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New State football era commences

Devin Steele

Sports Editor



A new era in State's football program will commence Saturday night when the Wolfpack hosts East Carolina — a new era that most Wolfpackers will accept as a breath of fresh air.

New head coach Tom Reed mes to Pack country with e obvious, clear-cut goal in nd — winning. But Reed, no describes himself as "an stimit, but a realist," lieves that winning doesn't me from implanting false 'ententions in his players'

minds. He shows them how to create their own realistic thoughts about their ability and chances.

"I do like to think of myself as a realist," said Reed. "But I am also an extreme believer that you are a creation of your own thoughts.

"The first thing I tell a player is not to let his mind shackle his accomplishments. You don't have to defeat a task or an opponent. You have to beat yourself. What

you think will happen, will."

Reed builds positive attitudes through motivation and discipline and by setting high standards. His rules are non-negotiable, and he firmly carries them out. And he really doesn't care if his players like them or not.

"I want them (my players) to cuss me now, not 10 years from now — as I did my coaches whom I love now. I am going to set extremely high standards, and they are going to do it — or else. I am simply telling them what they want to do for themselves."

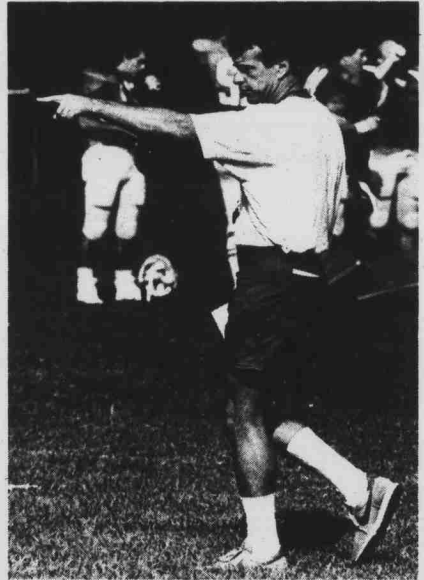
"The Tom Reed philosophy was something the State players were not accustomed to, but had to accept as the gospel. As linebacker Andy Hendel summed up, "We didn't accept Coach Reed at first, but we had to. And, you know, he's right."

In building positive attitudes among his players, Reed consulted psychologists and military people for advice.

"When I wanted to know how to motivate football players, I went down to the ROTC offices," Reed said. "They are the ultimate in motivators. They are asking people to die. I just ask them to play football."

Reed also sets high standards in academics. All of his 61 seniors graduated in his last three years at Miami, and he expects the same ratio here.

In helping his players take a realistic approach to Saturday's game with East



Staff Photo by Barrett Wilson

Tom Reed

Carolina, Reed wants his players to keep the game at eye-level.

"The purpose has to be much stronger than any distractions you come across," he said. "That's how we'd like to prepare our team. Forget all the hoopla. The game is won with six things

— blocking, tackling, running, throwing, catching and kicking."

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—Devin Steele

Sports Editor

Line coaches striving to achieve consistency

Scott Keeper
Sports Writer

When the 1983 Wolfpack football team debuts on the grass of Carter-Finley stadium this fall, it will feature a completely new look right down the line — literally. Not just along the sidelines but in the very heart of Tom Reed's two squads.

Yes, among the offensive and defensive lines — those forces comprised of behemoths who attempt to protect on one side of the ball and attack on the other.

The difficulty of mastering these already challenging positions has been further increased by the players having to adapt to a new coaching staff. With new coaches comes a new repertoire of methods and techniques. But, according to assistant coaches Jack Glowik and Jim Bollman, the linemen have picked up on the new system and adjusted well.

"We had a good learning situation in spring practice," offensive line coach Bollman said. "They needed to get used to Coach Landsittel (offensive coordinator) and

myself. They have had so many different line coaches in the past, so what we wanted to do was establish some continuity."

Although much was learned during those first few weeks of initiation in April, both coaches agreed their units are a bit unsettled at this point, mainly due to the high number of injuries in the spring workouts. The key will be how the players progress this summer, both in the training and weight rooms.

"Very few positions are set right now because of all the injuries," defensive line coach Glowik explained. "It was a big setback in the spring because we lost practically all of our potential candidates for starters."

"As a group, we got off to a good start in weight-training," Bollman said. "But the biggest factor is going to be how much we improve over the summer."

Glowik should have the easier time of replacing his line, although David Shelton (the top tackler on the defensive line last season) is gone. The tackle position should be solid, with sophomore Reggie Singletary and



Staff Photo by Clayton Brinkley

Mitch Rushing will anchor State's defensive line from the middle guard position.

seniors Todd Blackwell and Barry Amatucci stepping into the active roles. Blackwell, who was second only to Shelton in tackles along the defensive front, will once again be expected to carry a big load.

Anchoring one of the tackle spots will be Reggie Singletary, a 6-4, 245-pound sophomore from Whiteville. Singletary saw considerable playing time in '82 and had 34 tackles, four of which amounted to 35 yards worth of losses for the opposition.

Although going down with an injury on the first day of spring ball, Singletary will be ready to go come August and is currently striving to improve himself in the weight room.

"Reggie has done a real fine job weight-lifting this summer," Glowik said. "And this fall I am looking for him to have a fine season. He is capable of being a standout for us."

Senior Barry Amatucci stepped in during the spring session and also opened some eyes.

"Barry really came on and had a good spring for us. He is beginning to show some good things," Glowik said.

Another senior, 6-2, 235-pound Greg Matthews, will

be counted on heavily. His versatility should turn out to be a valuable commodity along the defensive line.

"Greg will have to be able to come in and play in the middle and the outside for us to be successful," Glowik said.

Glowik will have several choices at middle guard. Anthony Hicks, a starter last season, and his backups are returning in full force. All should have ample opportunity to play. Unfortunately, the middle guards were riddled with injuries throughout spring practice.

Hicks, who had 59 tackles last season, and backup Mitch Rushing (42 tackles) both missed practically all of the April workouts.

Anthony missed two-and-a-half weeks but then had the best spring game of any defensive lineman," Glowik said. "He has

the ability to become a really dominant force in this conference.

"Mitch suffered probably the worst setback when he hyperextended his elbow. We are really hoping he can come back."

A trio of juniors — Dillard Andrews, Charles Flippin and Mark Shaw — also return at middle guard. Each pleased Glowik this spring.

"Dillard is very hard working and is a good hitter," Glowik said. "It's a good possibility he'll see some playing time this fall. Charles Flippin had worked himself up to a starting role in practice before he was injured."

"Mark Shaw has come on as a walk-on and earned himself a scholarship. He just has a knack for playing the game of football."

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Joe Milinichik is the only returning starter at the offensive line.

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Defensive backs scheduled for airborne fall

Scott Keepler
Sports Writer

Being a defensive back in the ACC this season will be like an early morning flight from New York to Chicago — non-stop.

Indeed, if it's action the defensive secondary desires, it most likely will suffer no shortages. The autumn air promises to be filled with footballs.

It's difficult to recall a season when there have been so many conference quarterbacks capable of loading up and challenging opposing defenses with 40 passes a game, many of which will seemingly remain airborne for the time it takes to dodge your way to the nearest concession stand and return with a Mello Yello mixer and caramel corn.

Duke's Ben Bennett, Maryland's Boomer Esiason and Wake Forest's Gary Schofield are the expected leaders of this bombing contingent. But hopefully, when game time arrives, State's secondary will be prepared — both mentally and physically.

Gone is last season's fleet-footed all-star trio of Perry Williams, Eric Williams and Dee Dee Hogard.

Thus, new defensive back coach Tyrone Willingham has inherited but a single starter from the '82 squad. This fact

has prompted a number of pre-season publications to label State's secondary as suspect or a potential weakness.

Willingham, however, is pleased with the quality of his replacements, and if there are any major concerns on his part, they certainly are not evident.

"First of all, they had to get used to a new staff," Willingham explained. "But the group concentrated very well and got used to what we're trying to do. They are basically an inexperienced group, but with that in mind, I think we had a very good spring."

At the strong safety, or "wolf" position, Willingham will be counting on his only returning starter — Don Wilson. Wilson, a 6-2, 190-pound senior, was third on the team last season with 103 tackles.

"We will look to Don for maturity, dedication and leadership," Willingham said. "Hopefully, he will fill those roles and have a great season."

Backing up Wilson will be John McRorie, a much-improved walk-on.

"John has come a very long way," Willingham said. "He will definitely have to make a contribution."

Sophomore Moe Ruffin will provide depth at strong safety.

"I am very happy with

Moe's improvement. He has the ability to get around the football and make things happen," Willingham said.

The free safety or "flyer" position will be manned by lightning-quick junior Dwayne Greene. Greene is perhaps the fastest man on the team, and Willingham is counting on Greene to make good use of this attribute.

"I might be able to enhance it, but speed is just something you can't teach," Willingham said. "Dwayne also has that desire to excel and become a great football player. He should be an excellent flyer."

Vying for the backup spot are senior Chris Morhard and sophomore Nelson Jones.

"They are locked in a tight battle for the No. 2 spot," Willingham said. "Chris' most positive asset is that he does not make many mistakes on the field. Nelson, meanwhile, has the same quality as Greene — speed. Nelson has shown flashes of being a really fine player."

Nat Brown will fill one of the "wolf corner" positions. Jeff Byrd, who fractured his leg this week, was supposed to start on the other side but is lost for the season.

"Nat has been with the program for five years," Willingham said. "We are looking for him to come into his own. We will count on him to be a senior leader for us."

On the other side, junior Ken Loney will get the starting nod at "short corner." Loney, a two-time letterman, adapted to the new coaches and techniques very quickly.

"Ken has extremely fine mental ability," Willingham said. "He is able to grasp concepts and specific movements really well. For us to be a good secondary, he needs to have a fine season."

Sophomore Marlon Arcey is expected to back up Loney.

"Marlon is another player who has shown flashes of playing very well,"

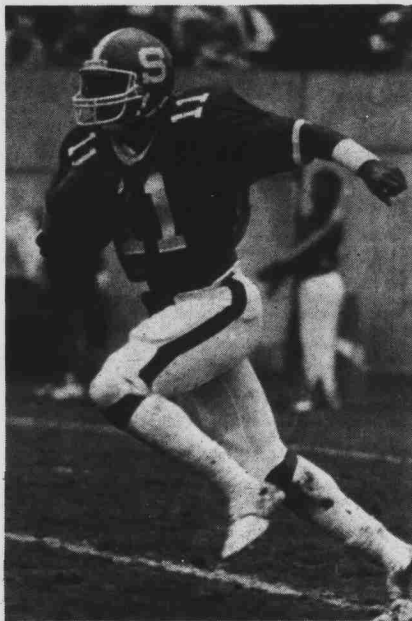


Photo Courtesy State Sports Information

Dwayne Greene, a lightning-quick free safety, may replace injured Jeff Byrd as State's punt return specialist.

Willingham said. "He will get some playing time and should be able to help our secondary."

Senior Lee Bailey and sophomore Keith Young will also play backup at short corner.

"I think Lee understands what a senior year is," Willingham said. "He needs to provide leadership and help us be a good football team. Keith had a broken ankle in the spring, so he was unable to go full throttle. I hope the summer has been good for him. He has the potential to be a fine defensive back."

Willingham also expects freshman Kevin Johnson to

begin developing this fall and hopes he "will provide us with excellent play down the road in our secondary."

Amidst all the doubts and question marks that surround State's defensive backfield, Willingham truly believes in his players, and unlike many others in his business sees them first as college students, then as college athletes.

"I am real proud to be working with this group," Willingham said. "They are quality young men. They are here not only to play football but to get a college degree as well. And that's something we will emphasize in this program from day one."

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Byrd lost for season

Jeff Byrd, counted on to return punts and play cornerback on defense for State this season, sustained a leg fracture in practice Tuesday and is expected to be lost to the Wolfpack for the year.

The 5-7, 168-pound junior from Fayetteville was injured during a tackling drill. He broke the tibia fibula in his lower right leg in a pile-up.



Offensive backfield possesses talent, depth

Todd McGee
Sports Writer

Wolfpack head coach Tom Reed has a problem this year that would delight any football coach in America. Reed has to find time for four quality running backs in a backfield that has only two open positions.

A trio of sophomores — Vince Evans, Ricky Isom and Mike Miller — along with junior Joe McIntosh, will be battling each other for playing time this fall. Running back coach Johnny Rodgers sees no problems arising from this glut of talent.

"We plan to utilize as many backs as possible to win ballgames," he said. "We like to think that we could be able to keep people fresh so they can perform up to their capabilities."

Keeping people fresh also means keeping people free from injury since most injuries occur when an athlete is tired and cannot react as quickly or strongly. Rodgers sees the depth of the

backfield as being very important.

"I think it's insane to expect four men to make it all the way through the season without injuries," he said. "We've been very fortunate that we haven't had any injuries up to this point."

One of the people counted on to add depth to this year's backfield will be senior John Peterson. Peterson has been prone to injury throughout his career at State, severely hampering his progress. Rodgers thinks Peterson is over that now, though.

"John has shown the ability to be a darn good player," Rodgers said. "He has been hampered by injuries, but he is full speed now."

The 5-10 senior will be playing fullback alongside sophomores Evans and Isom.

Evans was recruited as a tailback out of high school and played in 10 games at that position as a freshman in 1981. Last year, Evans made the move to fullback but was injured in the season opener against Furman and

missed the remainder of the season.

Rodgers feels Evans has put the effects of the injury behind him and is ready to concentrate on football.

"Vince is not at all timid," Rodgers said Evans' injury. "None of our backs can be timid with the competition we have."

In the pre-season depth charts, Evans was listed at the fullback position, but don't be surprised if he gets in a few plays at tailback. His speed and quickness enable him to make the transition between the positions with ease.

"Vince combines power with speed," Rodgers said. "He is very intelligent and can be effective at either position."

Isom, another red-shirt sophomore, gained some valuable playing time and experience when Evans was hurt last year. He played in nine games for the Wolfpack behind Andre Marks. He rushed and caught passes for over 100 yards and also played on the special teams. With Reed's emphasis on the passing game this fall, Isom's best asset, his hands, will become very important to the Wolfpack's plans.

"Ricky has great ball skills and great hands," Rodgers said. "He is also a very shifty runner for a guy his size. He has good balance."

The tailback position is a little more experienced and deeper than the fullback-slot. With pre-season all-ACC pick Joe McIntosh, sophomores Mike Miller and junior college transfer Joe Greene, the Wolfpack has three players who could start for most any college team. Only one player can start at a time, however, and Rodgers expects that to be McIntosh.

"I think at this time you could say that McIntosh has a slight edge based on what he has done in the past and in fall practice," Rodgers said.

Rodgers likes to believe starting is merely a title and



Technician File Photo

Rickey Isom will split time with Vince Evans at fullback.

that there should be no distinction between the backs.

"We like to be thought of as having balance in the backfield," he said. "We have several individuals who have the capability of being all-stars."

Greene rushed for over 1,200 yards at Chowan Junior College last year and was named to many JuCo all-America teams as a freshman.

According to Rodgers, Greene's job this year will be to "add depth to the backfield. He will possibly return punts and kickoffs for us, also."

In Miller and McIntosh, the Wolfpack has its top two rushers from last year's team returning. McIntosh fought off a slew of injuries to rush for 780 yards in 10 games while Miller rushed for 450 yards in only seven games. With McIntosh listed as the

pre-season starter and an all-conference pick, it would be easy to classify Miller as a backup. But Rodgers does not like that term.

"I don't like to think of Mike Miller as No. 2," Rodgers said. "I like to believe that we have four starters in the backfield. Michael is a darn good back. He has improved each day. He has a great ability to change directions. With Mike we will experience no drop-off in talent."

McIntosh is the most publicized member of the Wolfpack backfield with good reason. In two years, McIntosh has rushed for almost 2,000 yards while averaging nearly five yards per carry. He was rookie-of-the-year and all-conference in 1981 as he led the league in rushing. He has also had 12 games with 100 or more yards

(see 'Backs', page 10)



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Wall, Brothers head young group of receivers

Tom DeSchriver
Sports Writer



Ricky Wall

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Inexperience is the word to describe the receiving crew for the 1983 Wolfpack football team.

Ricky Wall is the only returning pass catcher who has seen an extensive amount of playing time. The junior from Broughton High School in Raleigh led the Pack in receiving last season with 23 catches for 412 yards and four touchdowns.

At 5-9, 163 pounds, Wall excites the crowd when he gets his hands on the ball and scares defenders to death.

"I think through maturity that Ricky is improving and becoming more consistent," receiver coach Dana Bible said.

Even though Wall is smaller than most wide receivers, he plays taller because of his excellent jumping ability, which he used as a standout long- and triple-jumper in high school.

"In size and stature Ricky isn't that big," Bible said. "But his jumping ability is a reflection of his athletic ability, and Ricky also has outstanding speed and is quick. Ricky's physical. He's not giving away anything."

After Wall, though, the Pack's receivers are young and green.

Starting opposite Wall when the season opens will

be sophomore Phil Brothers, who played in four games as a freshman but only caught two passes.

"Phil has been very consistent in fall camp," Bible said. "He's truly a student of the game. He doesn't make mistakes. He gives us a steady picture out there."

Brothers, 6-2, 175 pounds, presents problems for the defense that Wall doesn't.

"Phil has very good speed," Bible said. "He's a little different than Ricky. He's a looper, where Ricky is more of a juker. Phil is very smooth."

Backing up Wall and Brothers will be converted tailback Chris Cook.

Cook was moved to wide receiver during fall camp and will provide depth.

"Chris has done a nice job in transition," Bible said. "He's working and improving."

Stanley Davis just gained his eligibility and will see action as the season progresses.

Two highly-rated freshmen could see action at the wide-out spots as well.

Mack Jones and Howard Jeffries were high school teammates at Greensboro Page and received a lot of attention during their prep days.

Jones caught 49 passes for 810 yards as a senior and was named first team all-state.

"Jones is compact, has good speed and good movement," Bible said.

Jeffries was an honorable mention all-state selection as he caught 27 balls for over 500 yards.

Jeffries also played on Page's undefeated and state champion basketball team.

"By the nature of the numbers game, they (Jones and Jeffries) will play," Bible said.

Bible has been pleased with the progression of the receivers and thinks they are ready for the opener.

"We're on schedule," Bible said. "There is no question we need to improve. We're not where we want to be later in the season, though."

Bible said what he's trying to do with his receivers is bring about consistency.

"We want to be steady," Bible said. "We're helping them to develop positive work habits. Coach (Tom) Reed's theory of this program is that we want to develop so that on our bad days we're good and on our good days we're outstanding."

At the tight end spot, Jeff Brown will start and be backed up by last year's starter Tim Foster.

Brown played consistently last spring and edged Foster out for the job when spring drills concluded. Foster has had a back problem this fall and Brown has won the job outright.

Brown didn't catch a ball all last season after moving to tight end from fullback midway through the year. But he has good hands and runs well.

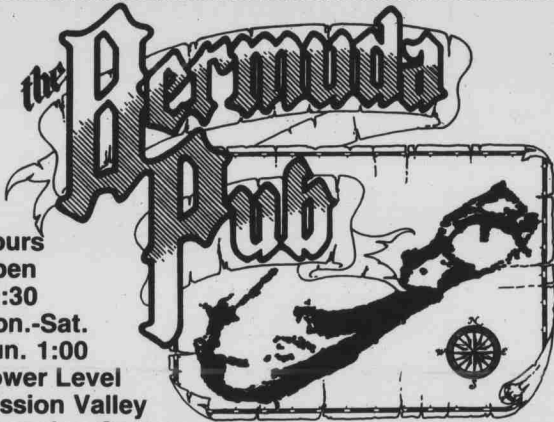
Except for Wall, the receivers are untested, but some questions will be answered against East Carolina.

"They've done a solid job through camp," Bible said of his receivers. "They're working hard and have been steadily improving."

Improvement is the theme of the Wolfpack program and the receiving crew will be a good measure of the strides that have been made this fall.



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Devin Steele
Sports Editor

Vince Evans experienced enough bad breaks in two years to last him a career.

It all started the day the all-state runner signed a grant-in-aid with the Wolfpack. He sprained his ankle playing basketball and was on crutches when former State coach Monte Kiffin came by that night for the signing.

During pre-season drills two years ago he was in the running for the starting tailback position, but an injury slowed him down and another freshman back named Joe McIntosh moved ahead of him.

But the Fayetteville native worked his way into the Pack's opening game with Richmond that year and, on his first carry, broke loose for a 10-yard gain — and fumbled.

He saw very limited action the next three games before he got his chance. With McIntosh on the sidelines with an injury, Evans rushed 18 times for 93 yards and scored twice against Virginia.

By the beginning of the '82 season, Evans had switched to fullback and earned his way to the starting lineup. But, yes, adversity was knocking on his door once more. In State's opening game with Furman, he carried five times for 28 yards before tearing ligaments in his knee. He played no more last year.

"I didn't think the injury was that bad until the following day," said Evans, a 5-11, 202-pound red-shirted sophomore. "I wanted to come back and play so bad last year. It just wouldn't heal up fast enough."

Now, rehabilitated and 100 percent healthy, Evans believes the upcoming season will be a productive one for him — that is, barring more adversity.

"I have no problems at all right now with the knee," said Evans, who is expected to start at fullback when the Wolfpack opens its season against East Carolina Saturday. "I'm expecting good things."



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Vince Evans is returning as fullback after suffering a knee injury last season.

Wolfpack strength coach John Stucky was very pleased with Evans' progress during the spring and summer.

"Vince has rehabilitated his knee very well," Stucky said. "He seems to be 100 percent in every form and fashion. He did a fine job this summer."

Evans, already one of the most powerful players in the offensive backfield, steadily improved his strength level in the weight room.

"Vince is a young man who's developed good working habits," said Stucky. "He's certainly one of our top athletes as far as our fullbacks and runningbacks are concerned."

The players are ranked during the off-season program in relation to their total body fitness, involving strength, quickness, speed and explosive power, and Evans was near the top in every category.

His improved strength has helped him more fully devel-

op his football skills, according to offensive back coach Johnny Rodgers.

"He's gotten stronger and become a better football player," said Rodgers. "He's especially improved on his

blocking skills. He's a very powerful, very intelligent, very durable runner, and he keeps improving."

Though he's listed as the No. 1 fullback on the depth

chart, he will be splitting time with Rickey Isom.

"We feel we have more than one starter at that position because of the design of the offense plus the ability of the other back, Rickey Isom," said Rodgers. "We can interchange any of these backs at that position and still be effective. Both are good backs."

New head coach Tom Reed said the pair are running "toe-to-toe and nose-to-nose," but pointed out that Evans is the best overall.

"He can play fullback, he can play tailback and he can catch the ball from either position," Reed said.

Evans expects a tough challenge from the Pirates, a team that nearly pulled an upset of No. 7 Florida State last week.

"We're going to have a battle on our hands," he said.

Evans said he likes Reed's philosophy, his disciplined manner of carrying it out and especially his 90-minute practice sessions.

"Coach Reed knows what he wants and knows how to get it," he said. "At first we didn't accept him, but now we know what has to be done, and we have to go out and do it."

"I like the hour-and-a-half practice, and it's intense. Maybe it saves injuries."

Which may be to Evans' advantage.

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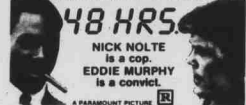
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Milnichik only returning offensive line starter

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Filling out the defensive front will be sophomore Dan Higgins, a converted linebacker and nose guard now at tackle, and walk-ons Tony Downs and Mike Jones.

Glowik realizes that his defensive line has some hard work looming ahead, but he believes his pupils will meet the challenge and be a strength in the overall defensive scheme.

"They know what it takes, and they are challenged by the opportunity," Glowik said. "They have shown signs that they are ready to assume responsibility for the outcome of our season."

On the offensive line, Bollman is hoping his players increase their strength in the weight room this summer and gain that necessary experience as quickly as possible this fall. Strengthwise, Bollman's group is progressing well.

"Strength is something you just can't build overnight," Bollman said. "It takes time to develop. So how much we improve our strength over the summer is most important."

Experience, on the other hand, just cannot be gained



Staff Photo by Clayton Brinkley

A.V. Richards will back up Larry Burnette at strong tackle.

at will either. That essential each Saturday afternoon this fall.

seasoning of an offensive lineman can come only with "Experience in the offensive line is definitely a

premium," Bollman said. "It's going to be interesting to see how rapidly our guys can progress and get fine-tuned."

Although a few of Bollman's linemen saw action last fall, sophomore Joe Milnichik is the only returning starter. And Milnichik, a rather imposing sight at 6-5, 265, will again be expected to shoulder a lot of responsibility from his tackle position.

Ricky Bunch and Larry Burnette, a pair of 6-4, 245-pounders, will be counted on at the other side of center. Bunch, a senior, was starting at one tackle this spring but was replaced by Burnette after suffering a back injury.

"Larry saw a pretty good bit of playing time last fall," Bollman said. "So he has some experience. Ricky's status right now is questionable. We're just hoping he can join us very soon."

A.V. Richards, a 6-4, 260-pound junior, also saw some action last season and will be called upon to play at either guard or tackle. He, along with seniors Steve Saulnier and Greg Steele, will see the most action at the guard spots.

"A.V. was frustrated because of an injury this

spring," Bollman said. "But he'll be back to challenge for a position."

"Steele was also hampered by an injury, but he really came on the last two weeks of practice."

Steele, a newcomer from the defensive line, should really help Bollman's unit.

"Greg picked up things very well," Bollman said. "He's a senior, so we'll be counting on him a lot."

Juniors Bill Moxley and Craig Cooley, along with sophomore Paul Dailey, will also contribute at the guard spots.

"After they grasped the system, they steadily improved," Bollman said.

Returning at center will be senior Dean Shavlik. Shavlik filled in for the injured Jeff Nyce last fall, so he will bring some game-experience to the position.

"Dean was in the No. 1 spot all spring," Bollman said. "He did a good job and got better and better."

Ron Kosor, a newcomer at center, should provide additional strength.

"Ron just moved to center this spring, but he will challenge for a starting role," Bollman said.

Greensboro Page pair leads talented group of rookies

Steve Pope
Sports Writer

When new State head football coach Tom Reed unveils his 1983 squad Saturday against East Carolina, there will be some new faces along the sidelines and perhaps even on the playing field.

The freshmen recruits and transfer players appear to be a skillful and talented group that should make an impact on the team's success and enjoy some playing time.

Because of the coaching change this year, it was natural to find recruiting high school players difficult.

"Because there was a

period of time before a definite head coach was announced, we had some problems," said State recruiting coordinator Bobby Purcell. "We lost a couple of players we were after, but we gained some that Coach Reed was recruiting."

Two players who could see playing time this year are wide receivers Haywood Jefferies, 6-3, 175 pounds, and Mack Jones, 5-11, 170. Former teammates at Page High School in Greensboro, Jefferies and Jones may be called upon because of a lack of depth at the position.

Both are good athletes, according to Purcell, and will

probably get a chance to play.

Brian Bullock, a 6-3, 220-pound outside linebacker from Fayetteville, is another newcomer who Purcell says, "may help out by mid-year for the squad."

He may be joined at linebacker by Ellis Williams, 6-1, 225, from Council.

A lack of depth in the defensive secondary may be filled by Kevin Johnson, a 6-2, 175-pound recruit from Norfolk, Va. A high school quarterback who threw for 1,224 yards and 15 touchdowns, Johnson was recruited as a defensive back and is an outstanding athlete, according to Purcell.

Another recruit, Sandy Kea, a 6-3, 250-pounder from Clinton, could share playing time at middle guard. His size and strength are his main assets, and he is a fine overall athlete. Last season he led Clinton High School to a 12-1 record and the state 3-A semifinals. He was also the conference champion in

the shot put for the Clinton track team.

Another fine freshman who has run into adversity this season is fullback Bobby Crumpler. Crumpler, 6-0, 195, reported in excellent condition but was injured during fall drills.

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Backs ready for opener

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rushing in his career. Rodgers feels that McIntosh's main strength is his tremendous balance.

"He will not allow an opponent to get a good hit on him. He has a tremendous ability to change directions," Rodgers said. "He has absolutely no weaknesses other than those that can be corrected through practice."

Rodgers sees nothing but

good things for the Wolfpack backfield this fall.

"If the backs continue to work hard as they have in the past, we have a chance to have a pretty solid backfield," he said. "And I have no reason to doubt that they will continue working like they have."

With all the emphasis on passing the ball these days, it is good to know there are still people out there who like to run with it.



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Esposito wins job as Wolfpack field general

Bill Johnson
Sports Writer

State's football team will enter the 1983 season Saturday against East Carolina without a quarterback who has ever taken a snap in a Division I game.

The team's success will rely heavily on how well one of three starting quarterback contenders emerges as the offensive leader.

All three contenders — Tim Esposito, Jeff Hoshier and Bob Guidice — possess strong passing arms and somewhat similar styles.

However, according to State quarterback coach Dana Bible, Esposito has played consistently since spring practice and has edged out the others as the Wolfpack's No. 1 signal caller.

"I think it is essential to have a strong player at the quarterback position," Bible said. "Tim has done a solid job of adjusting to the new system and executing the plays. He's dynamic in a leadership role."

Esposito, a junior from San Pedro, Calif., sat out last season after transferring from Long Beach City College, where he completed 54.3 percent of his passes for



Staff Photo by Clayton Brinkley

Tim Esposito has got the starting nod at QB... 3,177 yards and 23 touchdowns.

Hoshier, a senior from Baltimore, Ohio is expected to be Esposito's backup.

"Jeff has made strides as far as being consistent," Bible said. "He's an accurate passer. He physically has the tools to be a good quarterback."

Guidice, a junior college transfer from Phoenix Community College, Phoenix, Az., is a strong passer and has

great intensity. At Phoenix, where he was named a second-team junior college all-America, Guidice completed 159 of 290 passes for 2,414 yards and 19 touchdowns on a 7-2 team.

"Bob Guidice is a contender and a solid football player," Bible said. "But he has had trouble adjusting to a brace on his throwing hand."

The key to State's quarterbacking problem is game



Staff Photo by Barrett Wilson

...with Jeff Hoshier waiting in the wings.

experience. One of the three players may react more confidently than the other two in a game situation.

Two other players who may rise to the top before the season is over are freshmen Mark Smith and Bruce Porter.

Smith was his high school conference's player-of-the-year last season at Brown High in Kannapolis but has been moved to wide receiver.

"Mark has shown flashes

of good ability," Bible said. "I think he has a bright future."

Porter was honorable mention All-America at Findlay High School, Findlay, Ohio last season. He set the conference passing record with 3,062 yards.

The strength of State football this season will depend on how quickly one of the quarterbacks gains confidence in himself and the confidence of his teammates. Only time and game experience will tell.

Greene, Guidice — JUCO players provide depth at key positions

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"He will be out indefinitely but will probably return later in the season," said Purcell.

In addition to Crumpler, center Joey Page, a 6-3, 237-pounder from Wilson, will start the season on the injured list. He broke a wrist in a motorcycle accident before fall practice began.

Joe Greene, a 6-0, 200-

pound tailback from Warrenton, should get some playing time. He is a transfer from Chowan Junior College where he rushed for more than 1,200 yards last season and was named junior college all-America.

Another transfer who should get a close look is quarterback Bob Guidice. Guidice transferred to State from Phoenix Community College where he completed

159 of 290 passes for 2,414 yards and 19 touchdowns last season and was second-team junior college all-America.

When asked how he would size up this year's freshman class, Purcell said, "It's difficult to tell just how well a player is going to play. You can't expect a player to come in for three weeks and be ready to play major college football. It's also unfair to him to ask that of him. The

only way to evaluate a recruiting class is to wait and see how they perform as juniors."

In an overall assessment of the past recruiting season, Purcell gives much credit to Reed.

"I've never seen a head coach who works harder than Coach Reed," said Purcell.

"He's probably the most complete coach in the country."

As for this year's squad, freshmen and transfers included, Purcell says, "This team came in in better condition than any other team I've seen since I've been at State."



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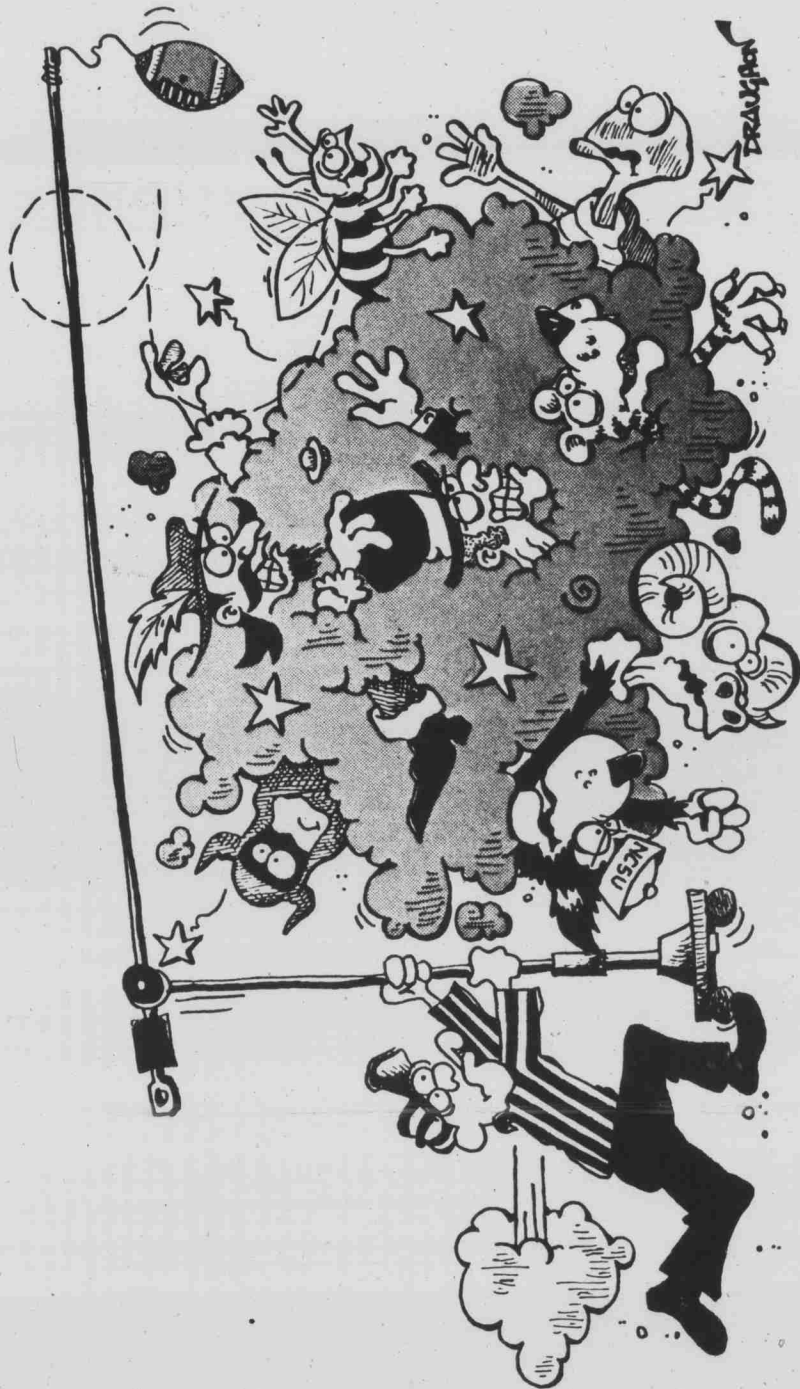
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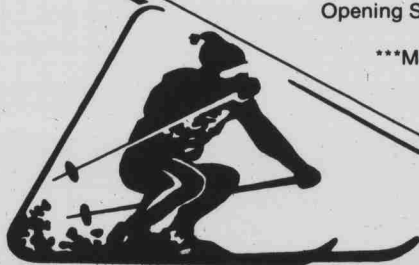
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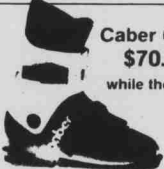
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