

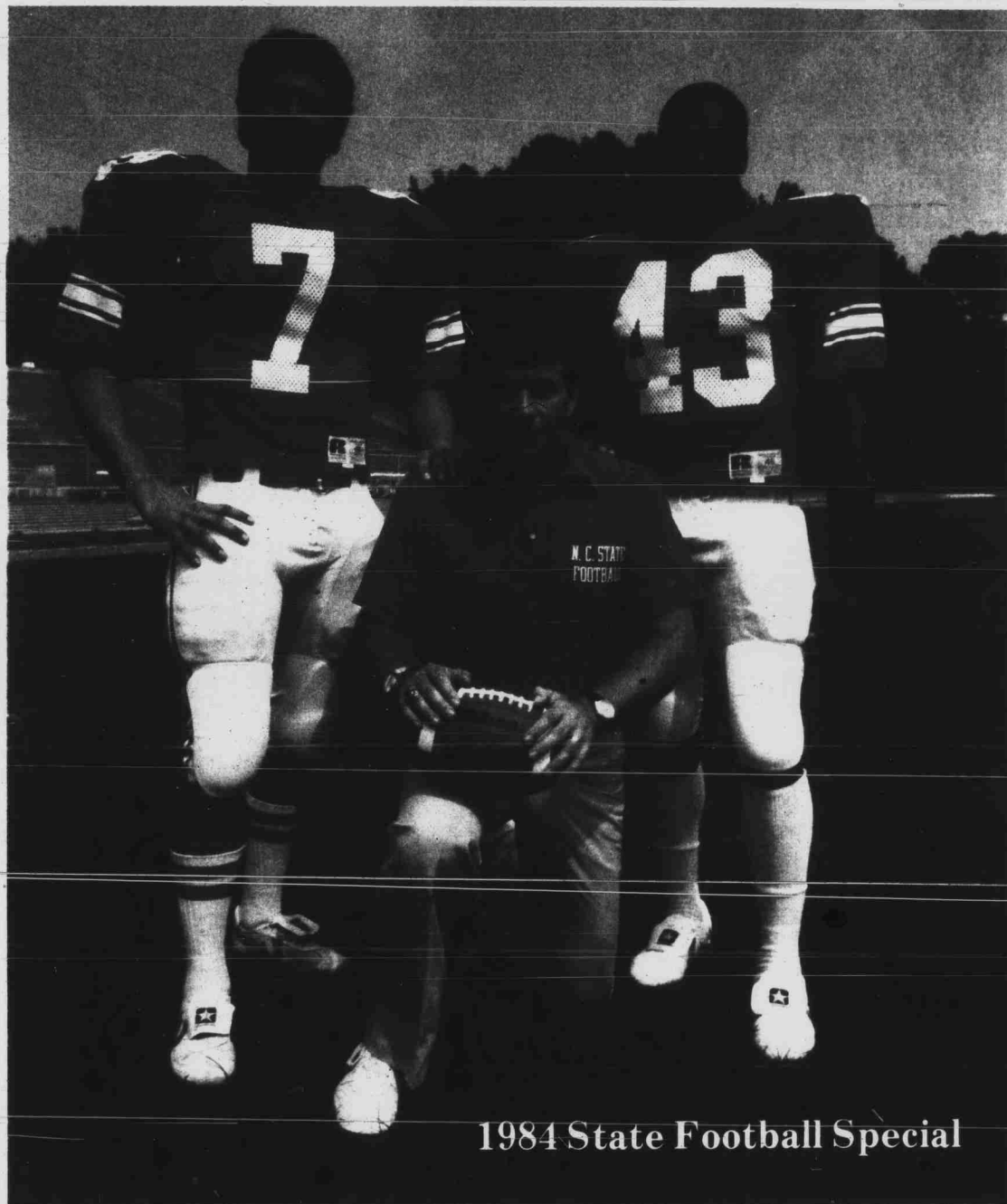
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SEPT. 29	EAST CAROLINA	RALEIGH	7:00
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ON THE COVER: Roger Winstead got this pose of Head Coach Tom Reed, record-setting senior quarterback Tim Esposito and potential all-America senior tailback Joe McIntosh at the annual preseason Picture Day in August.

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—Scott Keeper, Sports Editor
—Devin Steele, Executive Sports Editor



Staff photo by Marshall Norton

Coach Tom Reed has directed the Pack through preseason drills in preparation for his second fall at the helm. State opens an optimistic new season Saturday when it hosts Ohio University. Technician wishes the players and coaching staff the best of luck in their bid for a winning season.



ON THE WAY BACK IN 1984

Reed emphasizes difference between winning, losing in practice sessions

Devin Steele
Executive Sports Editor

"Pain is simple. We have this little drill we do out there. It's a fourth-quarter drill. You (illustrating on blackboard) got 10 yards, 20 yards, 30 yards, 40 yards. You've got the lines right there. In the end zone you have half the team doing grass drills and half the team going 10, 20, 30, 40. But let me tell you the difference between winning and losing..."

Coach Tom Reed illustrated a formatted drill two weeks ago to the media that typified the type of effort he expects from his second-year Wolfpack squad this season — one of several psychological drills that he thinks will get his team through a football game. With a win.

A major problem State faced last year was running out of gas in the fourth quarter. The opposition accounted for 109 of its 946 points in the last stanza, while the Pack produced only 41 of its 936 points during that span. In six of eight losses a year ago, State was either winning, tied or down by no more than five points heading into that decisive period.

And Reed isn't about to let this misfortune befall the Pack again.

"You have to pay now or pay on game day. It's simple. That's all there is to it. You've got to pay now so you can get the rewards on Saturdays..."

"If someone doesn't touch either line, someone doesn't go down and get back up on the grass drills out here, we stop the whole mess and do it over again at that point in time. And this is at the conclusion of practice. This thing is tough. It ain't easy because while you're resting, you're doing grass drills, and you have a certain time you have to do these suicides in. But the difference between winning and losing is simply this..."

Knowing your football team better makes getting these rewards on Saturdays a little easier. With a year of adjusting under his headset, Reed knows more of what to expect from his team and vice versa.

"I told the football players when we came back that this is the year of expectations," he said. "And we don't care about the expectations from the outside. The expectations we are concerned with sat here in this room about 10 days ago. I was going to expect a lot out of them, but more importantly they were going to have to expect a lot out of themselves."

"Last year, we were very passive in terms of the demands that we had. We came in here and we did not do a lot of things that I would've liked to have seen done. But I knew there's only a certain limit in relation to how you change. You just can't ask people to change overnight. It's unrealistic. And so the expectations that were sitting here 10 days ago was ten-fold of what it was a year ago at this time."

"The first day we did this, we went out there and must've done this thing over seven times. So we got to the very end of the drill and somebody wouldn't get up on the up-down. We got up and had to start over and do the whole thing over. Yards! Dozens and dozens of yards over again. So, we went out yesterday afternoon and did it. We were more tired, mentally and physically. And you know how much less that is? We didn't have to do it over again once yesterday..."

Two other plusses greeted Reed with the start of preseason drills — a strong horde of senior leadership and the good effort of his coaching staff. All of the upperclassmen have demonstrated good examples for their freshmen counterparts to follow, he said. His coaching staff — "from our strength coach to our recruiting coaches" — has made his job a lot easier ("I feel like a vestigial out there").

"I think with that kind of leadership from our seniors and coaching staff, that will give us the chance to have the type of successes that we want to have."

"When you're down on the ground and you've already done 50 up-downs and don't want to do it one more time, you've got to do 50 more. But if you have that (desire) inside you to get up that one time when you don't feel like it, the amount of work is minus 49 up-downs. It's minus dozens and dozens of yards. So that six inches, that one up-down when you don't feel like doing it... it's simple... it's the difference between winning and losing..."

Reed, though he seems to be a psychology mumbler, is closer to a realist. He is a realist. He knows that the desire his players have has to come from within. It has to be there for the team to get over the losing hump. And he realizes that many other factors will come into play, but if the desire is not there, it won't work.

"I can't tell you how many games we're going to win," he said. "Heavens, we were a 3-8 football team. We're right now sitting on a fence. We can go up. We can go down. It'll be as to how well we play, injuries, how well we coach, and all the other things that are involved in a football season."

"They're right there in front of us. But there's some things we can construct in our future in our own hands, and that's some of the things you like to do."

"That's the most dramatic thing I could give them in terms of your mental approach to how you play the game. You want to save six inches, and you give up inches. The difference is how you feel at the time you do them. You're in that fourth quarter of the game. It's a third and eight situation. If you don't give that extra bit, you lose. And that's what it's all about. Good football teams have it."

PROFILE

Tom Reed: Making the grade. . .

'Maybe I'm just dumb enough to think we can. . . go to bowl games and still graduate our kids.'

Scott Keeper
Sports Editor

To understand Tom Reed's philosophy requires no deep analysis. His approach is direct, and perhaps to some of his players, almost painfully clear.

His belief is that athletics and academics can indeed co-exist. And although proponents are few and doubters many, rest assured that the Wolfpack's second-year mentor will stick by his guns come hell or high water.

"I'm not a preacher," the 39-year-old Reed said recently. "I just do what I believe in, and I think you can do both. Maybe I'm just dumb enough to think we can win championships, go to bowl games and still graduate our kids."

Whether Reed is "dumb enough" is yet to be seen, but the initial impacts of his academic game plan are beginning to surface. Overall GPAs have shown dramatic improvement, and for the first time in recent memory, Reed's footballers boasted a higher average in freshman English than did State's first-year population as a whole. Statistics such as these seem to impress Reed as much as any compiled on the playing field.

Reed's admirable approach was seeded by his father, who, by Reed's own admission, had to make him take the hardest courses in high school. Reed is now thankful for his father's guidance and hopes maybe some of his strained philosophy will rub off on his players. And according to several of the coach's top performers it is indeed working.

"I can definitely say that I go to more classes now," quarterback Tim Esposito said. "He wants us to have something more than four years of football when we leave State. He just makes us understand that a degree is for our own benefit."

Outside linebacker Frank, Bush agreed.

"I have made a lot of academic progress under coach Reed," said Bush. "All he's asking us to do is go to class and do the best we can. He's not trying to be our dad, he's just telling us how to become



Staff photo by Bob Thomas

Reed is pointing the Pack in the right direction, in the classroom as well as on the gridiron.

better people as well as better football players."

And Reed strongly believes that with good, intelligent people, you can build a successful program. At Miami (Ohio), where Reed compiled a five-year 34-19-2 record before coming to State, all but one of his 61 seniors left the university with degree in hand.

Needless to say, the win-at-all-cost attitude is Reed's pet peeve. He believes in playing by the rules — with no exceptions. That is why a relatively recent episode at the University of Illinois perturbs Reed.

One of Reed's close coaching associates, Mike Moeller, was fired at Illinois a few years ago and the program was handed over to Mike White. The Fighting Illini made an abrupt turn about, culminating with a 10-2 mark and Rose Bowl appearance last season.

But soon after, the program was placed on probation by the NCAA,

and Reed doesn't hesitate to publicize his feelings on the situation.

"Gary Moeller got fired because he wouldn't cheat," Reed said flatly. "So they hire Mike White. He comes in and wins but also makes a shambles of the respectability of college football."

"He won, but let me ask you who really won. Place your son in that environment. Who would you rather your son play for? I have no pretensions about my longevity, but I know what's right, and we'll do it."

And you can bet your Wolfpack seat cushions on that. When Reed enhances his statement with that short, staccato inflection, he is indeed earnest in his feelings. He speaks in brief, conclusive phrases, with just enough emotion to stir up memories of the late Vince Lombardi.

In a room full of people, the man

likely could persuade the entire group to strap on shoulder pads and head for the practice field. One on one, he could convince you to lead the way.

That's just the type of person Tom Reed is. Motivation and commitment are his forte. The man is simply intense, pacing the sidelines just before kickoff, chastizing his team during a practice session or lecturing the press at a Wednesday afternoon luncheon.

Because of this, State's second-year head coach has been called everything from a general to a preacher, a taskmaster to a party pooper. But Reed's message is simple and well advised: an education should be an athlete's first priority.

"All I'm asking my players to do is to go to class, do their work and help insure their quality of life for the future," Reed said. "In this day and age, if you leave college without a degree, you're insane. So I'm stressing that to the nth degree."

Reed cites the incorporation of a daily practice-ending drill as one of the keys to success and failure. When the session is over, the team takes turns running a series of "suicide" sprints and grass drills. If someone doesn't touch each yard line in the sprints or jump up in the drills, the entire team repeats the workout.

"You may save six inches, but you give up a mile," Reed said. "If it's the fourth quarter and it's a third and eight situation and you don't go that extra little bit, you lose. That's what it's all about, and good teams have it."

Now, Reed wants his team to

have it. He has set specific standards and he expects his players to live up to them at all times. He refuses to settle "for anything less. And that's where the factor of individual pride enters Reed's picture of self-esteem."

Pride, Reed contends, is an important part of each player's experience and can never be taken away.

"You play football and it's a tremendous experience," Reed said. "It's something that you just can't gain in any other environment. You develop sources of pride that will stay with you for a lifetime."

"Everything else will wear out. Money will wear out, clothes will wear out. But the sources of pride you have in football will stay with you forever. That's why I work so hard to make them good."

With the season-opener against Ohio University rapidly approaching, Reed's intensity level is bound to be skyrocketing. It won't be long before we all see the leader of the Pack — serious and wound tight as a drum — stalking on the Carter-Finley sidelines. Or will we?

"The frown, the hollering, the screaming. You may not see as much of those things this year," Reed said. "There was sort of a friction — a tension last year. But it was only normal. There will always be a transition."

"But I haven't lost my intensity. If you don't believe me, just ask the players."

For some reason, I don't think that'll be necessary.

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O F F E N S E

Big tackles stand out on offensive line

Deron Johnson
Sports Writer

Just who are these masked men who part the seas of defensive demons for the likes of Joe McIntosh and protect their gallant leader?



These scarlet knights in nylon mesh armor are the loyal guardians of those gallant fellows who tote the leather treasure in the weekly tournament.

The knights are not any medieval order of nobledom, but the offensive linemen of the Wolfpack, directed by offensive coordinator Tom Landsittel and line coach Jim Bollman.

Landsittel is confident about his starting contingent, but admits that injuries could cause some major problems due to a lack of experienced depth.

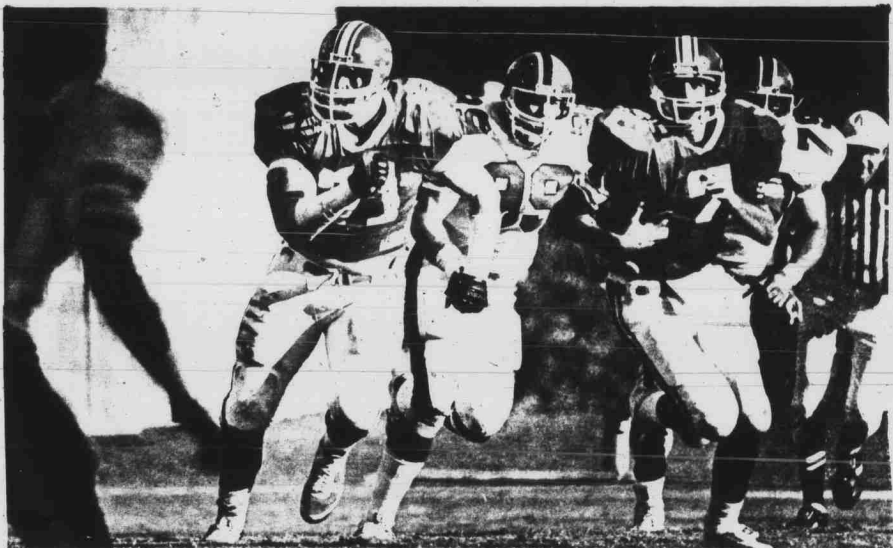
"As far as the first five go, we are confident," Landsittel said. "But behind the starters we have very few players who have seen playing time."

The one position that Landsittel has to be the most confident in is tackle, where the Pack returns two mainstays in A.V. Richards and Joe Milinichik.

Anchoring one tackle position is the 6-4, 270-pound Richards. Richards is a senior who has seen playing time at four different positions since coming to State, including tight end, defensive tackle and offensive guard.

Landsittel points out that Richards has gained 50 pounds and greatly improved his overall skills since his freshman year.

"Richards has the speed and aggressiveness that has pro scouts



Milinichik will pave the way for the Pack's backfield this season in his quest for all-ACC accolades.

PHOTO BY ROBERT WOODHEAD

looking at him," Landsittel said.

Milinichik, another big man at 6-5, 285 pounds, holds down the other tackle position. Milinichik is a senior from Macungie, Pa. Landsittel said the key to Milinichik's success was his improved speed and strength, as well as a steady weight gain.

The running backs love to follow in Milinichik's footsteps on the field. Last season, 14 of the Wolfpack's 17 rushing touchdowns were scored over Milinichik's side of the line.

Both Richards and Milinichik are potential all-ACC candidates, if not All-America.

In reserve the Pack has four capable, but untested tackles

waiting to step in should something happen to the two starters.

Joey Page, a 6-2, 256-pounder, is a sophomore, but has seen little playing time because of an injury sustained in a car accident.

Landsittel said that although Page is inexperienced, he is more than capable of stepping in and playing well.

Backing up Milinichik is 6-3, 273-pound Bill Leach, a transfer from the University of Kentucky.

Leach has seen action at neither school, but Landsittel believes that he is a good prospect at tackle.

The final two tackles on the roster are sophomore Doug Hinson, a 6-3, 242-pounder and

newcomer Chris Nichols at 6-9 and 273 pounds.

Guard and center coach Bollman is concerned over his guard situation, because he has only one experienced player returning.

The only returning letterman at guard is senior Larry Burnette, who comes back bigger and stronger than last year at 6-3 and 256 pounds.

Burnette suffered a knee injury during spring drills, but has made a full recovery.

"Larry came around a little slower than we would have liked, but has come back this fall at full strength," said Bollman.

Joining Burnette at the other

guard is junior Johnny Smith, a 6-6, 245-pounder who has seen action on the offensive line.

Serving as the backup center behind Burnette is 6-6, 245-pound sophomore Leroy Schultz, while 6-3, 245-pound John Kinne, also a second-year player, is in reserve behind Smith.

Bollman will have a seasoned veteran back at center in 6-2, 219-pound Ron Kosor.

Although Kosor has been a backup the past three seasons, he has lettered twice. He spent last year alternating with Dean Shavlik and gained valuable experience.



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O F F E N S E



Esposito, receivers hope to connect with big-play offense this fall

Deron Johnson
Sports Writer

State quarterback Tim Esposito had a record-setting year in 1983, but he certainly did not accomplish his feats without a fine corps of receivers.



Esposito's most frequent target of a year ago returns in six-foot, 221-pound tight end Jeff Brown, as do two standouts at the wide out positions in Phil Brothers and Haywood Jeffries.

Brown, a senior, caught 41 passes for 354 yards in only his first full season at the position after being switched from running back in 1982.

Tight end coach Tom Landsittel believes Brown has become a better player since becoming a tight end and should contribute more to the team this season.

"Jeff was very much a factor last season, but his improvement this spring should make him stronger this fall," he said.

"We expect a very good year from him. He's a very, very good receiver.

Brown is the only proven player at the position because no other tight end on the roster has played a down for the Wolfpack.

Second on the preseason depth chart is 6-3, 220-pound sophomore Ralph Britt, who earned the back-up job during spring practice.

Landsittel said that the Britt is an intelligent and consistent player who gave Brown a lot of competition for the starting spot.

The rest of the tight end picture is relatively undecided, but Landsittel said that John Davis, a 6-1, 206-pound senior who switched from quarterback, and 6-3, 224-pound freshman Harry Lee Burrus will probably see time this season.

Another freshman on the tight end depth chart is 6-4, 207-pound Ty Edmondson of Goldsboro.

The wide-out positions also are manned by returning veterans, including senior flanker Phil Brothers and sophomore split end Haywood Jeffries.

The 5-11, 177-pound Brothers had 20 receptions last year and shows versatility in that he can play both the flanker position and split end.

"Brothers is a heady player who can make a big play on occasion," said quarterback and receiver coach Dana Bible. "We expect a lot out of him this year."

Like Brothers at flanker, Jeffries at split end has big-play capabilities because of his excellent speed.

Jeffries, who is 6-4, 200 pounds, caught 13 passes last year for a 15-yard average.

"Jeffries has improved in a lot of areas, especially in speed and physical build.

"He's every bit of 20 pounds heavier this year," said Bible.

Coming into the fall, second-year man Mack Jones was listed as the No. 2 flanker behind Brothers, but since has sustained a leg injury and will be out indefinitely.

Listed second is Chris Cook who, after switching from running back last season, overcame injuries and came on strong at the end of the year.

The 5-11, 183-pound sophomore used his 4.4 speed to help him snag 11 passes for a team-leading 17.5 yards per catch.

"Chris played a lot for us last year, and we expect to give him a lot of time this year.

"He's an excellent physical specimen (bench presses 360 pounds) who we have a lot of confidence in," Bible said.

Rounding out the flankers is rookie Nasrallah Worthen, a 5-9, 160-pound bolt of lightning out of Jacksonville, Fla.

Bible explained that with Worthen's attitude and 4.4 speed that "Nas is making it so we have to find a way to get him on the field. He will definitely have an impact on our team."

Junior Marlon Archer, converted from defensive back to split end, is listed behind Jeffries, but may be pushed by senior Ricky Wall, who sustained some injuries and academic problems last season and played in only four games. His eligibility for this season has not yet been determined.

Wall was the second leading receiver with 95 catches (14.8 ypg avg.), three touchdowns and a team-high 371 receiving yards.

Wall, at 5-10, 167-pounds, will be expected to contribute greatly to the team, according to Bible.

"He's been there before. He's a seasoned player and we expect a lot out of him," said Bible.

The Wolfpack has three players in supporting roles at split end, including sophomore Darryl Bannister of Winston-Salem, freshman Kevin Reid of Goldsboro and Victor Broughton of Fuquay-Varina.

In reserve at flanker is Alex Filiss, a 6-2, 167-pound freshman from Madison.

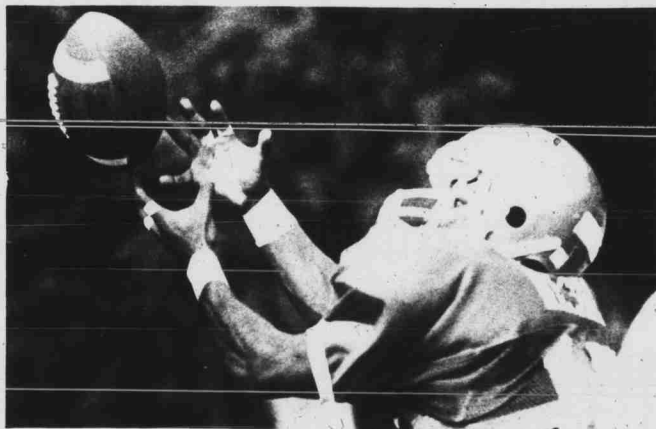
Bible does not foresee any one receiver being the main target in 1984.

"We look at our receivers as a corps, we go at the opponent as a group," he said. "Within the structure of the offense each one of them highlights their own characteristics and strengths.

"But, we are all working towards a common goal."

Staff Photo by Marshall Norton

Sophomore split end Haywood Jeffries will be reaching even higher in '84 after enjoying a fine rookie campaign. The 5-4, 200-pounder caught 13 passes a year ago for a 15 yard average, including six receptions for a game-high 96 yards against North Carolina.



Worthen's outstanding preseason showing gives the Pack a promising outlook at the flanker position.

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O F F E N S E

Esposito brings arm, experience back to quarterback position

Deron Johnson
Sports writer

A year ago, State's coaching staff knew that the man who won the starting quarterback job would go into the opening game without having ever throwing a pass for a Division I school.

The player who won the starting position was junior Tim Esposito, a transfer player from Long Beach Junior College in California.

This season, however, the Pack staff is confident about the position, where Esposito returns after setting six school records and moving into fourth place on the completion list, sixth in yardage and 14th in total offense.

The record-setting Californian accomplished in a year more than what many players for State had done in four.



Among the seasonal records that Esposito broke were total offense (2,034 yards), passing yardage (2,096 yards), passing attempts (323), completions (190) and attempts (48) and completions (31) in a game.

But one negative school record stands out — 15 interceptions. Yet, head coach Tom Reed and quarterback coach Dana Bible feel that Esposito drastically will reduce this statistic while becoming an even better player this season.

"Tim Esposito is 100 percent physically and mentally better than he was a year ago at this time," said Reed.

Bible thought that Esposito had improved in all areas of the game and would be expected to assert himself a lot more as a veteran.

"Esposito will benefit greatly from having been in our system a year, as really, all of our quarterbacks will. I think last year gave Esposito a lot of confidence. We expect a lot out of him this season."

While Esposito presents the Wolfpack with a seasoned veteran at the helm, the same cannot be said for the back-up situation.

Only two returning players other than Esposito have ever attempted a pass at State and they, unfortunately, are tailback Joe McIntosh and flanker Phil Brothers. Conse-

quently, the second string job should be up for grabs.

Senior Bob Guidice, a 6-1, 188-pound junior college transfer, is the only returning reserve QB on the roster. Guidice saw no action in 1983 because of an injury in spring practice that slowed him down for the remainder of the season.

Bible believes that Guidice is a good quarterback and will adequately back up Esposito if needed.

"Bob Guidice is our number two quarterback," he said. "He's had a good, good camp. He came back from last year ready to play and contribute."



With a year of valuable experience under his belt, Esposito is ready to close out his State career in style. Staff photo by Bob Thomas

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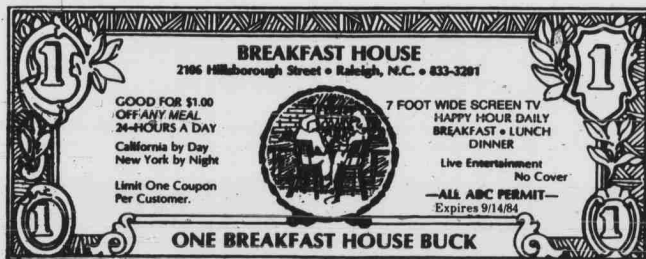
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SPECIALTY

Vets Cofer, Hollodick lead Pack kicking corps

Deron Johnson
Sports Writer

State will have the luxury of returning veterans at both the kicker and punter positions this season, with a couple of new players probably getting a chance to demonstrate their abilities.

Returning at placekicker and kick-off man for his third year is 6-1, 195-pound Mike Cofer who, de-



spite having tendonitis in his leg last season, led State in scoring for the second consecutive year.

The junior from Charlotte hit 21 of 24 extra-point attempts and 11 of 14 field goals for 54 points. Among Cofer's field goals were long distance shots of 42 yards against Clemson and 41 yards against South Carolina and Appalachian State.

Cofer's longest kicks came in 1982 when, as a freshman, he hit three 47 yards and had a team-high of



Technician file photo

Marty Martinussen will have to re-earn the starting punting position that he lost to freshman Craig Salmon in the preseason.

42 points. In Cofer's two years at State, he has already moved up to 12th place on the Pack's alltime scoring list.

Head coach Tom Reed voiced his confidence in his starting placekicker: "He's a competitor and works very hard, and he keeps his head no matter what he's doing."

Another luxury that the Pack can look forward to in the kicking game is the fact that it has a second player who saw action last year in junior Kelly Hollodick.

Hollodick, a 5-9, 167-pounder from Cary High, came in for Cofer when Cofer's tendonitis flared up against The Citadel last year. Hollodick responded tremendously

in a pressure situation by coming in and kicking a 30-yard field goal with eight seconds left in the half and nailing three of three extra points in the second half.

"(The field goal) was a great kick," said Reed. "That put us up three touchdowns-plus at half and gave us momentum."

"Hollodick had the ability, and

now he has the confidence to back it up.

Hollodick, a walk-on in 1983, has earned a full scholarship and has Reed believing he can make a strong contribution to the team.

"Kelly has really been pushing for the starting job and that makes both of them (Hollodick and Cofer) better players," he said.

Hollodick's pre-season efforts have especially pleased Reed.

"Kelly has been really booming kicks in practice," he said. "Yesterday, he hit a 52 yarder in practice with room to spare, so certainly he has the distance."

Hollodick is backed by freshman split end Victor Broughton, but the first-year player probably will be used at kicker only in emergencies, according to Reed.

At punter, a two-year letter winner and starter Marty Martinussen returns, but he has lost his starting job to first-year player Craig Salmon, a sophomore.

Salmon, a 6-4, 190-pound Sanderson High graduate, walked on and won the job this fall with his high-booming kicks.

Reed said that in practice Salmon has punted 70 yards with a five-second hang time.

"On a good kickoff you expect the ball to sail 65 yards with a

(see "Salmon," page 18)

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'Attraction' paying off for Esposito, State

Scott Keepler
Sports Editor

Tim Esposito, clad in a white Santa Monica Track Club T-shirt, red running shorts and a pair of flip-flops, was "having difficulty explaining why he left the sun n' fun of southern California for the slower-paced tempo of State's west Raleigh campus some two years ago."

"I really can't tell you why," Esposito told the circle of reporters during a Media Day interview session two weeks ago. "It certainly wasn't the great trip I had here. When I got here, it was finals week and it was raining. There wasn't really much of anything happening, but something about this place pulled me back. I don't know the reasons why. There was just an attraction."

Whatever that attraction was has paid off handsomely for the Wolfpack football program. In but a single season of calling the signals, the 23-year-old quarterback has already updated the Wolfpack record books in six passing categories. And before the 6-1, 195-pounder removes his cleats for the last time, many other Pack standards are bound to be his.

But despite his season full of personal accomplishments and the record-breaking campaign which inevitably awaits, Esposito isn't satisfied—at least not yet.

"All the personal records didn't mean that much considering our 3-8 season," Esposito said. "I would gladly give them all back for a better year. Football is not about records; it's about winning."

And winning is one thing Esposito hopes to do a lot more of this fall.

"That 3-8 record is in the back of my mind and is really pushing me hard," Esposito said. "I think I'm improved mentally and physically and am much more ahead now than at this point last year. And I think everybody feels the same way."

"We know what's expected of us and we've evolved and adapted our performances toward that. You have to be a believer before you can do anything."

Esposito spent half his summer back home in San Pedro, enjoying the lifestyle he left behind, but keeping his throwing arm well-tuned. In mid-July Esposito returned to Raleigh for the second session of summer school, continuing to pursue his Pre-Med degree.

Facing such a demanding curriculum, Esposito has had to maintain a strong personal commitment to his professional goal. Head coach Tom Reed, a devout advocate of success in the classroom, has helped provide Esposito with the incentive necessary to achieve his longtime aspiration.

A slight back injury several years ago forced Esposito to see a chiropractor. And it was the help he received from the specialist which spurred his interest in the field.

"I'd like to be a chiropractor," Esposito said. "It's something I've



Staff photo by Roger Westhead

Esposito hopes to help the Pack find some elbow room in the ACC's upper division during his final campaign.

wanted to do for a long time now, and I'm pretty set in my ways. I really want to get it done."

"It's pretty tough, but I'm keeping my head above water. And as long as I can continue to do that and play football, I'll be happy."

For now, however, the ailments of others can wait. Esposito has a

few problems of his own which need attention first. In particular, he hopes to cure some of the errant-pass blues which plagued him throughout the '83 season and established the one Wolfpack seasonal record that he would rather forget.

"No doubt about it, 15 intercep-

tions is just not a good quarterback," Esposito said. "That indicates a lack of sound decision-making on my part. I plan to lower that figure this year."

Reed also expects a more precise and discriminating leader to line up behind his offensive line this season.

"I think Tim can correct the mistakes," Reed said. "His strength is his mental ability. And his field presence is great. He just has a natural ability to communicate on the field. I've seen Tim make some huge strides, and now I'd like to think that he's going to take his abilities and continue to grow and develop."

Esposito's early development took place at Long Beach City Junior College in San Pedro where in two seasons he completed 229 of 440 attempts for 3,177 yards and 23 touchdowns. The two-time all-conference selection decided to make the jump to Division I ball in 1982, but found the transition a bit trying at first.

Esposito was red-shirted that fall, but came back to win the starting job in the spring of '83. Esposito has been at the controls ever since, steadily gaining confidence and an overall understanding of the Pack's offense.

"Our expectations are high for Tim this year," quarterback coach Dana Bible said. "He's a seasoned player now, and he's really settled into the offense. Tim knows more than ever about our offense, and there is a certain security that comes with that knowledge."

Overall, he is improved in all aspects."

The Wolfpack's first-ever 2,000-yard passer has won a number of fans in his career, but none are as faithful as Esposito's father, Joe Joe Esposito, a former college football player at Loyola, now runs a successful macaroni manufacturing business in Los Angeles. But the elder Esposito will take his son's pinpoint passing over his pasta production whenever possible.

"He comes to every game," Esposito said. "He was at all 11 last season and he even came to eight the year before that, and I wasn't even playing. He's got his tickets and reservations for this season, right now. He's definitely my biggest fan and I love him to death."

And you can bet that Tim Esposito will be doing everything possible to help make his father's weekly trips eastward memorable ones.

"I think we're going to do a lot better than most people think," Esposito said. "Our entire offense is bigger, stronger and more knowledgeable. And coming back knowing I'm the starter has given me a real positive attitude. I'm coming back with a lot of experience under my belt. And there's no way to replace experience—especially in the ACC. We have convinced ourselves that this year is going to be different."

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F E A T U R E

Towering Tackles . . .

... at 6-5, 295 pounds, Joe Milinichik is much bigger — and stronger — than he's ever been.

Scott Keepler
Sports Editor

Joe Milinichik represents the epitome of an offensive lineman.

It would be difficult to construct a football player of Milinichik's stature — unless, perhaps, you had access to a mold for the Incredible Hulk. But since football coaches aren't afforded such luxuries, Wolfpack mentor Tom Reed will have to settle for the 6-5, 295-pound Milinichik.

Milinichik, who is entering his third season as a starter for the Wolfpack, has the size, quickness, strength and attitude which makes professional scouts drool. He is also the type of blocker that makes the tailback who darts through his cleared path look spectacular and the quarterback who receives his pass-blocking protection quite thankful. But for the most part, his is a position of little thanks.

Most fans seldom notice the crunching block which paved the way for a touchdown or the persistent battling which enabled the quarterback to complete an important pass. It requires a special kind of individual to be an offensive lineman. And Joe Milinichik is one of those people.

"I guess you have to be sort of humble," Milinichik said. "And you have to be aggressive, yet must be able to control your emotions. An offensive lineman just has to be more composed than a defensive lineman. It's difficult to do sometimes, but it has to come natural."

"When I first started years ago, I was a little too emotional. Now I'm not exactly more relaxed, just more composed. I know what I have to do and I stick to doing it."

And Milinichik does what he does better than anyone. Having followed a rigorous weight training and conditioning program for years, the Pack's imposing tackle has reached a level of physical ability that is difficult to fathom.

Not only has Milinichik added 90 muscular pounds to his already-colossal frame, but the diligent worker recently upped his vertical jump by eight and a half inches. He has also improved his speed in the 40-yard dash and was bench pressing 500 pounds when fall practice began several weeks ago. Recently, the 21-year-old senior benched pressed 300 pounds 29 times.

"We set standards for fitness that are as intense and complex as any football organization in the world," Reed said. "And Joe Milinichik just threw them right off the board. He ran and jumped as well as some of our backs. He has great, great potential. Joe is just an outstanding football player."

Milinichik's beginnings in weight training go back to his sophomore year at Emmaus (Pa.) High School. Then just a "skinny" 180-pounder, Milinichik began training in earnest in the weight room. By the end of his senior season, Milinichik was a hefty 255-pounder and was being recruited by Penn State, West Virginia, Boston College and others.

State coaches, however, managed to lure Milinichik

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... A.V. Richards loves to knock helmets off defensive backs. And he's not bad on a piano, either.

Scott Keepler
Sports Editor

To escape from the day-to-day intensity of football practice, A.V. Richards often slips away to an isolated music room. And instead of digging his hands into the pads of an on-rushing defensive lineman, the Wolfpack's senior offensive tackle lets his fingers dance across a piano keyboard.

"I like to get away from everything once in a while and go play piano," Richards said. "It really helps clear my mind."

But, at 6-3, 270 pounds, Richards does most of his playing on the football field. A three-time letterwinner, Richards — along with offensive line partner Joe Milinichik — will be providing coach Tom Reed's Wolfpack with one of the best tackle tandems in the country this fall.

In recent seasons, State's offensive line has been little more than adequate. But now, with the biggest and strongest collection of blockers since State's ACC championship team of 1979, the Wolfpack running backs may be gliding through more open holes than ever before. And for an offensive lineman, the success of the team's backs is one of their main sources of gratification.

"The offensive line is like the front line of war," Richards said. "You don't really get a whole lot of publicity. Our glory is seeing a running back get 100 yards."

But Richards also derives enjoyment in other ways.

"My biggest thrill," Richards grins, "comes from dominating an opposing lineman or running downfield and catching a defensive back off guard and knocking his helmet off."

Richards, who came to the Wolfpack three years ago as a 230-pound all-state tight end out of Vance Senior High in Henderson, has had the opportunity to play on both sides of the ball. After seeing only minimal action at tight end in his freshman season, Richards was moved to the other side of the line to play defensive tackle. Just when he had adjusted to attacking instead blocking, he was switched back to offense.

Richards has progressed well at his new position and is now a legitimate, all-ACC prospect. And as Reed describes, Richard's size is misleading.

"A.V. is not very big by offensive lineman standards," Reed said. "But if you stand next to A.V., you feel small. He's very nifty. He can do a lot of things well."

Richards, meanwhile, is anticipating a tremendous group effort from his partners on the front line this year.

"We're all very positive," Richards said. "We may not be the biggest or strongest line, but we're very confident that we can get the job done. We feel as though we can be one of the most dominant lines around."

Richards also credits Milinichik with providing added incentive for the other linemen by setting a good example.

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FEATURE

Pack's tackle is all-ACC caliber

Phillips finds defensive niche

Todd McGee
Sports Writer

Last fall when he measured 6-3, 295 pounds, Raymond Phillips seemed made to be an outside linebacker. His weight and build were perfect for a position that requires tremendous strength and quickness.

Though he was only a sophomore, State coaches felt Phillips was ready to start. But Phillips had a few more big obstacles to overcome, namely Darryl Harris, Mark Franklin, Frank Bush, Andy Hendel and Vaughan Johnson.

With this quintet of experienced players in front of him, the chances for Phillips to play, let alone start, seemed slim. But Wolfpack coaches found a home for the eager player about two yards farther up the defense — in the line. The State brain trust decided to try Phillips at a tackle position in their 3-4 front.

"I kind of wanted to stay at outside linebacker," Phillips says now. "But they had some problems with the defensive line, some people got hurt, and they just wanted to get the best people on the field."

"I was happy to get out there and play. I just wanted to show what I could do." It didn't take long for Phillips to prove the Wolfpack coaches brilliant. Though he routinely went up against offensive linemen that outweighed him by 40 pounds or more, Phillips accounted for 59 tackles, sixth on the team, and caused a team-high four fumbles.

This year, Phillips has reaped some benefits from last year's

performance. He has been named to several all-ACC teams, including Technician's squad. With this added publicity, pressure — in the form of living up to these lofty expectations — could become a problem for the Huntersville native.

"I put my own pressure on myself to make it come true at the end of the year," Phillips says. "I want to be all-ACC, and I want to be a big-time football player."

Though he eventually hopes to play football professionally, Phillips is by no means a one-dimensional person. The criminal justice major enjoys going to movies, listening to music or playing basketball at the gym. School is also high on his priority list.

but the Wolfpack home opener against Ohio Saturday is not. Phillips added 20 pounds to his frame during the off-season, which has brightened his outlook for the upcoming schedule.

"I feel better at the weight (243) I am now," he said. "I'm bigger, stronger, and I think that's a mental advantage."

Defensive line coach Jack Glowik agreed.

"Raymond has increased in weight and strength and retained his quickness and agility," he said.

Phillips is also excited about the team's prospects this year as well.

"Our team goal is to win the ACC championship and to win a bowl game," he says. "I really think we

"Sacking the quarterback. That's a lineman's dream. I always wanted to score a touchdown, too."

— Raymond Phillips



Raymond Phillips

"I want my degree. I'm at the perfect position to get my degree in four years," he said.

As for his career interests, Phillips is still undecided.

"I wanted to be a lawyer in high school, and I took a few law courses in school," he said. "Someday, I may want to go to law school, but that will be in the future."

A law career may seem a long way away for Phillips right now,

have a chance this year."

Like most defensive players, Phillips is used to being overlooked when it comes to publicity and recognition.

"I've always wanted to be in the spotlight," he said. "But I figure if I do enough on the field, somebody will recognize me."

The best way for a defensive lineman to be recognized, by the fans anyway, is to tackle the quarterback.

"Sacking the quarterback. That's a lineman's dream," he said. "I always wanted to score a touchdown, too."

Linemen can also be noticed in other ways on the field. Instances that are hopefully forgotten by the next play.

"To just get blown off the ball, to be laying on your back with someone on top of you is embar-

assing," Phillips said. Though the fans may not necessarily notice it, the players on the field certainly do.

"We talk about what happens," Phillips conceded. "If somebody gets wiped out, we might laugh at them, though it's not really funny."

The odds are that no one will be laughing at Phillips this year though.

Richards operates with class

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extra to be an offensive lineman. Unlike the defensive tackles they face each Saturday, Richards and his counterparts must abide by strict pass-blocking rules. Meanwhile, the defenders are able to grab, pull, push and shove — anything to reach the quarterback. It's more than enough to try the

patience of an offensive lineman.

"You've got to be a strong person with a strong will and a strong mind," Richards explained. "You must also be able to face the fact that you're going to be involved in hard, physical contact on every single play. And sometimes you've got to be able to prove your point to the defensive linemen."

"Defensive people enjoy a lot more freedom than we do. We can't swing, hold or pull. It's like we're in a restaurant wearing tuxedos. So you get a big thrill when you get the chance to knock an opponent flat on his back. You just have to do it with class."

Richards is incredibly quick and agile for his size. In high school, Richards was an outstanding basketball player as well. The burly forward with a soft-as-silk jump shot was named all-east, all-conference and conference player-of-the-year.

"I still try to play basketball whenever I can," Richards said. "It really helps me with my agility and lateral movement on pass blocking."

Richards' aggressiveness and agility have also begun attracting the pro scouts. And if given the opportunity, Richards thinks he is capable of joining the professional ranks.

"I feel strongly about it, and I think this season will help me a lot," Richards said. "I think I would have a good chance. I feel like I'm a good enough athlete to play pro ball."

Milinchik found success in weight room

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from the eastern powers and the certain pro prospect has been an important part of the Pack's offensive front ever since.

"The weight room is where I found my initial success," Milinchik said. "I just started lifting all the time and soon I was bigger, stronger and quicker. Working in the weight room is one of the most important things you have to do to become a good football player."

Milinchik, who quickly dons a Pittsburgh Steelers cap when he pulls off his helmet with the big white "S," appears destined for the ranks of professional football. But thoughts of a pro career are in the very back of Joe Milinchik's mind right now.

"I'm not concerning myself with that right now," Milinchik said. "I'm just concentrating on N.C. State and winning the ACC."

Lord willing, I'll get into pro ball someday. But that's too far ahead to be thinking about."

How they line up



Joe Milinchik
6-5, 295 lbs

Three-time letterman
From
Macungie, Penn.



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O F F E N S E

McIntosh heads list of talented runners

Deron Johnson
Sports writer

The Wolfpack will open the '84 grid season with many questions as to how well its team will do, but there is no guessing about the quality of State's running back position.

With all the entire corps returning, including the nation's leading returning rusher (3,051 career rushing yards) and Heisman Trophy candidate Joe McIntosh, the Wolfpack may have the most powerful running attack in the ACC.



State will again utilize its seemingly endless stable of talented former prep all-America running backs including, in addition to

McIntosh, Vince Evans, Joe Greene, Mike Miller, Rickey Isom and a host of good young backs.

McIntosh, a 5-11, 197-pound senior, returns after rushing for 1,081 yards last year and is picked as a preseason all-America player.

The first-team all-ACC runner has beefed up almost 15 pounds from last season and has improved his overall game through weight training, according to position coach Johnny Rodgers.

"Joe is trying to become a complete back," he said. "He's working hard with the weights,

trying to increase his size and speed. Joe realizes he needs to be in the best shape he can be to compete at his position. He has been an unselfish player since coming to State. All players have their individual goals, but Joe puts the team before himself."

McIntosh has done almost everything since coming to State, including passing and receiving the ball. Last year he was the team's third leading receiver with 21 receptions.

Backing up McIntosh is Evans, a 5-11, 208-pound senior who still has a year of eligibility remaining after being redshirted his freshman year.

Evans is back at halfback for the first time since his freshman season when he was switched to fullback to get both he and McIntosh in the game at the same time.

Rodgers explained that Evans was moved back to tailback to "best utilize his talents and to benefit the team. I feel he could undoubtedly start for any team in the conference."

Evans has been hampered by injuries throughout his career at State and had the same problem last season, but managed to gain 157 yards on the ground and score three touchdowns.

"Vince has been kept down by injury, but he had a great spring and really got better as a halfback," Rodgers said.

Pushing both McIntosh and Evans for playing time will be Chowan Junior College transfer Joe Greene.

In limited action last season Greene was the Pack's second leading rusher with 268 yards for a 6.0 yard per-carry average and four touchdowns. He also averaged 24.4 yards on kick-off returns.

"Green is a good back who needs just a little more experience. He's learning more everyday on the practice field and that's a plus for us," said Rodgers.

Greene showed that he has break-away potential in running for a 45-yard touchdown against Wake Forest, a 30-yard touchdown run against South Carolina and a 25-yard scoring scamper against Appalachian State.

The coaches feel Greene has improved since last year and with his break-away speed, should become an outstanding back.

With Evans vacating the fullback spot, time will be split among Rickey Isom and converted halfback Mike Miller.

Rodgers explained that is not a designated starter at fullback, but that both players would probably receive equal time.

Isom, a 6-0, 215-pound senior, rushed for 150 yards and caught 17 passes for a good 9.1 average in '83.

Miller, a 6-1 junior, has accounted for 666 yards in his two years. He was the team's third-leading rusher last year with 216 yards at halfback.

Miller was moved to fullback because he bulked up to 218 pounds. At that weight the coaches felt he could be better utilized at the fullback position.

The Wolfpack has six more backs on the depth chart and Rodgers feels that by the end of the year they may have all made a contribution to the team.

According to Rodgers, Larry Dodd, red-shirted as a freshman, should get playing time at fullback.

"He's going to have to come around and play some football for us," he said. "In certain situations he might be in the game ahead of the starters."

Another player to keep an eye on at the fullback position is Bobby Bowens, a 6-1, 245-pound freshman from Asheville.

"If Bowens gets the experience and meanness he needs, at 245 he could be a force to be reckoned with in the ACC," said Rodgers.

Returning in reserve at fullback is 6-0, 193-pound Greg Williams, who is "as explosive as any back we have," said Rodgers.

"He can really make things happen but has been hampered by a sore knee this spring."

Last year Williams had 84 yards on 19 carries for a 4.4 yard average.

Mal Crite, a newcomer out of Brevard, might be the Pack's best young running back.

"Crite is very strong at 6-1 and 225 pounds and is very determined," Rodgers said. "We expect very big things from him."

Rounding out the roster at tailback is Fayetteville native Steve Salley, a 6-0, 203-pound freshman.

Salley led Douglas Byrd High School to the finals of the 4-A finals last year as he rushed for over 1,800 yards.

"We are as pleased with Salley as we are with the rest of our freshmen," Rodgers said. "This is one of the best classes we've had in a while."

"I may be wrong, but in six weeks I believe our freshmen may have played for us."

On a whole, Rodgers looked at the running game based not on the first string, but the second and third.

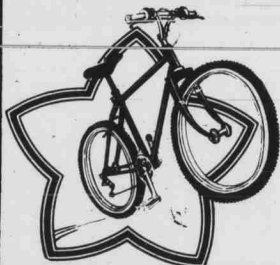


Senior Rickey Isom will split time at fullback with Mike Miller.

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FEATURE

BIG MAC ATTACK

All-America candidate Joe McIntosh set to shake, fake 'n bake in '84

Scott Keefer
Sports Editor

The circle of reporters began tossing questions. And there in the middle of it all — looking quite content — was Joe McIntosh.

"Describe yourself, Joe," one interviewer said.

McIntosh thought for only a second before flashing his now-famous Eddie Murphy grin.

Hard to capture, said the Pack's senior tailback.

This response was just one of several McIntosh antics which kept the group relaxed and laughing during media day interviews two weeks ago. And McIntosh, although the center of attention, appeared just as calm and confident as those asking the questions.

With the final games of his college career rapidly approaching, the two-time all-ACC performer

seems to be exhibiting a relaxed, yet confident approach toward the upcoming season. He is laughing, joking — and flashing that Eddie Murphy smile more than ever. And his subtle style of humor runs on and on.

"You know it," McIntosh grins when asked if he is indeed the top returning rusher in the nation. (Reporters chuckle.)

Johnny Rodgers used to be a drill sergeant, McIntosh says about the Wolfpack's running back coach. "It's like having two Reeds out there." (Reporters guffaw.)

McIntosh is a genuine comedian. But when Saturday afternoon rolls around and thousands of fans file into State's Carter-Finley Stadium, the nation's top returning rusher puts his jokes on the back burner for a few hours.

The Pack's pre-season all-America enters the '84 season

having amassed 3,051 career yards, second in the State record books only to Ted Brown's 4,609 yard total. A 1,551 yard effort this year (an average of 141.1 yds per game) would move McIntosh past Brown and into the Pack's No. 1 all-time slot. But McIntosh is more concerned with the team's effort than his own.

"The important thing is for us to have a good season as a team and go to a bowl game," McIntosh said.

None of us seniors have been to a bowl, and that's something we'd very much like. If we win enough games, everything else will fall into place, including any individual records."

McIntosh's career, which includes 100-yard efforts in 18 of the 31 games in which he's played, began with an auspicious start almost four seasons ago.

When the 18-year-old McIntosh arrived on State's campus in the fall of 1981, he toted a duffle bag full of accomplishments and accolades. A record-breaking runner at Lexington High School, the 5-10, 177-pound McIntosh was coming off a senior prep campaign which earned him the Associated Press High School Player of the Year award.

Being so visible and highly touted, McIntosh was expected to produce — but not quite so quickly. The now-familiar No. 43 debuted with a 131-yard effort in the Pack's '81 season-opener against Richmond. But his follow-up a week later was, and still is, the biggest day of his career.

Against Wake Forest, the freshman sensation ripped off 290 yards on 25 carries and scored a pair of touchdowns. From there, 100-yard efforts came in flurries. The elusive tailback swept to the ACC rushing title with 1,190 yards and became only the second player in State history to be named ACC Rookie of the Year. Ted Brown, who won the award in 1975, was the first.

Since then, McIntosh has added seasons of 780 and 1,081 yards, respectively. And while the elusive tailback was running rampant, the Pack was posting a superb two-



season record of 7-15. Reed Rodgers, who has helped refine McIntosh's skills for the past four seasons, considers his leader in the backfield one of the easiest runners he has ever had to train.

"I don't think I can describe Joe's attitude," Rodgers said. "It is

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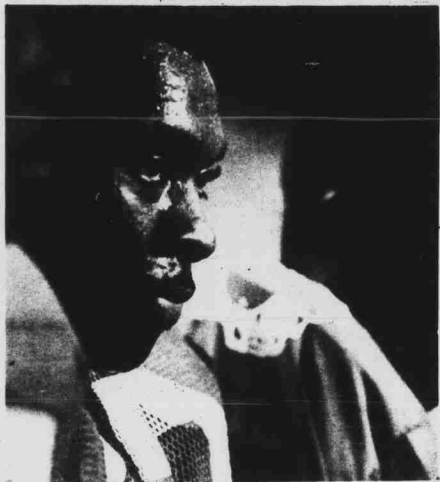


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McIntosh eyes his senior season, with hopes of helping turn State's program around.

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good seasons for the past couple of years. His yardage was well-earned. Joe has really made a believer out of me."

Like most of his teammates, McIntosh spent his summer lifting weights. Besides strengthening himself, McIntosh added 13 pounds to his frame. Beefed up to 197 pounds, the explosive runner is in the best condition of his career.

Running back coach Johnny Rodgers said, "Joe McIntosh's way, 1984 may be the year he gets plenty of what he wants."

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P R E V I E W

Wolfpack may enter '84 title chase

The 1984 title chase in the Atlantic Coast Conference should prove to be much more exciting than has been for the past few seasons.

With the exception of Clemson (who else? — the league appears to be surprisingly well-balanced. The top two teams of a year ago — Maryland and North Carolina — suffered substantial losses and must quickly replenish if they hope to maintain their upper-ACC stronghold.

Monrovia's greatest fans in Raleigh, Athens and Charlottesville are expecting their teams to improve and challenge for ACC honors. At the other end of the spectrum, Duke and Wake Forest seem destined to finish in the bottom two spots for yet another year.

But without further ado, let's get right to the exact standings. Jimmy the Greek may scoff at my abilities of prognostication, but it don't take no mental heavyweight to figure out that the creamed the crop in the ACC is still

Scott
Keeper

Sports Editor



Carolina, but expect a fine showing from the Wolfpack when the Tigs invade Carter-Finley Stadium on Oct. 27. Last season in Death Valley, State had a 17-9 lead over Ford and Co. late in the third period, but faltered in the fourth and dropped a 27-17 decision.

Virtually every pre-season poll lists the Tigers near the top, including a No. 2 ranking in *The Sporting News* and a No. 4 placement in *Street and Smith*. Post season action, however, will again be a no-no for the Tigers. That's why, in recent weeks, a number of Carolina players have been voicing a desire to not only beat opponents, but humiliate them with large victory margins.

Indeed, the Tigers may be the best in the ACC, but no victory margin will prevent the '84 title from going to

2. Maryland (5-0, 7-4) — Facing a schedule which includes the last three national champions (Clemson, Penn State and Miami) — all on the road, no less — coach Bobby Ross/Terrapins probably wish they had enough foresight to hire a schedule maker from the UNC athletic department.

They didn't, however, and now must face the consequences.

This is not to say that last season's ACC champs won't be impressive.

The Terps' always-tough offensive line will be opening holes for hard-nosed fullback Rick Badanjek. Maryland's second-leading rusher a year ago with 635 yards.

The biggest concern in College Park is how well senior quarterback Frank Reich can compensate for the loss of record-breaking signal-caller Boomer Eason. Reich, who led the Terps to a 13-6 win over Pitt when Eason was injured last season, will be directing most of his throws to wide receiver Greg Hill, who snared 27 averts for 570 yards and seven touchdowns in '83.

Defensively, Maryland's always tough wide tackle six alignment will be

backed up by a pair of hard-hitting linebackers, senior Eric Wilson and his junior back-up Bobby DePaul. Wilson, an '83 All-ACC pick, boasted a team-leading 178 tackles while DePaul was second with 104 stops a year ago.

Overall, the Terps probably won't be as potent as usual, but a third consecutive bowl bid is possible. Meanwhile, excitement should return to Carter-Finley Stadium, as the ACC runner-up could very well be.

3. State (4-2, 7-4) — In his second season as head coach, Tom Reed has the talent necessary to win, but is a bit uncomfortable with overall team depth. In other words, if the Pack can manage to stay healthy and play up to its potential, anything is possible.

The bulk of returning talent is found on offense, where explosive tailback Joe McIntosh will join record-setting Tim Esposito in the Pack's backfield. Esposito, who threw for a State record 2,096 yards last season, and McIntosh, who rushed for 1,081 more, will be complimented by one of the Pack's best offensive lines in years.

Reed's defense is the main concern, as several newcomers will be expected to develop quickly. Several upperclassmen should help with the transition, however, including three-time letterwinner Frank Bush at outside linebacker, junior Raymond Phillips at tackle and defensive backs Dwayne Greene and John McBrine.

The Wolfpack, besides enjoying seven home games, should benefit from a somewhat mediocre schedule. Starting the season with four consecutive home contests, it is imperative that the Pack get out of the blocks with a few big early wins. Post-season play is not out of the question, especially if Reed's troops can endure longtime nemesis.

4. North Carolina (4-2, 7-4) — The Tar Heels once again figure to be strong, despite the loss of several standouts from last year's Peach Bowl squad. But

with a scant 11 starters returning — including only four on defense — the Heels may have to struggle to continue their recent level of success.

Carolina's oft-criticized "soft" scheduling has indeed taken a turn for the better as the boys in blue will challenge Boston College on Sept. 29. That contest should serve as a good barometer of what to expect from Dick Crum's latest edition for the remainder of the season.

Pacing the Heels' offensive attack will be all-ACC pick Ethan Horton, while the defense will be led by all-America candidate Micah Moon at linebacker.

Knowing Crum, the Tar Heels will be in the ACC title hunt for yet another year and could possibly make a sixth straight bowl appearance. Another team who is harboring thoughts of a league title, but will most likely spend another holiday season only watching the bowls is...

5. Georgia Tech (3-2, 6-5) — Although bound to be much improved, I

question whether coach Bill Curry's Yellowjackets have progressed enough to contend with the likes of Alabama, Auburn, Tennessee and Georgia. Yes, Tech will challenge all four this fall, which really makes one wonder about Tech's true conference affiliation.

One aspect of Tech's schedule which should certainly benefit the Ramblin' Wreck, however, is the absence of Maryland on the '84 slate. With this in mind, the Techsters will undoubtedly have extra incentive to shoot for an ACC title.

And with tailback Robert Lavette (803 yards in '83) joining a whopping 49 returning lettermen, Curry's squad could very well make a serious move toward the top.

The State-Tech clash in Atlanta on Oct. 6 promises to be a great one and will probably decide who will be the more successful team in '84. Besides Tech, another team who has served notice it is quite capable of surprises is

6. Virginia (2-4, 6-5) — The Cavaliers were indeed the surprise team of a year

ago, winning their first four games, upending nationally-ranked North Carolina and finishing with a nifty 6-5 mark under second-year miracle worker George Welsh.

Unfortunately, I don't see the Cavs getting any better — at least not in terms of their won-loss record. What bothers me about Virginia is that — excepting the upset of Carolina — they didn't post a single win over a team which won more than three games last year. Further, perhaps due to a week-long celebration following the UNC game, Welsh's team was completely humiliated by Virginia Tech, 48-0 in last season's final game.

Overall, the 'Hoos are still a good season or two away for me to trust. But they're still heads and tails above.

7. Wake Forest (1-5, 4-7) — Despite possessing some outstanding individual talent and the easiest schedule in the conference, the Demon Deacons will have to scramble to avoid the cellar in '84.

Fortunately, games with Appalachian State, Richmond and William & Mary should enable Wake to at least equal last year's 4-7 mark. But if Deacon coach Al Groh hopes to excite fans this fall, he'll have to re-schedule an appearance by the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders — who, incidentally, performed quite well during halftime of last season's State-Wake clash.

After wallowing to a disappointing 3-8 mark a year ago, it looks like more of the same for...

8. Duke (1-5, 3-8) — Despite the acquisition of permanent lights for Duke's Wallace-Wade Stadium, Blue Devil fans will still be in the dark — or at least wish they were.

Even with NCAA record-holding quarterback Ben Bennett and all-ACC performers such as wide receiver Mark Millett, back Mike Grayson and center Philip Ebinger, coach Steve Sloan's squad was fortunate to win three games last season. Now, without this quartet of standouts, there's no telling how bad the Blue Devils could be.

Only time will tell.



1. Clemson (0-0, 10-1) — Once again, Coach Danny Ford's squad is not eligible for the conference championship. But for the third year in a row, the Tigers — as well as the rest of the ACC — will know who remains the 'Beast of the Southeast.'

The Tigers, who own a 30-0-2 mark (the nation's best) over the past three seasons, have not dropped a game to an ACC opponent since Maryland upended Ford's team on Nov. 15, 1980. And although the final slate will show Clemson's mark to be 0-0 in the ACC, the Tigers are a good bet to up their "unofficial" ACC win streak to 26 straight.

Although the Tigers lost half their starting defensive unit to graduation, it's hard to imagine a defense anchored by 6-3, 305-pound middle guard William Perry being anything less than formidable.

On offense, senior quarterback and all-America candidate Mike Eppley will return — along with eight other offensive starters — to lead a consistent Tiger offense which is effective either on the ground or through the air.

With a moderately tough schedule, Clemson's biggest problems may come from non-conference opponents Georgia, Virginia Tech and South

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Pack's defensive backs improved, but depth, experience lacking a problem

Todd McGee
Sports Writer

College football has experienced a noticeable shift in offensive direction recently. Gone are the "three yards and a cloud of dust" attacks of yesteryear.

Instead, teams today opt for the high-powered, wide open "pro" style offenses.

Nowhere has this change been more evident than in the ACC. Quarterbacks like Boomer Esiason, Gary Schofield and record-setting Ben Bennett led aerial displays that burned opposing secondaries for over 15,000 yards last season.

At times in the past few years, it has seemed like open season on defensive backfields in the ACC, but that could change this year. Only two conference schools return starting signal callers—Clemson, which relies predominantly on the run, and State.

That would mean secondaries around the league can breathe a little easier than in the past, right? Not so, according to State free safety Dwayne Greene.

"I think they'll pass just as much as they did last year, whenever there is an opportunity," said Greene, a senior.

Defensive backfield coach Tyrone Willingham concurred with Greene. "The guys coming up will have the ability to pass and move the ball along the same channels," he surmised. "I don't think they'll change much."

Greene would have it no other way.

"I really enjoy playing against people like that," he said. "It's a challenge, but I don't want to play a Ben Bennett or Boomer Esiason every game."



State's secondary could once again become a target for enemy aerial attacks. Only four players with experience return in the backfield for the Wolfpack, leaving it as somewhat of an unknown quantity.

Besides Greene, who calls the signals for the defensive backs,

probable starters will be juniors Nelson Jones and Jeff Byrd on the corners, and senior walk-on John McRorie at strong safety.

Willingham thinks depth and experience will be the biggest problems for his charges this year.

"Lack of depth is definitely a weakness," he said. "We're hoping to get good play out of our front liners, but we're expecting other people to have to come through, also."

Willingham mentioned Derrick Taylor, Jeff Getters and Michael Bowser as suppliers of backup support, but did not rule out the possibility of other players contributing.

Willingham also pointed out that "even our starter's experience is limited."

McRorie did not start a game until midway through last year, while Byrd sat out 1983 because of a leg injury. Greene and Jones have each started only one season.

Even with all these drawbacks, Willingham expects an improvement over last year's unit, which gave up an average of 196 yards a game through the air, including a 442-yard performance by Bennett.

"Overall, we're improved in the secondary," he said. "We have a better attitude this year, the desire



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Greene and his fellow backs hope not to buckle under the pressures of opposing aerial attacks.

to play and consistency."

Greene detects an improved attitude on the unit this year, also.

"Everybody has a good relationship with each other," he said. "This is the closest group I've ever been associated with. We all know what to expect of each other, and I think we are just a gutsy secondary."

Last year State opponents scored 11 touchdowns through the air, including four of 25 yards or more. Willingham hopes this year they can eliminate most of the big plays.

"We'd better. One of our main goals is to stop the big plays," he said, adding that the Wolfpack will employ a nickel-back defense in the appropriate situations.

Phillips, walk-ons assume top roles on defensive line

Todd McGee
Sports Writer



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Phillips should make a mean trenchman after moving from linebacker.

With six lettermen returning to fill the three down positions in State's 3-4 setup, the Pack line will be loaded with experience this season.

The problem with that, however, is that of the six players, three have lettered at positions other than the line.

Reserve tackles Scott Wilson and Brian Bullock lettered at tight end and outside linebacker, respectively, last year, while starting tackle Raymond Phillips was moved from outside linebacker to the line just before the beginning of last season.

Line coach Jack Glowik thinks the players can make the necessary adjustments.

"They're all responding pretty well (to the changes)," he said. "We've been fortunate not to have serious injuries so we've been able to develop the players here."

Besides a lack of experience, another area that could be considered a weakness for the Pack is size. None of the top six linemen weighs over 255 pounds, so Glowik thinks State will have to count on speed more than bulk.

"We'll have to rely on a lot of quickness," he said. "All of the kids did a pretty nice job in the weight room in the off-season."

The Wolfpack lost two starters, Todd Blackwell and Mitch Rushing, off of last year's three-man front as well as experienced reserves Barry Amattucci and Charles Flippin.

"Anytime you lose a bunch of players like that it hurts," Glowik says. "But we've got to look ahead."

The future for State may lie in an excellent recruiting class. Glowik believes several freshmen could offer immediate help this year.

"We have five freshmen coming in who are capable of contributing, but we will have to see how fast they come along," he said.

Two prospects are 6-5, 296-pound tackle Grady Harris and 6-4, 250-pound Kent Winstead.



The starting front for the Pack is expected to be Dillard Andrews at nose guard and Phillips and Mark Shaw at the tackles.

Andrews, who played at Broughton High in Raleigh, turned in a good spring to earn the starting job, according to Glowik, who termed him as "one of the pleasant surprises of the spring."

Shaw walked on to State's team three years ago, but tore a major ligament in his left knee shortly afterwards. After a year of rehabilitation, Shaw has earned a

scholarship and now a chance at starting. Glowik listed rushing the passer as one of Shaw's strengths, and size as a weakness.

Shaw's running mate at tackle, Phillips, is probably the best known of the linemen. He was sixth on the team in tackles last year with 59, including four quarterback sacks and five other tackles for losses. Phillips also caused a team-high four fumbles.

"He struggled a little early last year due to his size," Glowik said.

Phillips, a junior, only weighed 225 pounds a year ago, which is comparatively light for a lineman. This season, Phillips tips the scales at 240-plus pounds.

"Raymond has increased in weight and strength, and retained his quickness and agility," Glowik said.

With a lack of size and a lot of experience, Glowik would not rule out the possibility of some changes taking place during the season, in both personnel and alignments.

"We'll move around a little bit, as much as necessity dictates," he said.

Last season the defense tended to wear down a little bit late in the games, as nine of the 11 Wolfpack opponents scored in the fourth quarter. Reserves will play a key role in reversing that statistic this year.

Backups Bullock, Wilson and Sandy Kea, all sophomores, will have to give the starters frequent rests in order to end State's fourth-quarter woes.

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Franklin (No. 48), a junior linebacker, will join junior Pat Teague in the spots vacated by Vaughan Johnson and Andy Hendel.

Bush, Teague, Franklin return to key Pack's linebacking corps

Todd McGee
Sports Writer

Last year's strength appears to be this year's weakness for the State defense. The departure of starters Darryl Harris, all-ACC selection Andy Hendel and all-everything Vaughan Johnson have left a huge void in the linebacking position.

The graduated trio combined for 269 tackles, three interceptions and six quarterback sacks last season, numbers that can't easily be replaced.

Mark Franklin and Pat Teague, both juniors, have the unenviable task of trying to replace Johnson and Hendel. Linebacker coach Rich Rachel realizes this, and says he will try to alleviate some of the pressure by rotating players.

"It's tough to replace two guys who played every snap of every game," he said. "We're trying to get six inside linebackers and we want to be able to rotate them in there."

Franklin started at outside linebacker last season, but has been moved to the inside this season. Rachel foresees no problems due to the position change.

"Mark had a fine spring in the

move from outside to inside," Rachel said. "He has good work habits so he fell into the routine very easily."

Head coach Tom Reed believes Franklin was playing out of position last season.



"Mark Franklin was a fine player for us last year, but can you imagine a 5-9 outside linebacker? That was not a good position for him," Reed said. "At inside backer, he can move around. He may have to go against those 270 pound guards, but they have to catch him first."

Teague, a Raleigh Sanderson graduate, was one of the stars on State's special teams last year, and accumulated 30 tackles despite playing behind Johnson and Hendel.

Reed called Teague one of his "most improved players. From a 205-pound kid who was feeling his way around, he's (now) a confident, 226-pound linebacker."

Rachel is excited about Teague getting a chance to play on the first unit.

"He had a real good spring as a starter," Rachel said. "He made big plays and showed us that he is capable of doing the job."

Teague and Franklin will be backed up by senior Don Holder and sophomore Martin Fitzgerald. The twosome saw limited action last season, but will be counted on this year for backup.

Rachel said both will "see playing time this fall."

One of the outside positions will be manned by senior Frank Bush. Reed is expecting big things from Bush, a three-year letterman from Athens, Ga.

"Frank is to us exactly what Vaughan Johnson was one year ago today," Reed said. "Frank is I think, the best outside linebacker in the conference. He is physical, he is intense, he is quick and he has great practice habits. He is one fine football player."

Bush was in on 62 tackles last season, including a team-high eight quarterback sacks. He also intercepted one pass which he returned 37 yards for a touchdown against Wake Forest.

"Frank's a big play rusher who can ignite the emotion of the whole team," outside linebacker coach Jim Corrigan said.

Playing opposite Bush will be another senior, Benny Pegram. Pegram was one of the top reserves in 1983, making 14 tackles and recovering one fumble. Corrigan thinks Pegram and Bush will make a good pair.

"(Benny) complements Frank Bush very well," he said. "Benny has very good work habits on the field. He has gotten better by desire. He's added weight and strength and he plays the run and pass adequately."

A lack of proven backup at this position worries Reed. The top four reserves for the Pack will be freshmen Sterling Quash, Greg Harris, William Hairston and junior college transfer Don Herron.

"Again the depth aspect creeps into our situation," Reed said, pointing out that none of the top four has ever taken a snap for the Wolfpack.

"I feel we lack depth at outside linebacker," Corrigan agreed.

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Salmon earns edge in punting game

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four-second hang time," Reed said.

So you can just imagine that if that were a kickoff from the 40-yard line it would go 10 yards past the goal post. He's a good kicker and just needs to find his groove. He has a little problem with his drop."

Salmon is a "self-made player" according to Reed.

Reed said that frequently this summer Salmon was kicking and trying to perfect his technique.

Martinussen, at 6'1 and 183 pounds, will back up Salmon after a down year in 1983 in which his average dropped to 38.6 yards a punt from a 44.3 standard in high school. The junior also had problems with control and with kicking line drives.

"Marty can come in and do an adequate job, but right now Craig has the edge," said Reed.

Backing up Salmon and

Martinussen will be freshmen Scott Anderson of Greensboro and John Conner of Williamston.

In summing up the kicking game, Reed described the special breed that is a kicker.

"A kicker doesn't have a coach to watch them and help them," he said. "They have to coach themselves. Other positions have an advantage of having other people to compete and practice against."

"Kickers have to compete against themselves and so actually have to be more of a competitor than the average player."

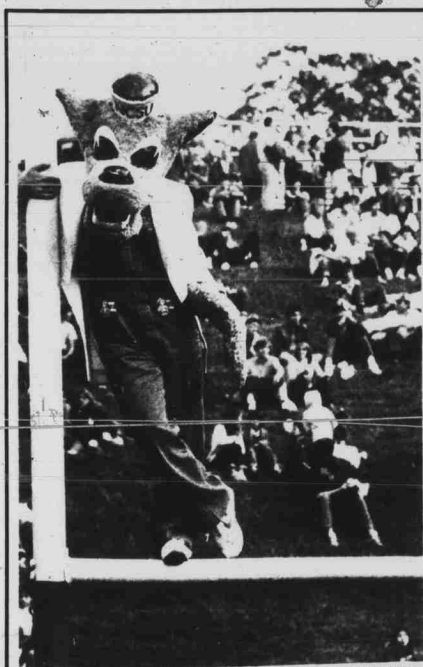
The Pack will begin the season with good players starting at both kicker and punter, in Colfer and Salmon, and experience at backup with Hollodick and Martinussen. With this foundation, it appears that the State kicking game will be in good hands, or feet as the case may be, in '84.

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Sept. 8	VIRGINIA AWAY (N)	INDIANA HOME (N)		SYRACUSE HOME (TV)		OHIO STATE HOME (N)	CLEMSON HOME (N)	VIRGINIA TECH HOME (N)
Sept. 15			ALABAMA HOME	VANDERBILT HOME	NAVY HOME	FURMAN HOME (N)	V.M.I. HOME (N)	APPALACHIAN HOME (N)
Sept. 22	GEORGIA AWAY	SOUTH CAROLINA AWAY (N)	THE CITADEL HOME	WEST VIRGINIA AWAY	BOSTON COLLEGE AWAY (N-TV)	WAKE FOREST HOME (TV)	NAVY AWAY	N.C. STATE AWAY (N)
Sept. 29	GEORGIA TECH AWAY	ARMY AWAY	CLEMSON HOME	WAKE FOREST HOME (TV)	KANSAS HOME	EAST CAROLINA HOME (N)	VIRGINIA TECH AWAY	MARYLAND AWAY (TV)
Oct. 6	NORTH CAROLINA HOME	VIRGINIA HOME (N)	N.C. STATE HOME (TV)	PENN STATE AWAY	CLEMSON AWAY	GEORGIA TECH AWAY (TV)	DUKE AWAY (N)	RICHMOND AWAY
Oct. 13		VIRGINIA TECH AWAY	VIRGINIA AWAY (N)	N.C. STATE HOME	WAKE FOREST AWAY (TV)	MARYLAND AWAY	GEORGIA TECH HOME (N)	NORTH CAROLINA HOME (TV)
Oct. 20	DUKE HOME	CLEMSON AWAY	AUBURN AWAY		N.C. STATE HOME (TV)	NORTH CAROLINA AWAY (TV)	WAKE FOREST HOME	VIRGINIA AWAY
Oct. 27	N.C. STATE AWAY	MARYLAND HOME	TENNESSEE HOME	DUKE AWAY	MEMPHIS STATE AWAY (N)	CLEMSON HOME		WILLIAM & MARY HOME
Nov. 3	WAKE FOREST HOME	GEORGIA TECH AWAY	DUKE HOME	NORTH CAROLINA AWAY	MARYLAND HOME	SOUTH CAROLINA HOME	WEST VIRGINIA AWAY	CLEMSON AWAY
Nov. 10	VIRGINIA TECH HOME	WAKE FOREST HOME	NORTH CAROLINA AWAY	MIAMI (FLA.) AWAY (TV)	GEORGIA TECH HOME	VIRGINIA AWAY	N.C. STATE HOME	DUKE AWAY
Nov. 17	MARYLAND BALTIMORE	N.C. STATE AWAY	WAKE FOREST AWAY	CLEMSON BALTIMORE	VIRGINIA HOME (TV)	DUKE HOME	NORTH CAROLINA AWAY (TV)	GEORGIA TECH HOME
Nov. 24	SOUTH CAROLINA HOME	NORTH CAROLINA HOME (TV)		VIRGINIA AWAY	DUKE AWAY (TV)		MARYLAND HOME	
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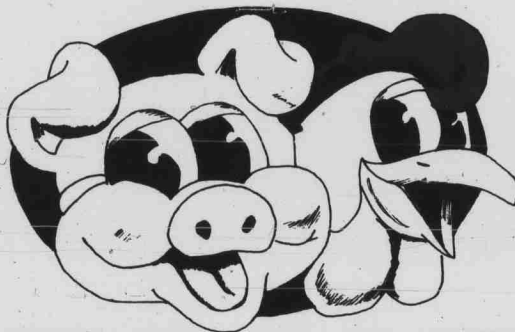
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