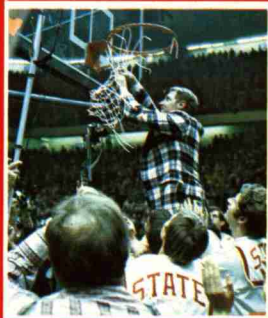
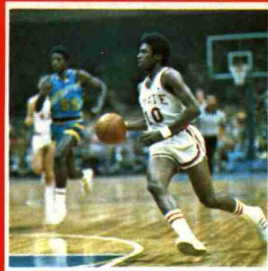
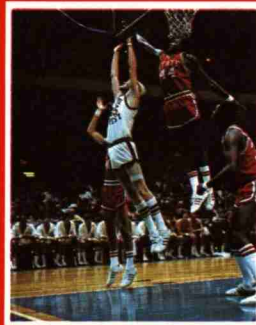
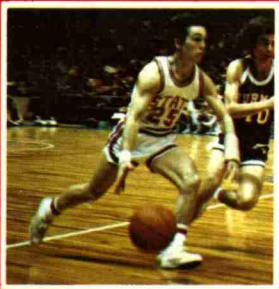
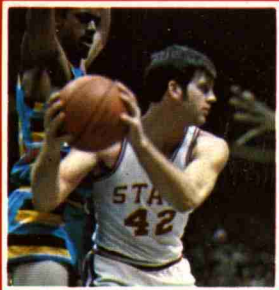


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WOLFPACK BASKETBALL



William Neal Reynolds Coliseum, home of North Carolina State's basketball teams, is one of the largest on-campus coliseums in the nation. The Wolfpack defeated Washington and Lee 67-47 in the first game ever played on the Coliseum court. Since then the court record is 306 wins and 78 defeats.

The building which cost more than three million dollars, has a seating capacity of 12,400 for basketball. The building also is used for dances, student gatherings, civic events, commencement, and by rural groups for summer conferences, and the fabulously successful "Friends of the College," which has had gatherings exceeding 13,000. The Coliseum is under the direction of Athletics Director Willis Casey.

The Wolfpack had perhaps the toughest road in history enroute to the 1974 NCAA Championship. During the season and post-season tournaments State won nine games against teams ranked in the top five and eleven games against teams in the top ten. In the National Tournament, the Wolfpack defeated the second, third, and fourth ranked teams.

The Wolfpack won six major championships in the 73-74 season; the Sugar Bowl Tournament, the Big Four Tournament, ACC Regular Season Championship, The Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament, the NCAA Eastern Regional Tournament and the NCAA Tournament which ended UCLA's domination of collegiate basketball last season, and appears to have an excellent chance of successfully defending its national championship.

Four starters—David Thompson, Monte Towe, Moe Rivers and Tim Stoddard—return from the club that defeated the Bruins and Marquette in the NCAA title round last year while enroute to a brilliant 30-1 record, and 57-1 over the past two seasons, leaving

Coach Norman Sloan with a decidedly optimistic perspective. "It's obvious that we have a solid team returning," says Sloan, the AP's Coach-of-the-Year last season. "But it's also obvious that we lost a great player in Tommy Burleson, our big center. We cannot minimize his loss. I hope our recruiting (which includes 6-7 Kenny Carr) will offset his absence. If this turns out to be true, then we should have another fine basketball team."

Topping the list of eight returning lettermen is the incomparable Thompson, a unanimous All-America selection two years in a row and last season's Player-of-the Year on both the conference and national level. An artist who sends sportswriters searching the dictionary for new adjectives virtually every time he takes the floor, the amazing Thompson is a coach's dream come true—excelling in every phase of the game with his tremendous leaping ability, timing, quickness and uncanny shooting accuracy.

Towe and Rivers give the Wolfpack as fine a backcourt pair as there is in the country. The 5-foot-7 Towe befuddles opponents with his ability to dribble out of tight spots, knock in 35-foot bombs (12.8 scoring average) and heave court-length passes with pinpoint accuracy. Rivers specializes on defense and has such talented hands that he easily qualifies as the "quickest draw" anywhere east of the Rockies. He scored at a 12.1 clip last season. The fourth returning starter, Tim Stoddard, matured late last season and was a fine all-round player down the stretch, especially on defense and in rebounding. Other lettermen returning are forward Phil Spence, and excellent board man, and guards Mark Moeller, Craig Kuszmaul and Dwight Johnson. Newcomers Kenny Carr, Robert Jackson and Craig Davis will also figure in the Wolfpack picture.