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N.C. State
Peach Bowl
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**The
Pack
goes
after
the
Peaches
again.**



'Twas the night before Peach Bowl. . .

'Twas the night before Peach Bowl,
When all through the motel
Not a creature was stirring
Not even Howard Cosell.
The stockings were hung by the bleachers with care
In hopes that Saint Holtz soon would be there.

The fans were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of victory danced in their heads.
And the cheerleaders in excitement,
And the old men untracked
Had just settled down to cheer for the Pack,
When out at the stadium
There arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my car to see what was the matter.

Away to the stadium I flew like a flash
Tore open the gates
That I knew I must crash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave a luster of midday to objects below.

When what to my wondering eyes should I see,
But a giant (N.C. State) football,
And seven of the best of the ACC,
With a little old driver more determined than the Colts,
I knew in a moment it must be Saint Holtz.

More rapid than eagles his players they came,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:
"Now, Serfass! Now, Stringer!
Now, Hovance and Higgins!
On, Brown! On, Buckley and Buckey!
To the top of the stadium,
To the top of the goal!
Now, tackle away! Rush away! Pass away, all!"

by Butch Hills

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the stadium the players they flew
With a football full of game plans and Saint Holtz, too!

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little wolf.
As I drew in my head and was turning around,
Down the exit Saint Holtz came with a bound.

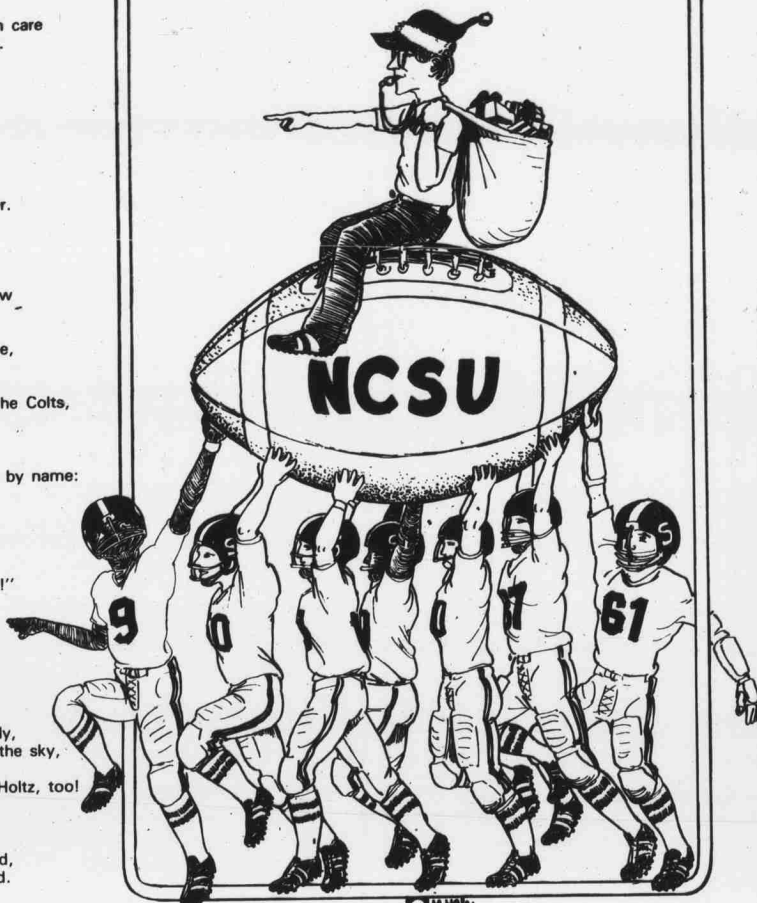
He was dressed in all red
From his head to his feet
And his clothes were all tattered
From the times he'd been beat.
A bundle of gameplans he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his Pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled!
His dimples-how merry!
His cheeks were like roses,
His nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the hair on his head was as white as snow.
He had a thin face and a round little belly
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl of peach jelly.

A wink of his eyes and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the goal post he rose.

He sprang to his football
To his team gave a whistle
And away they all flew
With the power of a missile.

But I heard him exclaim
As he drove out of sight
"Happy Peach Bowl to all
And to all a good night."



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Don 'receives' A-A honors

Writers tab State end on first team

by Jimmy Carroll

Don Buckley has finally earned a name for himself — All-America.

For four years as a wide receiver at State, Don has been referred to most of the time as "Dave's twin brother." Don can now stand on his own, thanks to the American Football Writer's Association which voted the sticky-fingered receiver to its first-team All-America squad, along with Tennessee's Ernie Seivers.

The award caught many by surprise, one of which was Don Buckley.

"Mr. Seaman (sports information director) came down where I was eating after I had gotten back from Thanksgiving vacation and said 'Congratulations.' I didn't know what he was talking about," Don remembers. "I thought he was talking about all-conference at first. He told me to go ask Coach Holtz or Coach Burke.

"I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT it was all about. He told me he'd tell me if I'd act surprised when the coaches told me. When he told me I thought he was kidding, and I said 'That's not very funny.'"

"Then I wondered what the team was. I thought it might have been something they voted on in South Raleigh."

But the honor was legit, and when Buckley came to that startling realization, he couldn't even find someone to break the news to.

"My girl friend called me up, and I was gonna tell her, but Dave had already told her," he smiled. "I didn't even call my parents, Dave did that. He was as happy about it as I was."

All-America is something Don's always thought about, but he admits he never seriously expected it.

"We always have set our goals high, but at the end of the season I looked around and there were just a lot of guys with outstanding statistics. I felt sure they had it wrapped up," he said. "This is the biggest honor I've had. I don't know if you could say it's the biggest thrill. There have been a lot of thrills since I've been here."

Don's stats certainly make him worthy of All-America status. This past season he was the Wolfpack's leading receiver, snagging 34 passes for 551 yards. It's impossible to remember him dropping one in his four-year career. He's as sure-handed as they come.

DON HOLDS SCHOOL records for most catches in a career, 102, and for most yards on receptions in a career, 1,735.

"Don may have the best hands of any receiver I've ever seen," says receiver coach Brian Burke.

Despite the fact that his talents are abundant, Don has always performed in the shadow of his brother. But the lack of attention, he says, has been something he's always accepted.

"I learned a long time ago that Dave was gonna get the publicity," Don said. "It has never bothered me. Last year Coach Holtz came to me and asked me to hold for extra points. Well, Dave had been doing it, and they were afraid he would get hurt. See, I'm the dispensible one."

"The publicity has never bothered me. I don't like to sit around after the game and be the last one out. Dave's always the last one."

A career which ended with an All-America selection began with much less expectations.

"Our first goal when we came to State



staff photo by Paul Kearns

Four years of clinging to passes has earned Don Buckley All-America status.

was to make the traveling squad," said Don modestly. "We just wanted to be able to go out on the field and do the calisthenics in our uniforms. It was almost scary. We weren't sure what we were getting into. We didn't know if the competition in high school was any good."

AS IT TURNED OUT Don and Dave collected honor after honor and helped State football crawl out of its doldrums and into the national limelight. They appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* their freshman year, and on New Year's Eve they will participate in their fourth post-season bowl game. When the Pack was 3-3 after six games this season, bowl hopes were only in the dreams of Wolfpack fans.

"After the Duke game we just hoped and prayed we'd get another chance," said Don. "We didn't want the season to end like that."

"The Bluebonnet Bowl was a sad occasion last year for the seniors. We came back and tied the game which was good, but after the game, everyone realized it was over."

Buckley has always relied on his talented pair of hands. He is not blessed with blazing speed or a hefty build that enables him to be a devastating blocker. His assets are his hands and his intelligence. He's always been able to get open for a split second, and he

always hangs onto the ball. His specialty is the sideline route, particularly when brother Dave is operating the Wolfpack's effective two-minute drill.

Blocking, says Don, is something he's worked on more and more.

"You have to block, whether you like it or not," he chuckled. "I learned to like it. In high school, you never have to block as a wide receiver. I've just accepted it...I've had to improve a lot. A receiver's block will, a lot of times, be the difference in a good play and a touchdown."

"AGAINST INDIANA, Coach Burke told us we had to block well or they would do some re-evaluating. That's the most I've blocked in one day. He more or less issued an ultimatum."

Some of the high points of his illustrious career are "some of my touchdown catches, there have been so few," he jests. He cited two specific catches, one this past season against Wake Forest just before the first half ended, Don made a spectacular leaping catch of a pass from his brother that tied the game at the half. Many have called that catch the best they've ever witnessed in area football.

Another reception that sticks out in Don's mind is one in last season's Duke game, a leaping touchdown snag of a pass from fullback Stan Fritts.

There have been plenty of great catches in Don Buckley's career. Great catches are routine for him.

Now that his college career is coming to a close, Don thinks about the possibility of playing pro ball.

"From what I understand you never know what they're thinking," he said. "I would definitely like a chance to play. If you have a chance, you can at least say they looked at you. But if you don't get a chance, you wonder how you could have done."

BUCKLEY DOESN'T COUNT out the possibility of playing in the Canadian Football League if he doesn't get the opportunity to make it in the NFL. He'll have three more chances to prove himself to pro scouts, in the Peach Bowl, then along, with Dave in the Hula Bowl and Japan Bowl all-star games in January. State coach Lou Holtz will coach the East team in the Japan Bowl.

However, Don isn't really looking forward to ending his career at State.

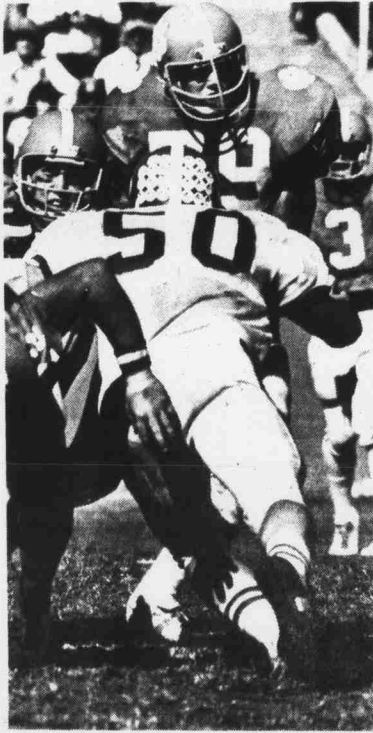
"These four years have gone the fastest of any of my life, and now it's coming to an abrupt stop," he sighs. "I'm happy about it all, everything has gone real well. I've been fortunate."

And State fans have been fortunate, for they have been blessed with another All-America.



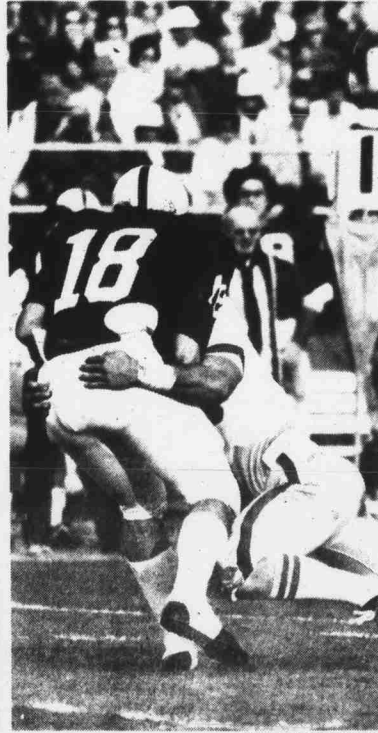
staff photo by Paul Kearns

Tom Higgins was a constant thorn in opponents' sides. He sacks Penn State



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quarterback John Andress (left), drops Clemson quarterback Steve Fuller (center) and stops



staff photo by Paul Kearns

Clemson running back William Scott (right).

Tom Higgins

Middle guard leaves rugged impression

by David Carroll

The setting is Beaver Stadium, University Park, Pa. It is the second half of an excruciatingly tough football game between State and nationally renowned Penn State. Penn State is trying to move the ball through the air, since it needs to score and has been thwarted in its efforts to advance up the field on the ground. Nittany Lion quarterback John Andress drops back, but before he can set up, he is flat on his back. He had been nailed by the Wolfpack's No. 50. Just a few seconds later, the same situation arises, and again No. 50 aggressively plants the quarterback to the ground.

The man who laid Andress to his unwanted rest was senior Tom Higgins, a guy who sacks quarterbacks with uncommon regularity. At his middle guard position, he is perhaps the best lineman in the Atlantic Coast Conference and one of the best in the nation. He was the leading vote getter on defense in the All-ACC selections and was runner-up in the balloting for ACC Player of the Year. He was also chosen to The Associated Press' third team All-America squad.

Higgins' most valuable attribute is his unrivaled consistency. The muscular middle guard was accorded ACC defensive lineman of the week honors a record five

times this fall and was picked as the national Lineman of the Week by AP following the Wolfpack's upset over Florida. He was also the team's leading tackler and the anchor of the defensive line. He had 93 first hits in all, 41 solos and 52 primary.

THE LIST OF the Colonia, N.J. native's accomplishments go on and on. And he is lauded for his outstanding ferocious play by many who have seen him perform.

After State knocked off Penn State in a 15-14 thriller, Nittany Lion coach Joe Paterno had much praise for the seem-to-be-everywhere defender, who compiled an incredible 20 tackles.

"Tom Higgins is a very strong football player. He had a great game against us," he stated.

Defensive coordinator Dale Haupt is a man who is fortunate enough to see Higgins "knock 'em dead" on a day-to-day basis. Thus, he appreciates the talented tackler's ability and success that much more.

"He is intelligent, very coachable and an outstanding player," he boasted of his star student. "Tom has been the most consistent defensive player for us this year, by far. He's steady and comes through with the big plays when we need them, too."

When mentioning the people who make the important play, the ones which are the difference

between winning and losing, Higgins' name will invariably pop up in ACC circles. The rangy, mobile grinder who possesses great equilibrium, makes things happen with his tremendous determination and aggressiveness.

"MAKING THE big play is the only way to play football. You do that through just playing one play at a time and doing your job," explained the personable young man who is so solid that his physique looks as if it was niched out of stone. "By doing that, by being consistent, the big plays will come."

One of the things which Higgins takes the most pride in is the spirited play which he and his teammates on defense have demonstrated this year. Time and time again, the emotion-filled defenders have raised their clenched fist, jumped up and down, passionately pounding upon each others' shoulders and helmets as they played their fired up brand of football.

"We might not have the size that other teams do in height and weight, but we play with more enthusiasm than other teams do," he said. "You can make up for physical disadvantages through aggressive, spirited play. That's the way we played against Florida and Penn State."

Reflecting upon this past season and his career at State, Higgins seemed satisfied with his

and the Pack's achievements.

"People are never totally satisfied," he philosophized. "I wish we could have had a better record this year, but we did all right. In a way it's great satisfaction. The biggest satisfaction is that our backs were against the wall and we fought back. There will be many fond memories from this season and the other seasons. We went to a bowl game every year, and have never lost. And we want to keep it that way. Now it's a one-game season. We are going to try to be perfect when we play West Virginia on Dec. 31."

"PERSONALLY," he continued, "it's been a great experience. I'm happy with what I've accomplished and it's been great to be on a winner. As far as me not winning the ACC Player of the Year award, I was upset about it... not because I didn't win it, but because Dave didn't and who did. If Dave Buckley had won it, I would have been very happy. But Mike Voight (University of North Carolina running back) who was suspended for a game this season, got it. He carried the ball a lot, but I thought other things should have played into it. Carolina wasn't a winning team and we were. But that's the way things are. It doesn't bother me now that much. It was mostly at first. "The impact of all the great experiences I've had hasn't hit yet. It's something you might not

be able to realize now. But it's something you'll be able to look back on forever."

In the future, Higgins would like to try his hand at playing professional football. Realizing that he would be on the smaller side, he says that if he played, he would be a linebacker rather than a lineman. Presently he is anxiously awaiting the National Football League's draft.

"Everything concerning me and pro football seems to be hanging in the air right now. I'm anxious to see how the draft comes out. I'm also not ruling out the possibility of going to play in Canada. I feel that wherever I would play, I would be a linebacker."

BUT HIGGINS, being the versatile person that he is, also looks forward to a career as a football coach on the high school level.

"I would love to coach high school football," he enthused. "It would be enjoyable and very worthwhile."

Enjoyable and worthwhile — as his career has been here at State. He will be remembered, by the fans, players and coaches alike. Synonymous with the sacking of a quarterback, the running down and tackling of a frustrated running back, a man jumping up and down on the playing field with the fervor of a kid and winning will be number 50... Tom Higgins.

Peach Bowl revisited...

by Jim Pomeranz

All the 16,000 plus State fans that traveled to the Peach Bowl in 1972 have plenty of stories to tell about Atlanta and the victory over West Virginia. Here is what has to be one of the better stories.

While the Marriot Hotel was the official headquarters for the Wolfpack in Atlanta, as is the case this year, a few State fans, with the help of Santa Claus, stayed at the 1,000 room Hyatt Regency Atlanta, the headquarters for the West Virginia Mountaineers.

Everywhere one turned in the hotel there were (seemingly barefooted) West Virginia fans wearing straw hats and stickers proclaiming "Almost Heaven, West Virginia."

THE SELECTED FEW from Raleigh were not to be outdone even in the enemy's territory. Shouts of "Let's go...Wolf...pack!" echoed across the 22-story lobby of the Regency. But shortly thereafter came a booming "Let's go Moun...taineers!" Such competitive cheering continued until four in the morning on the night before the big game. All yellers were of course in big "spirits" about the game.

It was reported that one of the State supporters became so "spirited" while yelling that after he returned to his room his friends had to carry him to the bathroom. While on all fours on the gold shag carpet, this fan changed his cheer just so slightly while heaving sighs of relief in the commode. His yell went

something like "Let's go...(barf)...Wolf...pack!"

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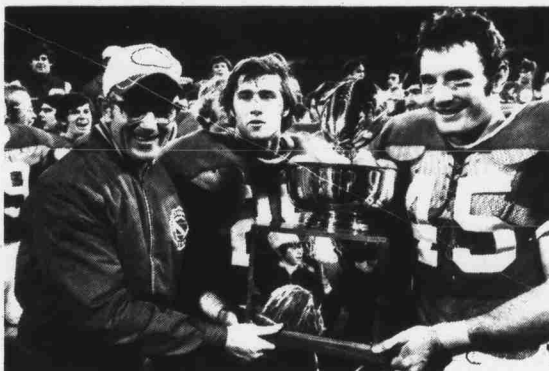
OUR FRIEND WAS also the hit of the parade the next morning. Being an avid Wolfpack fan, the sound of the fight song at 10 o'clock the day of the game encouraged him to "get up off the bathroom floor" and make a made dash down 18 flights of stairs with his pants being held up by one hand and his shirt being put on by the other. As the State Marching Band made its way past the front of the Regency, here came our friend with that familiar cheer running out on the street to join the parade. But this time he kept his relief to himself.

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ATLANTA (UPI), Friday, November 17, 1972—Florida State's Seminoles and North Carolina State's Wolfpack will be invited to play in the Peach Bowl here Dec. 29 provided each team wins its final game Saturday.

Florida State is scheduled to play South Carolina and N.C. State meets Clemson.

"Of course, if either team loses, the Peach Bowl Committee will want to take another look," said George Crumley, executive director of the Peach Bowl. "Both teams would be very attractive participants and you have virtually all interstate highway between Raleigh,



State coach Lou Holtz accepts 1972 Peach Bowl trophy along with Pat Kenney (center) and Tom Siegfried (right).

Tallahassee, and Atlanta.

State interests the Peach Bowl officials because of its high powered offense that is averaging over 427 yards per game.

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CHEERS WENT UP throughout Wolfpack country...a bowl game was in the offering if the Tigers were defeated...and State was favored. But sometimes you sleep.

The Wolfpack didn't, the Seminoles did.

West, by God, Virginia was selected...even though it is harder to get to Morgantown than to Penn State.

State clinched the bid by defeating Clemson, 42-17, and finished the regular season 7-3-1. The Mountaineers closed out their 8-3 season with a win over Syracuse 43-12.

Holtz accepted the bid gracefully. "We're happy we're going to a bowl," stated the jubilant coach after defeating

Clemson and being offered the bid. "We're fortunate to be going to a bowl, and I think the bowl is fortunate to get us."

Harvey Robertson had been scouting State for the Peach Bowl since the middle of the season. He liked the explosiveness of the Wolfpack. "What caught my eye, naturally was their offense," he then noted. "They could move the ball on the Dallas Cowboys."

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AS THE COMPLETE front page story was being pasted up for Monday's *Technician*, talk began about going to Atlanta. "Why, I've never been to Atlanta," a freshman quipped. "Where would we stay?"

When you go to the big city, you've got to go big time...money or no money.

"How about the Regency Hyatt House, downtown on Peachtree Street, right near Underground," I stated. And

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'It could have gone down the But Lou Holtz instituted some sweeping ch

by Jimmy Carroll

Expectations were high in Raleigh prior to the 1975 football season. A talented bunch of seniors, headed by second team All-America fullback Stan Fritts, had departed from the State team that finished 9-2-1 and ranked ninth in the country. However, plenty of capable personnel returned, including seven players who would gain All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors.

Hopes of a major bowl invitation were rampant, but an excruciatingly tough schedule forced most Wolfpack fans to look at the situation more realistically. Away trips to Michigan State, Maryland and Penn State plus a home date with Florida helped comprise one of the school's most difficult schedules in history.

BUT BEFORE STATE had a chance to challenge highly-ranked Florida in the third game of the season, one of the season's biggest upsets occurred. Wake Forest, winner of just one game in 1974 and the butt of football jokes over the entire country, came into Carter Stadium and stunned the 13th-ranked Wolfpack 30-22, snapping State's 17-game home winning streak.

Holding a 1-1 record with Florida and Michigan State next on the slate, fans now saw visions of 1-3 before the season had hardly begun. But State nipped Florida 8-7 on a late two-point conversion, and traveled to Michigan State with a full head of steam. The Spartans took advantage of numerous early turnovers and won easily, 37-15.

Then, the season took a complete turnabout. From a 2-2 start, State surged to a 5-1-1 finish, and it was due directly to some lineup changes instituted by coach Lou Holtz.

Johnny Evans, who had been number two quarterback to Dave Buckley a year ago, was moved to fullback at the beginning of the season to offset the loss of Fritts. Evans, however, had not run as well from the fullback position as he had at quarterback. Holtz moved Evans back to No. 2 QB.

Not only did Evans' move better

utilize his abilities, but it also helped Buckley at the No. 1 spot. Holtz explained why.

"Going into the year we didn't make the progress I felt we should have been making," he said. "Then we made the decision to go with an awful lot of changes. People talk about moving the freshmen backs in and moving Pat Hovanec back to tight end and allowing Elijah Marshall back in the lineup, but I thought moving Johnny Evans back to quarterback was a real key because it allowed us to have greater intensity in our practices. The only time Dave Buckley saw live work was in the games, and that wasn't being fair to him."

THE CHANGES HOLTZ mentioned were instrumental. The regular starters at the halfback spot had been sophomores Richard Carter or Buster Ray. After the Michigan State game, Carter was injured and out for the season, and Ray was moved to wide receiver. This left the entire offensive backfield to be composed of Buckley at quarterback, freshmen Ted Brown and Rickey Adams at halfback, and freshman Scott Wade and sophomore Timmy Johnson at fullback.

Also, Pat Hovanec, who had been moved to flanker from tight end at the beginning of the season, was moved back to tight end and speedster Elijah Marshall was moved to flanker, giving State a good one-two receiving punch with Marshall at flanker and Don Buckley, Dave's twin brother, at split end.

The moves worked. State ripped Indiana 27-0 in a game that was much more lopsided than the score indicates. In his first start, Brown began what was to become a storybook year. He rushed for 121 yards against the Hoosiers, and that was only the beginning.

A disappointing loss to Maryland followed, but the Wolfpack had moved the ball admirably. Holding a 3-3 mark, the game with arch-rival North Carolina would be crucial. State won, and the Pack clicked off four straight wins before tying Duke and gaining a Peach Bowl bid, its fourth straight bowl berth.



Doug Cullen (86) leads a defensive charge against Wake Forest. Gang tackling was a Wolfpack trademark in 1975. Staff photo by Paul Kearns

"All in all it was a rewarding year," said Holtz. "It was rewarding in that it could have gone down the drain. We have a lot of character on this team. You find out something about yourself when you're faced with adversity, like we have been since the second game of the year."

"LOSERS SAY, 'BOY, I SURE would like to play them again.' Winners say, 'Boy, I'm glad that one's over.' It's a matter of how much character you have."

Holtz, who has coached the Wolfpack to a combined four-year mark of 33-11-3, is somewhat wary of playing West Virginia in that the Mountaineers have a revengeful look in their eyes. In the 1972 Peach Bowl, the Wolfpack routed the favored Mountaineers 49-13.

"I was talking to a reporter from West Virginia a few days ago," relates Holtz. "I made the comment that I hope they don't remember the last one. He laughed and said they'd forget Pearl Harbor before they forget that."

A game-by-game review of the Wolfpack's season:

N.C. STATE 26, EAST CAROLINA 3
State fans who were accustomed to an exciting brand of football were disappointed on the Wolfpack's opening night. The crowd of 47,500 saw both teams grind it out on the ground. East Carolina's wishbone picked up just 11 first downs and 185 yards rushing. State garnered 301 yards in total offense, but Dave Buckley threw three interceptions.

WAKE FOREST 30, N.C. STATE 22
North Carolinians fainted, stammered and pondered over this final score. To this day, many football followers are swearing there must be a mistake. Wake Forest had barely scored 30 points all of last season. State had one pass intercepted and lost two fumbles, all coming at the most inopportune moments, and the Demon Deacons escaped with one of the school's biggest football wins ever.

N.C. STATE 8, FLORIDA 7
If a team ever came through when it had to, it was the Wolfpack on this night. In bouncing back from the stunner a

week earlier, State's defense bent but refused to break, yielding 329 yards rushing to the Gators. But Florida lost three fumbles and were held twice deep in State territory on fourth down with less than a yard to go.

State middle guard Tom Higgins was named national lineman of the week by The Associated Press for his play. The game appeared gone 7-0 with just over four minutes to play as the Gators had possession and were moving. However a fumble was recovered by the Wolfpack and Dave Buckley hit Marshall with long scoring pass with just over three minutes to go, setting up the critical two-point conversion try. Fullback Evans took a pitch to the right on a run-pass option. He tucked the ball under his arm and dove just into the corner of the end zone for the winning points.

MICHIGAN STATE 37, N.C. STATE 15

This game was not as close as the final score seems.

State lost fumbles on its first four possessions and the Spartans grabbed 21-0 lead with less than seven minutes gone in the game. It was a embarrassing loss for Holtz in a game viewed by most of the nation on ABC.

"I have never had a team perform this poorly in a big game before," said dejected Holtz. The State offense could not get it going until it was too late, as Spartan quarterback Charlie Baggett, native of Fayetteville, N.C., was a thorn in the Pack's side all afternoon. This loss was the turning point for State because the team that took the field against Indiana was not the same group.

N.C. STATE 27, INDIANA 0
State ran completely roughshod over the Hoosiers, picking up 364 yards on the ground led by Ted Brown's 121.

Indiana mustered 228 yards in total offense, but the Hoosiers played almost the entire game between the thirties.

A star was born in Brown that day. In the previous games he had carried one for no gain. Against Wake Forest at Florida he performed on the kick teams but did not carry the ball. He did not make the trip to Michigan State, but instead rushed for over 100 yards at



Mike Miller intercepts one of six passes the Wolfpack picked off this season. Staff photo by Paul Kearns

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scored five touchdowns in the junior varsity game.

MARYLAND 37, N.C. STATE 22

The Terrapins and Wolfpack battled on even terms throughout the game until a pair of State fumbles in the third quarter allowed Maryland to break the game open. A 96-yard kickoff return early in the game had also provided the Terps with momentum after the Pack had driven 80 yards against Maryland's proud defense.

Dave Buckey picked the Terp defense apart, completing 19 of 32 passes for 243 yards. With Brown's 80 yards leading the way, State chalked up 132 yards rushing for the total offense figure of 375 yards to exactly 300 for Maryland.

N.C. STATE 21, NORTH CAROLINA

20 State stopped a Tar Heel two-point conversion attempt with nine seconds to play to preserve this victory before 50,500 Carter Stadium fans.

It was a desperately needed victory, and one that sent the Pack on its way to the Peach Bowl. Brown rushed for 106 yards to lead the Wolfpack offense.

Second-string quarterback Johnny Evans engineered the final drive midway the fourth quarter which ended in Brown's 27-yard touchdown run. The Pack, which had missed an extra point kick earlier, went for two, and Evans found Don Buckley all alone in the end zone for the conversion pass.

The Tar Heels took the Wolfpack kickoff and drove immediately for a score with nine seconds left. UNC quarterback Bill Paschall was trapped on the two-point conversion attempt, and the Wolfpack held on to gain revenge for last season's 33-14 drubbing in Chapel Hill when State was undefeated and ranked eighth nationally.

N.C. STATE 45, CLEMSON 7

These teams were picked one-two in the ACC race before the season began with Clemson being the favorite. But the Tigers struggled through a miserable season, winding up 2-9.

Ted Brown was chosen for United Press International's national backfield of the week for his 227-yard, four touchdown performance in this game. It was a school record, eclipsing the 198-yard mark Willie Burden set in 1971 against Kent State.

State also set a school record for yards rushing in a game, 409. The Wolfpack passed just three times. It simply wasn't necessary. It was also the first time this season State had put wins back-to-back, and that was a crucial accomplishment.

N.C. STATE 28, SOUTH CAROLINA

21 A regional television audience, plus Peach Bowl and Gator Bowl scouts, saw one of the most thrilling contests ever played at Carter Stadium. The contest went back and forth, South Carolina eating up yardage behind the running of Kevin Long and Clarence Williams and State behind the running of Brown and the passing of Buckey.

The Gamecocks scored with 1:29 to play, making the score 21-20 in their favor. But Buckley, a cool operator in the clutch, passed the Wolfpack upfield, and Brown ripped off 23 yards on a draw play to the one-yard line with just seconds remaining. It took Timmy Johnson two cracks from the one to get the ball over, but with 11 seconds showing, he bulled across for the winning points.

"Nobody was worried when they scored," said Buckey nonchalantly. "There was still 1:29 left."

The offensive stars were almost too numerous to name. South Carolina's Williams rushed for 150 yards but was the game's third leading rusher! Long carried for 160 and Brown for 164. Buckley hit on 19 of 25 passes for 274 yards. Brown caught eight passes in the game, most by any State player during the season.

N.C. STATE 15, PENN STATE 14

Last year, the Wolfpack ended a 10-game winless string against the Nittany Lions, downing them 12-7 in Carter Stadium. Fears of the revenge-



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Hard-nosed sophomore Timmy Johnson scored five touchdowns and rushed for 4.6 yards per carry.

crazed Lions danced in Wolfpack heads when State made the trip to University Park, Pa.

The Lions, with the help of a State fumble deep in Wolfpack territory, took a 14-0 lead with two minutes to play in the first half. However, Buckey could be the nation's best director of the two-minute offense. He marched State 80 yards against the PSU defense and the Pack closed the gap to 14-6 at the half. Kicker Jay Sherrill missed the PAT, but he would redeem himself later.

State came out in the second half and again ran straight over the Lion defense for a score. The Wolfpack, which was 8-for-8 in two-point conversion attempts, finally missed one as Buckeye was sacked, and the Lions still led 14-12.

Sherrill kicked a 24 yard field goal early in the fourth quarter to give State a 15-14 lead, but the game was not over. State had possession deep in its own territory with 2:05 to play, facing third and 20. Holtz then made one of the strategic moves of the year. Evans, the Wolfpack punter, was inserted into the lineup at fullback and booted an 81 yard punt. The kick, that rolled dead on the PSU 13 yard line, was enough for the star kicker Chris Barh to attempt a 46 yard field goal with 13 seconds to play. Barh, who missed four attempts on the afternoon, was short and wide right, giving State its second win over the Lions in two years.

Brown rushed for 148 yards against the Penn State defense and was just 152 yards shy of 1,000 yards (in just six games).

N.C. STATE 21, DUKE 21

With a Peach Bowl bid virtually assured, a bruised and battered State team traveled to Duke to meet the Blue Devils who were two games away from a least a tie for the ACC crown.



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Ted Brown, with the help of blocks from guys like Tom Serfass (61), rushed for 227 yards against Clemson, 913 in seven games.

Duke outplayed the Wolfpack for most of the game, and when Troy Slade returned a punt for a Duke touchdown in the fourth quarter, the game was beyond hope. However, Slade's kick was called back by a clipping penalty, and instead of a 28-13 lead, Duke still led by just 21-13.

The Pack got the ball with 1:06 to play on their own 35-yard line. There were no timeouts left. Buckley proved he didn't need any. He passed twice to his brother and three times to Brown. He handed to Brown once on a draw and to Timmy Johnson for the touchdown with 12 seconds to play. A two point conversion could salvage only a tie, but it was better than a loss. Buckley hit Brown with a swing pass for the two pointer, and the Pack was bound for Atlanta.

State's season was obviously one of last-second victories and heart-stopping rallies. The post-season honors have been numerous.

Voted to the All-ACC* team were quarterback Dave Butke, wide receiver Don Buckley, guard Tom Serfass, running back Ted Brown, tight end Pat Hovance, middle guard Tom Higgins, and defensive back Ralph Stringer. Brown was* the league's rookie of the year for gaining 913 yards in seven games.

Higgins finished second in voting for league player of the year. Dave Buckey was third. Higgins was also named third team AP All-America, and Don Buckey was first team by the Football Writers Association.

Three players, the Buckey brothers and Hovance, were participants in the 1972 Peach Bowl, and they all are anxious to return.

If the game is anything like most of the Wolfpack's regular season affairs, it'll be a real seat-squirmers, one fans everywhere can enjoy.

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reservations were soon made. First for one room, then a return call for two, then another call for four...before the midnight hour had come, we had nine rooms with three beds and more than enough people to have a party...something we did all the way down, down there, and all the way back.

And even though the stadium is round and the center court seats are seemingly three miles from center field, 50-yard line seats were obtained for a party of 40 and we were off.

GOING WAS HALF the fun...and there were plenty of stories to tell. One such story comes out of a friend named Frisbie... "like the fly saucer," he'll tell you in a minute.

"We had just pulled into a self-service station in Charlotte, and filled up with gas. As we were pulling away, one of the guys noticed a neat little window-washing spray bottle. 'He had to have it,' Frisbie explained. 'So, it ended up in the car, and we stared down Interstate 85.'"

That car load noticed that the bottle was by the Buckeye Bottle Co. And with a quick slide of pocketknife, it soon became a Buckeye Bottle. "And we adjusted the nozzle just a bit and found it squirted the nicest 20-foot stream of ammonia," Frisbie stated.

The fun was just beginning as a West Virginia fan—"it had to be. He had an Almost Heaven sticker on his bumper and West Virginia tags"—pulled along side.

"As the man noticed the NCSU sticker on our car, he began to laugh and make obscene gestures with his hand," Frisbie explained. "Dandy Don Stewart quickly



West Virginia ball carriers found running room though in the '72 Peach Bowl.

took aim and liberally doused the Mountaineer, telling the sonabitch to go the hell back to the mountains and mine some coal."

THERE ARE PROBABLY many more going down tales to tell, but that was just part of the fun.

The glass elevators at the Regency were another of the many features of the trip. Probably for everyone that had never been to Atlanta and happened to be there for the Peach Bowl in 1972, the glass elevators were a must. And with that in mind, walking up many flights of stairs became a must for the residents.

As the first night dragged on with parties in every part of the hotel, the elevators became a meeting place for all

to discuss the upcoming game.

Some people, such as the friend that became overly spirited that night, decided that the elevator would be a fine place to take a nap for the night.

THE COMPETITIVE yelling spread quickly to Underground Atlanta on Peach Bowl Eve. And right in the middle of the Wolfpack cheering section was none other than State Chancellor John T. Caldwell. "Those Mountaineers don't know what they're up against," he was reported to have said. "We're here to show those people from West Virginia what football's all about. Let's go...Wolf-pack!"

Underground is filled with bars, novelty shops, bars, Lester Maddox and

his axe handles, bars, people and one or two bars. It was definitely the bars that received the rave reviews. The only problem was finding tables for 16. But when we did, those strawberry daiquiris hit the right spot.

FOOTBALL FANS in Atlanta were more than happy the game was scheduled for 8 p.m. on that Dec. 29. It made for plenty of time to recoup from the night before, and to see a little of what Atlanta's like in the daytime. The high rise buildings of downtown are, or were at that time, well kept; the corner vendors trying to market "game souvenirs" were all over the place; everything was in walking distance.

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That's one nice thing about staying downtown...walking distance. You can park your car at any of the downtown hotels and still have easy access to just about anywhere you would like to visit. Underground is just eight blocks from the Regency, and the busline took us right out to the game.

THROUGHOUT THE 1972 season, State's football team relied on experienced and healthy players and an explosive offense to carry it to great heights.

But in the fifth annual Peach Bowl, the Wolfpack turned to a precocious freshman quarterback with ice water in his veins, "the best one-legged running back in the country," and a suddenly impregnable defense to humiliate West Virginia, 49-13.

State fans had wanted 50. The Wolfpack's All-ACC quarterback, Bruce Shaw, could not play in the game due to a broken arm.

But freshman signal-caller Dave Buckley responded with a performance outstanding enough to gain him the Clint castleberry Award as the game's outstanding offensive player.

Buckley's 8-for-13 passing performance along with the running corps of Stan Fritts, Willie Burden and Charley Young was devastating. Fritts scored three touchdowns, Burden gained 116 yards, and Young ran 62 yards on just one play.

But before the Pack ever got off the ground, the Mountaineers had already scored 13 points in the first quarter. State only led 14-13 at the half. And then there was that second half explosion of red.

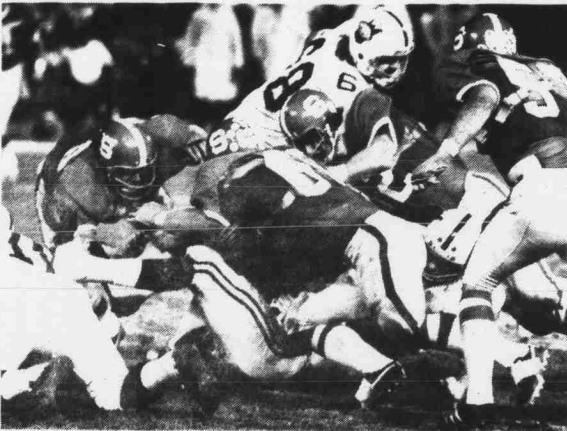
Anyone daring enough to suggest that the potent West Virginia offense would not score again after the first period

would have been declared publicly drunk and escorted away by one of Atlanta's finest.

But the Wolfpack defense shut out West Virginia in the final three quarters in perhaps its finest performance of that season.

"I feel fortunate in having a coach who has confidence in freshmen," stated a smiling Dave Buckley after the game, who definitely proved that the confidence was well founded.

George Bell, named the game's outstanding defensive player, becoming earnest for a moment, explained after the game that "all those West Virginia people at the hotel were beginning to get to me. I got sick of those hats and pennants."



The Wolfpack totally smothered the Mountaineers, scoring 35 points in the second half.

It had been Lou Holtz's first year as State's head coach, and winning a bowl game in an initial season was a great moment of glory. "This is one of the happiest moments in my coaching career—make that the happiest," he jubilantly exclaimed.

JUST A LITTLE RUBBING in had to be...State fans were more than just pleased with the win. There had to be some Mountaineer converts also...it seemed that everyone was smiling about the Pack after the game.

And the Regency, which was filled with almost all West Virginia fans, became as solemn as a funeral of a dear

friend. "Let's go...Moun...tainers!" the State fans jokingly shouted. "Keep it quiet would ya? We're trying to sleep," shouted back the poor sports.

State fans partied throughout the night. And it was to no surprise that about five in the morning, West Virginia fans, by the groves, began to check out for that long, sad journey back home. By daylight, the Regency was almost empty. Only a few State fans remained, still shouting joy from the night before.

Peter Marshall, of Hollywood Squares fame, turned out to be one of those that wanted to sleep instead of party. He was staying in the Regency and was evidently trying to get some sleep or something. It didn't take him long to gain the disrespect of many Wolfpack faithful when he came out of his room and requested the noise level to be dropped. "False," came the reply, "x gets the square."

For State fans, the trip home offered more than enough fun. Not only was there much talk of the Wolfpack's successful holiday in Atlanta, but it was just too much to pass a West Virginia car that still thought it was "almost heaven."

State's trip to Atlanta...also known as Hotlanta...was just too great to let those Mountaineers go back to their stills without more ribbing. It was more than appropriate that the 1972 Peach Bowl created peeps and paper to collide and come up with: "N.C.State—Pure Hell."

The 1975 Peach Bowl is just around the corner. And it's in Atlanta...the city of nothing but fun...it's there for the asking...and with some help from Santa Claus, you could be part of the best bowl game to be played...the one the Wolfpack's in.

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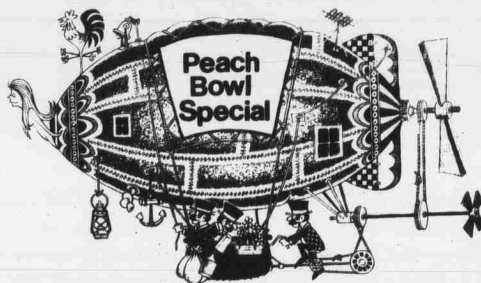
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Wins over Cal, Pitt spark West Virginia to 8-3 mark

by Sidney Bell

This has truly been a "Cinderella" season for the West Virginia University football team.

Coming off a disastrous 4-7 1974 campaign and having lost the valuable services of receivers Danny Buggs and Marshall Mills and brilliant middle guard Jeff Merrow, the Mountaineers were hoping to break even at best.

"Going into the season," coach Bobby Bowden said, "I have thought maybe eight wins was too much to even hope for. I would have said it was possible but certainly not probable."

"BUT WE CAME within three points of being 10-1 (losing 16-14 to Tulane and 20-19 to Syracuse)."

Bowden wasn't the only "expert" with preseason doubts about the ability of his football team.

Street and Smith's annual college yearbook made WVU the underdog in 10 games and the 11th a "tossup."

They were off a night. With triumphs over powerful California (and Chuck Muncie), respectable SMU, solid Boston College and arch-rival Pitt, the Mountaineers earned a third Peach Bowl bid with their 8-3 record.

"We know N.C. State has a fine football team again this year," Bowden said, "and of course we're glad to have another chance to try to do a little better job. They whipped us pretty good."

Terrifying memories of 1972's 49-13 thrashing WVU absorbed at the hands of the Wolfpack still burn bright in the Mountaineer football camp.

Three WVU seniors, fullback Ron Lee, tailback Arthur Owens and defensive end Gary Lombard, played in the '72 Peach Bowl. "I'm very happy we're going back to Atlanta and we're playing N.C. State," Lombard said. "We won't understate them this time, that's for sure."

BOWDEN BELIEVES this Peach Bowl will be a defensive battle. "For this one to be high scoring, one of us will have to make a lot of mistakes."

There were a lot of question marks in the WVU lineup coming into this season. The Mountaineers had no returning starters in the defensive secondary, only one returner on the defensive line, and had to go with two sophomore quarterbacks, one of whom had not seen a minute of varsity action.

Everyone knew the Mountaineers had a stable of running backs second to none in the nation (Owens, the greatest rusher in WVU history with 2,500 yards, Lee, Heywood Smith and Dwayne Woods), and a big, veteran line to block for them.

But WVU has no speed at the wide receiver positions.

"The defense has been the big surprise to me. At times, we have been great," Bowden commented.

The questionable WVU defense had only one bad day this fall. That came, of course, in the devastating loss at Penn State. WVU was ranked 10th in the AP poll going into that game.

But California, the country's best offensive team, scored only 10 points against the Mountaineers, and Pitt managed only two touchdowns.

FOR THE FIRST TIME in Bowden's six year tenure, his defense held the opposition to less than 200 points in a season.

The Keys to WVU's defensive success have been its ends and linebackers. Ends Andy Peters (6-2, 220) and Lombard (6-2, 220) put it all together after the Penn State debacle.

They have been nothing short of superb.

Senior linebackers Steve Dunlap (5-11,



The last time WVU went to the Peach Bowl, State's Dave Buckey was voted MVP.

212), a two-year starter and the defensive captain, and Ray Marshall (6-1, 205) could play for anyone.

The powerfully-built Marshall won't make any All-America teams because of lack of publicity rather than lack of ability. There are very few backs he can't catch from behind. Ask Tony Dorsett.

Marshall transferred to WVU from Potomac State Junior College where he was a JUCO AP All-American.

The secondary has been spearheaded by super soph Tommy Pridemore and hard hitting cornerback Chuck Braswell. Pridemore, the strong safety, intercepted four passes this season.

When California radio color man Monty Stickles, ex-49er receiver, interviewed a Los Angeles Rams' scout at halftime of the WVU-Cal game, the scout told him the Rams were "interested" in three Mountaineer offensive linemen.

THE BEST OF the lot is senior center Al Gluchowski (6-2, 235). Gluchowski was a linebacker on the freshman team and began his sophomore season as the fourth-string center. He won the job by opening day in the fall of '73.

He has definite pro potential.

Tackle David Van Halanger, a massive 6-6, 265-pounder, is the strongest player on the team.

"He has the strength and size to come straight out and knock his man down," offensive line coach Mike Working said of the Turtle Creek, Pa., native.

The starting quarterback is Dan Kendra (6-1), a sophomore from Allentown, Pa. Kendra's first varsity pass was a 33-yard touchdown strike to Marshall Mills last year against Syracuse.

In his second appearance, Kendra played only one half in a 35-14 loss to Temple, but he matched Temple's Steve Joachim's game total of 204 yards passing.

Early in the '75 season, Kendra alternated every two series with 5-9 Danny Williams, whose specialty is directing the option attack. Williams is the superior runner.

The leading receiver is sophomore flanker Steve Lewis (6-4, 195) with 28 catches. Lewis alternates with 5-9 Tommy Bowden, the son of the Head coach. A punctured lung kept Bowden out of action through the middle of the season, but he came back to make three key catches in the 17-14 win over Pitt.

Here is a brief summary of the WVU season:

WVU 50, TEMPLE 7

Riding on the crest of two straight wins over WVU and a season-opening,



West Virginia couldn't score in the second half against a rugged State defense.

narrow (26-25) loss to mighty Penn State, Wayne Hardin's Temple Owls came to Morgantown as seven-point favorites. They were never in the game. The fired-up Mountaineers utilized a crunching ground attack and a mean defense to batter the Owls.

WVU 28, CALIFORNIA 10

"This was the biggest win of our season," Bowden said of his team's stunning, convincing victory over the California Golden Bears. Cal was an 18-point favorite on the West Coast, but WVU's 230-pound fullback Heywood Smith overshadowed Golden Bear greats Muncie and Rivera, rushing for a career-high 146 yards on 24 carries.

Arthur Owens carried five yards for the final touchdown after a Cal player called timeout with five seconds to play.

WVU 35, BOSTON COLLEGE 18

Dan Kendra came out passing against B.C., which had eight men on the line, and the Mountaineers jumped to a 21-0 lead. WVU avenged its worst beating of the '74 season (35-3) by topping the Eagles.

WVU 28, SMU 22

The Mountaineers fell behind for the first time this fall against Southern Methodist in the Cotton Bowl. After SMU took a 7-0 lead, the Mountaineers came charging back on the brilliant efforts of tailbacks Owens, who finished with 171 yards, and Dwayne Woods, who ran for three TD's and 104 yards.

PENN STATE 39, WVU 0

All that needs to be said about this one is that WVU was playing Penn State, a team it hasn't beaten in 20 years. Unless the Mountaineers come up with another Sam Huff, they may never top Paterno.

TULANE 16, WVU 14

Coming off the Penn State game, Bowden was praying for any kind of a win. "20, 50-40, I don't care how we get it." He didn't. After taking a 14-0 lead, WVU quit. Bill McKenzie could have salvaged a win late in the game, but he was wide with a 28-yard field goal attempt.

WVU 10, VPI 7

McKenzie won this battle of defenses at Mountaineer Field with a 20-yard field goal two minutes into the second half.

WVU 38, KENT STATE 13

The Mountaineers scored 21 points in the fourth quarter to put the outmanned Golden Flashes to rout.

WVU 17, PITT 14

This will probably go down as the greatest game ever played at Mountaineer Field. Thirty-five thousand berserk fans and a regional TV audience watched McKenzie cap a bitterly-fought classic college football game with a 35-yard field goal with four seconds left. The winning kick was set up by a 26-yard Kendra to Randy Swinson pass with 10 seconds on the clock. Owens rushed 17 times for 101 yards. Dorsett carried 22 times for 107 yards for Pitt.

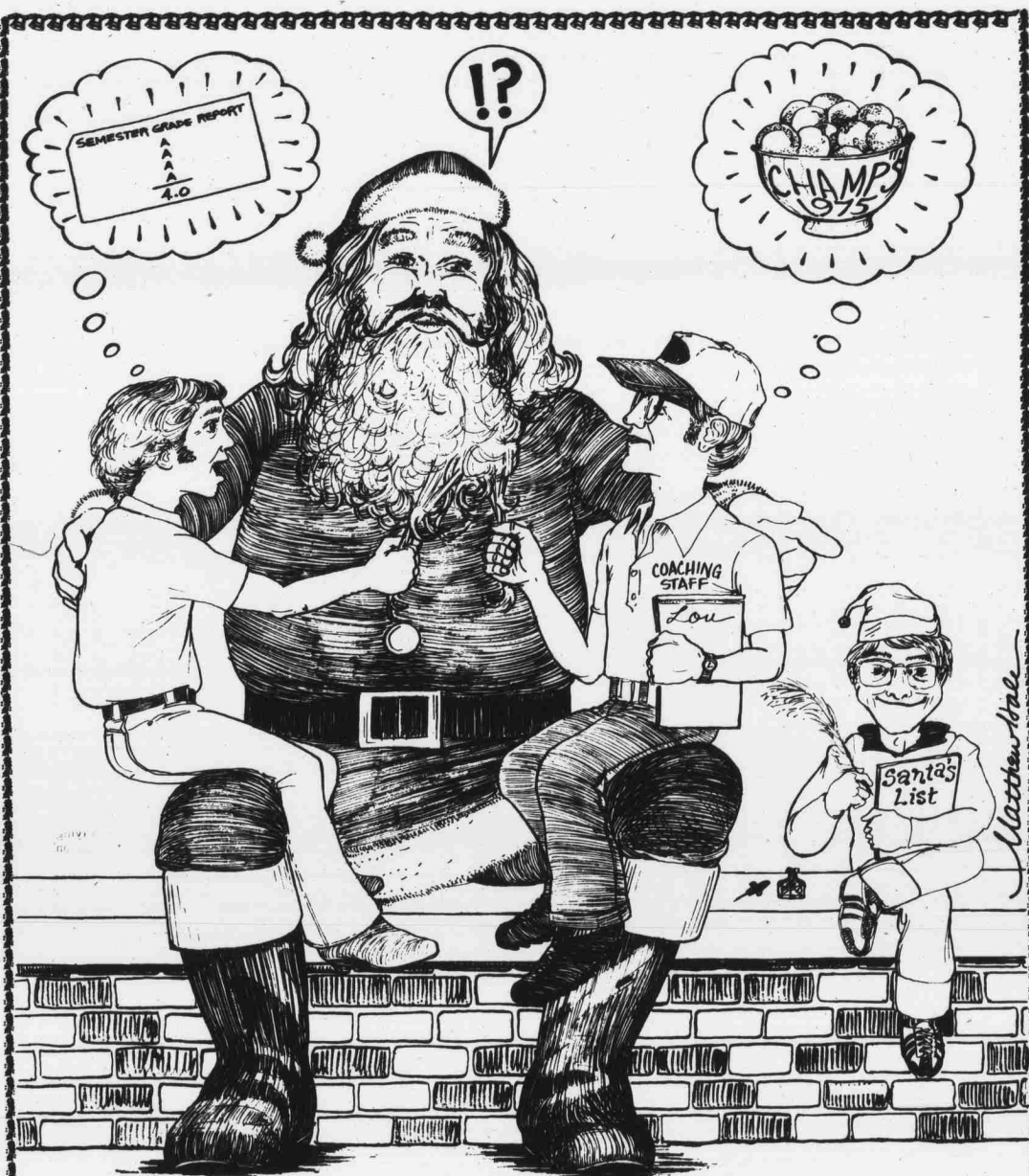
WVU 31, RICHMOND 13

WVU made up for last season's disheartening opening day 29-25 loss to the Spiders by wallopping them in Richmond.

SYRACUSE 20, WVU 19

With Peach Bowl invitation in hand, the Mountaineers went to Syracuse's Archbold Stadium in quest of their ninth win. They fell behind 17-0 in the first half, but came back furiously in the fourth quarter. Kendra set a WVU record with 28 completions in 45 attempts. WVU lost when Ron Lee did not get into the end zone on a two-point conversion attempt with 17 seconds to play, and WVU finished 8-3.

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