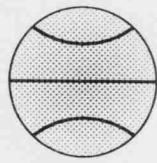
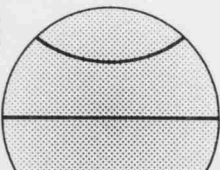




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# Carolina picked 1st in ACC, then Duke, Cavs

By David Honea  
Senior Staff Writer

The 1989-90 basketball season was an eventful one for the ACC, from the high of two Final Four teams to the low of two teams on probation.

Here's a close look at the rest of the ACC, in descending order according to the ACC basketball writers' preseason picks. (That group picked State for sixth.)

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
The Tarheels never really came together last year, as attested to by their 21-13 record.

They did manage to end on a high note, beating

number one

Oklahoma to advance to the Sweet 16.

But the highest



Smith

note came after the season, when the Heels signed 7-foot Eric Montross of Indiana, the nation's number one rated high schooler. Montross joins forwards Clifford Rozier and Pat Sullivan, and guards Brian Reese and Derrick Phelps to form what many experts have called the best group ever to enter one school in one year.

Montross could step into the starting lineup immediately, and the other freshmen should contribute. But Carolina is the preseason ACC pick because of the players they return.

Senior forwards Pete Chilcutt, 6'10" and Rick Fox 6'7" will give the Heels a powerful front line. Fox was the team's leading scorer last year at 16.2 points a game, while Chilcutt is the top returning rebounder after averaging 6.6 per game.

The ACC is so loaded at point guard, senior King Rice may not rank in the top half of the league at that position. The other guard is something of a question mark. Sophomore Henrik Rodl 6'7" is an outstanding shooter who should see more action this year. Another option for the Heels is to move Fox to the outside and put 6'7" sophomore George Lynch in at forward.

Carolina should also get back-court help from junior Hubert Davis and sophomore Kenny Harris.

**DUKE**

Last year at this time, everyone wanted to know what Duke would without Danny Ferry.

Try going to the Final Four for the third straight year, and the fourth time in five years.

So when the Blues Devils lost Alaa Abdelnaby, Robert Brickey, and Phil Henderson, the media responded by ranking them in the top five nationally. That

ranking shows a lot of faith in coach Mike Krzyzewski, who has shown he can lose important players and come with another strong team.

Whether that faith is justified will depend in large part on Bobby Hurley and Christian Laetner, the Devils two returning starters.

Sophomore Hurley is one of the nation's best point guards, averaging 8.8 points and 7.6 assists per game last year. He will need to shoot more, and more consistently, to make up for Henderson's absence.

Laetner averaged 16.6 points and 9.3 rebounds last season and is a preseason first team all-ACC. The 6'10" junior will have to take a leadership role, and get accustomed to being the focus of opponents' defenses.

6'8" freshman Grant Hill will probably be another constant in the Blue Devil lineup. Rated as one of the top recruits in the country, Hill can play almost anywhere on the court, and may have to depending on how the rest of the lineup comes through. If Duke is to live up expectations, someone will have to step up from the bench. At center, senior Clay Buckley and junior Crawford Palmer are both options.

Sophomore's Thomas Hill and Phil McCaffrey both saw action last year at guard. Senior Greg Koubek is the Devils most experienced reserve, and could play guard or small forward. Also expect to see junior Brian Davis and freshman Antonio Lang at either of those positions.

**VIRGINIA**  
At most schools, the players change from year to year, but the coach stays the same. Virginia seems to have it backwards. The Cavs return over 90 percent of their scoring and rebounding from last season, by far the highest total in the league.

Directing this experienced team is 30-year-old Jeff Jones, one of the youngest head coaches in college basketball. Jones takes over from Terry Holland, who retired to become athletic director at Davidson.

Jones initial job appears easy, as Virginia returns all five starters from last year's NCAA second round team.

The most important returnee is

junior forward Bryant Stith. Stith was first team all-ACC last year after averaging 20.8 points per game.

Point guard John Crotty is also an all-star candidate after averaging 16 points and 6.7 assists last year. Forward Kenny Turner and guard Anthony Oliver are also solid players.

At center, 6'9" sophomore Ted Jeffries returns, but he was only marginally effective last season. He will be challenged by 6'11" red shirt freshman Shawn Wilson.

Virginia may have trouble with depth early in the season, as their top two reserves are football players Matt Blundin and Terry Kirby, II, as appears likely, the Cavs football season extends into the new year, the team may take a while to really come together.

**GEORGIA TECH**

A key element of Georgia Tech's success last year was mathematical fact of basketball, you can't double team three people.

The Yellowjackets rode their "Lethal Weapon III", Dennis Scott, Kenny Anderson, and Brian Oliver, all the way to the Final Four, as no team found a way to shut down all three.

This year opponents will have the simpler, if not simple, task of stopping Anderson. After leading the league in assists (8.1 per game) and finishing fifth in scor-

ing (20.6 a game) as a freshman, Anderson could lead both categories this season.

But Anderson can't make up for the 48 points a game Scott and Oliver combined for. The question for coach Bobby Cremins is, who can?

Cremins will have to get more production from the inside game this year. Sophomore Malcolm Mackey (7.2 points, 7.5 rebounds a game) returns at power forward and is expected to contribute more.

A big boost could come from 7'0" Matt Geiger, a transfer from Auburn. The other forward should be redshirt freshman Ivano Newbill.

The second guard will be one of several unknowns: junior college transfers Bryan Hill and Bill Barry, or sophomore Daryl Barnes.

Anderson and Mackey



Odom

are the only players with more than taken ACC experience.

**WAKE FOREST**

Wake Forest has experience and talent, and because of that they have moved out of the preseason cellar they've inhabited the last few years.

Unfortunately, the Deacons have few players with both experience and talent, and for that they are still picked in the bottom half of the league.

Wake had one of the nation's best recruiting classes, cleaning up the best in North Carolina and

bringing in several out of state players.

6'7" Rodney Rogers of Durham was a first team high school all-American, and should step into the lineup immediately.

Trelonius Owens, a 6'8" forward from Bladenboro, will also help the Deacons inside, where they got pushed around last year.

Stan King, a 7'0" center from New York, certainly won't get pushed around, but needs to develop offensively. Guards Marc Blucas, Randolph Childress, and Robert Doggett will shore up the Deacons' depth and hopefully help their miserable outside shooting.

These freshman join a lineup that includes most of the key players from last season. But those players went 12-16 and lost 11 straight ACC games at one point, which raises questions about the value of experience.

Junior Chris King is the Deacons best player, leading the team in scoring his first two seasons. The 6'8" forward averaged 16.1 points a game last season.

Junior Anthony Tucker returns at the other forward after averaging 13 points a game last year.

Robert Siler and Derrick McCuen return as starters in the backcourt, but they often didn't measure up against the national class guards in the rest of the league.

**CLEMSON**

Clemson has had eight months to think about last season's end. The Tigers were one second

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# Lee to spell relief on a thin Pack frontline

By Marc Smith  
Staff Writer

David Lee, at 6'8" and 250 lbs., is a tough inside player that figures to be an important part of the N.C. State men's Basketball 1990-1991 season.

The Wolfpack has very little depth this season and had only nine players on the roster before tryouts were held.

Lee, a senior, will come in and spell the Pack frontline and contribute in defense and rebounding.

Lee transferred from El Camino Junior College in California after his sophomore year. During his career at El Camino he led his team to it's fifth straight South Coast Conference title and to the California JUCO Crown.

Lee sat out last season as a

redshirt. In 1988-1989 he played in 21 games, scoring 1.1 points per game and pulling down 1.1 boards a game.

Lee's bulk and strong inside game will be an important contribution to the inexperienced Wolfpack frontline. Throughout his career, Lee has often averaged almost as many or more rebounds than points.

During his final year at El

Camino JC, Lee averaged 11.8 points and 12.7 rebounds per contest.

In his senior year in high school at Banning High School in Los Angeles, he averaged 10 points and a remarkable city record of 17 rebounds per game. That year, Lee was named to the all-city and all-league honors.

State only has six returning letterman this year. That lack of depth is felt most at the frontline

position where Tom Gugliotta is the only returning starter. Sophomores Bryant Figgins and Kevin Thompson will probably be starting and that leaves few experienced post players to come in off the bench.

This situation, and the play of fellow reserve Tony Robinson, a redshirt freshman, could thrust Lee into an important position for the Wolfpack.



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Senior David Lee (25) will see plenty of action in the trenches.

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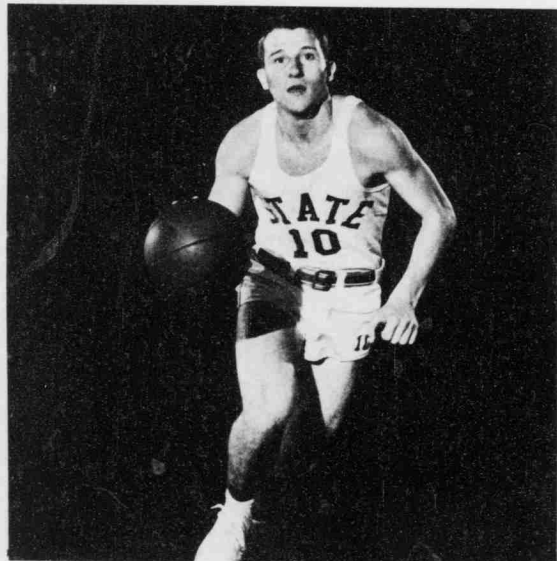
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Les Robinson directing traffic on the court of Reynold's Coliseum as State's head basketball coach.



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Number ten, Les Robinson, as a young Wolfpack player in the mid-1960's

## A New Era begins with an Old Friend

By Fred Hartman  
Sports Editor

Turn the clock back 25 years, when basketball was played in S10 Converse Chucks, players wore belts to hold their trunks up and N.C. State University was simply known as State College.

Also a time when Les Robinson spent many afternoons playing ball on the wooden floor in Reynolds Coliseum under the watchful eye of the late Everette Case.

Robinson is back in Reynolds, so is the floor, but this time the Chucks have been replaced by leather high-tops, and it's Robinson's eye that is doing the watching.

Robinson has been on the job as the Pack's head basketball coach for six months now and it has taken most of that time for him to grasp the reality of coaching for State.

"That was the part that was most difficult to sink in, I'm just in awe of State and it's tradition," Robinson said. "I hope I don't change, but just continue coaching as I have always coached."

The Albany, W.V. native came to State on a basketball scholarship in 1961 to play for the legendary Case. Robinson graduated with a degree in recreation and physical education in 1965 and remained with the program for two more years as an assistant coach under Press Maravich.

Robinson's first head coaching job came at Cedar Key High School in Florida in 1967. He left Cedar Key one year later to take an assistant position at Western Carolina University in 1970 where he earned a master's degree in guidance.

The coach's longest tenure was a 14-year stint at The Citadel. He began as an assistant in 1971 and was named head coach in 1975, where he remained until 1985.

East Tennessee State University was the coach's home for the past five years. Robinson served as the school's athletic director and head basketball coach from 1985 until May 1 of this year when he assumed the position at State left vacant by former Pack coach Jim Valvano.

Robinson says the transition to the Pack program has been no different than any other coaching job, although he admits the switch has been somewhat of a learning experience for himself and the players.

"Having been involved in two other programs, I have those experiences to draw from," Robinson said. "I'm coming into an established program as far a tradition, but I'm not going to approach it any different than East Tennessee State.

"We're just beginning a learning process for the coaches and players and sometimes when you have upperclassmen in a transition, they tend to be the ones who don't adapt as well as the others."

Although, Robinson said his two star seniors, Rodney Monroe and Chris Corchianni have done nothing but help the situation. "Chris and Rodney have given me great leadership. They've been a real key in helping the other guys adjust," he said.

Now that the formalities are over, Robinson must assume the chore of cleaning up a team that's been pocked, prodded and torn apart over the past two years.

Senior showman Avie Lester was delegated to play professional ball in Yugoslavia after losing his last year of eligibility in an administrative screw-up. Red-shirt phenom Craig Tyson transferred to a junior college, for a number of reasons, and this year's recruiting class was left dwindled by an NCAA sanction that prevented the Pack from recruiting last year.

The iron three are back. Corchianni, Monroe and junior Tom Gugliotta. With help from Kevin Thompson and Bryant Feggins,

# Gugliotta plays versatile inside/outside game

By Thomas Baker  
Staff writer

N.C. State's backcourt duo of Chris Corchiani and Rodney Monroe gets most of the attention. But an integral force in the frontcourt that Coach Les Robinson will be counting on is Tom Gugliotta, returning to the starting line-up after a strong sophomore season.

Gugliotta, a 6'9", 219-pound junior from Huntington Station, N.Y., grabbed a share of the limelight last year by taking the MVP honors at the Diet Pepsi Tournament of Champions.

His 10 points and 11 rebounds in the semi-final game against Ohio State made his presence and potential known. In the

tournament final against Pittsburgh, Gugliotta scored 21 points and grabbed 10 boards, propelling the Pack to a 100-87 win.

Gugliotta also served up a strong performance in last year's ECAC Holiday Festival championship. In the semifinal game against Florida State, he racked up 12 points and seven boards.

In the 65-62 title win over Seton Hall, he was the team's leading scorer with 18 points and leading rebounder with 11, and was named to the Holiday Festival all-tournament team.

Gugliotta finished last season with a per-game average of 11.1 points and a team-high 7 rebounds. But he wasn't just a

force on the inside.

He demonstrated excellent long-range marksmanship by canning 48.9 percent of his three-point attempts.

Gugliotta also showed that he could be a clutch performer. In the season's first meeting with Clemson, he drilled an 18-footer with five seconds to play, giving the Pack a 79-77 win.

Gugliotta's play last season showed the ACC and the country that there is more to N.C. State than Fire and Ice. In this year's thin squad, he figures to have an even bigger role.

"I'm definitely going to have to be more of a scorer (this year)," he said. "Also, more of a floor leader."

Along with Gugliotta, Corchiani and Monroe are the only returning starters to the Pack's 1990-91 squad. Sophomores Kevin Thompson and Bryant Figgins will probably round out the starting lineup.

This year's team will also have a thin, inexperienced bench, including three true freshmen. Gugliotta will almost certainly have to stay on the court longer.

"I did a lot of lifting weights and concentrated on staying in shape (in the offseason)," he said. I also played basketball for three weeks in Germany, on the ACC All-Star team.

For 1990-91, Gugliotta is "looking forward to the NCAA tournament, something we didn't have last year. Now that the controversy is behind us, we're just looking forward to playing."

"We all like (Coach Robinson) a lot. He likes to shoot the three-pointer, and play high pressure defense, so there's not much difference from Coach Valvano."



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6'9" Gugliotta possesses great ability to shoot the three-pointer.



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Gugs will be called on to contribute both in the lane and on the perimeter as part of Coach Robinson's up-tempo game.

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Feggins's strength on the boards will be a welcome plus for the Pack.

# Feggins ready for great season

By Todd Pfalzgraf  
Senior Staff Writer

He came off the bench to play in all 30 games for N.C. State last season. This season Bryant Feggins will be called on to start for the Wolfpack on a team with a noticeable lack of depth.

The sophomore forward measures in at 6'6" and tips the scales around 190 pounds. One interesting point about Feggins is the fact that he played with Kevin Thompson for three years at Glenn High School in Winston Salem.

Feggins said playing alongside Thompson gives them "a definite advantage because we know how each other plays."

"We've played together whether it's been here, in high school or summer leagues for about eight years now," he said. "It's a definite advantage because we know each other's strengths and weaknesses so we can cover for one another." Feggins spent a busy summer fine-tuning his skills for the team.

"This summer I mostly

concentrated on my jumping ability and ball handling. I also spent quite a bit of time building up my strength and endurance," he said.

Endurance and speed could quite well be a factor this season for Feggins and the Wolfpack. After Coach Les Robinson announced that the team "will be shooting on average at least 20 three pointers", there will definitely be a need for a strong inside game, especially to rebound.

"I like to occasionally shoot the 3-pointer, but I really don't think this new style will change my game," Feggins said. "If we can hit from the outside then the inside game will open up and that's what I'm good at."

While seeing limited playing time at small forward last season Feggins still managed a respectable 4.2 points per game.

When told that State was projected to finish sixth this season in the ACC Feggins merely smiled.

"The experts say sixth? We'll see. We'll just go out every night and play consistent ball,"

he said. "We can beat any team on a given night if we play up to our potential."

Another new look the Wolfpack will be showing this season will be the playing surface.

Coach Robinson asked to have the old wood parquet floor laid back down to play on.

With the more desirable wood surface Feggins was asked if this would change his style or improve his play.

"I don't really believe it'll have much of an effect on me. Some of the other players really prefer this to the old hard surface but about the only improvement I have is my jumping ability."

"I also think that it's much brighter and looks substantially better and that could help us mentally."

When the regular season starts Nov. 23, Feggins will be expected to assume the starting position at forward in the first of 27 regular season games that could lead to the ACC tournament in March.

Robinson is settled now, not living in University Towers anymore, or walking back and forth to work. The adjustment to Raleigh was easy for the coach, who really wasn't a stranger to begin with.

"I'll be alright just as long as I stay inside the beltline," Robinson said.

we should be going on all cylinders."

Robinson has put the team on an stringent weight program, and as a carry-over the ETSU, the team holds 5:45 a.m. practices twice a week.

"We started 5:45 practices because of facility problems at East Tenn. St and the team ended up liking it," Robinson said. "We did it out of necessity but it has

seemed to work out pretty well."

One of the coach's highlight's this season will be going back to Johnston City in January as an opponent to his old team, a role Robinson has been in before.

"What's strange is that I've been an opponent their before as the coach of The Citadel," he said. "I don't know if that's been done before or not, going back with two different teams."

## Robinson

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the Pack should field a strong starting five, but beyond that the ranks are thin.

"We've got three in the starting five that are returning starters from last year, the other two are really untried in the ACC as starters," Robinson said. "I do think we have a solid starting five, but we've got to develop some depth."

It's been well documented that Robinson wants to run an up-tempo game, much like he did at ETSU. To be successful at it, the coach expects the team to be in great shape, to be able to speed-up or slow-down the tempo at

any time and he says the younger guys should be ready to see some playing time.

"We are going to give people the opportunity to play, but until we develop depth, we're simply going to have to have the ability to turn it on and off," Robinson said.


How about shooting the three pointer?

"Oh yeah," the coach said. "We are definitely going to shoot the three, at least 20 times per game."

The goal this year is simple for Robinson, "to be contenders for the ACC Championship."

"If we do that than all other things will fall into place," he said. "I've stepped into a decent, ready-made situation. Our second year is going to be our toughest, but by the fourth year

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# 1990 Thompson's year to shine

By Todd Pfalzgraf

Staff Writer

Kevin Thompson learned a substantial amount about basketball last season when he was used mainly as a reserve off the bench. However, with the loss of Brian Howard and Brian D'Amico to graduation, Thompson will be called into a starting roll at center for the upcoming season.

Last season Thompson contributed 3.3 points per game and 7.8 rebounds per game while seeing action in all 30 games last season. This season while coach Les Robinson has been scrambling to get players with experience, Thompson will be a major anchor in the Wolfpack's front court.

Thompson has one great advantage at his position, however. The 6'9", 255 pound

forward will be playing alongside his longtime teammate Bryant Feggins. Thompson and Feggins have been playing ball together since their days at Glen High School in Winston-Salem.

Thompson shows real promise for the upcoming seasons after enjoying an outstanding freshman campaign. Thompson has shown the ability to put big numbers on the board as he did in high school. Thompson averaged 19.6 points, more than 12 rebounds, and almost three blocks per game as a senior.

Thompson was listed as one of the finest college prospects before committing to playing basketball for the Wolfpack. In his final high school season Thompson was an all-state and all-conference forward.

This year Thompson should come into his own and start posting numbers like he has in

the past.

"We've been playing together for nearly eight years now," Thompson said.

With both players accustomed to the other's style, communication should not be problem down low on the block.

"Thompson and Feggins have their own little game going," said freshman forward Anthony Robinson. "They've played so much together that it's enjoyable to just sit back and watch them play."

This season Thompson's rebounding skills will be needed for a strong inside game. While senior guards Chris Corcham and Rodney Monroe will be bombing away from three-point land, Thompson will be clearing the lane and gathering rebounds.



Chris Hondros/Staff

Thompson squares off against Johnny McNeil last season.

# Robinson anxious to play ball

By Mary Taylor

Staff Writer

After sitting on the sidelines for his first year as a collegiate athlete, Anthony Robinson is anxious to strut his stuff on the court.

Robinson, a 6'9" forward from Havelock, North Carolina, knows he can contribute to this year's team.

As a high school standout, Robinson averaged 13.5 points and 11 rebounds per game. He was named to the News & Observer's second-team all-East 3-A. Robinson was also given honorable mentions on the Greensboro News & Record's all-state unit, and Street and Smith's and Blue Ribbon's All-American.

On this year's Wolfpack team, Robinson will see a lot of playing time. "I should be coming in a lot for Bryant, Kevin, and Tom."

Robinson enjoys playing with the Wolfpack. He says Gugliotta is one of the top forwards in the ACC. As for Feggins and Thompson, Robinson says, "They have a style all their own. They get their own little game going, and all you can do is sit back and admire them."

Robinson admits that this season is going to be tough. He says that since the white squad is so inexperienced it is hard for any of them to learn. Roland Whitley is the only player on the white squad who has any collegiate playing experience, and that is limited. Although Robinson doesn't have any collegiate experience, he feels he is ready. "I learned a lot last year from Avie Lester and Brian Howard." Robinson is ready to



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Anthony Robinson goes 10-foot high en route to an easy two.

take up the position of 6th man and help out all he can.

Robinson believes that with Head Coach Les Robinson's (no relation) game plan, he will be able to pull down more rebounds. "Coach Robinson has a perimeter game, which is fine with me for right now. It will give me a chance to get more rebounds for the inside shots."

"Who knows, maybe I'll even start practicing my three pointers

and surprise everyone," jokes Robinson.

Although Robinson has a joking, carefree attitude, he takes his basketball very seriously. When asked how he thought the Wolfpack would do this season Robinson replied, "If we don't make it to the NCAA sweet sixteen round this year, I don't think we will have fulfilled our goals."

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# Assistants come from variety of backgrounds

By Bill Overton  
Senior Staff writer

How's this for irony?  
Just a few months ago, Ed Conroy was working as a prestigious marketing representative for IBM in Chicago after graduating as the second highest cadet at The Citadel in 1989 with a degree in business administration.

Now, he's an assistant coach at an Atlantic Coast Conference Institution. Coach Les Robinson invited to join the staff just days before the new season began. It was an offer too good for Conroy to turn down.

"Basically, I was shocked," said Conroy. "I was thrilled. I always wanted to get into sports."

The relationship between Conroy and Robinson go back to 1985 and Robinson's final recruiting class at the Citadel, before he moved to East Tennessee State. While Conroy did not actually play for Robinson, he encountered him many times and a mutual respect grew between the two of them.

Conroy is excited about his duties for the upcoming season.

"My responsibilities are overlapping," explained Conroy. "I try to help out with a lot of the administrative things. Coach Robinson is great at giving responsibilities. I called a lot of professionals, and they all said they're isn't a nicer guy to work for."



Pack assistant coaches Al Daniel (left) Ed Conroy (back) and Buzz Peterson (right) along with head coach Les Robinson.

Conroy's playing days date back to Assumption High School in Davenport, Iowa, where he earned first team all-state recognition. He was a three-year starter at the Charleston, South Carolina based academy, leading the Bulldogs in free throw shooting each of those three years, while being chosen the team captain in his senior campaign.

After 16 months with IBM, Conroy realized that State could be his great opportunity. He knows that the first priority is to re-establish the order and system within the program.

"They're are so many things that are top priority," said Conroy. "We're juggling ten different balls right now. They're all equally weighed."

Conroy feels no stress in the fact that he is probably unlikely to receive much attention in his new role. He knows if he does his job, the future may be limitless.

"I don't mind," said Conroy. "The head coach is the one who's put in the time to be where he is. I'd love to be a head coach one day, but now is not the time."

## Daniel ready for move to Raleigh after 10 years as assistant at Furman

By Bill Overton  
Senior Staff Writer

After ten years of holding assistant coach at his alma mater of Furman, Al Daniel has moved on to join Coach Les Robinson's first year staff at N.C. State. Daniel, 33, a native of Saluda, South Carolina knows he has an opportunity to solidify his career and Raleigh is an excellent place to do it.

"It was getting time for a move," said Daniel. "I'm excited to be working with Coach Robinson for a strong program in a great league."

Daniel has been noted for his recruiting ability, consistently signing top student athletes in his ten years with the Paladins. His duties at Furman included academic counseling and on-court coaching, as well as conditioning.

Daniel knows what needs to be done to restore this Wolfpack program.

"We've got to get the image back to a positive," explained Daniel. "It's a perception. It starts with the people you bring into the program."

Robinson knows Daniel can handle the job.

"Al comes from a very strong athletic and academic setting at Furman," said Robinson. "He'll be involved in all aspects of our coaching with strong emphasis on floor-coaching, academic related areas and recruiting."

Daniel started his career at Anderson Junior College, before transferring to Furman in 1977. While at Furman, he was a two-time all-Southern conference selection averaging 19.0 points per game, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political

Science. Consequently, he was selected in fourth round of the 1979 NBA draft by the San Antonio Spurs.

Daniel continued to emphasize the perception and what it will take to better the program. He understands his role and that of the other two assistants.

"We kind of all do things together," said Daniel, "from recruiting to helping with academics. We all have a hand in doing things together."

As a chief recruiter, Daniel

knows he will play a part in the future of the Wolfpack program.

"You're always recruiting," said Daniel. "Kids that make up the program are the program."

Does Daniel hold any hopes of being head coach one day?

"You wouldn't be in this business if you didn't have those aspirations," said Daniel. "That's all in due time. They guy who's head coach has worked hard to get to that position and he has to take the heat."

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## Coaching in Raleigh is a surprise

By Bill Overton  
Senior Staff Writer

When Buzz Peterson graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1985, he had little knowledge he would still be in basketball, much less one day coach at N.C. State.

"When I was playing, the thought of not playing ball scared me," explained Peterson. "I wasn't sure what I was going to do."

Fortunately, he did find a way to stay in the game. After getting cut by the Cleveland Cavaliers of the National Basketball Association, he joined the Continental Basketball Association where he played in Bangor, Maine. After a short stint with pro ball in Belgium, he was back in the United States still looking to stay in basketball.

It was then Peterson received his break.

"I was helping recruiting expert Bob Gibbons," Peterson recalls. "Ralph Patterson (Appalachian St.) asked me if I wanted to assist."

Peterson went on to assist two years at ASU under head coach Tom Apke and began to receive notice from other coaches, including Les Robinson. Robinson hired Peterson for the 1989-90 campaign at East Tennessee State.

But, Peterson admits he had no idea Robinson was going to take him along to Raleigh.

"I had only been with him at East Tennessee for nine months," said Peterson. "He has come across so many coaches. I wasn't sure if he was serious about bringing me along or not. I feel very fortunate."

While the Asheville native is still young, don't mistake him for a novice of the game. Peterson sports a 1982 national championship ring and captained the 1985 Tar Heels. He was named North Carolina player of the year in 1981, beating out NBA superstar Michael Jordan. And he played for a legend of coaching in Dean Smith.

Peterson emphasized that he



Peterson

owes a lot to Smith and conferred with him upon coming to State.

"I talked to Coach Smith a lot," said Peterson. "We kind of played phone-tag for a while. He told me right away that it was a great opportunity. He said there's some great people over here, and that it's a great program."

Peterson knows now he has made the right choice. He has nothing but kind words for Robinson.

"Coach Robinson relates very well with the players," said Peterson. "Not like some other head coaches, he is always concerned about his players. They can always come talk to him directly."

Peterson, excited about his new opportunity, still realizes the path in front is not an easy task. He stated that the first priority is at home, and establishing the team, but has found the all-important recruiting difficult so far. Due to the self-imposed penalties of last season, Peterson and the staff were put way behind in the recruiting battle.

"During the 'contact period' of September through mid-October, the staff had to meet and evaluate players for the first time, while other coaches had been in contact for several months, maybe years."

"It's been frustrating," explained Peterson. "They (recruits) still think that there is something wrong down here."

Regardless, Robinson feels confident in his choice.

"I was very pleased with all of his work at East Tennessee, including his special ability to work with young talent," said Robinson. "For being relatively new to the coaching profession, he is extremely well known in the south."

## Raleigh native Fletcher makes team as freshman walk-on

By Rob Hickman  
Staff Writer

It is not very often to see a story like that of N.C. State's freshman, Adam Fletcher. To be able to walk on to a major basketball program like that of N.C. State is a rarity in the age of high power recruiting. What makes it even sweeter for Fletcher is the fact that Raleigh is his hometown.

The distance between Sanderson High School in North Raleigh and N.C. State University is about 10 miles, yet it must seem like a yellow brickroad to Adam Fletcher.

This time last year, Fletcher was averaging 21 points per game in leading Sanderson High School to a 22-6 record, now he must battle with Chris Corchiani every day in practice.

If being a walk-on has added any pressure on his shoulders, Fletcher is handling it with ease. "I am here to play basketball, not to sit on the bench," Fletcher

said. There should be plenty of opportunities for Fletcher to contribute to the Wolfpack this year. This is due to the fact that there is not a lot of returning bench strength for Coach Les Robinson to turn to. "I am going to try and get some key minutes for the squad this year," Fletcher stated.

With returning starters Chris Corchiani and Rodney Monroe to learn from, Fletcher has been given a crash course in College Level Play.

"It is more aggressive out on the court, the intensity of the game has been the biggest adjustment," Fletcher says.

This indoctrination could be crucial to Fletcher and the rest of the incoming freshman, Migjen Bakalli and Marc Lewis to prove themselves.

Coach Les Robinson has been working with the Wolfpack on a faster tempo offense, favoring the 3-point shot. The bench will be looked upon to spell the starters, and that is what excites Fletcher. "We (freshman) want to prove that we belong, because no one gives us much credit."

With all of the controversy surrounding the men's basketball program over the past couple of years, Fletcher believes that it is a new beginning for the team. "The whole team has a great attitude and with a great coach like Les Robinson, we are ready to get on the court."

When you look into Adam Fletcher's eyes and feel the determination around it is not hard to believe what he says.



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## Freshmen Lewis and Bakelli possess nice shooting ability

By Rob Hickman  
Staff Writer

The amount of playing time that most freshman basketball players receive is limited. Yet, for N.C. State freshmen Marc Lewis and Migjen Bakalli it will be different.

They will be asked to step in and fill major roles for the team. With the Wolfpack bench being bare for a number of reasons, it will be an introduction under fire for the players.

"I view it as a challenge for all of the freshmen to prove ourselves," Lewis said. "Nobody

really expects us to contribute, but we will surprise a lot of people."

Lewis only had to travel down Interstate 40, from Greensboro Page High School, to get to N.C. State, yet he feels that he made the right choice.

"N.C. State was my first choice, and I am very excited about the upcoming season," he said.

Lewis was named MVP of the 1990 North Carolina 4-A state championship game during his senior year. He averaged 23.1 points, 10 rebounds and shot 62 percent from the field.

"I really came here with a good attitude. I want to get a chance to play and to contribute to the team," Bakalli said. With the problems that the basketball program has faced, Bakalli feels that he could help the team out. "Coach Robinson has got the

team working great and we feel that if people underestimate us, we will beat them."

Lewis was named first team all-state player in high school, averaging 25.3 points, 10 rebounds and 7 assists per game.

Both Bakalli and Lewis agree that the biggest change for them has been the intensity of play, even in practice. "We cannot relax, because guys like Monroe and Corchiani go hard all of the time, so it picks us up," Bakalli stated. Lewis added that, "Coach Robinson is a great coach and motivator, and we really want to go out and play for him."

Both Lewis and Bakalli believe that the Wolfpack are ready for the season. "We have good team chemistry and the seniors have really taken a strong leadership role on the team," Lewis said.



Chris Hondros/Staff

Freshmen Adam Fletcher and Migjen Bakalli try to block the shot of an airborne Chris Corchiani.

## ACC Tourney picks

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The Tigers were one second away from the NCAA Final Eight when a UCONN miracle interrupted and sent them home instead.

Tiger fans may spend the next four months thinking about the rest of their 26-9 season, because this year's Clemson squad is not the same one that won last year's regular season ACC title.

The Tigers return center Dale Davis, who led the ACC in rebounding and field goal percentage last year and is certainly the league's most intimidating player. But Davis may not be the same without Elden Campbell, the other half of the "Duo of Doom" who is gone to the NBA.

Clemson also has to replace most of its top perimeter players. Sean Tyson, a 6-7" forward, is the top returnee. Junior David Young is a good shooter, but didn't play well late in the season.

The point guard position will go to one of three untested players: sophomore Shawn Lastinger or freshmen Andre Bovain or Eric Burks.

Campbell will probably be replaced by 6-9" sophomore Wayne Buckingham.

### MARYLAND

It appeared last year that coach Gary Williams had Maryland headed in the right direction, as

the Terps showed they could play with anyone in the ACC and had a young team that could only get better.

Then came the NCAA bombshell: three years probation, two years out of the NCAA tournament, and a one year ban from TV appearances.

Sophomore Jerrod Mustaf, the Terps leading scorer at 18.5 points a game, chose to head to the NBA rather than sit through probation. Guards Teyon McCoy and Curly Young chose to transfer.

Maryland also lost senior center Tony Massenburg, its leading rebounder and second leading scorer.

6'8" point guard Walt Williams returns from last year's starting lineup, and he should play several roles because of his size and talent. Jesse Martin is back at the other guard spot.

The frontline was decimated by the loss of Mustaf and Massenburg. Senior Cedric Lewis and junior college transfer Garfield Smith will probably be the starters.

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# Knox forced to sit and watch while his knee heals



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A freak accident against Clemson late last season sidelined Knox with a serious knee injury. The sophomore has undergone a long rehabilitation process, but coaches and doctors felt it was in Knox's best interest to redshirt him this year.



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**By Bill Overton**  
Senior Staff Writer

Think back to N.C. State's stunning upset victory over North Carolina in Chapel Hill last season. Midway through the first half, former coach Jim Valvano subbed little used Jamie Knox into the game.

The sophomore made an instant impression, scoring a basket and getting a couple of rebounds in the big win.

Five days later, with more playing time on his heels, Knox's season came crashing down. While driving to the basket in an important conference game at Clemson, Knox's knee gave way. He tore ligaments and fractured a bone at the bottom of his knee-cap.

Now, seven months later, Knox is still rehabilitating, working hard to return to basketball. It looks as though Knox will probably not see action this year, a season in which the Pack could use him dearly.

Knox admits it's difficult not being able to go.

"It's a tough situation," said Knox. "I'll learn to live with it this year, and be ready to contribute in my junior and senior year."

While Knox is not expected to play this season, he will red-shirted and still have

two years of eligibility remaining. After averaging 2.4 points a game in last year's campaign and showing steady improvement, he could be on his way to a solid career for the red and white.

But, for now Knox must continue to wait and rehabilitate. He is still on scholarship and does practice with the team, although he is unable to go through strenuous workouts.

"Right now, I'm mostly shooting," explained Knox. "During practice breaks, I run sprints."

The first steps in Knox's rehab program consisted of getting a range of motion in the whirlpool. He now lifts weights to strengthen the knee, and rides a stationary bike for cardiorespiratory purposes.

Meanwhile, Knox wants to be a part of the team and help in any way possible. The business management major feels that new coach Les Robinson has developed a very relaxed and confident atmosphere.

"It's been a good relationship so far," said Knox. "He has a lot of positives for the team."

What's in the future for Knox? He continues to be optimistic.

"I hope to be close to or better than I was before the injury," said Knox. "My knee may be stronger than before."

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# Corch

Text by Mark Cartner  
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**T**here was a time not long ago when Wolfpack basketball evoked the simplistic thoughts of one's childhood. A time when everyone cheered for the biggest kid on the block and scoffed at the scrawny kid who dared to challenge him.

A time when that underdeveloped but determined kid pulled himself up by his bootstraps, put a hurra' on that big kid and taught the neighborhood a little something about perseverance.

In 1983, N.C. State won an improbable national championship and captured the hearts of the basketball world. All was right back then, no scandals, no complex issues to be hashed and rehashed.

But times change and no one knows that better than senior Wolfpack point guard Chris Corchiani. "We've had a rocky road but that has prepared us for the real world," said Corchiani.

The problems that have plagued the men's basketball team are well documented. They cost Jim Valvano his job. They cost NCSU a bit of its reputation. However, if there has been one constant through it all, one reminder of the simple, hard-nosed approach to playing the game, it has been Corchiani. Through three seasons of play the 6'1", 182 pound Miami native has compiled some eye-popping stats and he's done it with such fierce competitiveness that he has been labeled "fire" and "Corch the torch."

With 739 assists, 7.9 per game, Corchiani is on course to become the first Division I player to record 1,000 assists. He's only 23 assists away from breaking Sidney Lowe's team record.

"I don't think about the records. It's just something that I enjoy doing," said Corchiani. "If I can make someone happy by giving them a pass then I'd much rather do that than score points."

But just as last season and the one before, Corchiani will be called on to score more points, although that's easier said than done. "Every year I say I'm gonna try to increase my scoring and I do try but it's difficult," said Corchiani. "It's just an innate ability that I was born with to try and pass the ball."

The truth of the matter is that Corchiani has increased his scoring every year he has been at State. His freshman year he started 21 games and averaged 6.3 points a game. That increased to 10.5 points his sophomore campaign and then to 13.1 last year.

Also, for his career, Corchiani has tallied a team record 237 steals, has shot 47.2 percent from the floor and a hefty 82.3 percent from the free-throw line. During that time he has committed only 281 turnovers.

Whether or not Corchiani can continue to post the same numbers in 1990-91 is a worthwhile question considering the circumstances. This year there is a new coach, Les Robinson, with a new system to be learned.

The team is short on numbers and experience heading into the season and a tough road schedule doesn't look to help the Wolfpack cause.

"It's a different situation with a new coaching staff," said Corchiani. "But in a unique way in that being a senior I feel rejuvenated. I'm just looking forward to having some team success and trying to win an ACC championship. I have a good relationship with coach Robinson although at this stage we're still learning about one another."

"I think there's a misconception that we only have five players on the team. We have some players that are quality basketball players that just need the opportunity to showcase their abilities."

Whatever the case may be, thin lineup or not, most Wolfpack fans are just happy that Corchiani is sitting up for the team again this season. Last spring amid the controversy surrounding coach Valvano, Corchiani pledged loyalty to his coach saying if Valvano left so would he. Valvano left; Corchiani stayed.

"I had strong loyalty for coach Valvano but after evaluating the situation I realized that I needed to be loyal to my teammates and the Wolfpack fans," said Corchiani.



## Corchiani's Career Statistics

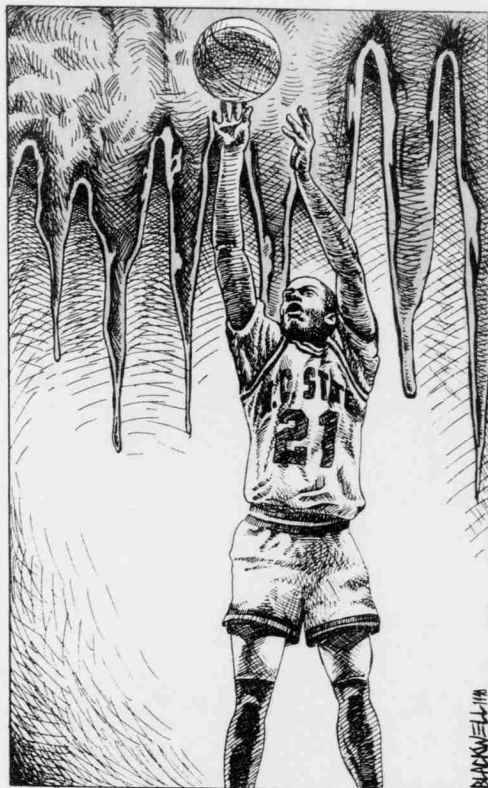
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1988-89	31-30	1015	101-204	.495	23-54	.426	99-123	266	81	324
1989-90	30-30	1125	131-311	.421	33-82	.402	99-119	238	95	394

### Career Highs

Points: 25 versus Wake Forest, March 4, 1990

Rebounds: 7 versus Wake Forest, March 4 1990

Assists: 16 vs. Akron, 1988, Alabama St., 1988, Florida St., 1989



# Monroe

Text by Jeff Drew  
Graphic by Grey Blackwell

**H**is eyes never leave the target. He balances with his feet shoulder width apart, the right slightly in front of the left. He raises his arm, wrist cocked and ready, elbow perpendicular to the floor.

Suddenly, his bent knees spring to extension, propelling his body into the air. His arm extends upward but not to full extension. His wrist snaps and releases, forming with the arm a gooseneck, or perhaps more properly, a majestic swan. The ball floats ever so softly towards the target. Swish!

And Rodney Monroe has made yet another three-point shot. During his first three seasons as a guard on the N.C. State basketball team, the slender 6'3" senior has sunk more three-pointers than anyone in the school's history.

Monroe has netted 43.6 percent (218-500) of his three-point attempts in his career including an ACC-leading 48.9 percent (84-174) last season.

His proficiency in the art of shooting a basketball has earned him nationwide exposure and acclaim. But don't label Rodney Monroe as a shooter.

"I'd describe myself as a complete ball player," Monroe said. "Or at least I'm want to be a complete ball player. I'm trying to be someone who can do anything on the court."

However, Monroe understands that on the 1990-91 Wolfpack squad, he will be expected to score.

"It's the same as the last two years, I'm going to go out and try to do everything I can to help the team," Monroe said.

In the last two seasons, Monroe has helped by leading the team in scoring. He racked up 697 points by averaging 23.2 points per game last season after accumulating 663 points with a 21.4 points per game average the year before. During that span, Monroe broke double figures in all but one contest and scored 30 or more points on 11 occasions.

Even more impressively, he led the team in scoring in 25 of the 30 games played last season.

With his performance last season, Monroe became one of only four State players to ever average over 21 points per game in consecutive seasons and, in the process, became the first Wolfpack player to average over 20 points per game since Kenny Carr did it in 1976 and 1977.

Add in 355 points compiled during 32 reserve appearances as a freshman, and Monroe, with 1715 career points, stands within striking distance of the school career scoring record of 2309 points, held by the legendary David Thompson.

"It would be great to accomplish as a player," Monroe said of breaking Thompson's record. "But it's not something I'm aiming for. If I get it that'll be fine but I'm a team player first."

As a team player, Monroe has developed a productive and celebrated on-the-court relationship with backcourt running mate, Chris Corchiani. Hailed in many circles as the best guard tandem in the country, the combination of Monroe's soft shooting touch and Corchiani's deft playmaking skills has earned the duo a special place in Wolfpack basketball annals.

In addition, the unique intermixing of the calm and reserved Monroe with the intense and demonstrative Corchiani lends itself to public appeal as evidenced by their popular nickname — "Fire and Ice."

"I want to be remembered as a nice, laid back guy who was easy to get along with," Monroe said.

Well, he has certainly lived up to his nickname so far. Monroe coolly hit last-second shots to send State into overtime on three different occasions during his sophomore year alone. That same year he also sank two free throws with 14 seconds left to lift State to a road victory over Georgia Tech.

To cap his string of clutch performances, Monroe led State to victories over South Carolina and Iowa by scoring 62 points, hitting 56 percent from the field, downing 10 of 11 free throws and sticking 8 of 16 three pointers in the first two rounds of the 1989 NCAA tournament.

In the Iowa game, Monroe turned in one the top individual

## Monroe's Career Statistics

G-Gs Min FG-FGA PCT. 3P-3PA PCT. FT-FTA A S Pts.

1987-88	32-0	665	132-277	.477	49-114	.430	42-51	47	19	355
1988-89	31-31	1064	240-513	.468	85-212	.401	98-123	89	29	663
1989-90	30-30	1095	228-505	.451	84-174	.483	157-192	75	25	697

### Career Highs

Points: 40 versus Iowa, March 19, 1989

Rebounds: 11 versus Duke, February 21, 1990

Assists: 6 vs. Clemson, 1989, C. Carolina, 1989, Columbia, 1988

# Corchiani

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That's good news for coach Robinson who now inherits one of the premier backcourts in all of college basketball.

"I was real fortunate that Rodney and I came in the same year," said Corchiani. "I think it has benefited both of us. I know it's made me a better player than I would have been otherwise. As for rating us, I don't think Rodney and I have fit the system that our coaches set for us."

For the season Corchiani will once again be shooting for the same goals he had as a freshman — to win either an ACC title or an NCAA crown.

"I think most people would agree that the ACC championship is realistic, but I would like to think that even the NCAA championship is realistic," said Corchiani. No matter how the season turns out, count on Corchiani to give professional basketball a shot.

"I want to try and play basketball for as long as I can," he said. "I'd love to give the pros a shot but I think I'm realistic about how hard it is to make it."

And when basketball is over, Corchiani who is a communications major, will have his degree and be prepared to find employment in what he terms, "the real world." Looking back on his decision to enroll at NCSU and his playing career, Corchiani appears content. "I have no regrets. If I could do it all over again I'd do the same thing," said Corchiani. "I feel fortunate to have had the chance to play under a great coach in Coach Valvano, a chance to be around a great student body and



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## Corchiani is on pace to eclipse many records

great supporters." When he finishes his career at State, Corchiani will leave behind one of the most storied legacies in the annals of Wolfpack basketball. He is unquestionably one of the most popular players ever to suit up for the red and white, yet his perception of his Wolfpack career is as pure and uncluttered as the innocence of childhood.

"I don't think anyone will remember me as being a great athlete, but the one thing I want everyone to remember about me is that every time I've stepped onto the court for the Wolfpack I've given it everything I had."

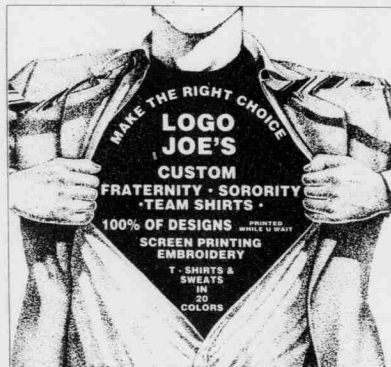
time there's a sense of relaxation," Monroe said.

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# Relaxed Whitley says it's his turn to play

By Mary Taylor  
Staff Writer

Hardworking, determined and focused, Roland Whitley is all of the above and more than ready to contribute to the Wolfpack's 1990-1991 basketball team.

Whitley, a 6-foot guard from Goldsboro, North Carolina, feels his time has come. "I'm enjoying myself more this year. I feel more relaxed out on the court."

Whitley is more focused this year than in the past. His first two years were spent becoming part of the team. Conditioning, learning and working with the players and former coach Jim Valvano in order to develop. Now that his third season for the Wolfpack is about to begin, Whitley is looking forward to playing hard and concentrating on his performance on the court.

"I worked hard this summer," Whitley says. "I put in a lot of time playing in summer leagues and practicing with Chucky Brown and Kelsey Weems."

"They (Brown and Weems) are the two players who've helped me the most."

"I really learned a lot from them," Whitley said, especially

Kelsey (Weems)."

Head Coach Les Robinson has also helped Whitley with his game. Whitley says that Coach Robinson is willing to work with him and teach him. "It doesn't matter to him that I was a walk on two years ago. To him I'm another player and one that he needs and can use."

"It makes me feel good to know that Coach Robinson and the whole team can use my talents," confides Whitley. "I work hard and concentrate hard when I'm out on the court to do the best that I can."

Whitley works hard to focus on every aspect of his game. To him there is no way to become a good basketball player with just one outstanding ability. Whitley feels that in order to become a great player every aspect of your game must be in top form.

"It's hard," admits Whitley. "I get down on myself every time I make a mistake. It's the hardest thing in the world to come back after a bad practice or performance and work and concentrate more in order to improve."

The main asset that Whitley can contribute to the Wolfpack team is his ability to work hard and give 100% all the time.

# Monroe

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efforts in the tournament while carrying the Pack to the victory. He kept State in the contest by twice hitting well defended, off balance shots to send the game into two overtimes and, in that second overtime, stroked 11 of his career-high 40 points from the free throw line to salt away the win.

Furthermore, when one considers the atmosphere surrounding the State basketball program the last two years, Monroe's accomplishments become even more remarkable.

Under the weight of an NCAA investigation an eventual probation along with the accompanying public scrutiny, Monroe found it increasingly difficult to keep his focus and concentration on the basketball floor.

"They had a great effect," Monroe said of the off the court distractions. "It affected the team last year mentally. We would have to battle a tough ACC team on the court then have battles off the court as well. I think it's why after starting 14-2 or 14-4 we ended up 18-12. It wasn't just playing a lot of minutes, it was mental fatigue as well."

Now, however, with the arrival of new coach Les Robinson, Monroe feels that the weight and the tension has been lifted.

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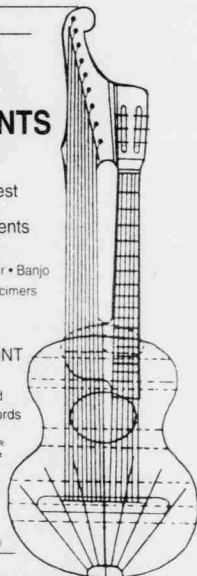
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# ACC women's teams among best in the country

By Brooke Barbee  
Senior Staff Writer

While the Atlantic Coast Conference has long been considered the gem of collegiate men's basketball, the 1990-91 version of ACC women's basketball is poised to add another distinction to the conference.

With four of the eight ACC teams earning bids to the national tournament last year, the league proved that the ACC's women can play with the best in the country.

This season, the players have their sights set even higher.

While Carolina, Duke, Georgia Tech, and Wake Forest are still looking to break into the conference elite, Virginia, N.C. State, Clemson, and Maryland are shooting for return bids to the NCAA tournament. Of those four, Virginia and State have a legitimate shot at the Final Four and will settle for little less.

Nevertheless, regular-season conference play will be a battleground for this year's teams where the survivors will be well-prepared for national competition.

The 1990-91 ACC team breakdown is as follows:

After losing the five starters from the 1988-89 squad, Coach Jim Davis' team was expected to struggle with inexperience last season and finish in a heap at the bottom of the conference.

Apparently, the Tigers did not listen to the sports prognosticators, for they finished at 22-10 and advanced to the Final 16 of the NCAA tourney while Davis garnished ACC coach of the year honors. With his winning ways firmly entrenched in Lifejohn Coliseum, Davis may surprise analysts — and his other ACC teams — again this year.

Clemson lost only one player from last year's squad and gained a wealth of experience for the young team. With a deep squad of eight to 10 players who should all vie for playing time, no position is sacred. However, ACC rookie of the year Kerry Boyatt and 6'4" Jackie Farmer, who led the conference in shot-blocking last season, are proven competitors.

The Blue Devils are a team still struggling to establish themselves as contenders in the conference. With the loss of their number-one playmaker, Katie Meier, this year doesn't look like the year of the great turnaround.

Nevertheless, coach Debbie Leonard still fields some formidable players, including seniors Sue Harnett, a 6'4" center who was a second-team all-ACC pick two years ago, and Traci Williams, who should be able to fit the power game that Duke lacked last season.

Tech returns almost its entire team, but the experience will not

make up for their lack of talent. The Yellow Jackets have one weapon, 6-foot Joyce Pierce who starred at the summer's U.S. Olympic Festival, and a swarm of supporting cast members, which is simply not enough to contend in a conference as strong as the ACC.

Besides, Tech coach Agnus Berenato says that her team is at the "crawling stage" and hopes to be at the "walking stage" next year. When a coach admits that her team won't be up-and-running for a few years, you know that she is getting her excuses in line.

Eight-time ACC champion Maryland, who reached the Final Four two years ago, is always a threat in the upper echelon. Although the Terrapins lost two of its starters off last year's 19-11 team that lost in the second round of the NCAA tournament, the Terps should have no problem finding an excellent starting five. Returnees Estelle Christy, Jessie Hicks, and Daphne Lee all earned spots on the Olympic Festival's East team and sophomore Katrina Colleton was selected as an alternate.

Adding fuel to the fire, coach Chris Weller signed two 6'3" post players, Bonnie Rimkus and Monica Adams, as well as Ana Marjanovic, a Yugoslavian transfer from an American University who should see

immediate playing action.

Last year's Tarheel squad, plagued by the inexperience of youth, finished last in the conference with a 13-15 overall record. However, UNC won five of its last six games and lost to Clemson in the ACC Tournament by just one point.

While the Tarheels are not yet ready to dominate the conference, they should move up the ranks as the most improved ACC team.

UNC showcases a strong group of six juniors who are beginning their third year together and have learned the essence of teamwork. The real stars in the crowd are 5'4" guard Emily Johnson and 5'11" forward LeAnn Kennedy and Kareema Williams. In addition, coach Sylvia Hatchell added N.C. player of the year Tonya Sampson to her roster.

After upsetting N.C. State in the ACC tournament's championship game and advancing to the Final Four of the NCAA tourney before losing to eventual champion Stanford, the Cavaliers proved their basketball prowess.

With most of their stars returning, the Cavaliers are poised to repeat as conference champions.

Undoubtedly, the Cavs only obstacle will be overcoming the Wolfpack.

The two Virginia/N.C. State match-ups could well be the

determining factors in conference bragging rights.

Virginia returns an All-ACC backcourt comprised of juniors Tammi Reiss and Dawn Staley and a set of 6'5" twin towers at the post positions in sophomores Heather and Heidi Bruce.

Also coming back for the Cavs is senior Tonya Carozza, an all-ACC forward who was ruled academically ineligible last year.

The Demon Deacons, healed from their many costly injuries that plagued them last season, may well storm into the top of the league this season through a balanced inside-outside attack.

In the frontcourt, coach Joe Sanchez has his choice of four experienced players: 6'2" all-ACC selection Jenny Mitchell, 6'2" senior Sarah White, 6'3" Lisa Dodd, and 6'2" Vickie Henson.

The competition for playing time on the perimeter could be even fiercer as seasoned veterans died with talented freshmen for positions.

Returnees B.J. Thames and Sabrina Sloan have the edge on experience, but the additions of prep All-American Nicole Levesque and N.C. High School Athletic Association's Female Athlete of the Year Karen Davis mean that no line-ups for the starting five are written in stone.

## Men's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 11	Marathon Oil (h)	7:30
16	German National (h)	7:30
23	at Fl. International	8:00
28	Baptist (h)	7:30
Dec. 1	Western Carolina (h)	7:30
4	ACC-Big East	
	NCSU-Syracuse	
8	Mc. St. Mary's-MD (h)	9:00
22	UNC-Ashville (h)	7:30
29	at ETSU	2:00
Jan. 2	Clemson (h)	7:30
5	at Kansas	7:00
7	Coastal Carolina (h)	8:00
13	Georgia Tech (h)	7:30
16	at UNC	12:30
19	at Wake	1:30
21	Marquette (h)	7:30
23	Duke (h)	7:00
26	at Maryland	1:00
29	at Virginia	9:00
Feb. 3	at Georgia Tech	2:00
6	UNC (h)	9:00
10	at Clemson	1:30
13	Robert Morris (h)	7:30
16	at Connecticut	4:00
20	at Duke	9:00
23	Virginia (h)	4:00
25	at Tennessee	7:30
27	Maryland (h)	7:30
Mar. 2	Wake Forest	1:30
8-10	ACC Tournament	

## Women's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 14	Athletes in Action (h)	7:00
17	Finland National (h)	7:00
23-25	Rainbow Classic	
Dec. 1	Tennessee (h)	2:00
5	North Carolina A&T (h)	7:00
8	at Western Carolina	1:00
20	Robert Morris (h)	7:00
28-29	at Wildcat Tournament	1:00
31	Holy Cross (h)	7:00
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26	at Maryland	7:30
27	at Howard	1:30
31	South Carolina (h)	7:00
Feb. 2	at Old Dominion	7:35
6	at Duke	7:00
9	Maryland (h)	7:00
12	UNC (h)	7:00
16	at Georgia Tech	2:00
20	at Wake Forest	7:30
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# Assistants value different career goals, same State goals

By Jeff Drew  
Staff Writer

One stands waiting to climb the career coaching ladder while the other stands content with sampling the major college experience.

Yet despite their differing ambitions, N.C. State Women's basketball assistant coaches Karen Freeman and Que Tucker stand behind a common goal of helping head coach Kay Yow guide the 1990-1991 Wolfpack squad to what they hope will be its final destination, New Orleans and the 1991 Final Four.

"I think our goal certainly is to get to the Final Four," Freeman said. "This is a potential national championship squad but since we've never been in the Final Four, getting there would achieve our goal. It's a realistic goal."

However, both coaches are quick to warn off the pitfalls that can prevent a team from reaching the Final Four. Talent alone, they emphasize, cannot take the Wolfpack to New

Orleans. "Talent is important of course," Tucker said of the ingredients necessary to mold a final four team, "but you also have to have luck. You need to have minimal injuries and need to keep everyone eligible to play for the whole season."

"Team chemistry is also important," Freeman added. "The coaching staff, of course, can control that up to a point but from there it is up to the team to understand their roles. Each player has to show a willingness to accept her role and when you have 11 very talented players who could be starting at other schools in the conference, that role can be hard to swallow."

Helping a diverse collection of egos and talent come together presents Freeman and Tucker with a formidable challenge. For Freeman, her responsibilities involve recruiting those players to State that can fit in and help the program.

Freeman avoids the flashy glitz and glamour approach of many recruiters by exercising a more straight forward approach. "I'm not into the hype," Freeman said. "I deal with what's factual. I show what State has to offer to a student athlete and if that student athlete likes it, then it's a match."

Once the players reach the campus, Coach Tucker takes over and begins to provide the academic counseling necessary to help the players earn their degrees. By maintaining close contact with the players' academic support personnel, Tucker hopes to keep the players on the path towards graduation.

"I serve primarily as an academic liaison between academic support and Coach Yow," Tucker said. "I make sure the girls are taking the courses they need and that they are aware of deadlines, such as registration. I also relay information on class attendance, tardiness, test and overall performance in the classroom from academic skills to Coach Yow."

Both coaches have the experience to handle their responsibilities. Freeman is entering her fifth season as a Wolfpack assistant after a distinguished career as a player at Canisius College in New York.

She also served as a graduate assistant at Eastern Kentucky and as an assistant coach and

head trainer at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay before making the move to State.

In contrast, Tucker's route to Raleigh involved an 11-year stint as the head women's basketball coach at Reidsville Senior High School which followed a playing career at Mars Hill College. Tucker is beginning her second season as a Wolfpack assistant.

As one might expect considering their differing backgrounds, Freeman and Tucker came to State for decidedly different reasons.

"I came from a smaller Division-I school and coming to State was a way to start moving up the coaching ranks," Freeman said. "This is a very visible program and the program and coach Yow have an exceptional reputation."

"It was a matter of timing," Tucker said. "I had several offers prior to State but the timing was not right."

This offer, however, came at a time where I had just had some once in a lifetime teams at Reidsville and I knew that age wise if I wanted to experience Division-I basketball there wouldn't be a better offer. State is only an hour and a half from my home in Reidsville and I had known Coach Yow for several years from working at her camps. State wasn't as

unfamiliar as someplace else would have been."

And while Freeman and Tucker's future plans are also strikingly dissimilar, both must deal with a high level of uncertainty.

"I hope the opportunity to be a head coach at the Division-I level will be there," Freeman said. "Women's basketball has become a popular route for both men and women."

The salaries have increased to the point where you can raise a family on one and this has made the number of jobs not quite as plentiful. There's a movement toward having coaches earn more experience before getting a head job."

"The jury's still out though after 14 years in high school and at my age and in this point in my life my goal would not be to be a Division-I coach," Tucker said. "Still, if I look 10 years down the road, I still see myself involved with education, with my hand in the educational pie and with my hand in the athletic part of that pie."



Freeman



Tucker

## Hancock frustrated by injuries, limited play

By Mark Cartner  
Senior Staff Writer

For third-year player, Ashley Hancock, the road to collegiate basketball success has been bumpy at best and, entering the 1990-91 season, is quickly becoming downright treacherous.

After limited playing time as a freshman in 1989, Hancock was set to move up the depth charts last year. Initially, she saw considerable playing time, but her season was interrupted by a tonsillotomy.

When she returned she never recovered the amount of playing time she had previously, finishing the year with 190 minutes played in 20 games compared to 186 minutes in 24 games the year before.

And if that wasn't enough, this season is now in jeopardy due to a protruding disk in her back.

"It's been a recurring thing," said Hancock. "This time they wanted to check it out so they did a catscan and found a protruding disk. I'll probably have to have an operation, but I don't know yet if I'll have to

redshirt."

If she does miss the season or any part, it will be noticeable loss for the Wolfpack. Though she's averaged just under two points a game, a 38.1 field-goal percentage and 63.2 percent from the line in her career, Hancock figures to challenge for a starting role on this year's team.

At 6'1" she is a versatile perimeter player capable of playing the one, two or three positions.

As a senior point guard at Robert E. Lee High School in Virginia, Hancock averaged 20.5 points, 8.2 rebounds and 10.1 assists en route to being tabbed the Washington Metro Player-of-the-Year.

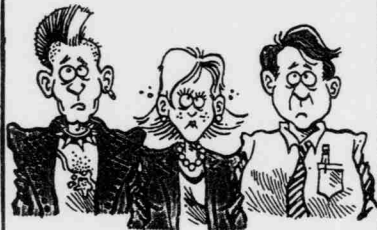
"It's kind of discouraging," said Hancock. "I had worked so hard this summer and in the preseason."

Personal frustration has also been coupled with team frustration in the form of two consecutive losses in the ACC championship game.

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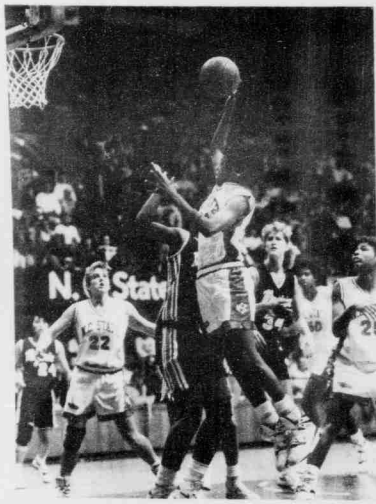
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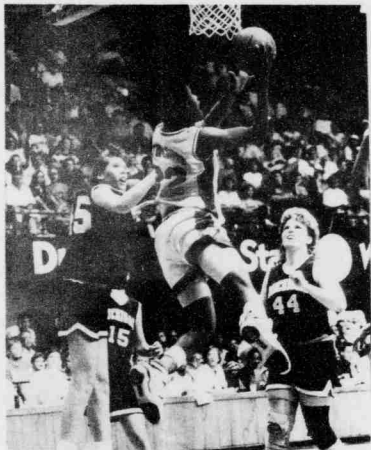
## Stinson is top candidate for national player-of-the-year

By Brooke Barbee  
Senior Staff Writer

As the practice session continues in Reynolds Coliseum, a general murmur emits from the crowd of men waiting to try out for the N.C. State men's basketball team. They openly offer their critiques of each player and every play. When they like a play, their murmur rises to a rumble as the consensus of voices applaud. More often than not, their voices echo one name. Their admiration resounds for Andrea Stinson.

Stinson, a senior on the Wolfpack women's basketball team, has the uncanny ability to turn a mere practice session into an all-star performance. Her creative talents, coupled with her pure athletic ability, dazzle all who watch and wreck havoc on opposing teams. She's a favorite among fans for her charisma on the court. All-in-all, Stinson is everyone's all-America.

Last season, the playmaker became only the third N.C. State athlete to receive the distinguished Kodak all-America honor. She was a consensus all-America selected by everyone who created a list (Naismith, USBWA, USA Today, Street & Smith's, World Almanac). Closer to home, Stinson garnered awards as the ACC player of the year and the



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Some fans have tagged Stinson as the "female Michael Jordan"

conference tournament most valuable player.

But Stinson did not receive the honors on charisma alone. She has the numbers to prove her talent.

In 1989-90, Stinson led the ACC in scoring for the second

straight year, averaging 21.7 points. In addition, she averaged 6.6 rebounds, 5.0 assists (3rd-ACC), 2.7 steals (2nd-ACC), and 1.2 blocked shots (3rd-ACC). Seemingly, no basketball feat is beyond her scope.

This season, Stinson has been

touted as a leading candidate for National Player of the Year honors. Her objectives have, nevertheless, been unaltered by all of the attention.

"I want to help out the team as much as possible," the 5-10 Cornellus, NC native said. "I'm not looking to 'flash' for myself. I'll do anything that I can to help out the team.

"And, this season," she said, "I'm here to have fun."

Stinson may well be called upon to help the team in a completely different role than from what she has in the past. With the position of small forward up for grabs and a host of outstanding guards all warming the bench behind Stinson and sharpshooter point guard Nicole Lehmann, Coach Kay Yow could form a three guard line-up with Stinson on the wing. How well she responds could mean the difference in team standings come NCAA tournament time.

"Andrea is at her best in the transition game and we certainly don't want to take that away by moving her," Yow said. "But when Andrea gets the ball off the boards and pushes it up, it's one of our strongest points. She's capable of that everytime she touches the ball."

Yet, as critical as Stinson is to the Wolfpack's Final Four hopes, she is far more valuable as a key component to the success of the entire NCSU

women's basketball program.

Skeptics of women's basketball have long argued against its merits with one claim. Their argument states that women's basketball is simply not as exciting as men's and, therefore, undeserving of attention from fans. Undoubtedly, Stinson turns the skeptics' heads.

She is N.C. State's rebuttal to the skeptic, the lurer of the curious fan, the top-billing for promoting attendance. Once Stinson's skills are seen, a fan is hooked.

"Anyone who appreciates basketball and fine athletes, appreciates Andrea," NCSU Assistant Athletic Director Nora Lynn Finch said. "She's the most exciting open-floor player in the country."

"She's definitely a key for attendance. For example, South Carolina's coach Nancy Wilson told me, 'I would drive from Columbia to Raleigh just to see her play.' She's that good."

With so much pressure being placed on Stinson's shoulders, the game of basketball seems to get lost in the commotion. But, as long as it's left up to her, Andrea Stinson will just keep doing what she does best and leave all the questions to be answered during game time.

"I don't think of myself as better than anyone else or try to prove it. I just try to go out and do what I need to do."

# Yow is one of coaching's elite

Women's coach enters her 16th year at the helm of the Wolfpack

By Joe Johnson  
Assistant Sports Editor

Coming into the 1990-91 basketball season, women's head coach Kay Yow fields a team that could be among the best that she has coached.

Entering her 16th year at the helm of women's basketball here at N.C. State, Yow has established one of the premiere programs in the country.

Yow began her coaching career during the 1971-72 season at Elon College, getting off to an inauspicious 5-11 start. But that initial season was the start of a career that saw 15 consecutive winning seasons at Elon and at State which stretched from the 1972-73 season all the way to the 1987-88 season.

Yow's Wolfpack teams have been consistent winners while under her tutelage, winning 20 or more games in a season for 12 of the past 15 years that she has been on the bench.

After leading a triumphant campaign from the sidelines that saw the women's team advance to the Midwest Regional semifinal against Texas, Yow was named the 1990 Converse/Women's Basketball Coaches Association's Coach of the Year.

During her tenure with the Wolfpack, Yow has coached three ACC Championship squads and the chances are good this year for the team to go for her fourth and another trip to the NCAA tournament.

Under Yow's leadership, the women's team has made 13 trips to post-season play in the past 14 years.

"I've wanted to go the the Final Four with every team I've coached," Yow said. "This is one of those years that we really have a shot at the Final Four."

Yow's success as a coach has not been limited to the sidelines of Reynolds Coliseum. During the 1980's Yow struck gold three times and a silver once in international competition. Her extensive experience on the international scene has seen an Olympic gold medal in 1988 in Seoul, Korea and double gold in the 1986 World Championships and in the Goodwill Games that same year. Yow's silver came in the 1981 World University Games.

The up-tempo style of play that has become Yow's trademark over the years and was a big part of her international success still plays an important



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role on her current Wolfpack teams.

With players like senior scoring sensation Andrea Stinson and rising star at the point

guard position Danyel Parker, Yow's style of ball will again be prevalent this season.

"We have high goals, but so do the other schools in the ACC," Yow said. "I don't think we're any different from any team that wants to win the ACC and go to the Final Four."

After compiling an impressive 25-6 record overall and 12-2 in the ACC last season, much of the nucleus that was a part of that team returns to see action again this season under Yow, who stands just three victories shy of 400 career coaching wins.

Last season the team received national prominence in the polls as it never fell below the 12th spot during the season. Yow's squad was ranked as high as fifth and finished the season in 11th position in both the Associated Press and the USA Today Top

25 polls.

But this year's team cannot rest upon its laurels if it expects to attain the goals that it set for itself of the upcoming campaign.

A trip to the Final Four in New Orleans is a distinctive possibility if the team can remain healthy.

Dressing only 10 players this season concerns Yow more than anything because of the vulnerability of injury that would shorten the bench even further.

But Yow remains optimistic that the team will come together as a unit.

"This team is very versatile," Yow said. "We need a little time to blend and see how we fit together as a team."

Talent-wise, the 1990-91 edition of women's basketball could very well be among the top teams that Yow has coached.

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# The return of the Mapp attack

Senior Rhonda Mapp is back in the Pack's line-up after sitting out last season

By David Honea  
Senior Staff Writer

The return of Rhonda Mapp has a lot of people excited. Pollsters have the Wolfpack women in the top five, and players are talking about the Final Four. But no one is more excited than Mapp herself.

"I'm just ready to play," said Mapp. "It was really frustrating for me not to be able to play, and I want to prove to people what I can do."



Mapp

After an outstanding sophomore season, Mapp was forced to sit out last season to work on her academics.

While State still had an outstanding season, finishing 25-6 and advancing to the NCAA Sweet 16, there were times when the 6'3" center was sorely missed.

Mapp's bulk and aggressiveness inside could have given the Wolfpack a boost against Virginia, which defeated State for the ACC title, and Texas, which knocked State out of the NCAA tournament.

Mapp's absence also left State with no experienced depth on the inside. Late in games, when fatigue or fouls sent the starters to the bench, there was no one to turn to.

But last year was probably harder on Mapp than it was on her teammates, as for the second time in three years, she was forced to miss basketball season.

After coming to State as one of the top prospects in the country, Mapp had to sit out her freshman year because she didn't meet Proposition 48 requirements.

She came back as sophomore to average 14.3 points and 8.2 rebounds a game. She also shot 64.4 percent from the field, a figure that was second nationally.

Mapp and the team were



Ravi Lalita/Staff

Center Rhonda Mapp is ready to rock this year after sitting out last season for academic reasons.

looking for even bigger things last year, before she discovered she would have to miss the season.

"It was very stressful," she said. "It was a terrible feeling not being able to play when you work so hard for it. If it wasn't for the support of my parents, I don't know if I could have stuck with it."

Mapp does see benefits now as she looks back on last year.

"Not playing gave me a lot more time for academics, so I could stay focused on that," she said.

"I don't think the time off will hurt my game. God has blessed me with the talent, and it's not

going anywhere. I've been working hard this summer too."

The team may also have benefited from Mapp's absence, as it allowed Sharon Manning to develop into an all-ACC force on the inside. Mapp says she

**"God blessed me with the talent and it's not going anywhere."**

looks forward to teaming up with Manning this year.

"We didn't get to play together much when we were sophomores," Mapp said. "We're looking forward to it, because we work well together."

"I've been working on my shooting and outside play," she said. "Sharon is strong there, so we'll have a unique kind of threat. We're sort of interchangeable in our positions. Nobody's really center or forward, we just play inside."

The Wolfpack transition game should get a boost from Mapp's return, as her rebounding started many fast breaks two years ago. The main beneficiaries of that will be guards Nicole Lehmann, who should get more three-point opportunities, and Andrea Stinson, who will get more opportunities to amaze.

Since Mapp didn't play at all last year, she is still listed as a junior and will have another year of eligibility.

she says she wants to have a big season for her classmates who are now seniors.

"I'm really excited about having everybody together," she said. "I want to have a good season for Sharon, Andrea, Nicole - all the people I came in with who are in their last season."

"I don't really have goals for myself, just to have fun and help the team. If we win the ACC and go to the Final Four, then I've reached my goals."



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## A senior season to remember

By Fred Hartman  
Sports Editor

For senior Nicole Lehmann, her final season on the N.C. State women's basketball team means more than just the end of four years of action. It means the beginning of a new chapter in a long-time relationship that began when Lehmann was in grade school.

Long before the thought of college entered her mind, the Riverside, N.J. native was a regular fixture at head coach Kay Yow's basketball camps.

"I've been coming to camp here since the seventh grade. Coach Yow has stuck with me and taught me so much," she said.

Lehmann learned a lot at those camps. Enough to give her the distinction as the ACC's all-time, three-point specialist. She has connected on 152 of 378 three-point attempts for 40.4 percent over three years.

Lehmann posted her best numbers last season, averaging just over nine points per game. She credits Yow as being the one who gave her the break into collegiate ball.

"I came to those camps year after year, and then when it was time to start thinking about college, Coach Yow offered me the chance to play at State," Lehmann said. "At that time I was not a major college player."

Lehmann has since developed into a major college player, playing for one of



BUZZY CORRELL/STAFF  
Senior Nicole Lehmann dribbles past a Virginia player. As point guard, Lehmann is the floor leader for the Wolfpack Women.

the finest teams in the country. This year the Pack has a solid chance to make the Final Four.

Lehmann wants to leave after her last season knowing she did everything possi-

ble to help the team win the ACC and possibly win a berth to New Orleans, the site of the Final Four.

"Every day I come to practice knowing it's my last year," Lehmann said. "I'll do

everything I can to help this team be the best team Coach Yow has ever had at State."

"We are a quicker team, a step ahead of any team I've played for at State," she said.

Lehmann is trying to be quicker too. The one part of her game that has been suspect throughout her collegiate career is a lack of speed, but what Lehmann lacks in speed she usually makes up for on defense — and by shooting the long-ranged rock.

"I've been working on shooting quicker off the dribble and getting a faster pump on the ball," Lehmann said. "That first step, when I get the ball in my hands, I want to be gone."

Several games hold special meaning for the senior, including a nationally televised game against Maryland last year that allowed many of her friends and family in New Jersey to watch her play.

Winning the ACC regular-season title was also a thrill although Lehmann admits the tournament title would have been much sweeter. "I want a title no doubt about it. We had that game won," Lehmann said, speaking of the loss to Virginia in the ACC Tournament last season.

After graduation, Lehmann hopes to continue her education in law school and possibly remain in contact with Coach Yow and the program.

"I'm trying to get into law school," she said. "But I'd also like to be within distance to help out Coach Yow."

The Pack has a superb starting five and an always talent-filled bench again this season. Senior center Rhonda Mapp is also back. With Mapp's strength in the lane, and some trickery from the outside, Lehmann might find herself celebrating graduation a little bit early. Cajun style.

Even if the team doesn't get a title this year, Lehmann will still take with her one thrill she'll never forget. "Well, I can always say I played with Andrea Stinson," she said.

## Manning puts game face on when she hits the court

By Marc Smith  
Staff Writer

Sharon Manning is a quiet person off the basketball court, but on the court, her play has been anything but quiet for the Lady Wolfpack.

Early on in her career, her teammates called her the "Gentle Giant" because she "was not very aggressive and too nice on the court." Manning recalls.

Even with this lack of aggressive play, Manning managed to score 12.7 points per game and clear 7.8 rebounds per game in leading the team to a 24-7 record, a final national ranking of 13, and the midwest regional semifinals in the NCAA Championships.

Manning received four individual awards including the Most Valuable Player award.



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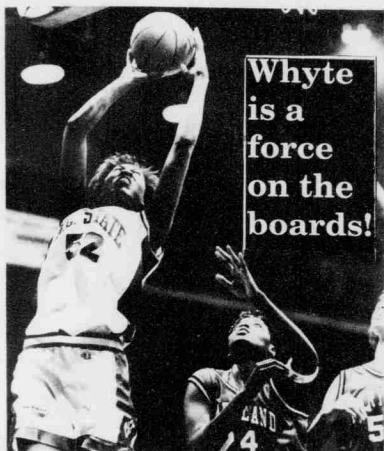
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By Christina Kotos  
Staff Writer

It is time for N.C. State to stand up and salute the achievements of the Wolfpack women's basketball team. Many of these players were high school all-Americans.

In particular is the case of the aspiring talent of sophomore Teri Whyte.

The 6'5" center is majoring in communications with a minor in business management. Whyte wants to pursue a career in advertising.

Experienced, hardworking, dedicated, unified and determined are a few of the descriptions Whyte chooses to describe her team.

Despite the sacrifices of lost free time, Whyte believes the benefits from meeting new people, traveling to unusual places and the opportunity of forming unity within her team outweighs the burdens resulting from time consuming practice and games.

Within the ACC, Whyte expects Virginia to be the team's greatest challenge because the Cavs return with a tremendous amount of experience. However, she has stars in her eyes as she anticipates a successful season and hopefully a Final Four spot.

When things get tough and she is overwhelmed with school, practice and games,

Whyte lifts her spirits and regains her strength through her strong religious faith and her supportive parents.

She likes to look at each game individually and outline specific goals, but of course a Final Four appearance has to be at the top of the list, she said.

Whyte said the experience of playing college ball is fun and

if she were given another choice, she would do it all over again. She especially looks up to fellow teammate Rhonda Mapp for Mapp's natural talent at basketball.

Whyte saw limited playing time off the bench last year spelling senior Sharon Manning. Whyte averaged 2.8 points and 1.8 rebounds per game.

While she might not see much time this year either, with Mapp and Manning both in the lineup, that does not negate the fact that Whyte's potential to excel in the sport is intensely promising.

## Hancock

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onship game.

"There was very much of a letdown after losing to Virginia last year in the ACC championship. We should have won that game but we didn't play to our potential. It just wasn't our night," said Hancock.

Fortunately, dealing with life's cruel blows has not been an insurmountable problem for Hancock.

"Once I graduate [she's currently an accounting major, but may change to business] I'd like to take the CPA and try to get into a big accounting firm or go to graduate school if I major in business."

But graduation is still a few years away which means there is still the issue of basketball in Hancock's life.

"I think we have a great team," said Hancock. "If we play to our potential we could make it back to the ACC finals and win it and then make it to the Final Four of the NCAAs."

The preseason polls seem to agree. Everyone has the Wolfpack ranked in the top five in the country. But even that doesn't assure State of an ACC title because conference nemesis, Virginia, is the preseason number one team.

"We're not really feeling pressure from the high rankings," said Hancock. "It's more of a sense of competition from the other teams that want to beat us. We like that."

What Hancock and her teammates would also like is a little more fan support. "I definitely feel that the support has improved every year since



Technician File Photo

Junior Ashley Hancock is battling a nagging back injury.

I've been here," said Hancock. "But we still need more. The biggest problem seems to be getting people to come out to that first game. Once they do that they usually come back."

But for those not ready to take the plunge and witness a Wolfpack basketball game in person, Hancock has one request. "If nothing else, at least watch us on television."

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Manning has been successful on the court due in part to her abilities and effort to remain calm during strenuous situations.

## Manning poised to play

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These days Manning is one of the leaders of a very strong Pack team. Last year, she was named to the first-team all-ACC after scoring 14.2 points per game and pulling down 8.2 rebounds per game.

Perhaps her most telling statistic is being able to do well in the big game. Against very tough ACC competition, which is probably the toughest conference in the country, Manning raised her level of play a notch, scoring 16.6 points per game and getting 8.6 rebounds per game.

Manning's success is probably due to her calm demeanor and her effort to "try not to get mad on the court" no matter the amount of pressure.

Manning came to the Wolfpack from Emporia, Virginia after an incredible career at Greenville County High School. She averaged over 25 points per game during

four years of high school ball and was the only athlete in Greenville county to have their jersey retired.

Manning was selected the Virginia State 2-A Player of the year two years in a row.

This year the outlook for the Wolfpack is very promising. The Pack will play four of its games on national television. All-everything player Andrea Stinson returns along with starters Manning and Nicole Lehman and a very deep bench.

Rhonda Mapp will return to a starting position after sitting out last year and will team up with Stinson and Manning to form a very imposing front-court. Manning and Mapp will both play the low post four and five positions interchangeably.

Manning's goals for the season are to "help the team in anyway possible to win the ACC and National Championships. I will do whatever it takes to win," she said.

## Nester ready to make her mark

By Rob Hickman  
Staff Writer

The expectations are high for the Wolfpack this season—the word is that this squad could give Coach Kay Yow her first NCAA Championship. In order for that goal to be reached, players like junior forward Natalie Nester will be asked to step forward.

"The competitive fire is burning inside of the whole team. We want to prove to ourselves that we can do it," Nester said.

Nester moved up over the past couple of years to become a person who Yow can count on for quality minutes. Nester feels that she is ready to show everyone what she is made of.

"I just kind of sat back my first two years trying to fit in and be a team player, but it is time to make my mark," she said.

Nester will be looked upon to push starter Andrea Stinson and to provide the Wolfpack with experience and leadership. "Every time I step out onto the court, I want to give 110 percent and show everybody that I can lead," Nester said.

During the off-season, Nester worked to improve her defensive abilities, which she felt were her weakest points last year.

"Playing against a player like Andrea Stinson has made my game improve, because she can do so many things on the court," Nester said.

The Pack has always fielded a strong team each year, yet Nester feels that this squad is the best.

"We have a lot of experience as



Technician File Photo

Junior Natalie Nester (right, with close friend and former player Krista Kilburni) has spent most of her time at State on the bench.

a team and with Rhonda Mapp returning, the team is really a tight group," she said.

That tightness will be very important for the team, because they will face a lot of tough competition this season. The entire ACC will be gunning for

the Wolfpack, especially a talented Virginia squad.

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# Twin forwards mean sure double-shot for State



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Krissy Kuziemi (left) and Jenny Kuziemi give Pack fans double the pleasure, double the fun.

## Yow recruits top-notch freshmen

By Mary Taylor  
Staff Writer

As basketball season draws near, Head coach Kay Yow has again loaded her guns with two new additions to the bench of the 1990 Wolfpack.

Tammy Gibson, a 5'8" freshman from Hartsville, S.C. joins the ranks at the guard position. Gibson, with her impressive stats from high school, looks to contribute a great deal to this year's team. She averaged 20.6 points, 6.2 rebounds, 5.4 assists and 7.3 steals per game during her senior year.

Gibson was rated the fourth best prep player in the country by All-Star Sports. And if these credentials are enough for recognition, she was also named an all-American by USA Today and Street & Smith's, as well as being named to Parade's all-American second team.

Gibson's icing on the cake was being named Ms. Basketball for South Carolina and high school 4-A Player-of-the-Year in 1990.

Sara McLeod, a 6'6" freshman from Dunwoody, Georgia, has been added to the already deep list of standouts at the center position. Although she is rec-

shirted this season, McLeod looks forward to contributing her skills in the 1991-1992 season.

Her list of achievements aren't as long as Gibson's, but is equally as impressive.

In McLeod's senior year, she averaged 9.0 points, 9.0 rebounds, and 10.1 blocked shots per game.

McLeod was an all-DeKalb County selection as well as a member of the Georgia AAU team for the past two summers. In 1989, she helped her AAU team to a national fifth place finish.

Both players, started their basketball careers at early ages. McLeod in the fourth grade, and Gibson in the fifth. In both cases, family members were their inspiration and driving force.

Although Gibson and McLeod were heavily recruited, they chose State because of its excellent coaching staff and the support that the women's basketball program receives. They were impressed with the facilities that are accessible to them here, and the warmth which everyone, coaches and players, have shown. They feel they are becoming part of the family.

"All of the coaches, and

especially the players are making us feel at home," says McLeod. "They help us learn to cope with all of the pressures. They know what we are going through because they've all been there before."

McLeod says she is glad to have this year off to learn from the other players, and to develop as a collegiate athlete.

Gibson, on the other hand, says she is anxious to play. She does admit that she is still learning.

"Andrea (Stinson) has helped me out a lot. She is like a big sister," Gibson says. "I just love playing with her."

Both say that academics is important to them and that no other school offered the combination of high caliber basketball and prestigious academics.

Since they have only been at State for a couple of months, the two players are still going through a lot of adjustments. Between schoolwork, practice and trying to develop a social life there doesn't seem to be much time for other important things such as eating and sleeping.

"There are a lot of pressures on us, but nothing that is impossible for us to handle. Compared with the rewards it brings us it's worth it," McLeod said.

Both players show a lot of promise for the Wolfpack women's basketball team.

By Bill Overton  
Senior Staff Writer

It's a Friday afternoon, and Jenny Kuziemi is lacing the shoes up to get ready for yet another practice. You can tell the 5'10" forward is confident and excited about a new season after a summer of improvement.

"I did a lot of shooting," stated Kuziemi. "I tried to work on ball handling and the three point shot."

Kuziemi was not shy to admit she needed improvement in strength, which she worked on in the off-season.

"Probably my biggest hangup was strength," said Kuziemi. "I did quite a bit of weightlifting."

Kuziemi now returns to the Pack after a season in which she saw action in 27 of 31 games, scoring 39 points in 188 minutes of action. The twin sister of teammate Krissy (Jenny is five minutes younger) has been labeled by Coach Kay Yow to have the best work habits of any player on the team.

She kept working in the summer Kuziemi was quick to point to when the Pack toured Taiwan and played in international and club team competition.

"In Taiwan, we played a lot," said Kuziemi. "It helped me

gain a lot of confidence."

With the loss of forward Keri Hobbs and guard Krista Kilburn, the former New Jersey Naamtu High School player of the year can expect an added role and more expectations. Coming off a 25.5-season last year, nothing less can be expected.

"I want to do all the little things it takes to win," said Kuziemi, "play defense well and rebound consistently."

A student enrolled in the college of humanities and social sciences curriculum at State, Kuziemi knows basketball is a big part of her daily life, but tries to keep things in perspective.

"I'm kind of used to it (daily routine)," said Kuziemi. "I go to class, I go to practice, I go eat. You can also do other things."

Kuziemi and the other two sophomores, her sister Krissy and guard Danyel Parker spent much of the off-season working at camps and would often engage in pickup games with the guys. A big worry for Kuziemi was following the off-season program for cardiovascular fitness and coming back in good shape.

"When I came back this fall, I was in better shape than I thought," said Kuziemi. "The camps really helped."



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# Parker doesn't mind role as Wolfpack's 'sixth man'

By Todd Pfalzgraf  
Senior Staff Writer

Sophomore Danyel Parker could be considered the ultimate sixth-man. As a freshman last year Parker came off the bench to contribute 6.1 points and 1.7 rebounds per game for the N.C. State Women's basketball team on their way to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Parker could very well be the starting point guard for virtually any collegiate team in the country this season. However with Nicole Lehmann and Andrea Stinson in front of her last season she was relegated as a reserve.

This season Danyel could challenge for a starting role on the team.

Unlike other players of great caliber, Parker is not in search of the limelight. A superb team player, she believes in the team above all other.

"I'm here to help the team. That's why I came to NCSU. I just do my job and if that means starting or coming off the bench that's fine.

"It's really a great experience to play on a team with as much talent that we have. I

believe that on any given night anyone could start."

Parker was one of the most highly recruited players ever to sign with State.

As a high school athlete, she was named the high school player of the year after she broke North Carolina's all time scoring record. She was a second-team all-American and was named all-State four straight years.

In her senior year Parker led Clinton High School to a perfect 27-0 record and a state championship where she was named the MVP.

Over the summer Parker underwent surgery to remove a bone spur in her toe but that's not expected to slow her down.

"After my operation I had to undergo a conditioning program. Then later in the summer I attended several camps and worked on my one-on-one play," she said.

If Parker shows noticeable improvements in early practices she could very well wrest a starting position away from someone. With her tremendous speed and quickness she can score off penetration to the inside or from long range.



## Twin Krissy likes role as swing player, effective at guard or small forward

By David Honea  
Senior Staff Writer

The N.C. State women are considered strong contenders for a national title, in part because of all the different looks they can throw at the opposition, ranging from small and fast to big and strong.

Sophomore Krissy Kuziemski adds a lot to the Wolfpack's options because of the many roles she can play on the court.

"I'm just looking to contribute as much as I can, because I know we can be a very strong team," Kuziemski said.

Kuziemski played an important role off the bench last year, averaging 11 minutes and 3.5 points per game as a freshman. But those numbers were quite an adjustment after being a high school star in South Ambry, N.J.

"I think it would always seem like you're not playing much as a freshman, after being on the court every minute in high school," said the two-time N.J. player of the year. "You have to get used to it, and rise to the higher level of play."

Kuziemski, along with several other Wolfpack players, got some important experience this summer when the team played in an international tournament in Taiwan. She said it helped her prepare for the upcoming season.

"I got a lot of playing time over there this summer," she said. "A lot of the teams were national teams, too, so we saw some really tough competition."

Krissy should continue to see a lot of action this winter, in part because of her versatility on the court. At 5'10", she can play either a big guard or small forward position.

After losing several frontcourt players, State is likely to go to a three-guard offense quite a bit this season. That will put a premium on "in-between" players with a variety of skills, which Kuziemski thinks is her strong suit.

"I don't really think I excel in one thing — I'm more of an all-around player," she said. "I've been practicing as the number-two (shooting) guard or at the three position, which is like another guard in our system."

Offering similar skills at the same positions is Krissy's twin sister Jenny, but Krissy downplays any talk of competition between the two.

"People always want to talk about who's better or make up some kind of competition between us," she said. "But we never look at things that way."

"I see us as two people with a lot of the same skills, and we're both working toward the goals of winning the ACC and the NCAA. We can both contribute to that."

Krissy said having her sister on the team was more of a factor off the court than on.

"We usually don't play together, so her Jenny's being her doesn't affect me on the court much," she said. "But a lot of times if one of us is down about practice or a game the other one can cheer her up."

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