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from the editor

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Okay, for everyone else:

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There is a reason that we do it, as my time at Technician quickly (real quickly) comes to an end, some have criticized that I have lost that reason in my work.

Say what you will.

A very good friend of mine once said "In times of prosperity, your friends all know who you are, and in times of adversity, you know who your friends are."

I know.

Jack, Jeremy and Dave- thanks for the stories, and good luck with the monstrosity when I am gone.

Jonathan- you know it wouldn't be perfect without you. And Michael Luther- It is fitting that our last "prop" together is as tumultuous as our first. Do you remember a cross country race in the cold-rain in Charlotte, can't have been so long ago?

Corby, if you are reading this, it is surely because you care. Just remember that I do to.

And finally for Kim (Wilson) and Christine (there is only one of you) and that other person who has been so supportive- thanks.

— Kim

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the incomparable Kay Yow

25 years at one school. That makes it tough to put on paper what Wolfpack Women's Head Coach Kay Yow has meant to her program and to her school. A native of North Carolina, Yow has more ties to North Carolina Basketball than probably any other active collegiate coach, male or female. Over the years, Yow has brought the Wolfpack ACC titles, NCAA Tournament bids, All-Americans, over 500 wins, and her most recent feat, a trip to the "Big Dance" in 1998, the Wolfpack's first in any sport in 15 years. Yow has coached

nine All-Americans, 28 all-conference players and over 120 student-athletes, seven of whom she coached on to the WNBA.

Coach Yow has also found great success outside of the Wolfpack stomping ground, compiling a 149-20 record on the High school and collegiate level prior to signing on with the Wolfpack in the 1975-76 season. Coach Yow also has a 21-1 record on the International scene, with Gold medals in the 1986 Goodwill Games, the 1986 World Championships and the 1988 Summer Olympic Games.

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1980-81	21-10
1981-82	24-7
1982-83	22-8
1983-84	23-9
1984-85	25-6
1985-86	18-11
1986-87	24-7
1987-88	10-17
1988-89	24-7
1989-90	25-6
1990-91	27-6
1991-92	16-12
1992-93	14-13
1993-94	13-14
1994-95	21-10
1995-96	20-10
1996-97	19-12
1997-98	25-7
1998-99	17-12



MacFriman Staff

1977
Selected the North Carolina Coach of the Year by the Kellogg Co.
1982
Recipient of the 1982 Distinguished Alumni Award at UNC-C Greensboro
1988
Inducted into the Women's Sports Hall of Fame
Recipient of the WBCA's Carol Eckman Award
Honorary Chairwoman of the Lineberger Cancer Research Center
Selected the Coach of the Year by the United States Sports Academy
Voted Woman of the year in Sport by the National Organization for Women
Selected the Coach of the Year by the Greensboro Daily News
Named the North Carolina Coach of the Year by USA Today
1989
Inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame
Received Outstanding Volunteer Award for the Lineberger Cancer Research Center
Graduation speaker at Alma Mater ECU
Fellowship of Christian Athletes Coach of the Year
1990
Named the Converse/ Women's Basketball Coach of the Year
1991
Inducted into the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Hall of Fame
1996
African American Faculty/Staff Organizational Service Award
Girls Scouts of America's Woman of Today
Torch Bearer in the Olympic Torch Run
1998
Named the Women's Basketball Coach of the Year by College Sports News after directing the Pack to the Final Four
1999
Honored with the President and Mrs. George Bush Community Impact Award

Five-time
ACC Regular
Season Champs

Four-time
ACC Tournament
Champions

1998
National
Semi-Finalists

Nine NCAA
Sweet Sixteen
Appearances

Fourteen
NCAA Tournament
Appearances

1999 N.C. State Wolfpack men's basketball outlook



Technician file photo

Big changes in store for Sendek's crew in '99-00

◀ Could this be the year?

K. GRIFFNEY
Sports Editor

Big excitement in Raleigh about men's basketball?

Where do you start?

The opening of the new 19,722 seat Entertainment and Sports Arena?

The addition of the Pack's most impressive freshman class in the Herb Sendek era?

The momentum gained from a third-straight post-season bid that has sparked hopes of an invitation to the big dance for the first time since 1991?

The excitement in Raleigh is so strong right now, that anything less than perfection would be a disappointment.

But the Pack has yet to take the court against a regular-season opponent.

That distinction is reserved for the Georgia Bulldogs, who will help the Wolfpack open their long-awaited new house on Nov. 19.

If the opening ceremonies for the Pack include a win, credit it to talent and depth.

Under Sendek for the fourth straight year, the Wolfpack's biggest concern right now might be finding a starting lineup.

Senior captain Justin Gainey has the point guard slot in control for now.

The one constant for the Pack over the last three tumultuous years, which have seen eight different players leave the program early, has been Gainey. He made a strong impression in his rookie season after playing 160 minutes in the Pack's four-game run to the ACC Tournament Finals in 1997, and has held a place in Wolfpack fans' hearts and Sendek's lineup since.

Sophomores Anthony Grundy and Arch Miller will provide significant support from the shooting guard spot, as well as filling in for Gainey. In exhibition play, Grundy put up numbers the likes of which that Pack hasn't seen

since C.C. Harrison hoisted N.C. State on his shoulder in 1998, while Miller, in his first games back from a back injury and an unfortunate foot incident, was back in form.

In the front court, it will be a mix for the Pack. There is junior Damon Thornton, hampered by injury last season, but who appears ready to compete.

Kenny Inge, always a volatile option in the paint, who picked up this season right where he left off, wowing crowds with his impressive athletics ability.

Ron Kelley doesn't get much attention, but continues to sneak in considerable contributions in the paint. Kelley quietly averaged 11.2 points per game last season, along with 5+ rebounds.

And then there is the freshman.

He is "The Freshman" for the Pack this year, despite the fact that his two classmates post creditentials almost as impressive.

Damien Wilkins brings to the Pack a basketball legacy almost as long and as storied as the Wolfpack's.

He has already found his way into the starting line up and appears to be a semi-permanent fixture for the Pack.

Clifford Crawford and Marshall Williams round out the rookie class that has State's alumni buzzing about an NCAA berth.

Senior Tim Wells and junior Cornelius Williams sat out both exhibition games due to injury, but will be key reserves for the Pack once returned to good health.

And of course there are the intangibles: five walk-ons who have provided a spark and excitement for the Wolfpack on at least one occasion.

All in their sophomore seasons, Carl Lentz, Brian Keeter, Idris Talib, John Hampton and Ben Petty will wait patiently for their shots. Imagine what senior night in the ESA will look like in 2002.

1999-2000 Schedule

Date	Opponent
Nov. 19	Georgia
Nov. 23	Old Dominion
Nov. 26	Stetson
Dec. 1	at Purdue
Dec. 4	Providence
Dec. 12	UNC-Asheville
Dec. 17	Liberty
Dec. 22	at Tulane
Dec. 28	Yale
Dec. 30	Western Carolina
Jan. 6	Maryland
Jan 8	at North Carolina
Jan. 12	Virginia
Jan. 16	Wake Forest
Jan. 19	at Duke
Jan. 22	Georgia Tech
Jan. 26	at Clemson
Jan. 29	Arizona State
Feb. 2	Florida State
Feb. 6	at Maryland
Feb. 9	North Carolina
Feb. 12	at Virginia
Feb. 15	at Wake Forest
Feb. 19	Duke
Feb. 24	at Georgia Tech
Feb. 27	Clemson
March 5	at Florida State
March 9-12	ACC Tournament

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht
1	Damien Wilkins	F	6-6
2	Anthony Grundy	G	6-2
3	Damon Thornton	F	6-8
4	Carl Lentz	G	6-1
5	Brian Keeter	G	6-1
11	Archie Miller	G	5-9
12	Justin Gainey	G	6-0
15	Idris Talib	F	6-5
21	Kenny Inge	F	6-8
22	John Hampton	G	6-2
25	Tim Wells	F	6-6
30	Clifford Crawford	G	6-3
32	Marshall Williams	G	6-4
33	Cornelius Williams	C	6-11
40	Ron Kelley	C	6-8
45	Benjamin Petty	F	6-8



Mike Pittman/Staff

1999 N.C. State Wolfpack women's basketball outlook



Yow celebrates 25th season at the helm

Erb and Lewis to lead Pack

◆ Wolfpack coach Kay Yow begins her 25th season with the Wolfpack.

K. GRIFFNEY
Sports Editor

There is very little doubt what the focus of this season is for the Wolfpack women. Do it for coach.

N.C. State's legendary women's basketball coach Kay Yow enters her 25 season at the helm of the Wolfpack, and with a talented group of returning veterans and a recruiting class, seven members strong that has been ranked No. 2 in the nation, Yow's silver anniversary might just yield a 5th ACC Championship.

Six-foot-six center Summer Erb, who is the team's lone senior, will be one of the biggest key for the Wolfpack this season. A returning all-conference and all-America honorable mention player who was the 1999 Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year, as Erb goes, so will the Pack.

With her size, power and ability to shoot a true jump shot, Erb will be able to score a will against most opposition in one-on-one situations.

If Erb is double and triple-teamed, as she has been thus far in her career, if she can't take it herself, she should have a slew of offensive threats on the perimeter to dish the ball to.

The most prominent of which is Tynesha Lewis with a healthy point guard taking some ball-handling responsibilities off of Lewis' shoulders, the junior might just go nuts in the scoring column.

Lewis has done it all in her two years with the Pack, scoring, rebounding, handling the ball, and playing some of State's best defense.

She is also an emotional spark for the Wolfpack, who this season is without a clear vocal leader.

Look for the two-time All-ACC performer to step up and fill that role.

Both Lewis and Erb, in their third season's under Yow, are closing in on the 1,000 point mark with the Pack.

Erb needs just 132 points to break the record, and just 36 to break 1,000 for her career, while Lewis is just 144 points away.

Dishing Erb and Lewis assists will be freshman

Terah James, who assumes the role of point guard in the absence of 1998-99 senior Kristen Gillespie who has moved on to the coaching ranks.

James beat out sophomore teammate Daphne Hutcherson for the position in the pre-season and has impressed exhibition crowds with her vision of the court and her ability and willingness to try the tough plays that often find their way onto the highlight reel. James isn't the only freshman who's impact will be immediate.

Six-foot-three-inch Ohio native Kaayla Chones has already made her way into the starting lineup. A high-school All-American with international experience, Chones was a top-20 recruit for Yow and the Wolfpack with impressive high school credentials.

Among them, over 2,000 points and 1,600 rebounds, a two-time Ms. Basketball in the Ohio prep ranks, three state rebounding titles and three mentions on the All-State team.

Rounding out the Wolfpack's starting lineup is a veteran player who will be called on to play a very different role.

With Chones helping out in the paint, six-foot-three-junior Monica Bates moves into the three position for the Wolfpack.

Bates can shoot the outside shot, and will be a tremendous addition to the Pack's interior size, making it difficult for any team in the nation to match up with N.C. State for sheer height alone, not to mention the talent.

Bates will also be a substantial target for any pitch-outs that a double-teamed Erb might find her way into.

Christen Greene, Talisha Scates and Keani Christianson each have a year of experience under their belts and will look to bring the Wolfpack the quality reserves and depth that will be so important if the Pack wants to give Yow her sixth ACC Regular Season Championship.

Carisse Moody, Jessica Hawkins, Ivy Gardner, Amy Simpson, Amelia Labador round out the Pack's freshman class.

All five saw action for the Pack in exhibition play, but will have to work hard in practice to see any substantial time.

While the Pack's top five appears solid, with the conference so wide open this season, a strong bench will likely mean the difference between second or third and sixth.

1999-2000 Schedule

Nov. 14	Rutgers
Nov. 20	Southern Miss.
Nov. 21	Washington/UNC-G
Nov. 26	Drake
Nov. 27	Kansas State
Nov. 30	at Georgia Tech
Dec. 3	Wake Forest
Dec. 12	New Orleans
Dec. 19	Miami
Dec. 21	New Hampshire
Dec. 30	South Carolina
Jan. 3	at North Carolina
Jan. 6	at FSU
Jan. 9	Maryland
Jan. 13	at Clemson
Jan. 17	Virginia
Jan. 20	Duke
Jan. 23	at Texas
Jan. 29	Tennessee
Jan. 31	at Wake Forest
Feb. 3	North Carolina
Feb. 6	FSU
Feb. 10	at Maryland
Feb. 13	Clemson
Feb. 17	at Duke
Feb. 20	at Virginia
Feb. 24	Georgia Tech
Mar. 3-6	ACC Tournament

Wolfpack Roster

3	Summer Erb	6-6	C
12	Terah James	5-7	G
15	Jessica Hawkins	5-8	G
20	Tynesha Lewis	5-10	G/F
21	Daphne Hutcherson	5-8	F
23	Keani Christianson	6-2	F
25	Monica Bates	6-2	F
31	Amelia Labador	5-9	G
32	Ivy Gardner	5-9	G
42	Amy Simpson	6-0	G/F
44	Carisse Moody	6-1	F
45	Talisha Scates	6-1	F
50	Kaayla Chones	6-3	C
52	Christen Greene	6-3	C



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The Leader of the P A C K

◆ Sendek enters his fourth season at N.C. State with a new building and the same expectations.

Jack Daly
Assistant Sports Editor

In Herb Sendek's first season as coach of N.C. State's men's basketball team, his undermanned team made it all the way to the finals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

It was quite an entry to the bright stage of ACC hoops.

Since then, Sendek has brought in talented recruiting classes and headed to the postseason each year. The only problem for State fans is that the team has played in the NIT instead of the NCAA's each March.

This year, things are a bit different for Sendek and the rest of the basketball team. The Wolfpack has moved out of Reynolds Coliseum and into the Entertainment and Sports Arena. And the usual talk amongst State fans about the team making the NCAA's has grown noticeably louder.

"Obviously, [making the Tournament] is an important goal for us," Sendek said. "As important as that is, though, I don't ever want that to, in our players' minds, necessarily be the lone factor that defines things. Our mission encompasses so much more than that, although that certainly is an important part of our goal."

To help bring about the goal of making the Tournament, Sendek has assembled arguably his best team since arriving at State. Not only did the Pack not have a senior on last year's squad, but Sendek brought in three heralded freshmen that could and should have an immediate impact for the team.

Damien Wilkins was Bob Gibbons no. 1 rated high school player of the year. Marshall Williams was Mr. Basketball in the state of Wisconsin and Clifford Crawford, a guard out of Winston-Salem, was ranked in the top 50 nationally in most recruiting publications.

"I think this particular group of young guys we have, mainly our three freshmen are matured beyond their years in terms of their ability to understand [the game of basketball]," Sendek said.

With the new talent, Sendek envisions more of fast-break style for the Pack.

"I think each year, if you look back, we're more up-tempo than the year before," Sendek said. "Last year, 11 games we scored more than 80 points. So, as our personnel has continued to change, our system has reflected that.

We would like to continue that same direction."

A move to a more up-tempo style would reflect the system that Sendek learned under former Kentucky coach, and current Boston Celtics head man, Rick Pitino. Sendek was Pitino's assistant at Providence College, where the Friars made the Final Four in 1987, and Kentucky, where Pitino and Sendek led the Wildcats to the Final Four in 1993 before losing to Michigan.

Sendek left Kentucky to be the head coach at Miami of Ohio in 1993. In 1995, the final year of his three-year tenure there, the Redskins made the NCAA's and upset the University of Arizona in the first round. Sendek was named Mid-American Coach of the Year.

Before becoming the 17th head coach at State and serving as an assistant under Pitino, Sendek earned a 3.95 GPA at Carnegie-Mellon in Pittsburgh, PA.

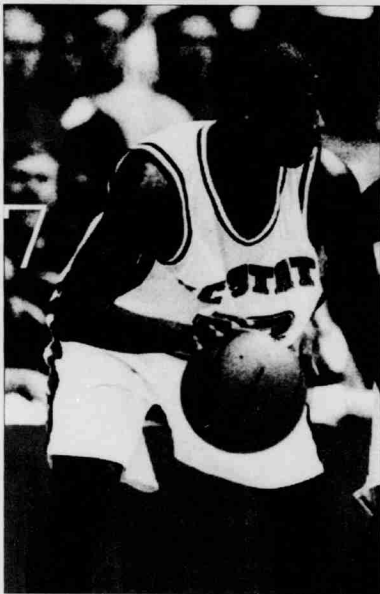
Even with such a distinguished history, Sendek knows he has to look forward.

"I don't know if there hasn't been any season that I've been coaching that, for no other reason that it was now, was the most important season, ever," Sendek said. "This season's a big season and last season was a big season, that's just the way it is."

"That's just part of the fun of sports. Everybody always has a sense of rebirth. There's changes in personnel and everybody starts over."



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Justin Gainey Seeing it through

◆ Justin Gainey looks to lead N.C. State to the promised land - the NCAAs - in his own way.

JACK DALY
Assistant Sports Editor

Coach Herb Sendek calls him the prudent man.

For three seasons, point guard Justin Gainey has been the player that the N.C. State men's basketball team could count on.

Whether it be playing almost every minute in the Wolfpack's dramatic run in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament his freshman season, stealing the ball from Wake Forest's Tony Rutland to help give State a dramatic win in Winston-Salem three years ago, or just being dependable in the intermediate time, Pack coaches, players and fans know what they are going to get from Gainey. In other words, he may not be the world's flashiest point guard, but he gets the job done.

"He's an everyday guy," Sendek said. "He understands the prescription of success by inches. He stays the course. He shows up every day and does

what he's supposed to do, does what's right, does his best and gets a little bit better."

To get better, Gainey spent his summer working on his outside shot and his ballhandling skills. And, while not in the gym working on his game, there was the trip to Italy that the basketball team went on.

The four game tour was valuable not only for the practice time it provided, but also for the opportunity to improve team chemistry, a problem area last season for the team.

"It was a good experience for us," Gainey said. "We really bonded out there and we saw each other in different atmospheres and different times of the day. Usually, when you're in school, you see each other in class, after class or on the court, but when we went over there, we were doing everything together as a team."

Improved chemistry is only one reason that the team may be better this year. Gainey can list a number of others.

"I think everybody's working hard," Gainey said. "Everybody's matured as the years have gone on, each year

guys take a different step in knowing what their role is. Being more mature, period."

For his part, Gainey said he thinks he does a bit of everything.

"Being a point guard, you have to be able to lead the team, direct the offense," Gainey said. "I can score, I can drive and I think I can help out with it all on the court."

Even though he is from North Carolina, Gainey said he never really followed college basketball or the Big Four schools as a kid. He didn't start watching games until he was in high school.

Gainey came to State as an unheralded point guard from Greensboro Day School. The coach at that time, current Athletics Director Les Robinson, was able to convince Gainey to come to Raleigh because of a number of reasons.

"I just saw an opportunity to come in and play early," Gainey said. "It was close to home, and at the time, Coach Robinson was the coach, he told me a lot of good things about State and the

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Summer Erb

All in good time

◆ Summer Erb doesn't have to do too much to be noticed, and she seems to like it that way.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

At six-foot-six, Summer Erb would stand out in a crowd anyway.

The way she plays, compounded by her size and strength, is intimidating. You'd expect her to growl and swing her elbows wildly to clear the paint after coming down for a rebound.

But that is not her style. Erb is soft-spoken, unselfish and simple.

And patient. She came to N.C. State after the mass exodus from the Purdue program four years ago. A coaching change sent those players who were loyal to former coach Lynn Dunn searching for new schools. Erb was one of them.

With a little guidance from Dunn, who knew Wolfpack head coach Kay Yow from years on the coaching circuit, she found her way to Raleigh.

As it has been well documented in the past three seasons since their transfer, Erb was just one of three

players to find their way to the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Fellow center Michele Van Gorp and guard Nicole Erickson had signed on to play for Gail Goostenkers at Duke, just thirty minutes down the road.

Unlike Erb, who spent just one year with the Boiler-makers, both were sophomores when they transferred and had found their niche in the Purdue line-up.

Of the trio, Erb was the baby, and while Erickson and Van Gorp found a starting position, and success, almost immediately, Erb again had to wait.

Despite her size and potential, the timing of the unplanned transfer meant another year coming off of the bench.

Playing in front of Erb were two fourth-year players who had already established themselves as post players in the rough-and-tumble ACC.

But patiently waiting to assume her role in the paint for the Pack paid off for Erb.

One of the players playing in front of the then redshirt-sophomore was All-American senior Chasity Melvin.

Melvin and a trio of other seniors led the Wolfpack all of the way to the Final Four that year, advancing to Kansas City with two upset vic-

tories in the East Regional, where Erb broke out of the shadows.

Against Old Dominion in the semi-finals, Erb poured in 17 points, balancing out the paint between all-American's Melvin and Mery Andrade.

Against Uconn in the Elite Eight, Erb scored 12 and added eight rebounds while helping Melvin all but eliminate the Huskies' Paige Sauer from the picture.

In the Final Four, Erb saw just seven minutes in the National Semi-Final game, but got a chance to witness the action first hand, something few get to do.

"I think that it would be worse if we'd never been," said Erb of her and her team's desire to get to the Final Four this season. "But we know what it's like. We know what it takes."

Apparently Erb has learned what it takes.

Heading into the 1998-99 season, the biggest question surrounding the Wolfpack was how the team would replace Melvin.

Erb answered the questions with emphasis, averaging 21.5 points and 9.9 rebounds per game, starting all but one contest for the Pack and simply dominating the paint. She shot close to 60 percent from the floor and racked up 21 blocked shots, while shooting over 70 per-



cent from the free throw line in over 160 trips. And she won conference Player of the Year honors, edging out former teammate Van Gorp by six

votes. "It doesn't feel odd, winning it over Michele," said Erb. "It would

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FSU

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most anyone in the league. This duo consists of 5-11 junior Delvon Arrington at the point and 6-5 junior Adrian Crawford at the two spot.

Arrington finished third in the conference in both steals (2.0) and assists (6.0). Crawford finished sixth in the league with 2.1 three-point field goals per game. He also scored 10.6 points per contest.

The Seminoles lack of talent and experience in the post may prevent them from making a post season appearance. Their lone returners in the post, 6-8 senior Oliver Simmons and 6-

10 senior Justin Mott, were highly ineffective. However, the addition of three players 6-10 or taller should enhance their inside presence.

Even though almost doesn't count in recruiting, the Seminoles still have enough athleticism and experience to challenge the upper-echelon teams in the conference on a nightly basis.

Devils

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only returning letterman with any significant playing time, the two or three of the rookies will have to at least get up to speed enough to compete in the nation's top conference, but that still doesn't leave Duke with much of a bench.

That again, Duke without much of a bench is probably still just as good as 100 other division one schools with the best bench possible.

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wolfpack men

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45	Benjamin Petty	F	6-8

wolfpack women

3	Summer Erb	6-6	C
12	Terah James	5-7	G
15	Jessica Hawkins	5-8	G
20	Tynessa Lewis	5-10	G/F
21	Daphne Hutcherson	5-8	G
23	Keani Christianson	6-2	F
25	Monica Bates	6-2	F
31	Amelia Labrador	5-9	G
32	Ivy Gardner	5-9	G
42	Amy Simpson	6-0	G/F
44	Carisse Moody	6-1	F
45	Talisha Scates	6-1	F
50	Kaayla Chones	6-3	C
52	Christen Greene	6-3	F

1999 Atlantic Coast Conference Preview

◆ UNC-CH. Duke frontrunners for ACC crown.

K. GRIFFNEY
Sports Editor

1. UNC-Chapel Hill

If the Tar Heels can work through their trouble off-court (suspensions, arrests, injuries).

Despite the absence of leading scorer Adamola Okulaja and reserve Vasco Estivmo, the Heels return the bulk of their scoring, but will have to keep Heywood, Lang and Capel healthy and get point guard Ed Cota back in baby-blue and white.

2. Duke

Mike Krzyzewski is reveling in playing the underdog role this year, but all too soon he won't be able to fool anybody.

Don't shed a tear for the Blue Devils for all of their post-season personnel changes, they are going to be just fine. Pity the player or coach who walks into Cameron Indoor Stadium thinking that the new and improved Coach K hasn't replaced everybody.

3. Wake Forest

Dave Odom might finally have a team with enough experience that Robert O'Kelley won't have to hoist onto his shoulders and carry through the rough and tumble ACC season.

O'Kelley has been the Deacs stand out for the last two seasons, and despite the help, will be again.

The difference is, that this season, he might get his long-awaited NCAA berth.

4. Maryland

Terrence Morris is the preseason frontrunner for conference Player of the Year... but the only way that he will win is if the rest of his teammates step up and play, forcing defenses to guard someone other than Morris.

5. N.C. State

Speaking of long awaited NCAA bids... So far under Herb Sendek the closest the Wolfpack men have come to the big dance was watching the women's team go to the Final Four two seasons ago.

With a stellar recruiting class that has been touted as Sendek's best, this year might be the year that the two-time NCAA Champ Wolfpack finds its way back into the ballroom.

6. Georgia Tech

The experience that the young Yellow Jackets earned last year after losing Dion Glover to a knee injury during the first official practice of the season and then being forced to play an entire season in the ACC without the only standout on your roster is invaluable.

Bobby Cremins' crew will draw from that and more and likely turn more than one head this season.

7. Virginia

The Cavaliers won four conference games with just six scholarship players last season, imagine what they can do with 12 or 13.

Pete Gillen has also brought in a great recruiting class who, along with sophomore sensation Chris Williams, should give the Wahoons an air of youthful confidence.

8. Florida State

Seminole territory knows nothing about free throws and paint and the arc.

Florida State is just not a basketball

1999-2000 ACC MEN'S preseason poll



1. UNC-Chapel Hill
2. Duke
3. Wake Forest
4. Maryland
5. N.C. State
6. Georgia Tech
7. Virginia
8. Florida State
9. Clemson

PRE-SEASON ALL ACC TEAM

Terrence Morris, MD
Ed Cota, UNC-CH
Robert O'Kelley, WFU
Shane Battier, Duke
Jason Collier, GT

Pre-season Player of the Year:

Terrence Morris, MD



school. But don't be surprised if Steve Robinson has his crew back in the NIT.

9. Clemson

Like their women's counterparts in Death Valley, rebuilding will be more of a concern than rings for Larry Shyatt's Tigers.

And with Clemson back to being a football school, attendance at Littlejohn might be a little low.



Mike Fitzmaurice/Staff

◆ The Wolfpack and the Tar heels look to vie for the post-season crown.

K. GRIFFNEY
Sports Editor

1. UNC-CH

The big question for the Tar Heels, who return three of their starters from last season will be what happens after five.

2. N.C. State

The Pack can, and will, run the court better than ever. N.C. State is quicker, faster, younger, and taller than the last two years, and has the veteran leadership of Summer Erb, Tynesha Lewis and Monica Bates guiding a group of seven freshmen.

A preseason lack of emotion might need to be fixed right away, the Wolfpack play one of the toughest schedules in Division I this season.

3. Virginia

This season is as close to "rebuilding" that Debbie Ryan will ever get in her career. Erin Stovall, who was sensational in Charlottesville as a freshman and sophomore, will have the extra pressure of being the team's vocal leader.

The Cavaliers don't lack for height, with two international players sized over six-foot-six, but height doesn't equal victories.

4. Duke

A year removed from the National Title game and two straight ACC regular season Championships, Gail Goetsenko will have to learn about failure real soon to be able to cope when the ACC season gets underway.

Watch for lone senior Peppi Browne to make some waves.

5. Georgia Tech

Sophomore Neisha Butler turned down \$400,000 and a part in a Spike Lee movie to return to the Yellow Jackets team.

That is the kind of dedication that

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Niesha Butler, GT
Erin Stovall, UVA
Tynesha Lewis, NCSU

Pre-season Player of the Year:

Summer Erb, NCSU



Agnus Berenato gets from her players.

Berenato has always been a major supporter of women's basketball, and with Butler, she finally has the kind of ambassador that she needs.

Look for good things out of Atlanta this season.

6. Clemson

With only three two-time letterwinners and one starter returning to Jim Davis' squad, 1999-2000 might be tough season for the Tigers.

The bench and consistent guard play will play major roles in determining Clemson's conference finish.

Don't be surprised if Davis and his squad are back in the ACC Championship for the fifth straight year.

7. Florida State

Latavia Coleman may be, along with Brooke Wyckoff.

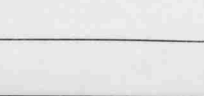
Florida State may not be a basketball school, but Sue Semrau's team will sure try to prove that wrong.

8. Maryland

The Terps have the largest starting contingent returning in the conference, but is still a year or two removed from finding their way out of the ACC cellar.

9. Wake Forest

If Wake finishes last, it will not be because of a lack of effort from Charlene Curtis and her crew.



Brian Burzynski/Staff

Tigers to rebuild

◆ The upcoming basketball season is not looking good in Clemson.

JEREMY ASHTON
Staff Writer

When Rick Barnes arrived in 1994, Clemson basketball was known for just one thing: mediocrity. Almost instantaneously, Barnes took the Tigers from their status as the perennial doormat of the Atlantic Coast Conference to being a nationally respected program.

As the 1998-99 season approached, Clemson fans seemed to have much to look forward to with a talented lineup headlined by four seniors. But without warning, Barnes jumped ship to take over as the new head coach at Texas. The result was a somewhat disappointing season under Barnes' former assistant Larry Shyatt that was salvaged by a one-point loss in the NIT championship game.

The Tigers (20-15, 5-11) only managed a seventh-place finish in the ACC last season with one of the best senior classes in school history, led by the record-setting Terrell McIntyre. Andrus Jurkunas is the lone returning starter on this team and one of just three upperclassmen. That means Shyatt is going to have to rely on a young, unproven lineup, which often spells disaster in the ACC.

Jurkunas, the only senior on the roster, will undoubtedly be the leader of this team. He is the Tigers' leading returning scorer and rebounder, averaging 7.6 points and 3.8 boards. Jurkunas is an outstanding deep threat but will have to play more in the post this season with the losses of Tom Wideman and Harold Jamison.

Junior Adam Allenspach is a virtual lock to start at cen-

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Duke reigns again?

◆ No construction needed for the Blue Devil men.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

Everyone is so concerned about how in the world the Blue Devils are going to account for their off-season personnel losses.

Gone in ACC Player of the Year Elton Brand

Gone is All-ACC shooter Trajan Langdon.

Gone is reserve center Chris Burgess.

Gone is Rookie of the Year candidate Corey Maggette.

Gone is floor general William Avery.

Gone is Associate Head Coach Quinn Snyder.

However will the Blue Devils make do?

Whatever don't worry about the Blue Devils, they are going to be just fine. The answer to the apparent sea of losses, get more good people, just like Coach Mike Krzyzewski has been doing for the last two decades.

To replace his players, Krzyzewski has brought in the nation's top recruiting class. Seven members strong, the class features the likes of point guard Jason Williams, Carlos Bowser and Mike Dunleavy, Jr. The class also brings in much-needed height, with two players over 6-foot-10 in addition to the return of redshirt sophomore forward Matt Christensen.

Upperclassmen Shane Battier and Chris Carrwell will have to pick up the pace, the Blue Devils have lost their top four leading scorers, and play one of the toughest schedules in the conference.

"These guys will have to learn about failure a lot early then the team did last year," said Krzyzewski at the conference's press-conference media day.

Despite the obvious losses, the critics aren't expecting the drop in quality that some fans are apparently making for.

Duke was picked to finish second in the conference behind cross-town rival UNC-Chapel Hill, a team that has been hurt by personnel problems of their own.

With Nate James joining Battier and Carrwell as the

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Max Himmelfarb

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home - feb. 27	home - feb. 13

MEN	WOMEN
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home - feb. 19	home - jan. 20



James Himmelfarb

Bathh leads return

◆ The Clemson women's basketball team is set to defend its ACC crown with a new starting lineup.

JEREMY ASHTON
Staff Writer

Last season saw Clemson women's basketball reach new heights.

The Tigers (26-6, 11-5) made it to the finals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament for the fourth year in a row and won the title for the second time. They won 26 games, a school record. And, they ended the season ranked 10th in the AP poll, their highest ranking to ever reach a season.

That Clemson team was very different from the one that will take the floor to start the 1999-2000 season. Four seniors that started every game, including first-team All-ACC selections Ito Umeoh and Amy Geren, are gone.

However, there are reasons for Tiger fans and Head Coach Jim Davis to be optimistic. Some players averaged over 10 minutes per game last season, meaning the squad that returns is not exactly inexperienced with the rigors of ACC play.

Junior center Erin Bath is the Tigers' lone returning starter. During the team's run to the ACC title, she averaged 7.6 points and 5.0 rebounds. Her ability to score in the post is important for Clemson, but her defensive capabilities are what make her invaluable to the team.

Seniors Ioanmie Mungro and Datisbella Byrd are the most likely candidates to start at the forward spots. Mungro started 11 games last season and ended the year averaging 4.6 points and 4.4 rebounds. Byrd was seldom

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Freshmen needed

◆ Lady Blue Devils will have to grow up quick

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

Sheana Mosch was picked by the Atlantic Coast Conference media as the 1999-2000 ACC Rookie of the Year.

The accolade would be a nice way for the Pennsylvania native to start her collegiate career. But what her team needs is for Mosch, a 5-10 guard not to play like a rookie at all.

The Blue Devils, under coach Gail Goestenkors for the eighth year, will be hard pressed to three-peat as the conference regular season champions, even with top play from Mosch and fellow freshman Lello Gebisa, Olga Gvozdenovic, LaNedra Brown and Michele Matyasovskiy.

What the quintet of rookies surely has learned by now is that the Blue Devils play in the toughest conference in the nation, a conference that two years ago saw three teams ranked in the top ten in the final Associated Press poll and the same three teams advance to the NCAA Tournament Regional Finals or better.

A conference that has sent three different teams to the Final Four in this decade.

And a conference were, surely, you don't lose 44 points and 15 rebounds per game in one season and expect to win the conference crown in the next.

Goestenkors and the Blue Devils suffered losses similar to those of their counterparts in the Duke men's locker room. Only the women lost seniors.

Missing from the line-up this season are starters Michele Van Gorp, Nicole Erickson and Hillary Howard and reserve Payton Black.

All three starters were named to the all-conference first and second teams last season, and leave only senior Peppi Browne and junior Georgia Schweitzer in the starting rotation.

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'Noles ready to roll

◆ The Seminoles will use athleticism and versatility to make up for their weakness in the post

DAVID HOBGOOD
Staff Writer

Some say "almost doesn't count except in horseshoes and handgrenades". One thing is for sure almost doesn't count in college basketball recruiting.

The Florida State Seminoles were on the verge of having one of the topscoring duos in the ACC when they signed 6-4 wing guard Tony Bobbit to complement 6-8 senior forward Tony Ron Hale. However, after the athletic, sharp-shooting Bobbit failed to qualify academically, the fate of Seminole success landed directly on the shoulders of All-ACC performer Hale.

Coming off an immensely successful season, Hale will be the undisputed leader of the Seminoles. Hale, a third team All-ACC selection last season, was ninth in the league in scoring at 16 points per game. He also grabbed 5.6 rebounds per contest and shot 80 percent from the charity stripe.

Although Hale is the leader of the team, there are many other contributors on this team. For starters, 6-6 senior forward Damous Anderson will give the Seminoles production from the wing.

Anderson was fifth in the league in field goal percentage (60.5) and scored 11.9 points per game last season.

The Seminoles also have an experienced backcourt that should hold their own with

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Tech to turn heads

◆ Don't be surprised if the Jackets turn some heads.

K. GRIFFNEY
Sports Editor

The Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets will be a team to watch this season.

Not only does Tech return five starters, but all six of its top scorers, three of whom averaged double-figures a season ago.

But the most impressive things about this Georgia Tech team and its ten returning letterwinners is the experience that they gained last season.

The only big name returning to the 1998-99 Yellow Jackets was Dion Glover.

During Tech's "Midnight Madness" practice on the first official day of basketball season last year, Glover suffered a season-ending knee injury.

All of a sudden, the glue that was supposed to hold the Jacket's together was gone. After the season, Glover opted out of the remainder of his eligibility for the NBA.

Another season without Glover, only this time, Bobby Cremans' crew is more than prepared.

Sans Glover last year, with a rough-and tumble young team, Cremans coached the Jackets to a 14-15 overall record and six wins in the conference.

The team grew up fast, because they had to.

Now, with a year together under their belts, a trio of freshman and two transfers, the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets will continue to climb the conference charts, and most likely find their way back to the NCAA Tournament.

The big names to watch when the Jackets come to town: Alvin Jones and Jason Collier.

Jones, a six-foot-11 center from Florida posted 12.7 points and 9.7 rebounds per contest a year ago. Collier, who transferred to Georgia Tech from Indiana put in 17.2 points and 7.3 rebounds per game.

Between the two of them, the play in the post will be



Mike Pittman/Staff

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Mike Pittman/Staff

high-scoring, physical, and a ton of fun to watch.

Coleman returns

◆ The return of three All-ACC starters and a top-10 recruiting class have the Seminoles pumped and ready to go.

DAVID HOBGOOD
Staff Writer

What do you get when you combine a 20-point scorer, a third team All-ACC performer, and an ACC all-rookie performer with a top-10 recruiting class. Florida State supporters hope the answer is an upper-echelon team, especially after they finished 7-23 last season.

The Seminoles possess a potent trio that should wreak havoc on their opponents all season long. The most lethal of the three is 6-0 senior forward Latavia Coleman. She missed the final 17 games of last season due to a torn ACL. However, prior to her injury, she was averaging a robust 20.8 points and 7 rebounds per contest. She was the obvious team leader and she proved that she would step up her play in the big games as she scored 38 points versus UNC and 30 points against Louisiana Tech.

The second member of this talented trio is 6-1 junior forward Brooke Wyckoff. After starting the past two seasons, Wyckoff should add some experience to this youthful squad. Wyckoff was named third team All-ACC because of her productive 13.7 points and 7.9 rebounds per game. She also spent her past two summers playing with USA Basketball.

The final member is 5-10 sophomore guard April Taylor, who is a very aggressive perimeter player that is overflowing with confidence. Taylor was named ACC All-Freshman last season after averaging 12.7 points per game.

In addition to these three, the Seminoles acquired one of the best recruiting classes in the nation. This five player class is led by two outstanding post players and an unbelievable point guard. The impressive post players are 6-3 center Lauren Bradley and 6-3 center Katelyn Vujas. Shmikka Whiting, was named Miss Basketball in the state of Florida.

The Seminoles hope this energetic blend of youth and experience will produce many victories this season.

Butler's back for Tech

◆ Niesha Butler will lead the way for the Jackets once again.

K. GRIFFNEY
Sports Editor

Niesha Butler is the biggest star to return to the Yellow Jacket program since Kisha Ford in 1996.

And Butler is just a sophomore.

But she is young and talented and dedicated and just what women's basketball needs.

Georgia Tech coach Agnus Berenato has always been the sports No. 1 fan, and in bringing Butler to the ACC, a powerful conference that gets national media exposure, Berenato has done herself and the sport she loves a huge favor.

Butler is a superstar.

As a freshman, she won the conference Rookie of the Year award hands down, and even found her way on to the all-conference second team.

She guided the Jackets to six conference wins and a one-game-under-.500 record overall.

Over the summer, the New York City native who modeled part-time while in high school was offered a lucrative contract to appear as the lead role in Spike Lee's latest feature film.

She was offered \$400,000 to appear.

She turned it down.

She wanted to play basketball.

She wanted to play for Tech.

And if last year was any indication, she and the Yellow jackets will be a team to watch.

Returning along with Butler is Danielle Donechew and Regina Tate, both who made a major impact on the Tech scoring column last season.

More importantly to Berenato, the trio is helping the Jackets draw crowds and wins.

Morris leads MD

◆ All-America candidate Terence Morris is ready to lead Maryland back to the NCAA tournament.

JEREMY ASHTON
Staff Writer

All the pieces were in place last season for Maryland and Head Coach Gary Williams' Final Four drought to end.

The Terrapins (28-6, 13-3) had an athletic team loaded with upperclassmen. They had a legitimate superstar in second-team All-America Steve Francis. And, they had an up-tempo style that seemingly no one could keep up with. Yet once again, the Terps fell short of that elusive Final Four berth.

The season was hardly a failure. Maryland set a school record with 28 wins, made its sixth consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament and was ranked No. 5 in the final AP poll. But, the ultimate goal was to end the season at the Final Four.

Such lofty goals have not been set for the 1999-2000 edition of the Terps. They return just one starter from their record-setting squad. However, that one starter is All-America candidate Terence Morris, and many of the players that are returning were integral parts of the team's run last season.

Morris, a 6-9 junior, is easily one of the best players in the Atlantic Coast Conference and is the early favorite to win Player of the Year honors. During Maryland's outstanding year, he averaged 15.3 points and 7.1 rebounds and was named first-team All-ACC. A versatile player who can score from the post or three-point range, he will be the primary concern for any team facing the Terps this season.

Joining Morris in the frontcourt will be sophomore Lomny Baxter and junior LaRon Cephas. Baxter has

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Heels picked No. 1

◆ Tar Heels are the preseason pick to take the crown.

K. GREENEY
Sports Editor

Can the Tar Heels take Coach Bill Guthridge all the way to the ACC Tournament Final for a third straight year?

Will the Heels head to the Final Four like two year ago, or bow in the first round of the big dance like last year's Weber State disaster?

A lot of those answers will hinge on who takes the court for the Heels—literally.

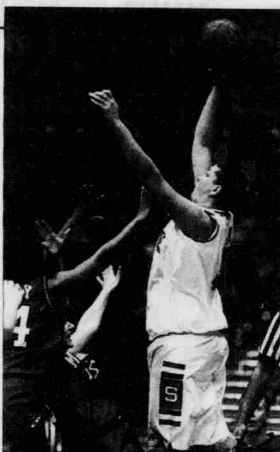
Guthridge and the Heels lost leading scorer and 34-game starter Ademola Okulaja as well as reserve Vasco Estivon, but have the strongest squad returning any of the conference's rosters.

Scheduled for another year of duty are Brendan Hayward, Ed Cota, Jason Capel and Kris Lang. Unfortunately for Guthridge, the only one of the four who hasn't been hampered by injury in the preseason is Cota, who is currently suspended indefinitely along with fellow senior Terrence Newby after an outing on Franklin Street on Halloween resulted in the issuing of warrants for the two guard's arrests.

As if that wasn't enough, two sport athlete Ronald Curry, Cota's back-up on the court is lost for the season after suffering an ACL injury while playing quarterback for the school's 1-7 football squad.

Possibly where the entire system breaks down for the Heels is that UNC-CH is playing a typical UNC-CH schedule.

They open up at the Maui Tournament which, despite the cloudy site, is no cake walk. Aside from playing a conference schedule against six teams which were ranked in or received votes for the AP Top 25, the Tar Heels have scheduled four non-conference top-ranked squads, including No. 2 Cincinnati and No. 3 Michigan State.



Brent Heston/Staff

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Mike Finnem/Staff

Strength in numbers

◆ Maryland's youthful women's basketball team could be ready to surprise the rest of the ACC.

JEREMY ASHTON
Staff Writer

Putting five freshmen on the court at one time, no matter how talented they are, is usually a dangerous thing.

Yet, that was the situation that Maryland Head Coach Chris Weller found herself in on numerous occasions last season. As a result, the Terrapins (6-21, 3-13) limped to the finish with an eighth-place mark in the always tough Atlantic Coast Conference and took an early exit in the conference tournament.

While the Terps are probably not ready to rejoin the ACC's upper echelon, they should be much improved this season. Those five freshmen are back as with a year of ACC experience under their belts. Mix in a steady group of seniors and another solid recruiting class and Maryland could very easily exceed last season's effort.

Sophomore forward Deedee Warley is a potential star and should be a favorite to make the All-ACC team. During her freshman season, she was second on the team in rebounding and led the Terps in scoring with 13.4 points per game.

The rest of the frontcourt is shaping up nicely for Weller's team. At 6-8, senior Branka Bogunovic is one of the tallest players in the ACC and will provide match-up problems for almost every team on Maryland's schedule. Sophomore Cara Ferris will probably step in at the forward position vacated by Kelley Gibson who was second on the team in scoring

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Tar Heels' tough trio

◆ UNC-Chapel Hill will have stiff competition at the top.

K. GREENEY
Sports Editor

As far as returning players, the UNC-Chapel Hill Tar Heels have a distinct edge over the rest of the field.

Sylvia Hatchell's team return's three starters, who happen to be the top three scorers on last year's team and who all happened to have earned all-conference or all-conference tournament honors at the end of last season.

Point guard Nikki Teasley, a preseason all-conference pick, and wing players Juana Brown and Laquanda Barksdale return over 40 points per game to the Tar Heel program as just juniors.

But that is not to say that the Heels won't have to make up for some big losses.

Gone is 1995-96 ACC Rookie of the Year Chanel Wright, who despite not having the best year of her career, still finished in the top 11 in the conference in scoring and with over 1,805 points in her career. Wright started 32 games and was a key factor to the Tar Heel defense, a stabilizing factor.

Also gone from the program is starting center Yanick Clay, who's 5.6 points and 3.4 rebounds per game were not stellar numbers, but could prove to be a huge loss.

With Clay out of the lineup, and off of the bench for that matter, six foot junior Jackie Higgins and six-foot-five-inch sophomore LaShonda Allen will be called upon to fill in down low against the rest of the conference—specifically the Wolfpack's Summer Erb.

The Tar Heels and the Wolfpack's ongoing rivalry will be renewed this season as the two teams go head-to-head for the ACC Title.

Youth leads Cavs

◆ As the Cavs depth grows so should their win total.

DAVID HOGGOD
Staff Writer

Worst to first?

Well that may be a stretch.

However, if second-year head coach Pete Gillen continues bringing in top-five ranked recruiting classes, the Cavs could return to their glory days of the early 80's.

Although they finished last in the conference with an anemic 4-12 record last season, the Cavs showed an abundance of potential and determination. They return five of their top six players, including 6-6, 1998 ACC Rookie of the Year Chris Williams. In addition to that, 6-9 junior center Colin Ducharme returns from an injury that forced him to redshirt last season after leading the Cavs in scoring and rebounding in 1997-98. As if that wasn't enough, Gillen brought in a top-five nationally ranked recruiting class.

The Cavs will look to Williams and junior guard Donald Hand for big plays. This dynamic duo gave the Cavs and impressive scoring punch on a nightly basis. Hand finished sixth in the league in scoring (17.1) and third in free throw percentage (86.6).

Williams was equally as impressive while finishing eighth in the league in scoring (16.8), fifth in rebounding (7.4), and ninth in blocked shots (1.3).

The supporting cast of returners should give productive contributions also. Ducharme should bring scoring and rebounding from the post. While 6-2 guard Chezley Watson will add experience ball handling. The Cavs will look to 6-6 senior guard Willie Dersch and 6-5 sophomore forward Adam

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Tourney time for WFU

◆ The Wake Forest women's basketball team is hoping for a reversal of fortune with the approach of the new season.

JEREMY ASHTON
Staff Writer

Fans of Wake Forest women's basketball have not had much to cheer about in a while.

1991 was the last time the Demon Deacons recorded a winning season and that was only a 15-13 effort. While the program is showing signs of improvement under Head Coach Charlene Curtis, there does not appear to be much hope of ending that streak in 1999-2000.

After an 8-20 season and a seventh-place finish in conference, the Deacons have once again been picked to finish in the Atlantic Coast Conference cellar. Wake's roster features just one senior, Alisha Mosley, and does not have a single player that has ever averaged double figures in points at the collegiate level.

If there is a star on this team, it is probably junior Olivia Dardy. Dardy started just two games for the Deacons last season, yet she still managed to finish second on the team in scoring and earn honorable mention All-ACC honors. She should crack the starting lineup permanently this season.

Sophomore LaChina Robinson has a lock on the starting job at center. Robinson started every game for Wake last year and was named to the ACC All-Freshman Team. Other frontcourt players who could make a significant impact include juniors Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick and Kristen Shaffer and freshman Heather Miller and Tiffani Staffer.

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Brian Burgeny/Staff

Stovall powers UVA

◆ The loss of a conference legend may lead the Cavs to unknown grounds.

DAVID HOGGOD
Staff Writer

After winning 20 games or more in 15 of her last 16 seasons, Cavaliers Head Coach Debbie Ryan doesn't know what it means to rebound. A year after going 20-9 and 12-4 in the conference, this could possibly be the time when she becomes more familiar with this term.

The Cavs lost their entire starting frontcourt which included 2-time All-ACC first teamer DeMya Walker. Walker led the Cavs in scoring, rebounding, blocks, and field goal percentage last season. She ended her career at Virginia as the ACC's all-time leader in blocks (330) and Virginia's all-time leader in field goal percentage (55.7). Talk about having big shoes to fill.

However, don't feel too sorry for Coach Ryan and the Cavs.

Although they lost their three starters in the frontcourt, they returned 10 lettermen. And one of those returnees is All-American candidate Erin Stovall.

The 5-9 junior guard Stovall will be relied upon for a great deal of leadership and scoring. Stovall is very capable of carrying the Cavs into the postseason with her abundance of talent and athleticism. A third team All-ACC selection, Stovall, finished ninth in the league in scoring (14.5). She is regarded as the fastest player in the conference and she possesses an accurate outside shooting touch that leaves foes devastated. Her 46 three-point field goal last season surpassed Tori Suber's previous school record of 43.

The other returning starter in the backcourt is 5-6 senior Renee Robinson. She started 27 games last season and led the team in assists. Her experience and ball distribution should really help out.

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MEN	WOMEN
away - feb. 12	away - feb. 20
home - jan. 12	home - jan. 17

MEN	WOMEN
away - jan. 16	away - jan. 31
home - feb. 15	home - dec. 3

WFU lead by O'Kelley

◆ Wake Forest looks for a breakthrough season led by junior Robert O'Kelley.

DAVID HOGGOD
Staff Writer

With the past two seasons ending with NIT appearances, optimism is sky high in Winston-Salem. And for good reason.

With the exception of a question mark at the point guard position, the Demon Deacons are loaded with experience and versatility. They finished last season tied for fourth place in the conference with a 7-9 record. And they should only improve as they return 94 percent of their scoring and 93 percent of their rebounding from last season.

Without any doubt, the Deacs will look towards junior guard Robert O'Kelley for leadership and scoring. O'Kelley is coming off of a season in which he was named second team All-ACC. Finished third in teh league in scoring (17.6), and third in three-pointers made per game (2.7). However, his inability to play the point leaves Wake without a reliable ball-handler. This weakness plagued the Deacs last season and forced them to have 99 more turnovers than assists.

Although they may lack sufficient ball-handling, the Deacs have more than enough talent on the wings and in teh post. They will receive great contributions in teh low blocks from 6-9 sophomore forward Darius Songalia and 6-9 junior center Rafael Viduareta. Songalia, who was named third team All-Freshman by Basketball News, averaged 12.1 points and 5.3 rebounds per contest. While Viduareta finished seventh in the league in rebounding snatching down 7.3 per contest. Wake also received an aggressive inside presence from 6-8 sopho-



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Cavs

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Hall for an added scoring punch. Along with the return of five players who have averaged double figures during their careers at Virginia, the Cavs are bringing in a highly-touted five man recruiting class. They are led by a pair of Parade All-Americans in 6-1 point guard Majestic Mapp and 6-7 power forward Travis Watson. The rest of the class consists of 6-8 juco transfer Stephane DonDon, 6-10 shot-blocker Jason Rogers, and 6-4 sharp-shooter Roger Mason.

This year may be the first step towards regaining their previous distinction as one of the elite teams in college basketball.

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more forward Antwan Scott, 6-9 junior center Josh Shoemaker, and 6-10 transfer Tate Decker. Along with their solid post players, Wake boasts an impressive trio along with the ring. This group is led by 6-5 sophomore guard

Deacs

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Junior Janae Whiteside and Mosley return to lead the way in the backcourt. Whiteside came in mainly off the bench last season but earned first-team ACC All-Tournament honors with a dazzling effort in Wake's two tournament games. Mosley brings back 7.3 points and 2.1 assists per game, but her most important contribution for the Deacons will be her veteran leadership.

There is definitely evidence that the Deacons are making strides toward getting back to being a winning program. However, the fruits of their labor will probably not be noticed this season as Wake seems destined for another year near the bottom of the ACC.

Craig Dawson, who averaged 8.1 points per contest and shot 38.6 percent from the perimeter. The return of 6-5 sophomore forward

Niki Arntze, who redshirted last season due to a shoulder injury should add depth to the position. With expectations rising in Winston-Salem, Demon Deacons, supporters feel the number of wins should rise also. And by looking at the roster wins should come in abundance this season.

Gainey

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tradition they had and all that stuff I never really knew."

This year, Gainey wants to add to that tradition by making the NCAA Tournament, something the Pack hasn't done since 1991. Both Gainey and his coach figure he can help the team reach this goal by example as much as anything.

"I think Justin's made a concerted effort to provide our team with support and leadership," Sendek said. "And he's doing it in his own, special way. He's not someone who is overly vocal and has a dominant

personality, but in his own, quiet, self-assured way, you can see him really doing a good job of leading our team."

And, if the Pack fall short of Gainey's stated goal of "winning," it probably won't be due to a lack of effort on his part.

"If anybody's come as close as possible to reaching his potential, it's Justin Gainey," Sendek said. "He has gotten to this point, and I expect him to continue to do so, the best out of himself. I guess when you get right down to it, that's the true mark of success."

UVa

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The Cavs will look for adequate production from 6-2 senior forward Lisa Hosac, 6-1 junior forward Svetlana Volnaya, 5-8 sophomore guard Telisha Quarles, and 6-3 freshman phenom Schuyie LaRue.

In order to keep their prestigious streak of winning seasons in tact, the Cavs will have to receive valuable contributions from many unproven sources. But with Coach Ryan running the show, anything is possible.

Erb

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have been odd if we were still teammates."

And while Erb is the almost natural preseason pick to repeat as the conference Player of the Year, which would put her in the elite company of UNC-CH's Pam Leake and Tracy Reid and Uva's Wendy Palmer and Dawn Staley, she isn't seeking any nominations.

"We have more important things to do," said Erb. "If it comes, it comes."

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Nov. 20	Southern Miss.
Nov. 21	Washington/UNC-G
Nov. 26	Drake
Nov. 27	Kansas State
Nov. 30	at Georgia Tech
Dec. 3	Wake Forest
Dec. 12	New Orleans
Dec. 19	Miami
Dec. 21	New Hampshire
Dec. 30	South Carolina
Jan. 3	at North Carolina
Jan. 6	at FSU
Jan. 9	Maryland
Jan. 13	at Clemson
Jan. 17	Virginia
Jan. 20	Duke
Jan. 23	at Texas
Jan. 29	Tennessee
Jan. 31	at Wake Forest
Feb. 3	North Carolina
Feb. 6	FSU
Feb. 10	at Maryland
Feb. 13	Clemson
Feb. 17	at Duke
Feb. 20	at Virginia
Feb. 24	Georgia Tech
Mar. 3-6	ACC Tournament

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Tigers Clemson

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One of Davis' biggest tasks will be finding someone to step up in the backcourt after the departures of Umoh and Geren. Seniors Angie Cossey and Amirah Leonard should make significant contributions after both averaged over 10 minutes last season. The Tigers also have a trio of freshmen from South Carolina, Heather Crowe, Yoneko Allen and Chrissy Floyd, who could see plenty of action as well.

This is, by no stretch of the imagination, the same Clemson team that won the ACC title last season. The Tigers are still the defending ACC champs, however, and seem to have the ability to burn any team that underestimates them.

MD

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ter after shooting 53.6% from the floor and averaging 15.1 minutes last year. The rest of the frontcourt is up in the air with sophomore Chucky Gilmore and three freshmen likely to battle for playing time.

The situation in the backcourt is even cloudier than the one in the post because of the departure of McIntyre. One of the starting guards will most likely be sophomore Will Sokomon who averaged 6.3 points primarily off the bench last season. Freshmen Ed Scott and Pasha Bains are the most likely candidates to play the other guard spot.

After enjoying a brief stint in the national spotlight, Clemson appears headed for a return to the ways of the past.

MD

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last season.

Senior Tiffany Brown and sophomore Marche Strickland return as the starters at the guard positions. Brown missed the first nine games of last season due to academic problems but came back to play a huge role. She went all 40 minutes in 15 out of the 19 games she participated in and would have led the ACC in assists per game had she met NCAA minimums. Meanwhile, Strickland averaged 8.4 points and was the only Terp to start every game in her first year at the collegiate level.

Maryland probably is not going to contend for an ACC title in 2000. But, the Terps do have the capability to surprise this season.

Terps

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already proved himself after assuming a starting role in 1999 due to Obinna Ekezie's season-ending injury. Cephas will crack the starting lineup after seeing only limited playing time in his first two seasons.

Sophomores Juan Dixon and Danny Miller will start in the backcourt. Dixon averaged 7.1 points off the bench last season and led all ACC freshmen in steals. Meanwhile, Miller has established himself as a genuine outside threat and will play the wing guard.

Talk of a Final Four might be a little much for Maryland this year. But with Morris leading the way, there is no reason that the Terps should not make their seventh consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament.

Duke

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The good news for the Devils is that the freshman have, as was necessary, contributed early, giving impressive performances against exhibition teams.

The better news for the Blue Devils is that guard Schweitzer is finally healthy, fully recovered from off-season shoulder surgery after playing most of the post-season in pain last year.

The bad news: Duke is still an ACC team.



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Nov. 23	Old Dominion
Nov. 26	Stetson
Dec. 1	at Purdue
Dec. 4	Providence
Dec. 12	UNC-Asheville
Dec. 17	Liberty
Dec. 22	at Tulane
Dec. 28	Yale
Dec. 30	Western Carolina
Jan. 6	Maryland
Jan. 8	at North Carolina
Jan. 12	Virginia
Jan. 16	Wake Forest
Jan. 19	at Duke
Jan. 22	Georgia Tech
Jan. 26	at Clemson
Jan. 29	Arizona State
Feb. 2	Florida State
Feb. 6	at Maryland
Feb. 9	North Carolina
Feb. 12	at Virginia
Feb. 15	at Wake Forest
Feb. 19	Duke
Feb. 24	at Georgia Tech
Feb. 27	Clemson
March 5	at Florida State
March 9-12	ACC Tournament

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