

STATE in '68



**FOLLOW WOLFPACK FOOTBALL
LIBERTY BOWL CHAMPIONS 1967**

1968 OUTLOOK

Only five starters return from North Carolina State's 1967 Liberty Bowl champions as Earle Edwards must rebuild the Wolfpack, which has compiled the best overall record over the past six years of any team in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

One of State's finest backfields must run behind an offensive line that has only center Carey Metts returning as a starter from the team which compiled an 8-2 regular season record and which beat Georgia in the Liberty Bowl, 14-7. The defensive unit that gained distinction with its white shoes and in yielding the fewest yards in the ACC, has only two members, end Mark Capuano and linebacker Mike Hilka, back from the men who started in the Liberty Bowl. The entire secondary has graduated.

Loss Two All-Americans

Most of last year's second units, on both offense and defense, will move up to starting positions for 1968. Seven of the 25 lettermen returning are offensive backs, although the Pack did lose its top rusher, halfback Tony Barchuk, and total offensive leader, quarterback Jim Donnan, among the 17 missing lettermen. Two all-Americans, tackle Dennis Byrd and defensive back Fred Combs, and all-ACC choices, Norman Cates at guard and end Harry Martell, are also top losses.

Senior quarterback Jack Klebe, a lefthander, will direct an all-letterman backfield of Bobby Hall and Charlie Bowers at the halfbacks and senior Settle Dockery at fullback. Seniors Leon Mason and Jimmy Lisk, along with sophomore Jim Hardin, give the Pack its best depth ever at halfback. This is the quickest set of backs the Pack has had in many years. Junior Art Waleski and sophomore Darrell Moody back up Klebe, while hard-running Dave Rodgers, the top surprise of the spring drills, gives excellent support to Dockery.

Line Locks Depth

Don Jordan, potentially the finest guard State has had, and Robby Evans saw a lot of duty last year and move into the starting offensive guard spots to flank Metts, an exceptional center. Marvin Tharp, a reserve in 1967, and sophomore hold-out Ed Nicholas figure to start at tackle, while Wayne Lewis, a lanky junior with sure hands, and Charlie Tope won first unit spots at end. Five of the seven men counted on for depth in the offensive line have never been in a varsity game.

Defensively, State will be led by four of the ACC's finest in Capuano, all-ACC in 1967; tackle Ron Carpenter; linebacker Hilka; and safety Gary Yount. But depth is again a problem, with three tentative starters and eight second unit men completely void of varsity competition.

Experienced Tackles

Junior Bob Follweiler will start at the other defensive spot, with senior Benny Lemmons swing man for both starters. Art Hudson and Carpenter are both experienced tackles, while transfer holdouts Harry Billger and Pete Sowirka add reserve strength. Middle guard, in the Pack's 5-4 defense, will be manned by either of two sophomores, Andy Solonoski or George Smith. Hilka heads the list of three lettermen linebackers, with Steve Diacont and Pete Bailey battling for the other starting position. Jerry Loftin is a promising sophomore linebacker.

The secondary will remain unsettled until the opening game, with Yount and Dick Idol the only lettermen among the available personnel. Yount, who is expected to do the punting after a tremendous performance in the Liberty Bowl, is the secondary leader at safety. Paul Sharp, up from last year's freshman team, has a lot of defensive savvy and has won a starting spot at the other safety. Paul Reid, a quick but non-lettered senior; sophomores Jack Whitley and Marcus Martin; and Idol are the cornerback candidates, with Whitley and Reid running on the first unit at the end of spring practice.

Gerald Warren should be one of the bright spots for the Wolfpack in 1968. The talented kicking specialist set a new national collegiate record of 17 field goals last year while leading the nation in scoring by kicking and the ACC in scoring with 70 points. Warren was named to two all-America teams last year and his 56-yard field goal in the spring game indicates another outstanding year for the slender specialist whose kickoffs are consistently at the goal line.

OFFENSIVE DEPTH

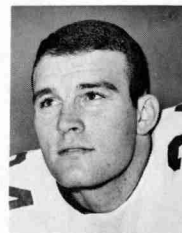
	First Unit	Second Unit
E	*Charles Tope, Jr.	Don Bullington, <u>Soph.</u>
T	Ed Nicholas, <u>Soph.</u>	*Dick Chapman, Sr.
G	*Robby Evans, Jr.	Don Bumgarner, <u>Soph.</u>
C	**Carey Metts, Sr.	**John McDuffie, Sr.
G	*Don Jordan, Jr.	Lee Roy Hamilton, Jr.
T	*Marvin Tharp, Jr.	Rich Starodub, <u>Soph.</u>
E	*Wayne Lewis, Jr.	Kelly Jones, Jr.
QB	*Jack Klebe, Sr.	Art Waleski, Jr.
HB	*Charlie Bowers, Jr.	*Leon Mason, Sr.
WB	**Bobby Hall, Sr.	*Jimmy Lisk, Sr.
FB	*Settle Dockery, Sr.	Dave Rodgers, <u>Soph.</u>
	Kicking Specialist *Gerald Warren, Sr.	



CARPENTER



WARREN



HALL

DEFENSIVE DEPTH

	First Unit	Second Unit
E	**Mark Capuano, Sr.	**Benny Lemmons, Sr.
T	*Art Hudson, Jr.	Harry Billger, Jr.
MG	Andy Solonoski, <u>Soph.</u>	George Smith, <u>Soph.</u>
T	*Ron Carpenter, Jr.	Pete Sowirka, <u>Soph.</u>
E	*Bob Follweiler, Jr.	Jerry Miller, <u>Soph.</u>
LB	*Mike Hilka, Jr.	Jerry Loftin, <u>Soph.</u>
LB	*Steve Diacont, Jr.	*Pete Bailey, Jr.
CB	Jack Whitley, <u>Soph.</u>	*Dick Idol, Jr.
CB	Paul Reid, Sr.	Marcus Martin, <u>Soph.</u>
S	*Gary Yount, Jr.	Dick Schirippa, Jr.
S	Paul Sharp, <u>Soph.</u>	John Tranchese, <u>Soph.</u>

Holdout sophomores underlined.

* Letters won.

WOLFPACK VARSITY

	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown
Mike Alford	HB	5-9	185	Jr.	East Point, Ga.
Butch Altman	HB	5-10	190	So.	Hopewell, Va.
*Pete Bailey	LB	5-10	195	Jr.	Milledgeville, Ga.
Lou Biega	C	5-11	210	Jr.	Aliquippa, Pa.
Harry Billger	DT	6-4	235	Jr.	Pottsville, Pa.
George Botsko	OE	6-2	198	So.	Ambridge, Pa.
*Charlie Bowers	HB	6-1	205	Jr.	Thomasville
Don Bullington	OE	6-2	182	So.	Atlanta, Ga.
Don Bumgarner	OG	5-11	226	So.	North Wilkesboro
Pete Burgess	DB	5-11	180	So.	Burlington
**Mark Capuano	DE	6-2	200	Sr.	Neville Island, Pa.
*Ron Carpenter	DT	6-6	250	Jr.	Thomasville
*Dick Chapman	OT	6-2	225	Sr.	Sanford
Mike Cloy	DE	6-0	180	So.	East Point, Ga.
*Steve Diacont	LB	6-0	215	Jr.	Easton, Pa.
*Settle Dockery	FB	5-9	209	Sr.	Rockingham
*Robby Evans	OG	6-2	215	Jr.	Raleigh
*Bob Follweiler	DE	6-0	200	Jr.	Allentown, Pa.
**Bobby Hall	HB	6-2	200	Sr.	Plymouth
Lee Roy Hamilton	OG	6-1	230	Jr.	Ohley, W. Va.
Jim Hardin	HB	5-11	188	So.	East Point, Ga.
*Mike Hilka	LB	6-2	210	Jr.	McKees Rocks, Pa.
*Art Hudson	DT	6-4	240	Jr.	Camden, S. C.
*Dick Idol	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	Kernersville
John Ivancic	DT	6-3	220	So.	Valencia, Pa.
Kelly Jones	OE	6-2	215	Jr.	Albemarle
*Don Jordan	OG	6-0	240	Jr.	Tucker, Ga.
Mike Joyce	DB	6-1	190	So.	Newport
*Jack Klebe	QB	5-11	190	Sr.	Cornwells Htgs., Pa.
**Benny Lemmons	DE	6-2	220	Sr.	Gaffney, S. C.
*Wayne Lewis	OE	6-5	212	Jr.	Aberdeen
*Jimmy Lisk	HB	6-1	185	Sr.	Norwood
Jerry Loftin	LB	5-11	187	So.	Atlanta, Ga.
Marcus Martin	DB	5-11	168	So.	Covington, Va.
*Leon Mason	HB	5-11	180	Sr.	Washington
**John McDuffie	C	6-0	208	Sr.	East Point, Ga.
**Carey Metts	C	6-2	230	Sr.	Greensboro
Jerry Miller	DE	6-2	203	So.	Asheville
Darrell Moody	QB	5-11	175	So.	Asheboro
Ed Nicholas	OT	6-4	235	So.	Warren, N. J.
John Perotti	MG	5-10	210	Jr.	Scottdale, Pa.
Bill Phillips	OT	6-2	236	So.	Durham
Paul Reid	DB	6-0	175	Sr.	Avon-by-the-Sea, N. J.
Dave Rodgers	FB	6-0	185	So.	Monroe
Steve Rummage	DE	6-3	200	So.	Asheboro
Dick Schirippa	DB	6-1	190	Jr.	N. Plainfield, N. J.
Paul Sharp	DB	6-1	195	So.	Ahoskie
George Smith	DG	5-11	196	So.	McKeesport, Pa.
Andy Solonoski	DG	5-11	212	So.	Hazelton, Pa.
Brian South	OT	5-11	213	Jr.	Columbia, S. C.
Pete Sowirka	DG	6-2	215	So.	Carteret, N. J.
Rich Starodub	OT	6-2	222	So.	South River, N. J.
*Marvin Tharp	OT	6-0	225	Jr.	Vineland, N. J.
*Charles Tope	OE	6-2	210	Jr.	Aiken, S. C.
John Tranchese	DB	6-0	175	So.	Bayonne, N. J.
Bill Vlachos	OG	6-2	250	So.	Fayetteville
Art Waleski	QB	6-2	210	Jr.	Bassett, Va.
*Gerald Warren	K	5-11	170	Sr.	Elizabeth City
Ron Watkins	FB	6-1	205	Sr.	Black Mountain
Jack Whitley	DB	6-0	197	So.	Greensboro
Bill Williams	DT	6-2	220	So.	Massillon, Ohio
John Wilson	C	6-2	206	So.	Burlington
*Gary Yount	DB	6-1	190	Jr.	Newton

* Denotes Letters Won



METTS

1968 Captain: Center Carey Metts, Greensboro senior, leads the Wolfpack in 1968.

WOLFPACK FACTS

OFFENSIVE SYSTEM—Multiple (Winged-T, "J")

DEFENSIVE SYSTEM—Oklahoma 5-4

STRONG POINTS—Scoring potential offered by field goal kicker Gerald Warren, NCAA record-holder with 17 in 1967; speedier backfield, both on offense and defense; experienced offensive center (Carey Metts) and defensive play of ends Mark Capuano and Bob Follweiler and tackle Ron Carpenter.

WEAK POINTS—Overall inexperience of squad, after losing 17 starters from Liberty Bowl Championship squad. Only one starter returning from offensive and defensive lines and no starters back from secondary.

LETTERMEN LOST—17—Offensive Unit: Ends Don Donaldson, Harry Martell; tackles Lloyd Spangler, Steve Warren; guards Norman Cates, Flake Campbell; quarterback Jim Donnan; halfback Tony Barchuk; Defensive Unit: End Pete Sokalsky; tackles Dennis Byrd, Trent Holland; middle guard Terry Brookshire; linebacker Chuck Amato; defensive backs Fred Combs, Art McMahon, Greg Williams, and Bill Morrow. (Underlined indicate all-Atlantic Coast Conference players.)



NICHOLAS



SOLONOSKI



WHITLEY

MOST PROMISING NEWCOMERS:

(Holdout sophomores underlined):

Tackles—Ed Nicholas (offense), Pete Sowirka (defense).

Guards—Bill Vlachos (offense), Andy Solonoski and George Smith (defense).

Linebacker—Jerry Loftin

Quarterback—Darrell Moody

Halfback—Jim Hardin

Fullback—Dave Rodgers

Defensive Backs—Jack Whitley, Paul Sharp, Marcus Martin

EDWARDS LOOKS AT 1968



EARLE EDWARDS

"It has been a number of years since we have been so shy of experienced players. It is a difficult task to replace 17 senior starters, especially such a fine group as we had. Our major problem will be how well we are able to find adequate line replacements. There aren't any players better than Mark Capuano and Ron Carpenter at their positions. I hope we can build around these men to form another solid defensive team. Based on spring practice, there are enough young, eager and talented players who want to have a good football team. This attitude will have to carry us a long way in 1968."

1968 WOLFPACK SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Site	Time	Ticket Price
Sept. 14	*Wake Forest	Winston-Salem	1:30	\$6.00
Sept. 21	*North Carolina	Chapel Hill	1:30	\$6.00
Sept. 28	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	1:30 (CDT)	\$5.00
Oct. 5	Southern Methodist	Dallas, Tex.	2:00 (CDT)	\$5.00
OCT. 12	*SOUTH CAROLINA	RALEIGH	7:30	\$6.00
OCT. 19	*VIRGINIA	RALEIGH	1:30	\$6.00
OCT. 26	*MARYLAND (HOMECOMING)	RALEIGH	1:30	\$6.00
NOV. 2	*CLEMSON	RALEIGH	1:30	\$6.00
Nov. 9	*Duke	Durham	2:00	\$6.00
NOV. 16	FLORIDA STATE	RALEIGH	1:30	\$6.00

* Atlantic Coast Conference Games

FOLLOW THE WOLFPACK IN CARTER STADIUM

Requests for 1968 season and individual game tickets are now being taken at the Coliseum Box Office, Reynolds Coliseum, Box 5905, Raleigh, N. C. Season tickets, priced at \$27.00 for five games, get preferred seating and enable a \$3.00 savings over the single-game price. Wolves Den membership tickets are \$6.25 for the season and will be limited in number. Mail orders must include .50¢ to cover handling costs.

1968 FRESHMAN SCHEDULE

Oct. 4	North Carolina	Home	8:00
Oct. 11	East Carolina	Away	3:00
Oct. 17	South Carolina	Away	7:30
Nov. 1	Wake Forest	Away	3:00
Nov. 8	Duke	Home	3:00