used to wonder what in the world we'd do when we moved to the new stadium, it was so big."

No problem. Dillon can't remember one Carter-Finley crowd small enough to fit into Riddick. And tomorrow night's crowd should be the 15th Carter-Finley crowd to exceed 50,000. The average crowd over the years at Carter-Finley has been 39,461.

So despite the win-loss record of recent years, Wolfpack football in the 20-year Carter-Finley Stadium era has been a most special time.

ALL-TIME LARGEST CROWDS AT CARTER-FINLEY

1. 58,300	vs. East Carolina	Sept. 7, 1985	14-33
2. 57,800	vs. North Carolina	Oct. 15, 1983	14-42
3. 57,700	vs. East Carolina	Sept. 11, 1983	16-22
4. 57,300	vs. East Carolina	Sept. 29, 1984	31-22
5. 56,200	vs. North Carolina	Oct. 17, 1981	10-21
6. 55,200	vs. East Carolina	Sept. 11, 1982	33-26
7. 54,200	vs. North Carolina	Oct. 20, 1979	21-35
8. 53,400	vs. East Carolina	Sept. 8, 1979	34-20
9. 52,200	vs. East Carolina	Sept. 19, 1981	31-10
10. 51,300	vs. North Carolina	Oct. 15, 1977	14-27

Average: 55,360
Record in top 10 Carter-Finley crowds: 4-6

FIRST GAME: Dedicated on October 8, 1966 in a game won by South Carolina, 31-22, in front of 35,200 spectators

FIRST TOUCHDOWN: By South Carolina's Jimmy Killen on a 10-yard pass from Ben Garnto, October 8, 1966

FIRST STATE TOUCHDOWN: By Billy Morrow on a 32-yard pass interception return vs. South Carolina, October 8, 1966

FIRST STATE VICTORY: Over Virginia by a score of 49-21 on October 29, 1966

LONGEST STATE WINNING STREAK: 16 games, spanning 1972-75

LONGEST STATE LOSING STREAK: 8 games, spanning 1984-85

WOLFPACK RECORD IN CARTER-FINLEY: Won 66, Lost 44, Tied 4

1966 3-2 1972 5-0-1

1967 4-0 1973 5-0

1968 3-2 1974 5-0

1969 1-3-1 1975 5-1

1970 2-1-1 1976 1-4-1

1971 1-4 1977 8-3

1984 2-0

1985 1-5

STATE UNDEFEATED SEASONS IN CARTER-FINLEY: 1967, 1972, 1973, 1975

COACHING RECORDS IN CARTER-FINLEY

Earle Edwards (1966-70) 13-8-2

Al Michaels (1971) 1-4

Lou Holtz (1972-75) 20-1-1

Bo Rein (1976-79) 14-10-1

Monte Kiffin (1980-82) 13-6

Tom Reed (1983-85) 5-15

Dick Sheridan (1982, 84, 85 with Furman) 2-1

Defensive line returns three lettermen

Mac Harris
Assistant Sports Editor

The defensive front should be familiar player-wise, but different in philosophy and alignment, as new coach Dick Sheridan and defensive line coach Steve Robertson make the change to the successful Furman 50 defense.

Familiar folks like Brian Bullock, Sandy Kea and Kent Winstead will serve time in the trenches for the Pack, keeping mostly the same jobs they held last year.

Bullock, a 6-4, 238-pound senior who will move to right

tackle after playing last year at defensive end, may be the best all-around athlete on the interior line, where he has three years of experience. Playing behind standouts Raymond Phillips and Reggie Singletary, Bullock made 13 unassisted tackles in 1985, 21 overall, and had two sacks for minus-14 yards and three other tackles for losses.

Winstead spent most of his game-time at the noseguard and tackle positions. The 6-2, 252-pound junior showed promise last year, leading the interior line with 31 total tackles — 19 unassisted — and two QB sacks

for minus 12 yards. He also made four other tackles for losses last year for total negative yardage of 18.

A 6-0, 249-pound senior, Kea's numbers weren't quite as impressive as those of the other two, but he had significantly less playing time. He only made 10 total tackles, but had two sacks to tie for the team lead with Winstead, Bullock, and four other players.

"We're making improvements on fundamentals," Robertson said, "and we've been spending time on the basics and proper steps, techniques. We're making progress."

As far as the starting front of Winstead, Kea and Bullock, Robertson would only say "that's possible, but not finalized," keeping in line with the staff's view that open competition for positions can only help the team.

"We want to eliminate the big play," said Robertson. In order to do that, the team will have to "tackle well and work on the fundamentals," he said.

Freshmen may also make a contribution to the defensive line this year.

"Ray Agnew will very probably see some action, as will



Derek Debnam," Robertson said. Agnew, who checks in at a hefty 6-4 and 258 pounds will probably see action at Winstead's left tackle position.

Debnam, a 6-3, 240-pounder, could see action at the other tackle position. Both Agnew and Debnam played at Winston Salem's Carver High last year.

Special teams look to regain lost consistency with veteran stability



Mac Harris
Assistant Sports Editor

Special teams have not always been one of the strong points of State football. Except for the days of guys like former punter Johnny Evans and all-America kicker Nathan Ritchie, special teams have generally been less than adequate.

Last year special teams were hampered by injuries and a lack of consistency.

All-America candidate place-kicker Mike Cofer, who handles the kickoff duties as well, pulled a muscle in his hip in the first game last year and never returned to action.

Punter Craig Salmon was plagued by inconsistency and a seemingly endless number of bad situations. Often times, Salmon was forced to boot from deep in Wolfpack territory. The first game against ECU, he had one punt blocked and recovered for a touchdown. Soon afterward, he lost his job to backup Kelly Holloдик, who also took over as place kicker when Cofer got hurt.

But this year, with Cofer healthy, Salmon coming back strong and experienced long snapper Gus Purcell over the ball, the special teams may be looking forward to a change in luck.

Purcell has been called the "most important man on the special teams" by special teams coach Henry Trevathan. "Gus is

the type player we want (for long snapping)."

Accurate is right. In his third year now as State's long snapper, Purcell has never had a bad snap, a fact in which he takes pride.

"I've never snapped one over anyone's head," said Purcell, "and I've never had a game loser or one that got away."

Purcell claims that long snapping "is nothing difficult. It's just practicing hard and trying to get into a routine."

Purcell's center position is probably the only one not being battled for by other players. Punters and other players on the six special teams are still up for grabs, and several players are in contention for the punting job.

"Craig Salmon is a college punter; Mike Cofer is a college punter; Kelly Holloдик eventually won the punting job last year... so we have three guys who can punt and have punted. Any one of them could do it again," said Trevathan.

But, due to Cofer's duties as kicker, which Trevathan feels would take away from his practice time as a punter, Holloдик's newly found wide receiver talents and lack of practice and Salmon's good punting to this point, Salmon is listed as No. 1 on the depth charts.

"We're glad to have three punters," Trevathan says. "Craig is obviously a good punter, because he won the job last year."

From the kicking standpoint, State looks to be in good shape. Cofer, whose comeback from the muscle injury was a question mark, has proven himself to be back to normal in spring and fall practice.

"Mike went through entire spring without relapse of the injury," Trevathan said. "We have to feel good about Mike as a kicker. He's proven over the past that he can play."

Jones leads defensive backs with experience, excellence

Trent McCranie
Staff Writer

The secondary has traditionally been a strong point of State teams, starting with Joe Scarpati and Claude "Hoot" Gibson in the early '60s, to Woodrow Wilson and Perry Williams in the late '70s and early '80s, to the excellence of Nelson Jones on today's squad.

Although the secondary positions are basically set, with returning lettermen nailing down starting jobs, the depth of the defensive backfield will depend on the development of some inexperienced players.

The two cornerback positions will be occupied by seniors. Fourth-year starter Jones (6-1, 194) will open at one corner, and two-time letterwinner Derrick Taylor (5-10, 188) will be opposite him.

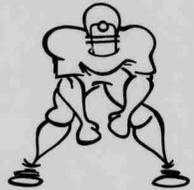
Also battling for time behind the starters are two freshmen:

Jeff Hairston (6-1, 184) and Stacy Manning (6-10, 182).

The strong safety spot has been captured by 6-0, 204-pound junior Chris Johnson. Johnson played only sparingly last year, and then only as an outside linebacker. Johnson's limited experience at safety shows the secondary's lack of depth.

At free safety will be Michael Brooks, a 5-11, 185-pound sophomore, who has been touted as one of the team's best athletes. Brooks, like Johnson, saw only minimal playing time last year at the outside linebacker position, making eight unassisted tackles during his limited tenure.

Backing Johnson up at his free safety position will be senior Keith Young (5-10, 185), who lacks playing time in the secondary despite the fact that he is a senior. Playing on the alternate team behind Brooks



will be junior Andrew Ellerbe (6-2, 188), another of the inexperienced newcomers.

Even with the lack of game time within the secondary unit, defensive back coach Buddy Green remains optimistic about its upcoming season.

"I'm encouraged... (we're) willing to work hard to get where we want to go. That excites me," said Green.

Frosh linebacker Rothgeb gains job next to Crooms

Trent McCranie
Staff Writer

The linebacking corps, anchored by senior and returning starter Kelvin Crooms, is speckled with new faces — at least new to the position.

Co-captain Crooms (5-10, 224-pounds), was State's most valuable player last year. With 161 tackles in 1985, his spot is solidified, leaving one spot left on the inside. Freshman Brett Rothgeb (6-3, 215) has seemingly out-dueled a pair of veterans for the other inside position. Senior Pat Teague (6-2, 226) and junior Sterling Quash (6-4, 228) are

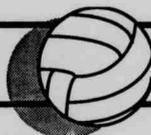
battling with Rothgeb for the other spot. Sophomore Fred Stone (5-11, 242), who played

last year at fullback, is also vying for the other inside linebacker position. Junior Torrence Casey (6-2, 209) moved from strong safety in the spring to inside linebacker and has also entered the race for the last starting position.

At the outside linebacking positions, the Pack lost two starters from last year in Ray Phillips and Reggie Singletary. Juniors Greg Harris (6-5, 246) and Scott Wilson (6-8, 246) are leading candidates. Harris, who played a little as a lineman last

year and Wilson, who played a number of positions in previous years — including quarterback, tight end and defensive tackle — are getting new looks as linebackers. Sophomore Scott Auer (6-5, 230) is next in line for outside linebacker.

The fact that Crooms is the only returning starter leaves room for change in the corps. Several freshmen have shown progress to this point, mainly Bobby Houston at outside linebacker and Grant Slavin at inside linebacker. Both of these freshmen may get some playing time behind starters Crooms and Harris.



Young spikers can challenge ACC's best, Martino says

Ginger Brown
Staff Writer

The women's volleyball team, under fourth year head coach Judy Martino, will open its season September 12 at the South Carolina Invitational Tournament in Columbia, S.C.

Martino expressed enthusiasm about the coming season despite returning only four starters from last year's team.

"Last year, we were a very young team," Martino said. "We started out slowly, but we made a strong finish against some tough opponents. From that team we only have four returning starters: two seniors and two sophomores."

"The two seniors, Stephanie Taylor and Johanna Fry, were all-Atlantic Coast Conference performers last year and we hope they can repeat their performance," she said. "Also,

one of our freshmen last year (Patty Lake) played in the Olympic Sports Festival in Houston."

In terms of recruiting, Martino feels her team is stacked.

"We recruited four very talented freshmen from different parts of the country — Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Florida, and Minnesota," she said.

One of the team's strengths will be height.

"Our players average 5 feet, 10 inches, so they should be able to play well," she said.

Martino expressed some concern about her team's difficult schedule. The team has seven dates away — including the S.C. Invitational and the Florida Invitational — and the Pack doesn't have the first of its 12 home dates until the Wolfpack Invitational Tournament on September 19 and 20.

"We have a tough, tough schedule this year. We play several top twenty opponents including Penn State, Colorado State, Georgia, Florida, and Notre Dame," she said.

Still, Martino figures the ACC to again be a three-team race between State, Duke and North Carolina, right up to the ACC tournament beginning November 21 in State's Carmichael Gymnasium.

"The fact that we're hosting the tournament certainly won't hurt our chances," she said. "I've been here for three years and we've always finished in the top three."

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1986 Wolfpack Volleyball

Lettermen Returning: 7
Starters Returning: 6
Head Coach: Judy Martino (fourth year, 58-47)

Assistant Coach: Charlene Faglier
Graduate Assistant: Leigh Ann Barker

All-star candidates: outside hitter Stephanie Taylor (first team all-ACC), outside hitter Johanna Fry (second team all-ACC), middle blocker Patty Lake, setter Melinda Dudley. Newcomers: Kim Ayer, middle hitter; Pam Vehling, middle hitter; Mary Jane Hnat, setter-hitter; Cathy Kileen middle hitter.

Last year's record: 17-19



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Tarantini-led booters carry excitement into '86

Deron Johnson
Staff Writer

While the addition of Jim Valvano as new athletic director and Dick Sheridan as football coach have injected excitement into State athletics, nowhere is the enthusiasm as intense as in the office of new men's soccer head coach George Tarantini.

Tarantini — taking over for former head coach Larry Gross who became women's coach and State's soccer coordinator — does not try to hide his eagerness concerning the start of the 1986 season.

"The mood around State athletics is one of excitement and this is carrying over to the soccer team," Tarantini said. "I'm very positive and excited about this year's team."

Tarantini declined to make any projections about this season's team which finished last year at 12-5-2 overall (2-3-1 in the ACC), and was ranked 19th nationally by the Intercollegiate Soccer Association. But, there are few reasons why the Wolfpack should not have a successful season.

State returns 16 of 20 lettermen and 10 of 11 starters from a team which has made the NCAA playoffs three out of the last four years.

Heading the list of returning players is junior all-America Tab Ramos. Ramos led the team with 17 assists last season and was second in goals with six, but has assumed a more well-rounded role since coming to State.

"Tab is becoming a complete player," Tarantini said. "He has

1986 Wolfpack Men's Soccer

Returning Lettermen: 16

Returning Starters: 10

Lettermen Lost: 4

Starters Lost: 1

Head Coach: George Tarantini (first year)

Assistant Coach: Dan Allen (first year)

All-star candidates: F Tab Ramos (second team all-America, first team all-South, 1st team all-ACC), G Kris Peat (1984 first team all-ACC), F Sadri Gjonbalaj (first team all-South and all-ACC, FB Arnold Siegmund (second-team all-ACC)

Newcomers: G Carter Corey, F Lance Bell, FB Jesus Cadavid, F Dan McManamy, FB Tony Symonds FB

Last year's record: 12-5-2, 2-3-1 ACC (5th), Ranked No. 19 in final ISAA soccer poll, NCAA tournament bid

Preseason ranking: 20th (ISAA)

improved in all aspects of the game. He may not be scoring as much but he's the player that is creating the score."

Ramos might have to become more of a scorer this season because of the graduation of teammate Sam Owah, who also scored six times, and the loss of all-South striker Sadri Gjonbalaj.

Gjonbalaj, who led the team in scoring last season with 17

goals, suffered a broken arm this past July during a scrimmage match at the National Olympic Festival in Houston. The Brooklyn native will be out for about three weeks.

Tarantini said junior halfback Chibuzor Ehigebu of Idham, Nigeria should make a large contribution to the offense. Ehigebu scored three times in 1985 while handing out seven assists.

State returns a solid defense that allowed only one goal an outing, and is anchored by seniors Dave Intrabartolo and Jeff Guinn, and juniors Arnold Siegmund and Kris Peat.

Peat, an all-ACC goalie as a freshman, had 110 saves and six shutouts as a sophomore, despite being hampered by injuries.

Peat was backed up by junior Jim Cekanor who allowed only two goals in seven outings. State faces another tough schedule, with games against six teams which finished in the nation's top 12, including third-ranked Hartwick College and ninth-ranked Connecticut.

According to Tarantini, a key to another post-season appearance will be success early in the season. The experience of playing in two NCAA playoffs in the past two years and the luxury of having 10 of 11 starters back should also make a difference, he said.



Ken Hill, Chuck Codd and Safet Hujelnicov (from left to right) prepare for the September 6-7 Wolfpack Classic.

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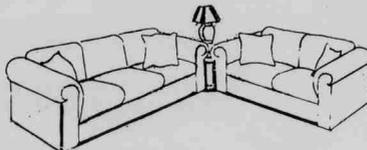
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Womens' soccer squad looks to join nation's elite

1986 Wolfpack Women's Soccer

Returning Lettermen: 18
Returning Starters: 11
Lettermen Lost: 0
Starters Lost: 0
Head Coach: Larry Gross (eighth year)
Assistant Coaches: Mohamed Mornem (first year), John Elsmore (first year)
Graduate Assistant: John Hummel (first year)
All-star candidates: F Laura Kerrigan (freshman all-America); G Barbara Wickstrand
Newcomers: Laura Berens, Jill Rutten, Michelle Dubois
Last year's record: 12-6-3, NCAA tournament bid
Preseason ranking: 19th (ISAA)

Tim Peeler
Sports Editor

For the past three years, coach Larry Gross has fervently tried to put State on the women's soccer map. After beginning a varsity program in 1983, dealing out his first scholarships in 1984 and making the NCAA tournament last year, Gross has pretty much completed his first chore.

But this year, Gross has a new goal for his 11th-ranked women.

"We are faced with wanting to join the elite — the top four or five teams," Gross said.

"We're maybe not as strong or as deep, but we are tremendously improved over our 1985 team that made the NCAA."

What's improved over last year's team, which advanced to the final eight of the tourney, is a year's worth of experience and maturity for the returnees and the addition of three blue-chip freshmen.

Everyone from last year's 12-6-3 squad will return.

With so many quality people in camp, quite a bit of shifting of positions has taken place.

Delores Heib, the team's only senior, has been moved from stopper to outside fullback to make room for Laura Berens, a highly touted freshman from Garland, Texas.

Overall, the Pack's traditionally strong defense is anchored by returning starters Amy Gray, Heib and Tracy Goza.

Offensively, Gross is con-

templating moving All-America halfback Laura Kerrigan to the center forward position.

"We want to make sure we get her into the best position possible," Gross said of the sophomore from Kearney, N.J., who led the team in scoring as a freshman.

Freshman Jill Rutten is in line for Kerrigan's vacated position, Gross said.

Injuries have also played a factor in the position juggle. Three potential starters have missed at least a week of practice due to leg injuries — juniors Kathy Walsh and co-captain Beryl Bruffey and sophomore Jennifer Jackson are all expected to return to practice this week.

Gross will likely use several players at different positions, especially in the early season.

"What we are faced with... is that there are no set 11 starters," he said. "There are 15-16 players we consider



Photo by Marc Kawanishi

Freshman Michelle Dubois and sophomore Amy Cypher get ready for today's season opener against Erskine.

starters that can play at any given time."

This year's schedule once again includes two games with national power North Carolina, which last year had its string of four consecutive national titles broken by George Mason, another team on the Pack's schedule. State upset Mason last year in Raleigh and is the last team to defeat the defending national champions.

Gross will also take his team to the prestigious Vodka Tournament in Fairfax, Va., a tourney that includes many national contenders.

Ultimately, Gross has one thing in mind — a return trip to the NCAA's.

"We've proven that we can play on (a national level)," he said. "But to do so week-in and week-out is something we have to do."

"My goal is to make it to the NCAA tournament... then just a little further."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sept 5.....	ERSKINE
6.....	N.C. WESLEYAN
7.....	VANDERBILT
13.....	NORTH CAROLINA
17.....	METHODIST
20.....	MARY WASHINGTON
25.....	VIRGINIA
28.....	at William and Mary
Oct. 3.....	at Erskine
4.....	at Emory
6.....	HUNTINGTON
11-13.....	Vodka Memorial Tournament (Fairfax, Va.)
18.....	RANDOLPH MACON
23.....	RADFORD
26.....	at George Mason

ACC Weekend

31.....	Maryland at Chapel Hill, N.C.
Nov. 1	Virginia at Chapel Hill, N.C.
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1986 Wolfpack Golf

Returning Lettermen: 7
Lettermen Lost: 1

Head Coach: Richard Sykes
(18th year)

All-star candidates: Art Roberson, senior, Joe Gay, junior, Uly Grisette, junior.

Newcomers: Deric Smyre, Mauricio Carrasco, Todd Gleaton, Doug Stone.

Last year's results: (12 tournaments) First place finish in the Palmetto Invitational, third place finish in Tar Heel Classic, fourth place finishes in Furman Invitational and Miami-Doral Invitational, and fifth place in Gamecock Classic and Hilton Head Invitational.

Roberson-led links squad looks forward to difficult fall tournament schedule

Trent McCranie
Staff Writer

The 1986 fall golf season will officially begin September 26 with the Wake Forest Invitational in Linville, N.C. at the Elk River Golf Course, but the time and the optional practices leading up to today's first mandatory practice have sixteen-year golf coach Richard Sykes full of optimism.

"We're going to be good," Sykes said. But predicting golf is difficult, Sykes said, citing last year's Wake Forest team as an example. The Deacons finished third in the Atlantic Coast Conference but staged a terrific

comeback on the last day of the NCAA tourney to edge favorite Oklahoma State for the national championship.

Sykes said what he has seen of this year's players has been good so far. "Everyone has improved," said Sykes, who will hold practices for his team every day.

There will be three fall tournaments for the Wolfpack linksters with approximately three weeks in between each. The NCAA regulates this schedule; no other matches can be played, which leaves plenty of practice time for the team. The opposition the Pack will

face in these tournaments Sykes describes as "top flight."

The squad consists of 12 members, seven who are returning from last year. Academic all-America Art Roberson and four academic all-ACC players form part of the returning regiment. Roberson shared the leadership of the squad last year along with all-America Jeff Lankford, who graduated.

"(Roberson) should assume the position of a leader," says Sykes.

New leaders may emerge as State welcomes four impressive recruits. The new players are Mauricio Carrasco, national

champion of Venezuela; Todd Gleaton, second place finisher in the North Carolina Junior Tournament; Deric Smyre, a rare three-time participant in the N.C. Junior; and Doug Stone, winner of the Donnel Ross Tourney.

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Cross-country coach Rolie Geiger talks to his runners.

Men's Cross Country

Women's Cross-Country

Returning Lettermen: 9

Returning Top 7: 7

Lettermen Lost: 0

Top 7 Lost: 0

Head Coach: Rolie Geiger (eighth year)

All-star candidates: Pat Piper (won N.C. State Championship), Ricky Wallace

Newcomers: Bob Henes (fifth in national high school meet)

Last year's result: first in state championship, first in District III meet, 11th in national meet.

Lettermen Returning: 7

Starters Returning: 6

Head Coach: Rolie Geiger

(eighth year)

All-star candidates: Suzie Tuffey (national champion, all-America, won District III meet, ACC meet, N.C. State championship), Connie Jo Robinson (three-time all-America), Janet Smith (two-time all-America)

Last year's results: third nationally, won District III championship, ACC championship, N.C. State championship

Newcomers: none

Tuffey, Metzler injuries slow women harriers

Mac Harris
Asst. Sports Editor

This year's Wolfpack Women's cross-country team may not be quite as successful as the squad that finished third nationally last year, or even as successful as previous teams. A key loss, a couple of nagging injuries and an off recruiting year are draining head coach Rolie Geiger's squad.

This year's squad has big shoes to fill. Last year's squad, in addition to finishing third in the national meet, won the District III meet, the ACC meet and the state championships.

But all-star runner Suzie Tuffey, last year's individual national champion, was injured during the summer and has not had the proper time to recover, keeping her from beginning practice on Tuesday with the rest of the team. Patty Metzler also recently sustained an injury that is hampering her progress this season. Tuffey may be running as early as next week, but nothing is definite.

"We've had problems with (the injuries)... and we have very little depth right now. To predict this season would be very difficult," said Geiger. "We

have only six runners right now, when we really should have 10, and I don't know how many will be running.

One reason for the glum outlook for the Pack women harriers is the loss of all-America Kathy Ormsby, who would have been in her fourth year with the team. Ormsby was permanently paralyzed early in the summer after she jumped off a bridge in Indianapolis at the national track and field championships.

Her absence obviously hurts the Pack. But the team still feels Ormsby's presence, Geiger said.

"We have no depth with the loss of Kathy, because she added a lot to the program, both with her athletic ability and otherwise," Geiger said, "but we still feel she's a part of the team. It's a loss in a lot of ways, but she's still part of our program."

One bright spot for the team is the return of veteran Connie Jo Robinson, who was red-shirted last year due to injury. Robinson should help the depth woes of the women runners.

"Connie Jo is a three-time all-America — we need her a great deal this year because of

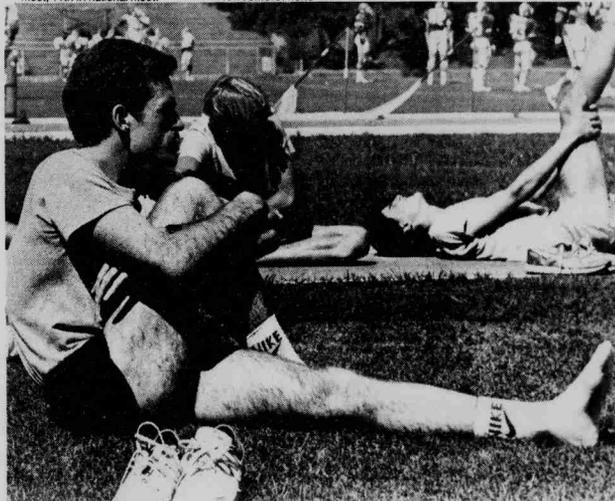


Suzie Tuffey

the lack of depth," Geiger said, "but we need every girl we have this year. It's really going to be a very difficult year."

Even with five tough meets this year, plus the hard times the team has gone through with the loss of Ormsby, Geiger remained optimistic.

"I have confidence in the girls that are running for us," Geiger said. "I hope we can continue the success we've had in the past. All I ask is that the girls continue to do their best under the circumstances. That's all I can do."



Staff photo by Scott Rivenbark

All-star candidate Pat Piper stretches out before preseason drills. Piper won last year's state championship meet.

Men hoping to repeat '85 success

Mike Beal
Staff Writer

After surprising almost everyone with their strong 1985 season, the men's cross country team is looking for even more success this year. Coach Rolie Geiger, returning for his 8th season, is optimistic.

"We've got all seven of our top runners back this year," Geiger said, "and with the new guys we've got coming in, I feel we can be very competitive."

However, Geiger said that level of competitiveness can only be reached if team injuries are kept at a minimum.

"Right now, several of our guys are wrestling with injuries, so we could get off to a slow start. But, as guys get healthy, we'll be just fine," he said.

The men's team ended up 11th in the country last year. In addition, they were district champions, placed second in the Atlantic Coast Conference and

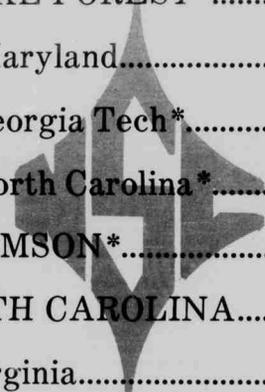
took top honors in the state championships.

Returning as the Pack's top seven runners will be seniors Gavin Gaynor, Andy Herr, Pat Piper, Charles Purser, and Ricky Wallace with sophomores Steve Brown and Jeff Taylor rounding out the lineup. Other returnees include junior Dan Murray, sophomores Ron Tucker and Kurt Seeliger, and red-shirt freshman Ken Frazier. Geiger is proud of his recruiting class which includes Bob Henes, the Ohio state high school champion who finished fifth in the prestigious Kinney Nationals. Other freshmen recruits include Paul Dewitt from Cary and Michigan native Ed Hickey.

Geiger's team begins their season September 20 at the Spike Shoe Invitational hosted by Penn State University.

"I'm excited about the season," Geiger said. "If we stay healthy, we will be a very good cross country team."

1986 Wolfpack Football



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