

# 1968 WOLFPACK BASEBALL



## NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT STATE

North Carolina State University at Raleigh is the State's leading scientific and technological institution. It is a unit of the Consolidated University System which includes the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (formerly Woman's College), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

CHANCELLOR .....	Dr. John T. Caldwell
FOUNDED .....	1887
ENROLLMENT .....	10,835
CONFERENCE .....	Atlantic Coast
COLORS .....	Red and White
NICKNAME .....	Wolfpack
ATHLETICS OFFICE .....	Reynolds Coliseum
ATHLETICS DIRECTOR .....	Roy B. Clogston
SPORTS INFORMATION .....	Frank Weedon
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# SAM ESPOSITO

## Head Baseball Coach

Sam Esposito, an American League infielder for ten years, joined the North Carolina State University athletics staff last spring as head baseball coach and freshman basketball coach.



His first Wolfpack baseball team won 11 and lost 11 games and finished with a 6-7 Atlantic Coast Conference record, which was good for fifth place in the standings. Sam's freshman basketball team won nine and lost

seven this past winter.

Sam was primarily a shortstop and third baseman, but during a nine-year career with the Chicago White Sox and one year with the Kansas City Athletics, actually played six different positions. Sam's most active season was in 1958 when he appeared in 98 games and hit .247. He played in the 1959 World Series for the White Sox against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Sam is a bachelor.

Sam signed with the White Sox after his sophomore year (June 1952) at the University of Indiana where he was on a basketball scholarship. The 36-year-old Chicago native finished work for his bachelor's degree in physical education, with a minor in social studies in the off-seasons, getting his degree in 1964 from Indiana. He finished work on his master's degree while coaching and teaching in the East Chicago Public School system. He served as assistant basketball coach at Washington for eight years. He had one year of varsity competition in basketball and baseball at Indiana.

## 1968 Outlook

A potentially talented, but untested, pitching staff will determine the success of North Carolina State's 1968 baseball season. Coach Sam Esposito appears to have good hitting, sharp fielding and better team speed than a year ago when his first Wolfpack squad split even in 22 games.

Alex Cheek is the only member of the eight-man pitching staff who has ever appeared in a varsity game. Esposito must get immediate help from freshmen Joe Frye and Mike Caldwell, and sophomores Tom Smith and Allen Hicks to do well during the Wolfpack's ambitious 31-game schedule, 21 of which will be played in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"Cheek, who won five games, but lost six last year, will be our top starter," says Esposito. "Our young boys like Frye and Caldwell have talent, but we just don't know how they'll react in tight situations."

Cheek started 12 games, finishing six, while compiling a 3.00 earned run average in 1967. Smith won four and had a 1.45 ERA as a freshman, with Hicks 3-0, as the Wolflets won the Big Four freshman title. Cheek and Caldwell are southpaws. Max Wilson, a converted infielder, heads the bullpen corps.

Catching is expected to be strong with Gary Yount, last year's regular, and Francis Combs, ineligible last year but a starter in 1966, both able receivers.

The Wolfpack should have a tight defensive infield with junior Clement Huffman at second, sophomore Darrell Moody at shortstop and freshman Chris Cammack at third. Ken Wiggins, who paced the freshman hitters with a .385 average last year, and freshman Mike Turner are solid utility infielders. First baseman Tommy Bradford is expected to provide power, as is outfielder Dennis Punch, a .372 hitter as a freshman.

Two of the Pack's more dependable performers, Steve Martin and Fred Combs, will be outfield starters, with Combs' range in centerfield a big asset. Martin led State in hitting (.360) and runs-batted-in (17) last year. Fred led the Wolfpack in stolen bases (11), runs (18) and doubles (5) as an infielder in 1967. John Rowland and Dave Boyer are also lettermen outfielders.

## HONOR ROLL

### ALL-AMERICAS

Johnny Yvars	shortstop	1952	third team
		1954	first team
Jack Turney	second base	1954	second team
Carmen Santoli	outfield	1956	second team

### ALL-NCAA DISTRICT 3

Bill Peed	first base	1955	first team
Bob Kennel	catcher	1956	first team

### ALL-SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Bill Evans	outfield	1949	first team
Bill Fowler	catcher	1950	first team
	shortstop		
Johnny Yvars	shortstop	1952	first team
Lunsford Lewis	pitcher	1953	first team
John Fuscoe	outfield	1952	first team

### ALL-ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

(First Team Selections Only)

Johnny Yvars	shortstop	1954
Jack Yvars	pitcher	1954
Jack Turney	second base	1954
Billy Peed	first base	1955, 1956
Dudley Whitley	shortstop	1955, 1956
Lou Dickman	pitcher	1956
Carmen Santoli	outfield	1956
Dick Hunter	outfield	1957, 1958
Bob Kennel	catcher	1957, 1958
Eddie Wyant	first base	1957
Don Hafer	outfield	1959
Danny Casteen	first base	1958
Russ Casteen	outfield	1958
Jimmy Cox	second base	1960
Joel Gibson	pitcher	1961
Vernon Strickland	utility infield	1961
Bob Conner	pitcher	1962
Wayne Edwards	shortstop	1962

# N. C. STATE 1968 VARSITY BASEBALL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Bats-Throws	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Class	Hometown
4	Robert Andrews	OF	R-R	5-0	141	19	So.	Sparta
8	*Dave Boyer	OF	R-R	6-2	160	21	Jr.	Albemarle
20	*Tommy Bradford	1B	R-L	6-2	220	22	Sr.	Fayetteville
27	Mike Caldwell	P	L-L	5-11	165	18	Fr.	Tarboro
14	Chris Cammack	3B	R-R	6-0	175	19	Fr.	Fayetteville
29	*Alex Cheek	P	L-L	6-3	209	21	Sr.	Greensboro
25	*Francis Combs	C	R-R	6-2	190	21	Jr.	Hertford
18	*Fred Combs	OF	R-R	5-10	188	21	Sr.	Hertford
3	Nelson Connor	2B	L-R	5-7	155	18	Fr.	Kings Mountain
30	Joe Frye	P	R-L	6-2	205	18	Fr.	Fairmont
22	Allen Hicks	P	L-L	6-0	209	20	So.	Pikeville
1	*Clement Huffman	2B	R-R	5-9	165	20	Jr.	Hickory
7	*John Lancaster	IF	R-L	5-11	175	20	Jr.	Wilson
6	*Steve Martin	OF	R-L	5-11	180	21	Jr.	Lawsonville
16	Darrell Moody	SS	R-R	5-11	170	19	So.	Asheboro
19	Dennis Punch	OF	R-R	6-2	190	19	So.	Newton
28	Thomas Ramsey	P	R-R	6-1	220	20	Jr.	Greensboro
12	*John Rowland	OF	L-L	5-10	185	21	Jr.	Raleigh
21	Tom Smith	P	L-R	6-4	208	19	So.	Albemarle
13	Rod Starrett	P	L-L	6-4	180	18	Fr.	High Point
10	Mike Turner	SS	R-R	5-11	160	18	Fr.	Terre Haute, Ind.
5	Ken Wiggins	3B	R-R	5-11	175	19	So.	Wilmington, Del.
9	*Max Wilson	P	R-R	5-10	175	20	Jr.	Greensboro
11	Steve Worrell	C	R-R	5-8	170	19	So.	Roanoke, Va.
17	*Gary Yount	C	R-R	6-1	188	20	Jr.	Newton

\* Denotes Lettermen (11)

HEAD COACH: Sam Esposito

ASSISTANT COACH: Mac Allen

Manager—Ben Bradsher

# 1968 WOLFPACK NUMERICAL ROSTER

1	*Clement Huffman, 2B
3	Nelson Connor, 2B
4	Robert Andrews, OF
5	Kenneth Wiggins, 3B
6	*Steve Martin, RF
7	*John Lancaster, IF
8	*Dave Boyer, OF
9	*Max Wilson, P
10	Mike Turner, SS
11	Steve Worrell, C
12	*John Rowland, OF
13	Rod Starrett, P
14	Chris Cammack, SS
16	Darrell Moody, 3B
17	*Gary Yount, C
18	*Fred Combs, OF
19	Dennis Punch, OF
20	*Tom Bradford, 1B
21	Tom Smith, P
22	Allen Hicks, P
25	*Francis Combs, C
27	Mike Caldwell, P
28	Thomas Ramsey, P
29	*Alex Cheek, P
30	Joe Frye, P

## 1967 RESULTS

### N. C. STATE

### OPPONENTS

R	H	E	LOB	R	H	E	LOB	State Pitcher of Record	
11	8	2	4	Dartmouth	6	9	2	11	Cheek (S)
8	10	1	5	Kent State	1	5	2	3	Cheek (*)
5	9	1	4	Kent State	1	5	1	7	Manley (S)
7	10	5	13	West Virginia	15	12	0	7	Dianis (S)
6	10	3	11	West Virginia	1	1	2	3	Cheek (*)
13	10	5	5	Cornell	5	4	2	4	Best (R)
0	6	1	6	Cornell	2	3	1	7	Cheek (S)
0	6	4	8	Cornell	1	7	1	8	Dianis (S)
0	1	7	6	North Carolina	13	13	1	10	Cheek (S)
2	5	4	6	South Carolina	3	4	3	5	Cheek (*)
6	7	1	8	Clemson	9	1	1	5	Dianis (S)
1	5	3	7	Wake Forest	11	13	1	9	Cheek (S)
4	9	4	5	Maryland	3	7	3	12	Cheek (*)
3	4	4	3	Virginia	4	9	2	11	Haas (*)
9	14	4	15	East Carolina	16	17	3	9	Dianis (S)
11	13	4	11	Duke (11 ins)	9	11	3	12	Haas (R)
9	13	1	10	Wake Forest	2	8	5	7	Haas (S)
0	5	0	5	North Carolina	1	4	0	7	Cheek (*)
6	13	2	6	Maryland	1	5	2	6	Haas (*)
5	10	2	6	Virginia	3	12	2	14	Cheek (*)
5	9	3	8	Clemson	8	10	0	7	Cheek (R)
11	17	0	9	Duke	6	9	7	7	Haas (R)
122	194	61	156		121	179	44	171	

\* Indicates complete games

(S) Starter

(R) Relief

FINAL RECORD: Won 11 Lost 11

ACC: Won 6 Lost 7 (Fifth Place)

## FINAL 1967 STATE STATISTICS

Player	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	TB	SB	Rbi	BB	SO	Avg.
Cheek	16	29	2	11	2	0	0	13	0	3	5	5	.379
Martin	22	86	14	31	3	3	2	46	6	17	7	8	.360
Lancaster	8	9	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	.333
Haas	12	19	2	6	0	0	0	6	0	5	0	3	.333
Combs	22	86	18	24	5	0	0	29	11	9	8	18	.279
Prone	13	18	4	5	0	1	0	7	0	1	5	5	.278
Huffman	17	62	12	17	1	2	0	22	4	9	3	10	.274
Wilson	17	61	7	16	3	0	0	19	4	9	7	10	.262
Rowland	17	46	9	12	0	2	2	22	0	10	14	19	.261
Bradford	22	88	15	22	5	3	2	39	2	14	8	5	.250
Boyer	20	78	7	17	0	1	0	19	6	6	9	15	.218
Yount	20	65	12	14	2	1	2	24	5	10	7	20	.215
King	18	60	11	12	0	0	1	15	0	9	9	13	.200
Others	22	23	9	4	0	0	0	4	0	3	7	6	.174
STATE	22	730	122	194	21	13	9	268	38	108	91	138	.266
OPP.	22	809	121	179	27	12	10	260	22	98	81	138	.222

### 1967 PITCHING RECORD

	GP	GS	CG	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Haas (R)	12	4	2	56 2/3	20	17	44	17	44	4	1	2.69
Best (R)	8	0	0	13	10	4	13	5	4	1	0	2.76
Manley (L)	4	2	0	14 2/3	19	13	21	4	9	1	0	7.95
Cheek (L)	14	12	6	84	46	28	68	40	70	5	6	3.00
DeRoeck (R)	5	0	0	8	7	5	8	5	3	0	0	5.62
Dianis (R)	5	3	0	18 1/3	19	13	23	11	8	0	4	6.39
STATE	22	22	8	194 2/3	121	80	179	82	138	11	11	3.69
OPPONENTS	22	22	9	190	122	97	194	91	138	11	11	4.60

Underlined Players Returning for 1968





Boyer Bradford Caldwell Cammack Cheek Combs, Francis Combs, Fred Frye

## MEET THE WOLFPACK

\* Indicates letters won

### INFIELDERS

**TOMMY BRADFORD\*\*—senior—bats left—first base—Fayetteville**

Good year expected at bat, after falling to .250 in '67, following .326 average as soph . . . had six homeruns and 30 RBIs while scoring 33 runs as two-year regular . . . married and has two children . . . dean's list student . . . all-state fullback at Fayetteville High.

**CHRIS CAMMACK—freshman—bats right—3rd or SS—Fayetteville**

One of the brightest prospects to play for Wolfpack, following brilliant prep career (hit .500 as senior) at Fayetteville, where played on state 4-A basketball championship squad . . . good speed, accurate arm and hits to all fields with power . . . missed early practices with jammed finger.

**CLEMENT HUFFMAN\*—junior—bats right—2B or SS—Hickory**  
Was one of ACC's best shortstops as soph, batting .274 . . . switched to second . . . quick hands and strong arm make him good man on double plays . . . stabilizer in infield . . . adept base runner . . . industrial engineering major.

**DARRELL MOODY—soph—bats right—SS—Asheboro**

Had fine freshman year, hitting .296 with three triples in his 13 hits . . . good athlete, who got late baseball start due to spring football, where he is quarterback . . . swings bat well and should be sharp afield . . . great prep and Legion player at Asheboro.

**KEN WIGGINS—soph—bats right—utility—Wilmington, Del.**

Led freshmen in hitting with .385 average . . . single hitter, rather than with power . . . can play third or second . . . ceramic engineering major.

**JOHN JOHN LANCASTER** (.333 hitter in 9 ABs); sophomore **JOHN CONNOR** and freshman **MIKE TURNER** will serve as utility infielders.

### OUTFIELDERS

**DAVE BOYER\*—junior—bats right—Albemarle**

Regular centerfielder last year when he hit .218 . . . good speed . . . reserve role likely in '68 unless hitting improves . . . good baserunner, stealing six bases last year . . . chemical engineering major.

**FRED COMBS\*\*—senior—bats right—Hertford**

Switched to centerfield, after two-year starter at second . . . led team in hitting as soph (.330), and was second leading regular (.279) last year . . . has scored 33 runs, driven in 26, hit 13 doubles and stolen 13 bases (11 in '68) in two seasons . . . will be leadoff batter . . . all-America defensive halfback in football last year, winning Governor's Trophy as most valuable player, as he set new ACC punt return record.

**STEVE MARTIN\*—junior—bats left—Lawsonville**

Led 1967 team in hitting with .360 average, going 5-for-5 in final game against Duke . . . also led in total bases (46) and RBIs with 17 . . . switched from left to right field this year . . . hits ball well to all fields and plays position well . . . married and has daughter.

**DENNIS PUNCH—soph—bats right—Newton**

Hit .372 as freshman with 16 hits and 10 RBIs . . . good power with quick hands and wrists . . . should add power to lineup

. . . attacks the ball . . . also caught and played third as freshman . . . expected to be good college player.

**JOHN ROWLAND\*—junior—bats left—Raleigh**

Hit .261 in 17 games a year ago, collecting two homers and 10 RBIs . . . to be used in utility role and as pinch hitter . . . showed power at bat and good arm afield.

### CATCHERS

**FRANCIS COMBS\*—junior—bats right—Hertford**

Francis provides outstanding leadership behind the plate, working well with the pitchers . . . has good hands and strong arm . . . ineligible last year, but drew 21 walks and drove in 12 runs while hitting .186 as sophomore . . . twin brother of outfielder Fred.

**GARY YOUNT\*—junior—bats right—Newton**

Finished strong as hitter and receiver as soph, and should give Pack solid depth in catching department . . . had five extra base hits, including two homers, while batting .215 in '67 . . . punting and defensive star in Pack's Liberty Bowl victory over Georgia.

**STEVE WORRELL—soph—bats right—Roanoke, Va.**

Steve will be backup and bullpen catcher as he gains experience . . . hard worker . . . did not play freshman ball . . . civil engineering major.

### PITCHERS

**MIKE CALDWELL—freshman—lefthander—Tarboro**

Bright pitching prospect, who, despite freshman status, should be one of top Pack pitchers . . . has good control with sneaky fast ball . . . fields position exceptionally well . . . finished prep career at Tarboro with three straight shutouts and two consecutive no-hitters.

**ALEX CHEEK\*\*—senior—lefthander—Greensboro**

Has been workhorse of staff past two years, compiling 8-10 record as he started 21 games, completing nine . . . has recorded 123 strikeouts in 157 innings . . . fast ball better than average and good curve when kept down . . . batted .379 last year.

**JOE FRYE—freshman—righthander—Fairmont**

Should be big winner in college and is counted on for top performance this year as freshman . . . has good fast ball and curve, getting both over the plate . . . big and strong . . . outstanding pitcher at Fairmont, including no-hitter in state playoffs when he struck out 18 batters.

**TOMMY SMITH—soph—righthander—Albemarle**

Pitched well as freshman, with four wins and 1.45 ERA . . . big and strong thrower who needs to learn to refine techniques to be as good as his potential . . . will be starter . . . struck out 44 and walked only 12 in 56 innings as frosh.

**MAX WILSON—junior—righthander—Greensboro**

Played third and outfield last year, batting .262, but expected to be top relief pitcher in '68 . . . has good curve and top control needed for reliever . . . was MVP at Grimsley High as pitcher and outfielder.

**ALLEN HICKS**, sophomore lefthander from Pikeville, who had 3-0 record and 3.65 ERA as freshman; and **ROD STARRETT**, a freshman lefthander from High Point, will see bullpen action.

Huffman Martin Moody Punch Rowland Smith Wilson Yount



## 1968 Wolfpack Schedule

Mar.	25	DARTMOUTH	RALEIGH
	26	DARTMOUTH	RALEIGH
	27	DARTMOUTH	RALEIGH
	28	CORNELL	RALEIGH
	29	CORNELL	RALEIGH
	30	CORNELL	RALEIGH
Apr.	2	DELAWARE	RALEIGH
	3	DELAWARE	RALEIGH
	5	VIRGINIA	RALEIGH
	6	MARYLAND (2)	RALEIGH
	9	North Carolina	Chapel Hill
	12	Clemson	Clemson, S. C.
	13	South Carolina (2)	Columbia, S. C.
	17	DUKE (2)	RALEIGH
	20	East Carolina	Greenville
	23	Duke	Durham
	27	Wake Forest (2)	Winston-Salem
	30	NORTH CAROLINA (2)	RALEIGH
May	3	CLEMSON (2)	RALEIGH
	4	SOUTH CAROLINA	RALEIGH
	7	EAST CAROLINA	RALEIGH
	10	Maryland	College Park, Md.
	11	Virginia (2) (TN)	Charlottesville, Va.
	15	WAKE FOREST	RALEIGH

HOME GAMES: Weekday—3 P.M.

Doubleheaders 1 P.M.

## 1968 Junior Varsity Schedule

Mar.	26	Southwood	Salemburg
Apr.	1	SOUTHWOOD	RALEIGH
	4	DUKE	RALEIGH
	9	NORTH CAROLINA	RALEIGH
	17	Duke	Durham
	23	DUKE	RALEIGH
	25	NORTH CAROLINA	RALEIGH
	27	LOUISBURG	RALEIGH
	30	North Carolina	Chapel Hill
May	3	Louisburg	Louisburg
	7	Duke	Durham
	10	North Carolina	Chapel Hill