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## Remodeling in the Capital City

### Carl Reeves:

Gets another shot at a full season after breaking his leg last year.

### Eddie Goines:

Prepared to rewrite the record book.

# 1994 Football Preview

# A word from the Editor

You don't have to be crazy to work here, but it helps.

That may seem like a strange comment given the reduced size of this football tab, but any time you try to do something like this well, it can get on a few nerves and cause a few bags under the eyes.

It's worth it. Listening to Mike O'Cain tell you the Wolfpack will play eleven games with the intention of winning them all while he climbs a zillion steps on a stairmaster is worth it. Taking the cover photo at the Governor's Mansion and hearing Eddie Goines say, "Coach, we've gotta win two championships for you so you can move into a place like that," is worth it.

So here begins the usual self-congratulatory tempest that marks every editor's note of every football tab. My first thanks go to Hunter Morris, our design editor, who somehow put together this rag at the beach.

Hunter is a godsend; patiently taking photos and copy and working with the ridiculous space constraints I stuck to him. He does it in this tab. He does it every day.

Then, of course, there's my faithful staff — assistant sports editor Ted Newman, senior staffers Aaron

Morrison and Mike Preston, and staffers Chris Danehower and Marcia Woods. Thanks to Ronnie Musselwhite, our grim and gritty copy editor. A.C., man, thanks for being in my life.

Special thanks to Erin Beach for taking the cover photo assignment at the last minute.

After this tab is read by everyone, *someone* will feel like an apology is owed, so here it is: I'd like to apologize to the defensive line and to the secondary. Because of the careless incompetence of a hence-fired staffer, quality features on these hard-working individuals do not appear in this tabloid. We tried to get something on them (two days after copy deadline), but it just wouldn't do. Dammit, there's nothing like hearing a grown man's mommy tell you he won't be turning in his copy to the little ol' school paper.

But I'll take the rap for hiring him.

On a related note, thanks to Cevin for my full-color photos that cannot appear in this tab.

Reverie aside, enjoy. Go to the game tomorrow night.

Owen S. Good  
Sports Editor

## KEY

Yr-Year; Att-Attempts; Comp-Completions; %-completion percentage; Yds-Yards; Tds-Touchdowns; Int-Interceptions; Avg-Average; Lg-Longest run or catch; Rec-Receptions; Pos-Position; Tkl-Tackles; UT-Unassisted tackles; AT-Assisted tackles; TFLs-Tackles for loss; PK-Placekicker; P-Punter; LS-Long snapper

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## ABOUT THE COVER:

Eddie Goines (19) and Carl Reeves (85) with head coach Mike O'Cain at the Governor's Mansion.

O'Cain says this isn't a rebuilding year, just a "remodeling" year.

The Mansion is undergoing some remodeling of sorts, too; it's being re-roofed.

Photo by Erin Beach

# Microscope focuses harder on O'Cain

■ Head coach Mike O'Cain has earned a year of experience and lost the benefit of the doubt.

BY OWEN S. GOOD  
SPORTS EDITOR

The perfectly good excuse is no longer there. It's replaced with the built-in fan mandate for any coach.

Win ballgames.

"I'd rather then expect a lot than not at all," N.C. State head coach Mike O'Cain said. "I think last year the fans gave me the benefit of the doubt. Expectations were high, but then there was a built-in excuse if we didn't do well. Well, coach O'Cain's new. We don't have that built-in excuse anymore."

With one season under his belt, O'Cain has the benefit of knowing the certain things a head coach should: knowing how to cope with injuries; knowing how to deal with losses.

And knowing his players.

"Last year, I knew the quarterbacks very well, but not well personally," O'Cain said. "I didn't know hardly any of the defensive players, particularly personally. At least now I know the little idiosyncrasies that make each one of them tick. And they know me better."

So, with that season-long introduction aside, O'Cain has to get down to business — the same business as last year, the same business as any other coach in the conference: win the conference, go to a bowl, finish high in the poll.

Even this year, maybe not a rebuilding



Head coach Mike O'Cain goes into every game wanting to win.

year, but an acknowledged "remodeling" year?

"With certain qualifications, yes," O'Cain said. "Number one, staying healthy. If we can stay healthy, I feel like we can be as good as we can be in the nine years I've been here. You have to catch people at the right time, but that is an attainable goal."

He believes so. His players believe so. "All we're talking about right now is heating Bowling Green," O'Cain said. "But in the back of the players' minds, winning the ACC championship is always there. There are a lot of people out there saying we can't do that. We're thinking

about getting there."

How else is he and the team supposed to approach the season, O'Cain wonders.

"People laughed at me when I said we were going to Florida State to win the football game," O'Cain said. "How else can you approach a game if you're not going there to win it? I've never gone into a football game not thinking we could win."

And then there's the result of the Florida State game: a 62-3 slaughter that O'Cain feels is responsible for the Wolfpack being picked sixth in the conference.

"That is the reason, from what I've read a little bit, we're picked sixth," O'Cain

said. "I have a problem with that. Now, if it's picked sixth because our offensive line is paper thin, or we don't have a lot of depth in the secondary, or we don't have a returning quarterback, I can understand that. But don't pick us sixth because we lost two ballgames."

Even so, the Wolfpack is undergoing the overhaul that a team picked for sixth might be. This is not a rebuilding year.

"We should not go through a rebuilding year," O'Cain said. "Every year somebody big-time is going to leave your program. Next year, William Strong is going to leave. Carl Reeves is going to leave. We're going to have to replace Damien Covington. If we've got this program where we want it, every year we're going to have to replace some very key senior. It's a matter of, say, Edward Gallon stepping in and playing well, like he did last year. It's a matter of guys like [him] stepping in and filling in the spots."

And if that means that State has to come back in the fourth quarter for four straight weeks, then so be it. O'Cain didn't think last year's week-in-week-out spine-tinglers were indicative of a team that was lucky instead of good.

"A lot of people say, well, you didn't play well early," O'Cain said. "But a lot of times we were playing football teams that were as good or better than we were. Maybe we weren't playing poorly early, maybe they were playing good. We were just even, we were equal. And in the fourth quarter, maybe we got stronger. Maybe our conditioning paid off."

## Quarterbacks a talented duo

■ Terry Harvey and Geoff Bender are perhaps the best two-quarterback combination in school history. Too bad they both can't start.

BY AARON MORRISON  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Most college football teams or any football team for that matter have a starting quarterback and an understudy waiting in the wings to get some playing time in a blowout or a scrimmage.

Not N.C. State.

Senior Geoff Bender and junior Terry Harvey shared most of the quarterback duty last season.

Bender started five games and played in eight while Harvey started seven and came in off the bench in three more.

Harvey will be the starter for the opening game against Bowling Green. If his performance holds, he'll most likely start the rest of the season. Harvey's fall workouts helped him this year just like Bender's spring practices won him the original starting job last season.

"Last year, Geoff came in as the number one guy, because of his play and spring practice," coach Mike O'Cain said. "It was

Quarterbacks — 1993 Stats						
YR.	G	A-C-I	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD
<b>Terry Harvey</b>						
91	3	72-40-0	.556	523	174.3	0
93	11	235-121-8	.557	1837	167.0	14
T	14	307-171-8	.557	2360	170.7	14
<b>Geoff Bender</b>						
91	8	167-76-7	.455	949	118.6	7
92	6	53-27-2	.509	310	51.7	3
93	8	113-63-5	.558	817	102.1	6
T	22	333-166-14	.507	2076	89.9	16

Geoff's job to lose. Terry had to take it away from him."

This spring both quarterbacks came into camp dead even. Neither one had an edge. Essentially, they started with clean slates.

"I think we're a lot alike," Harvey said. "Maybe not gifted athletically to the point of identical quarterbacks."

Harvey thinks he and Bender bring something more to the game than just physical talent.

"The intangibles are what Geoff and I bring to the field, more so than physical ability. I really don't think I have all that much physical ability."

Although Harvey has the starting job O'Cain is not concerned

about which one could lead the team.

"Sometimes you have different types of personalities lead your football team," O'Cain said.

"That's a problem when you change. These guys are so similar I really don't see a difference in one leading or the other."

Even running the offense O'Cain has no problem with either Bender or Harvey taking the snaps.

"We don't change anything we do with Geoff in there or with Terry in there," O'Cain said. "They both can do the same things pretty much as equally as the other."

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# Backfield seeks a reputation

■ A no-name backfield is no problem as State begins its 1994 football campaign.

By OWEN S. GOOD  
SPORTS EDITOR

If you don't follow N.C. State in the pre-season, the Wolfpack returning no starting running backs from last year seems like a liability.

Until you talk to one of the coaches. Or one of the players.

"It's a weakness because nobody knows about them," head coach Mike O'Cain said. "I know what Brian Fitzgerald can do, I know what Kevin Matier can do, I know what Rod Brown can do and I know what Carlos King can do. They just haven't done it out here on this field [Carter-Finley Stadium] yet."

"Whoa, coach. Who dat?"  
"Come to the games and watch," Matier said. "That's all I got to say."

Since they have no pre-season reputation, it will definitely take the regular season to earn one. O'Cain sees them stepping into a leadership role as a natural progression.

"If our running backs don't step up and perform, we're not going to be very good on offense," O'Cain said. "It's all contingent on some guys that haven't played much stepping in and doing the job."

Brian Fitzgerald is the only upperclass-

man in the backfield. The six-foot junior tailback played in 11 games last year as a reserve.

"I played principally as a backup to Gary [Downs] and Ledel [Georgel] in some situations, so I feel like I have the game experience and the understanding in situations that I need to do the job," Fitzgerald said.

After the 1993 season, Fitzgerald injured his right toe and played at "about 60 percent" strength in spring practice, he said. That is behind him now.

"Though my summer rehabilitation program, that was the main emphasis for me, not to favor my foot at all and to concentrate on doing the things that I have done that have gotten me to this point," Fitzgerald said. "[But] it was definitely affecting my style of play because of the pain and the pressure I put on it."

He gained 199 yards on 45 carries last year and says he's ready improve his game performance.

"I think I have the talent and the tools to be able to rush for 100 yards," Fitzgerald said.

Brown, a sophomore, is most likely the starting fullback. A backup his true freshman year, he saw action in nine games and scored against North Carolina. With credentials like that, he could have the breakthrough season O'Cain speaks of.

"I'm not nation-wide known," Brown said. "I think if I go out and play hard



Running back coach Dick Portee puts his charges through blocking drills.

every game, that won't be a problem."

In the reserve roles are Carlos King at fullback and Kevin Matier at tailback. Matier calls the backfield combinations "pretty exciting" and says he and his cohorts can add balance to an attack some expect to be one-sided.

"We've established the pass with receivers like Eddie Goines and Mike Guffie," Matier said. "The main emphasis is going to be on establishing the running game. We get the running game going, then they don't know where it's going to come from. We can hit 'em from the sky,

hit 'em from the ground."

King, a speedy and versatile runner, weighs in at 210 pounds — about 20 pounds below his ideal weight. But he says he's not going to overconcern just to add weight, and running backs coach Dick Portee doesn't see size as a problem at all.

"Carlos has done a good job working at both fullback and at tailback," Portee said. "He's going to play somewhere. He's

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## Tight ends become crucial to thin line

■ Senior Dallas Dickerson hopes to provide leadership at the tight end position.

By CHRIS DANHEWER  
STAFF WRITER

Dallas Dickerson will lead an inexperienced tight end corps into the season opener Thursday night against Bowling Green. He

is the only returning leader, and the Wolfpack's leading returning tight end from the 1993 squad.

When fall practice began a year ago, Dickerson was slated as a reserve fullback. But before the opener with Purdue, Dallas was moved to number two on the tight end depth chart. The lack of depth at the tight end position along with two quality fullbacks led to this change.

"I believe my moving to tight end helped me to stay healthy, and for that I am very thankful," Dickerson said.

Dickerson cracks a large grin when asked about his first career carry for the Wolfpack against North Carolina in 1992. The score was knotted at 20 with minutes left and the Pack faced a third and one situation.

"The play came to the huddle and I knew it was a handoff to me," Dickerson said. "But I didn't have time to realize that this might mean the game."

The result was a modest three-yard gain which allowed the Pack to continue its march to the end zone. The scoring drive meant State's fifth straight win over the Tar Heels.

"I gained a lot of confidence after that game," he said. "It was an awesome feeling to know that the coaches had enough confidence in my abilities to give me the ball on such an important play."

Dickerson has started this year with a new commitment, he hopes to be an example for the younger players.

"My responsibilities are not only on the field but also off the field," Dickerson said. "I must build good relationships with the underclassmen and provide a good model."

Dickerson has been on the

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# Starting secondary an elite unit

■ State's secondary rates as one of the best in the league, returning three starters and boasting some hard-hitting players.

SHORTS STAFF REPORT

The biggest question about the secondary fortunately has an optimistic answer.

How is Ricky Bell going to do at cornerback, after being moved from strong safety last year?

"I think that's definitely his natural position," said secondary coach Kent Briggs. "I can't say

he's going to play as good as he did at strong safety but he's worked hard enough and he's like he's going to, based on his pre-season. He's got a real knack for playing that corner."

Bell a Sporting News freshman all-America as a strong safety last year, is being moved to the corner to compensate for first-round draft choice Dewayne Washington's departure. Bell racked up 90 tackles, the fifth-best on the team, and snared two interceptions as well.

As for the strong safety position, Briggs thinks that position is in good hands as well.

"Kenny Harris has worked real-

ly hard in the off-season," Briggs said. "He's a very smart player that has a feel for the position. I feel really good about his performance in the pre-season, hope it carries into the season."

Harris saw action in all 11 games last season as a true freshman, even starting the Hall of Fame Bowl against Michigan when James Walker came down with the flu. Harris made 21 tackles last year.

Walker, at free safety, and cornerback William Strong are the other marquee names in the secondary unit. Walker, like Bell, was another smash in his first year of full play. His 139 tackles

Secondary — 1993 Stats						
Yr	G	T	Sacks	TFLs	FR	Int
<b>Ricky Bell (CB)</b>						
93	11	90	0	1-2	1	2-28
<b>William Strong (CB)</b>						
91	10	19	0-0	3-7	0	0-0
92	10	23	0-0	1-3	0	2-0
93	11	83	0-0	2-4	1	1-0
T	31	125	0-0	6-14	1	1-0
<b>Kenny Harris (SS)</b>						
92	11	20	3.5-18	4-18	0	0
93	10	21	0	1-1	0	0
T	21	41	3.5-18	5-19	0	0
<b>James Walker (FS)</b>						
93	11	139	0	2-9	0	1-12

led the ACC.

Strong has the most experience of anyone in the secondary. He contributed 83 tackles and one

interception to the Pack's defensive effort last year. Strong will

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## Defensive Linemen — 1993 Stats

Yr.	G	T	Sacks	TFLs	RF	Int
<b>Carl Reeves (I)</b>						
91	10	20	4-33	5-35	1	0
92	12	80	10.5-111	20-135	1	0
93	4	19	2-13	6-37	1	0
T	26	128	16.5-157	31-207	3	0
<b>Eric Counts (MG)</b>						
90			(played as fullback)			
91	11	24	1-9	0-0	0	0
92			(injured)			
93	11	46	5.5-42	8-46	1	0
T	22	70	6.5-51	8-46	1	0
<b>Mike Harrison (I)</b>						
92	11	20	3.5-18	4-18	0	0
93	10	21	0	1-1	0	0
T	21	41	3.5-18	5-19	0	0

# Healthy line should see improvement

■ Since it gets an injury-free start, the defensive line should be a unit that improves a lot from the past season.

SHORTS STAFF REPORT

Racked by injuries last year, the defensive line looks to rebound with the return of tackle Carl Reeves. But one man alone does not a defensive line make.

Reeves, a 6-5 245 pound

senior, anchors the three-man front for the Pack along with fellow senior Eric Counts. Mike Harrison looks to fill the other tackle position with the six-foot-two, 255 pound Counts as middle guard.

Junior Mike Harrison looks to be a key reserve, but the 6-3, 258 tackle feels it will make more than the return of Reeves to ensure improvement along the line.

"We've been working real hard during the off-season," Harrison said. "And everybody's healthy,

We'll be better, but not instantly, because there's a lot of hard work left."

The reserves will be very important because no matter how good the starters are, they can't play the whole game.

Two redshirt freshmen, Delaine Manley and Lateef Patterson, will be backups at the tackle position. Manley, 6-4, 256, saw some action last season before a knee injury in the second game

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# Goines can't be stopped

■ In his final season with the Wolfpack, Eddie Goines will try to make his mark as N.C. State's greatest receiver.

By TED NEWMAN  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Eddie Goines has one more shot.

One more shot at an ACC title, one more shot at rewriting the record book and one more shot at doing some things no other N.C. State football player has ever done.

Goines is two semesters away from become the Pack's first-ever four-time Academic all-ACC football player. To be Academic all-ACC, a player must maintain a 3.0 GPA during the fall as well as maintain that over their career. A fifth-year senior — he was redshirted his first year — Goines' classroom accomplishments are what he is his proudest of. He is here to get his education as well as excite the Wolfpack fans every Saturday.

"I want to be remembered as being in the upper echelon of receivers in the history of the ACC," Goines said. "But one of my main goals this year is to be the first four-time academic all-ACC on the football team. My first goal is always an ACC championship."

Goines doesn't mention the records. He has already set five school records, all of them during last season. They include most yards in a game (207 versus Wake Forest), touchdown receptions in a game (3 versus

"I am absolutely determined to make any play the team needs. When I am on the field I feel invincible. I cannot be stopped and I will not be stopped."

— Eddie Goines,  
Wolfpack receiver

Texas Tech), yards in a season (929), touchdown receptions in a season (10) and he is tied atop the school's career touchdown reception list with 14.

This year, he should eclipse two of the school's career totals marks. He is 520 yards shy of the career receiving yards record — which stands at 2,247 — and is just 23 short of the career receptions mark of 108.

Goines set the tone for his remarkable junior season in the conference opener at Wake Forest. He netted 207 yards on only five catches and scored twice. He had four other 100-yard games last season.

Head coach Mike O'Caain admits that a player like that doesn't come along every day.

"Eddie is a tremendous weapon," O'Caain said. "He really puts a lot of stress on the defense and that makes them play very honest, because any time he touches the ball he can score a touchdown."

All the records have lead to a

preseason all-ACC rating and some all-America recognition. If Goines ends the season a first- or second-team all-American, he would be the first-ever Wolfpack receiver to do so.

With all of the expectations comes a lot of hype. Goines is on the cover of nearly every preseason ACC preview at the newsstands and is featured on the schedule posters and cards. But it doesn't affect how he approaches this season.

"I know that it is just hype," Goines said. "There is always somebody out there doing better, somebody out there with as much or more talent. There is just too much competition for me to ever get complacent."

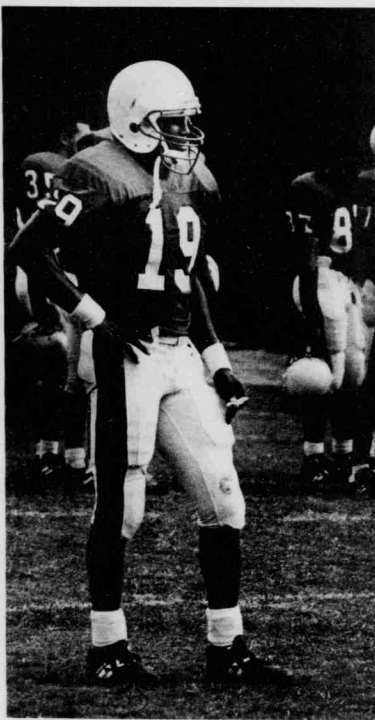
Goines is far from complacent. He frequently spends extra time after practice, when almost everyone else has gone, running routes and catching balls.

But O'Caain feels that Goines has rightfully earned the recognition.

"He has all the great qualities: great hands, speed, he has his routes very well," O'Caain said. "But the one thing that sets him apart is his confidence. Eddie really believes in himself. No matter what the situation is, he wants the ball."

It has been a long, hard road for Goines going all the way back to high school. He did not score his first touchdown until the fourth game of his junior year. He erupted, though, in his senior season for 10 scores on only 41 receptions, making him one of the premier receiving prospects in Florida. Schools like Georgia

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TECHNICIAN FREE PHOTO

Eddie Goines takes a breath in football practice. He wants to take your breath away during the season.

## Wideouts full of weapons

■ Yes, there are other people who catch the ball besides Eddie Goines.

By TED NEWMAN  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Five dollars to the first person who can name two receivers other than Eddie Goines. Give up yet?

Well, rest assured that you are not alone. With the departures of Robert Hinton and Ray Griffis, Goines is the only returning starter. Don't mention the fact that he is the coverboy of several preseason magazines.

But the Pack returns three other letterwinners in addition to Goines. Senior Adrian Hill will get to see the first substantial playing time in his career at State. Mike Guffie also looks to be a leading candidate to step up as well.

Both agree that having Goines

on the field with them will benefit their games as well as his. Neither feels like they have something to prove to the world because they are out there with him.

"We [the receivers] are not playing in Eddie's shadow," Guffie said. "If anything he'll help us as much we'll help him. Other teams will be concentrating on him so much that we'll just throw it somebody else."

Goines believes that there is no tension within the team or the other receivers over his recent stardom in the league and country.

"They kid me about it a lot, but there is no animosity," Goines said. "I hope there isn't any. As long as we are doing well the team will be too."

Goines also feels they are not in his shadow and, even if they are, they will quickly establish themselves in this league. He

wouldn't be surprised if one or more makes all-ACC because they have the talent, just nobody has really had a chance to see it.

Hill, a flanker, is a 6-2, 180 pound speed merchant. He has been timed in the 40 yard dash at 4.3 seconds all day long.

Hill has only five career receptions for 87 yards and one touchdown. That one TD was key to a late-season win over Virginia in 1993. The 30-yard grab secured a 34-29 win and put the Pack back into bowl contention.

"I bring a lot of senior leadership on the field along with my big-play abilities," Hill said. "The coaches have a lot of confidence in me and my ability and my experience."

Guffie is as equally gifted as Hill but not quite as fast. The 6-3, 195 pound, junior split end has a similar build and game as former Wolfpack receiver Hayward Jeffries. He was redshirted his

### Receivers — 1993 Stats

Yr	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
<b>Eddie Goines</b>						
91	11	24	219	15.6	49	1
92	10	46	580	12.6	46	3
93	11	48	928	19.3	75	10
T	32	108	1727	16.0	75	14
<b>Adrian Hill</b>						
93	11	5	87	17.4	1	30
<b>Mike Guffie</b>						
92	10	1	7	7.0	7	0
93	11	2	44	22.0	33	1

first year but has gotten some playing time on special teams. He has only three career receptions at State for a total of 51 yards with one touchdown.

"I feel that I am an experienced player even though the numbers don't show it," Guffie said. "I may not have had a lot of playing time but I still know the game very well. I'll probably be lining up against a linebacker so with my size and speed I should be able to get some catches."

Rounding out the "cast of

unknowns" will be sophomore flanker Jimmy Grissett and redshirt freshman flanker Greg Addis. Both had exceptional spring practices and look to battle for playing time this fall. Grissett weighs 180 pounds and Addis is 6-1 and 195 pounds.

"I am very pleased with our receivers," Mike O'Caain said. "Hopefully, they can come in and contribute because they will be very valuable. Eddie's success

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# After injury, Reeves is a man on a mission

■ After losing nearly all of last year to a broken leg, Carl Reeves is determined to make the most of this year.

BY AARON MORRISON

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

One year ago N.C. State defensive tackle Carl Reeves was on the outside looking in for seven football games. A broken leg in the Pack's last preseason scrimmage kept him out of action until October 30 against Virginia.

This year he returns with a mission.

"I want to make up for last season," Reeves said. "We let some teams get a lot of offense on us last year. This year we're going to pay them back."

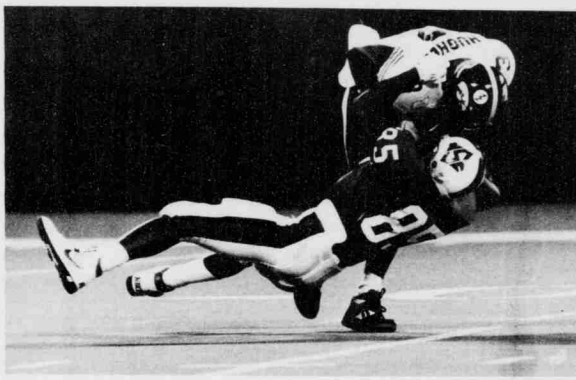
One year ago Carl Reeves weighed in at 225 pounds, 10.7 percent body fat.

This year he comes in at 245 pounds and 7 percent body fat. Will that make a difference? Reeves says no doubt about it.

"This year I'm faster and quicker than I have ever been," Reeves said. "My upper-body is a lot stronger."

Most offensive linemen are still larger than the 6-4 Reeves, but his added weight and strength add to his potent quickness.

"When I weighed 219 if a line-man gave me a shove on the outside I usually went sailing past the play," Reeves said. "This year when they give me that shove they will send me like a guided missile into the back-



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Carl Reeves may have ended up on his butt, but this guy ended up on his head.

field."

The whole defensive line has beefed up and trimmed down. On average the defensive line has dropped ten percent body fat.

"Now on the whole we are the same size as everyone else only we're quicker," Reeves said. "You win or lose the football game at the line of scrimmage. If we can control the line of scrimmage we can control the game. I'm still a little smaller than most offensive linemen, so I've still got to use the same strategy as I did before. I've got to out-

quick them and out-think them."

Reeves looks to make a big impact on the State defense that allowed an average of 414 yards of total offense last season. Opponents' running games gained 2133 yards. Watching those yards gained from the sideline was a learning experience for Reeves. This year the defensive front wants to use what they learned last season to their advantage.

Since the loss to Michigan in the Hall of Fame Bowl Reeves and his defensive cohorts have

been on a mission. One week after the game in Jacksonville the defensive line was in the new Weisiger-Brown indoor practice facility at 6 a.m. preparing for the coming season.

"Being out most of last year was my motivation for this preseason," Reeves said. "I'm trying to make up for last year. You can only expect to get out of something what you invest into it."

"We knew what we had to do. We had to change our body types for this season. We wanted to become larger, leaner, and

faster."

Head coach Mike O'Cain has taken note of Reeves' dedication and motivation.

"Carl was very upset about sitting out most of last season," O'Cain said. "This year he is determined to regain respect for the defense."

This season the defense returns as a team. According to Reeves their are no individual players this season. They will come together for a common goal.

"We want to go back to the glory days of N.C. State defense," Reeves said. "In the past we have had eleven individual players. This year we are a unit. We just want to take care of business. That's our motto."

"Taking care of business."

Reeves returns this season as a defensive leader and captain and O'Cain says no one deserves it more.

"Carl is not just a defensive team leader, he is a team leader period," O'Cain said. "He is a great emotional leader. He leads by example. No one on plays or works harder than Carl Reeves."

A lot of preseason speculation doesn't agree that the Pack will take care of business. Most predict the Wolfpack to finish somewhere around fifth or sixth in the ACC. Reeves is not bothered by the low preseason standing.

"We're always picked low in the beginning," he said. "We are concerned where we finish the season not where we start."

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## Covington leads linebackers into hard-hittin' year

■ The Wolfpack defense will need several players to step forward to fill positions left by graduating seniors.

BY MICHAEL PRESTON

STAFF WRITER

In order for the Wolfpack to be successful this year, the linebackers must continually make the big plays on defense. And who better to lead them than a man who has been making the big plays since he first broke the starting lineup halfway through his sophomore season?

The linebackers this year are a group that has enough experience and talent to bolster the Pack defense. But who is going to bolster the linebackers? Everyone believes, and rightly so, that the task will be fulfilled by senior inside linebacker Damien Covington.

Covington, who has been mentioned in a number of pre-season

Linebackers — 1993 Stats						
Yr	G	T	Sacks	TFLs	RF	Int
<b>Ed Gallon (OLB)</b>						
91	11	4	0	0	0	0
92	10	25	0	2-15	0	0
93	11	94	1-3	6-22	2	1-18
T	32	123	1-3	8-37	2	1-18
<b>Jon Rissler (OLB)</b>						
92	10	13	0	0	0	0
93	11	34	2-13	3-17	1	0
T	21	47	2-13	3-17	1	0
<b>Damien Covington (ILB)</b>						
91	10	30	0-0	0-0	1	0
92	12	149	1-8	2-9	2	1-27
93	11	133	1-4	7-14	1	0
T	33	312	2-12	9-23	4	1-27
<b>Kyt Carpenter (ILB)</b>						
Freshman is most likely starter						

football magazines as one of the top linebackers in college football, returns for his senior season as N.C. State's premier run-stopper. Last season, his 133 tackles placed him third in the Atlantic Coast Conference and earned him first team all-ACC honors.

"We are obviously going to expect some big things from Damien this coming year," head coach Mike O'Cain said. "He has a knack for knowing where the ball is at all times, and the ability to make the big play."

A minor source of concern is

the fact that Covington is still recovering from a sore shoulder which he suffered during August practices. According to O'Cain, he will be testing it during scrimmages and he should be fully recovered by the opening game against Bowling Green.

Of course, no matter how much hype surrounds Covington, he cannot do it all by himself. He needs help from the outside linebackers, and he should get a lot of it, starting with junior Jon Rissler. A back-up for most of his career, Rissler will be expected to step in and assume the role as the rush outside linebacker. This is the position that had been held by former four-year starter Tyler Lawrence.

"Jon Rissler is a young man who has worked hard since he's gotten here, and he has waited patiently," O'Cain said. "This year is his time to step in and contribute a great deal."

On the other side of the field at the drop outside linebacker position will likely be returning

starter Ed Gallon. He was fourth on the team in tackles last year with 94, and six of them were for losses. As State's only other returning starter at a linebacker position, Gallon will have the opportunity to become a standout in his final year.

"We are looking for Edward Gallon to have a fine year for us, as well as to provide help to Damien (Covington) and the other guys at the position," O'Cain said.

The other inside linebacker position is still up for grabs. Last year Covington was accompanied by Gregg Gianamore, who graduated. His absence leaves a question mark for State. Fortunately, there is some talent, so the fourth position could be landed by sophomore Stephen McKnight or red-shirt freshman Kit Carpenter. However, O'Cain is unable to speculate who the starter will be for Thursday night's opener.

# A fine line with no room for injury

■ The Wolfpack offensive line should provide the protection needed for offensive success.

By **MIKE PRESTON**  
STAFF WRITER

No matter how many yards Terry Harvey throws for each game, or how many records Eddie Goines is on pace to shatter, there is one reason these men have the chance to achieve place in school history. Actually, there are five reasons.

Barring any significant injuries, this year's starting offensive line has the potential to be one of the best in recent history. The reason being three of the five starters return from an offensive line that only allowed 14 sacks last year. The only losses suffered by State on the line were the graduation of Eric Taylor and the surprising departure of sophomore George Hegamin.

"Our starting five linemen for this season are probably as solid a core as we have had," head coach Mike O' Cain said.

Fortunately for State's offense, one of their premier linemen is

## Offensive Linemen — 1993 Stats

Player	Skinny
Kenneth Redmond (C)	Key backup in '93, ready to move to starter
Chris Hennie-Roed (T)	All-star possibility; versatile at guard/tackle
Steve Keim (G)	Missed spring camp due to knee injury
Scott Woods (T)	He's not. 6-4, 313.
Jonathan Redmond (G)	Coach Caldwell says he's best one-on-one blocker.

coming back for another year. The offensive line will be anchored by junior Chris Hennie-Roed, who will probably make the move from guard to tackle for this upcoming season. Hennie-Roed is a superb run-blocker who was forced to change positions because that is where he will be needed the most.

"Unfortunately, because we were so depleted by injuries, we had to move Chris over to tackle, but it is good that we can move him back if we have to," O' Cain said.

As for the other tackle, senior Scott Woods will probably continue his duties as a starter for

the Pack. Woods — whose twin brother Heath also plays the tackle position — is also expected to both lead the offensive line and tutor the younger players.

At guard, junior Steve Keim is returning to help shore up the line as well. However, he is coming off reconstructive knee surgery from an injury he suffered during spring practice. He is expected to recover completely and continue his duties as a starter.

On the other side, junior Jonathan Redmond is ready to fill the void left by the graduation of Eric Taylor. He is one of the strongest linemen, and one the Wolfpack can count on for



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The offensive line has to stand up for an inexperienced backfield.

some stability.

Handling the duties at center should be Jonathan's brother, junior Kenneth Redmond. He had a very solid and productive spring practice, which should give him the upper hand over true freshman Scamus Murphy.

The biggest point of concern for Coach O' Cain and his staff is the offensive line's depth, or lack thereof. Even Murphy is only a freshman, and many of the backups are either red-shirt freshmen or sophomores.

"The offensive line is not a position you can step right into,"

O' Cain explained. "A lot of these guys have a lot of talent, but some of them just don't have any game experience."

In addition to Murphy, J.J. Jones — also a true freshman — has also attracted the attention of the Wolfpack coaching staff. But that does not change the fact that if any of the starters fall to injury, it would be a difficult task finding an experienced replacement.

Once again, N.C. State has a solid returning nucleus, one which should continue to provide Terry Harvey with enough time to throw more touchdowns.

## Backfield

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going to be in the football game."

Portee said that, with the lack of depth on the offensive line, this unit can't leave the success of the running game up to other players.

"People talk about the offensive line, and I think our guys do a good job," Portee said. "In coaching offensive backs, I tell the guys they have to do things

## Running Backs — 1993 Stats

Yr	G	carries	Yds	per carry	per game	Long	TD	
Rod Brown	93	9	23	108	4.3	12.0	22	2
Brian Fitzgerald	92	5	19	63	3.3	12.6	19	0
	93	11	45	199	4.4	18.1	22	1
Kevin Matier	93	10	7	52	7/4	5.2	31	1

on their own. Everybody is not going to be blocked on a play. Either they've got to make them miss or they break the tackles.

We're working hard on trying to make things happen in the offensive backfield with the understanding that we're never going to get them all blocked."

## Tight End — 1993 Stats

Yr	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
Dallas Dickerson	93	11	12	116	9.7	0	19

## Tight end

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ACC honor roll (honoring those with the best grades at their positions) all of his four years at N.C. State. He has also lettered all three years with the Wolfpack.

Dickerson believes that he learned the commitment to his responsibilities from his good friend and former teammate Neal Auer.

"I feel Neal really helped me

out a lot when I was an underclassman and I should, in return, follow the same path of leadership," Dickerson said.

As for personal goals this year, his are modest and team-oriented.

"I want to improve my blocking and never miss a block the whole season," Dickerson said. "I would also like to catch more passes than last year."

As for the perfect season, well Dickerson just smiles confidently.

"Beat Carolina," Dickerson said. "Just basically crush them. I would also like to catch one more career pass than Neal (Auer) did during his career."

As for Dickerson catching his friend in career receptions, it might take a dream season. Auer has 33 career grabs and Dickerson is at 12... and counting.

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## QBs

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The two may compete heavily for the starting quarterback job on the field but away from the football field the two have a very close friendship. According to Bender the competition stops as soon as they step off the field.

"We both wish the best for each other when we are on the field," Bender said. "The competition we have pushes us to probably be better than we really are. Our competition is like competing against your brother-you always want to be better than he is."

After completing the college baseball season early in the summer Harvey took the rest of the summer off from baseball. This summer was the first in five years that he did not play baseball in throughout the summer. O'Cain believes it helped him prepare for the upcoming season. "I think the layoff helped him mentally," O'Cain said. "He had a really good fall workout."

Harvey also thinks his time off was to his advantage.

"I rested up at home and really just took it easy," Harvey said. "I don't think it was so much that I didn't play baseball; I'm just glad I got the rest."

## Goines

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Tech and Florida were interested. Most of his friends did not know that N.C. State was a Division I football program.

"I didn't know anything about this place," Goines said. "Nobody respected State back home. But Coach [Dick] Sheridan and all the guys showed a lot of interest and commitment to me."

In his freshman season he only had one touchdown. But what is arguably his most memorable catch came during that freshman year against Duke.

Goines made a diving, one-handed reception that netted 49 yards and put the trailing Pack

on the one-yard line with 14 seconds remaining in the game. In retrospect, that catch was a sign of the big things to come.

He only scored three times his sophomore season but earned all-ACC second team honors.

So as Goines prepares for his final season, he prepares himself to join the school's as well as the conference's elite receivers — guys like Mike Quick, Haywood Jeffries and Naz Worthen. But there is probably only one thing that sets him apart from this company.

"My determination separates me from the rest," Goines said. "I am absolutely determined to make any play the team needs. When I am in the field I feel invincible. I cannot be stopped and I will not be stopped."

## Linemen

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forced him out the remainder of the season. He was granted a hardship redshirt to retain his full four years of eligibility.

Patterson, 6-4, 270, will look for his first playing time with the Wolfpack.

In the middle, Counts will have two capable, yet inexperienced, players backing him up. Mark Lawrence, a 6-2, 220 pound sophomore will play the middle guard after two seasons listed as a tight end. He will compete with redshirt freshman Montez Moyer. Moyer would have entered the

back lineup last season, but a knee injury forced a medical redshirt. Moyer, at 6-0 and 276, looks to bring a load in the middle to stop the run.

But it will take teamwork to make a better showing than last years disheartening numbers against the run. As well, it will take a consistent effort on every play from all three up front.

"Basically just taking care of our business, playing hard every play, being consistent," Harrison said. "That's the biggest thing. We didn't play with much consistency last year — just two plays here and take off for a few plays. I think the if the whole defense plays consistently we'll be really good."

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10	@ Clemson	1:00
17	OPEN	
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8	@ Louisville	4:00
15	WAKE FOREST	1:00
22	OPEN	
29	@ North Carolina	1:30
Nov. 5	@ Maryland	7:00
12	DUKE	1:00
19	FLORIDA STATE	1:00
25	@ Virginia	11:00

## Reeves

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In three years at N.C. State the memory that stands out most in Reeves mind is his comeback, his first game back after recovering from the broken leg.

"I will never forget that first game back," he said. "It was homecoming against Virginia. I'll never forget just walking out into Carter-Finley Stadium. The Wolfpack scored 17 points in the fourth quarter of that game to top Virginia."

## Receivers

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depends on how they do and vice versa."

But Hill knows the role that they are all in and is ready to shake up the conference.

"Basically we all want to make big plays for the team," he said. "People think that we don't have a lot of experience. But we have the big-play capability to create a lot of scoring opportunities."

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## Special teams features offensive threats

■ This year's special teams unit will feature two all-ACC players: kicker Steve Videtich and Eddie Goines, who will return punts.

By **MARCIA WOODS**

STAFF WRITER

This season N.C. State features some talented athletes on special teams, and most of them aren't specializing in the roles they per-

form there.

All-ACC wide receiver Eddie Goines and running backs Kevin Matier and Brian Fitzgerald are likely to see time returning punts and kickoffs.

Chad Robson, and Steve Videtich highlight the roster.

As a punt returner, Eddie Goines will attempt to fill Ledel George's shoes. George, who played for State from 90-93, is the conference's all-time leader in with 1191 punt return yards.

Goines' coaches feel that he

can do the job. Kent Briggs, punt return team coach, feels that Eddie is a tremendous athlete whose speed and finesse will allow him to make the big play.

"Any time that Eddie Goines touches the ball, the team is at a remarkable advantage," Briggs said.

On the kickoff return unit, Kevin Matier and Brian Fitzgerald will team up in an effort to give the Pack favorable field position. Matier and Fitzgerald enjoyed success in

### Special Teams— 1993 Stats

Yr	PAT	FG	Pct	Long	Pts
<b>Steve Videtich</b>					
92	38-38	14-22	.636	48	80
93	26-28	12-13	.923	46	62
T	64-66	26-35	.743	48	142

this role last year.

According to Coach Dick Portee, kickoff return coach, Fitzgerald and Matier worked hard during fall camp, although Fitzgerald was slowed with injuries.

"It will be a challenge for the guys but I feel comfortable with

them," Portee said. "As long as their blockers do their job, Brian and Kevin will be successful."

Matier had six returns for 129 yards, including a 35-yarder against Duke — the longest for

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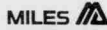


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the Wolfpack last season. This year he is determined to take one all the way back.

"I was always close but never went the distance. This year I'm going the distance because I have something to prove—to myself," Matter said. "I want a ring and since I am not a senior, we have to win the ACC championship. I am willing to go 100 percent to achieve that goal."

Fitzgerald, the starting tailback, battled injuries and two operations, and is ready to show Pack fans what he can do.

Last year, Fitzgerald racked up 197 yards on 10 returns to lead the team in return yards.

"Kevin and I have to find the seam and get upfield," Fitzgerald said. "If we have good protection, we'll be able to put the offense at a good starting point."

Gaining favorable field position on returns is a key concern for State coaches.

"Last year we didn't do as well as we wanted in this area," Portec said. "We must improve this season."

Chad Robson is ready for his first full season as the starting punter.

Last season Robson tallied 1188 yards on 31 punts for a 38.3 average. Robson believes that his off-season work will enable him to increase the average to at least 42 yards.

"Last season's average does not reflect what I am capable of doing," Robson said. "I had one bad game and it brought me down."

Robson said that his backup, Jason Biggs, has pushed him to improve.

"At the beginning of camp, I felt some pressure but am relaxed now. For me to punt well, I need to be relaxed which only comes from confidence," Robson said.

Steve Videtich is looking to continue State's excellent place kicker tradition. En route to being named the all-ACC first team, Videtich established an conference field goal accuracy record by nailing 12 of 13 attempts.

"I have a responsibility to my teammates to do whatever I can to help us win," Videtich said.

He doesn't feel pressured by the expectations.

"I just want to keep things going because it'll increase my options if I have another good season," Videtich said.

Trevathan said that Videtich's good attitude during spring and fall practice has helped him in his job a lot.

"I haven't spent a lot of time coaching Steve this year—only putting him through the paces," Trevathan said. "I put it out there, then he has to decide what to do with it."

## Defense

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probably move in to Washington's old spot, with Bell taking Strong's previous position.

tion.

Briggs is pleased that the group has shown it can work well together, but says that cannot be taken to heavily.

"They've got great experience as far as James Walker, Ricky

Bell and William Strong," Briggs said. "But the experience they had all came in one year. It's not like they're seasoned veterans."

As a starting unit, State's secondary is as good as any in the league. The problem is typical.

Depth.

"It seems like everyone I've had in the backup position there's been injured, except for Drea Major," Briggs said. "So I'm kind of worried about that situation."



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