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The Wake Forest-N.C. State game last season was a thriller in every sense of the word, but for me, the best part was seeing, hearing and feeling the support of the fans.

When the Wolfpack led by as many as seven points during the first and second halves, the State fans screamed for more, hoping to put the Demon Deacons away for good. This was to be expected, as all fans support their team when things are going their way. Thus, I was not surprised to hear their deafening roar.

What happened next, though, did surprise me, as I had never experienced the feeling at a Wake Forest home game. The visitors scored nine consecutive points to take a three point lead, but the fans never stopped shouting, stamping and cheering. As we all know, the Wolfpack came back to win by two points and claim a share of the ACC title. I am convinced, though, that the two point victory would never have come about had it not been for the support of the fans.

I have read the continuing editorials berating our own support group, the Deacon Spirits. Although some of the complaints may be legitimate, I must take my hat off to them. These people made a commitment to both Wake Forest University and to the basketball team to faithfully support both at each and every game. For this reason, they should get the best seats in the house. Many of the people who complain about the Spirits are the same ones who give up hope when the team is down by, say, three points or so, or they are those who can't even attend half of the games.

There is no limit as to the number of persons allowed to join the Spirits, so why don't we have 1000 students in the club? I can't answer that question, nor do I know who can. I joined the club for the first time last year, and immediately noticed the new provision requiring 100 percent attendance. However, for the two games that I missed, I was easily able to find a friend to go in my place.

The basketball team lost five or six games this year by five points or less. If we want our Demon Deacons to win these games, let's really put forth an effort to show them by joining the Deacon Spirits this year.

Students at N.C. State camped out from Saturday until Thursday in order to get tickets for the game. They considered it a privilege to support their team. Shouldn't we?

RON MONTESANO
Staff Columnist

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Leake, Royster Head
All-ACC Team

North Carolina's Tar Heels, with four starters returning from last year's NCAA Tournament team, have been installed as the preseason favorite to capture this season's ACC women's basketball crown, according to recent balloting among the conference's eight head coaches.

Coach Jennifer Alley's club tallied 62 points by receiving seven first-place votes and one third place vote. Last year's conference champion, N.C. State, is tabbed for second with 53 points, while Virginia, which received the league's other first place vote, is slated for third with 50 points. Behind the Cavaliers are Clemson, fourth, with 34 points; followed by Duke, fifth, at 33 points; Maryland, sixth, at 29; Georgia Tech seventh with 17 and Wake Forest in eighth with 10 points.

A pair of talented Tar Heel players, guard Pam Leake and center Dawn Royster, join with Virginia guard Nancy Mayer to head up the coaches' All-season team. Joining Leake, Royster and Mayer are Chris Moreland of Duke, the 1985 ACC Rookie of the Year, and N.C. State center Tena Trice. Leake was the only player named on all eight coaches' ballots.

Raycom Announces TV Schedule

Raycom Sports and Jefferson-Pilot teleproductions will produce and distribute 40 ACC basketball games this season to all ACC markets in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and the cities of Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Atlanta. Last season, Raycom/ Jefferson produced 39 ACC games. All games of the ACC Tournament are included in the telecast schedule and will be carried by all ACC stations.

Last year, the ACC games ranked as the most popular regional basketball package on television according to the Nielsen ratings. Areas outside of the ACC region will be able to view 22 of the 40 games this season on ESPN. In addition, ESPN will produce four games on an ESPN exclusive basis. These games will be on ESPN systems within the ACC area in addition to national coverage.

Mike Patrick and Marty Brennaman will return as the play-by-play announcers with Dan Bonner and Billy Packer returning as analysts. The network will also use former ACC players Billy Cunningham and Len Elmore along with Bones McKinney as color commentators. John Sanders, who has worked with ESPN, will be used on play-by-play on three occasions when there are triple-header days.

This season will mark the beginning of a new five-year contract between Raycom/Jefferson and ACC. The network has telecast ACC games since the 1982-83 season.

Here's a list of the scheduled Wake Forest games to be televised:

Leak demonstrats one of the reasons he was named ACC Player of the Year.

Len Bias Hopes to be Tops in ACC

Bias, who led the conference in scoring a year ago with an 18.9 average, was the lone unanimous choice on the preseason selection while Price, named the most valuable player in the 1985 tournament, missed by a single vote of being an unanimous pick. Joining these two outstanding performers on the first team are Duke guard Johnny Dawkins, North Carolina center Brad Daugherty and Georgia Tech center John Salley. Dawkins finished second in scoring behind Bias with an 18.8 average, while Daugherty was the ACC's top rebounder and Salley led the league in field goal percentage.

Bias, Price, and Dawkins were all preseason picks prior to the 1985 campaign and all ended up on the all-conference team at the close of the season along with Daugherty.

North Carolina guard Kenny Smith led the voting for the second team with forward Mark Alarie of Duke, forward Chris Washburn of N.C. State, center Olden Polynice of Virginia and guard Bruce Darylmyple of Georgia Tech comprising the rest of the team.

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**ACC Tournament at Greensboro**

Games start at 3:00 PM, then 7:00 PM, 9:30 PM.
Bogues Shows The Way

Tyrone Bogues

By TIM GERBER
Staff Writer

Al McGuire called his performance against N.C. State one of the most dominating he has ever seen. Surprisingly, he was not talking about former ACC standout Ralph Sampson or UNC great Michael Jordan but Wake Forest's own Tyrone Bogues.

Bogues, a 5-3 guard, is getting a lot of national recognition these days, not only for his size but his ability to control a game. Bogues was named to the UPI all-American "Small Team," for players under 6-0. Bogues was also named to the Street and Smith preseason all-American honorable mention list. Bogues, an all-American in high school, is used to exceeding expectations. "I just try to do whatever I can to help the team win ball games," he said.

Last year, Bogues averaged 7.1 assists a game and had 35 steals, leading the conference in both categories. He also posted a 6.6 points per game scoring average. This year, Bogues realizes the team is counting on him to score more. "With Kenny (Green) and Delaney (Rudd) gone I'm going to have to take a bigger role offensively," he said. "I spent the summer working (in a Washington summer league against the likes of pros Sleepy Floyd and Adrian Danley) on my outside shot."

If the Deacons ever needed good perimeter shooting to take the pressure off the big men, it is this year. The front court is relatively inexperienced when compared to the other teams in the ACC. "The pressure is on me and Rod (incoming freshman Rod Watson) to fill it up from the outside," Bogues said. "I feel with the experience that I have playing the ACC, the team is counting on me to take charge."

Bogues added that the whole team is excited about playing under new head coach Bob Staak. "The whole team likes his enthusiasm and he is getting everybody involved," Bogues said. "It's weird though, sometimes, when you hear yelling and shouting coming from the sidelines. You never used to hear that under Tacy."

Staak has given Bogues a chance to create offensive opportunities by running more fast break drills in practice. "I feel a lot more comfortable with my role this year than I did last year. I know what to expect from the other teams and I know what I have to do to help this team win," he said.

The Deacons have been rated eighth in the conference by most major polls, a fact that has caught the eye of Bogues and the rest of the Deacon players. "No one is expecting us to finish that high in the conference which gives us motivation to prove we can play," he said. "Knowing we have nothing to lose, we just might go out there and surprise some people."

Bogues is unsure what lies ahead for him after he finishes school but the pros loom in the distance like a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. "Spud Webb surprised everyone by making it to Atlanta so the door is open," Bogues said. "Now it's up to me to go after it!"

Bogues has already proved to skeptics he can not only play college ball but star, just as he did in high school. Don't be surprised if in two years, these same skeptics are watching him perform in an NBA jersey and shaking their heads in disbelief.

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Bogues, scoring here against Houston, will be looking to raise his scoring average from last season's 6.6 points per game.

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Cline Keys Offensive Attack

Cline is the leading returning scorer, averaging 10.4 points per game last year, and is one of only four letterwinners on the squad.

By RON MONTESANO
Staff Writer

Junior Mark Cline returns for his third season in a Wake Forest uniform as the team’s floor leader. As the top returning scorer, Cline will see an increased amount of playing time, more than his twenty-nine minute average of a year ago.

After averaging seven points per game during his freshman year, Cline improved to ten points per game last year. In 1986 he hopes to score even more. “I’m the only double-figure scorer back, so Coach told me he’s guaranteeing I’ll get fifteen shots a game.”

Having averaged close to fifty percent in field goal attempts in two years, Cline should score somewhere between fourteen and eighteen points per game, if he gets his “fifteen shots a game.”

Cline has done nothing but improve during his two years as a Demon Deacon. He contributed 100 rebounds last year, thirty more than his freshman total. His free-throw percentage also went up, from 80 percent as a freshman to 82 percent last year.

An improving Mark Cline means an improving Wake Forest basketball team. As a true team leader, Cline’s play will have a great deal of impact on the team’s success.
By JABIN WHITE
Staff Writer

Charlie Thomas, a 6-7 sophomore from Sandy Springs, Maryland, is back for his second year as a starter for the Wake Forest basketball team. Last year, Thomas enjoyed a tremendous season. In fact it was probably one of the best season's ever by a Wake Forest freshman.

In the 1984-85 season, he lead the team in field goal percentage (54.1) and was second to Kenny Green in rebounds per game (5.6). He also averaged 8.2 points per game.

Three statistics helped him earn three ACC Rookie-of-the-Week awards over the course of the season, and he finished fourth in the final balloting for Rookie of the Year.

In his opening game last year, he grabbed 14 rebounds against Rollins College. That was the most by a Deacon freshman in 32 years.

His one problem over the course of the year seemed to be a tendency to get into personal foul trouble. In fact, he had an 11 game streak in which he picked up four fouls or more in each game.

If he had not had this tendency for foul trouble, his statistics could have been even more amazing than they were.

The probable reason for Thomas' foul trouble can be seen in the size of his opponents. He played at small forward position in high school, but because of the small size of last year's squad he was forced into the center position against numerous taller opponents.

He handled the task as well as anyone could have, and over the course of the season turned in many excellent performances. His season stats included 16 points against both Furman and top-twenty ranked Duke, 14 rebounds against Rollins, four blocked shots against Temple, and four steals against the University of Virginia. Looking forward to this season, Thomas returns with added maturity and experience, and while only a sophomore he will be looked to for leadership on the Deacon squad.

He has put on weight and increased his strength in the off season, and with the addition of freshman Mike Scott at center, he will move to forward where he feels more comfortable.

He has the potential to gain national recognition in his career at Wake Forest, and if he plays with the determination and intensity he displayed last year, that recognition could come very soon. While he will be matched against smaller opponents at his forward spot, it remains to be seen whether this will have any effect on his personal foul trouble.

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Sophomore Charlie Thomas will be the Deacons' only returning player with experience at the post position.
Calvert Seeks More Action

By ED TRIPLETT
Staff Writer

Dennis "Dee" Calvert, a 6-5 forward from Memphis, Tenn., is the only senior on the Wake Forest team this year. He transfered to Wake Forest from Harding University in 1983, and since then he has been working hard to crack the Deacon lineup.

"I think that being the only senior on the squad this year is great," Calvert said. "I think that I am better equipped to understand the methods of college basketball."

Calvert, who saw little action last year, hopes to increase his playing time under new coach Bob Staak. "I am glad to be a part of the new program under Coach Staak, and I think that we will surprise some people this year, because of the level of talent that we have," Calvert said. "Everyone is equal under Coach Staak, and he expects and demands 100 percent from all the players."

Calvert, even though expected to play a backup role this year, is quite optimistic and excited about Staak and his philosophy. "Coach Staak is behind the success of the players, and he is molding a new way of thinking: 'We can, we will.'"

"I am a contributor to the program," Calvert said, and has shown this by his hard play offensively and defensively, both in practice and in competition. Calvert had respectable statistics last year, shooting 64.7 percent from the floor and the same from the line. With a new coach and a new program, Calvert could improve drastically and see much more playing time.

"I really like Coach Staak and his energetic personality, intensity and enthusiasm," Calvert said. "It's up to the leaders to set the pace, and everyone has to give it their all, and if everyone does that, I believe that Coach Staak will make us a winner."

With the new program and ideas, Calvert seems eager to become an integral part of a successful Wake Forest basketball team. "I am ready to play ball this year, and I am very excited about Coach Staak and his new program, and I believe that I can be a senior leader on a very enthusiastic and successful team."

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Freshmen Will Play

By KELLY DILLON
Staff Writer

Along with new coach Bob Staak, six new players will be on the court for the Deacons this season. This year's freshmen account for six of the ten players on scholarships, and they could very well have key roles early in their careers.

The most noticeable freshman is Mike Scott. At 6-11, he is the tallest player on the team and is a probable candidate for immediate playing time. At Greenup High School in Greenup, Ky., Scott was an all-American and was named to both the McDonald's and Converse all-star teams. His senior year, Scott averaged 18 points and 15 rebounds per game.

"There is a lot of pressure," Scott said when asked about the prospect of playing in the ACC. "The intensity is the main difference from high school." Rated as an excellent passer, Scott's hands and timing are two factors which should help him contribute to Staak's fast-paced style.

Paul Diebert, like Scott, gives the Deacons added size. At Bishop McCort High School in Johnstown, Penn., the 6-9 Diebert played center, but at Wake Forest he looks to be a power forward reserve behind Scott and Charlie Thomas. In high school, he shot over 60 percent from the field and was named honorable mention all-American. Like Scott, Diebert is on a weight training program to improve his physical maturity.

Cal Boyd should have little problem adapting to Staak's running game. At 6-4, he is a prime contender for action in the backcourt at either the point or second guard position. In high school in Smyrna, Ga., Boyd was Campbell High's all-time leading scorer with 1706 points in his career and a game average of 30.7. Boyd was originally recruited by Tulane University, but he was released from his commitment when Tulane dropped their basketball program.

Rod Watson is a speedster who can help Wake Forest run the ball. At Westside High School in Memphis, Tenn., Watson led the state in scoring three consecutive years. He averaged 36 points and five assists per game and had a single game high of 38. An all-American and all-state selection in both 1984 and 85, Watson led the Memphis Junior AAU team to the national championship in 1984.

Another prospect at guard is 5-10 Clay Dade. One of the first players to sign with Wake Forest, Dade will likely play behind Tyrone Boures at the point guard position. Like Boyd, Dade is a left-hander with good ball-handling abilities.

As a junior at Good Counsel High in Silver Spring, Md., Dade concentrated in playmaking and averaged eight assists per game. He does, however, have the ability to be a consistent scorer. His senior year, he averaged 20 points and shot over 50 percent from the floor.

Dubbed "King Arthur" by his teammates, Arthur Larkins is one of the strongest members of the team. At Riverview High School in Sarasota, Fl., Larkins averaged 21 points and 14 rebounds per game, and he was the second all-time scorer. Larkin's greatest assets are his quick hands and feet and a vertical jump of almost 40 inches. He has the potential to be an excellent defensive player. "USA Today" named Larkins to their all-America checklist.

Mike Scott and Rod Watson lead a talented group of freshmen as the Deacons build toward the future.

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Staak Ushers in a New Era

By DANIEL BAKER
Staff Writer

The Wake Forest basketball program enters the 1985-86 season with a relatively new team—four scholarship players return—and a new coach, Bob Staak.

Staak came to Winston-Salem this summer from Cincinnati's Xavier University. His record at Xavier over the last three years was 60-32. During his fourth season at that school Staak guided the team to its first NCAA tournament bid in 20 years.

On-court success, however, is not all that the coach brings to Wake Forest. In his six seasons at Xavier only two players failed to graduate, and both are playing professional basketball.

In 1979 Staak left his assistant position at the University of Pennsylvania to become head basketball coach and athletic director at Xavier, where the basketball program had fallen on some hard times and was struggling to win half of its games each year. Staak said, "They had not experienced much success in basketball in the past 15-18 years."

In four seasons under Staak, the team leapt from the bottom of the Midwestern City Conference to the top. In 1982 his team finished 22-8, and in 1983 they finished 22-8 and won their conference tournament. He did all of this with players who were considered too slow and too short to play major college ball.

In 1984 Xavier went to the National Invitational Tournament. The small Xavier team was with only eight players due to injury and illness. Still the team upset Ohio State and Nebraska before losing to eventual champion Michigan by one point on the Wolverines' home floor.

Staak's intensity and dedication to the game is apparent. "We didn't have the most talented players at Xavier, and if you don't play hard every minute then your chances of winning are going to be decreased," he said.

Staak, a native of Darien, Conn., played his collegiate basketball at the University of Connecticut. In 1971 the 6-4 forward was selected to the all-Yankee Conference first team, and was named Connecticut's Outstanding Senior Athlete.

He was the last player cut from the American Basketball Association's Pittsburgh Condors and returned to his home state, where he coached East Hartford High School for one year. The next summer he received an offer from the EB's Kentucky Colonels but decided not to attend their camp.

Instead, Staak returned to the University of Connecticut where he served as an assistant for two years under his old coach, Dee Rowe. He then moved on to William and Mary as an assistant and finally came to the University of Pennsylvania.

At Pennsylvania he was assistant for Chuck Daly, currently the head coach of the Detroit Pistons. When Daly left, Bob Weiner took over the helm. A year later, in 1979, Pennsylvania reached the NCAA Final Four. Staak said, "Everybody's aspiration is to make it to the Final Four. My goal and dream is to have an opportunity to play for the national championship."

Later that spring Staak had his first interview for a head coaching position and Xavier offered him the job. He felt that it would be the right move in his career. "I thought the area was good for recruiting," Staak said.

"Xavier was joining a new league and I felt that it was a good opportunity." The program that Staak left at Xavier was expecting its best year ever. However, when Wake Forest and the lure of the ACC called him, he felt that the situation was too good to pass up. He accepted the Deacon position in August and came down to Winston-Salem. His wife Joanne, and three-year-old son Corey remained in Cincinnati to sell their house. Since Staak was alone in Winston-Salem, he had the chance to concentrate on the program.

Staak was forced to work extra hard after entering the recruiting season at its halfway mark. He brought his assistant from Xavier, Jerry Wilkowitz, and hired another assistant, Dennis Wolf, who also played at Connecticut. Some of that hard work may have already paid off, as the Deacons signed three high school seniors to letters-of-interest during the early signing period. They are: 6-11 Greg Keith from Norwich, Conn., 6-10 Ralph Kiley from Spencer and 6-3 Antonio Johnson from Southern Pines.

Staak did not consider the Wake Forest program to be in need of rebuilding. "I thought it was a great opportunity," he said, "to be at a small school with a good academic reputation and playing in the ACC." He also sees the small liberal arts university as being an advantage in recruiting. "The difficult part of the job is being located in North Carolina with three other ACC schools, but there are a lot of players out there," he added.

Staak has already made an impact on the Deacon team. The players had to run almost every day for a month before practice began on Oct. 15. The first week of practice was an adjustment period for both the players and their coach. "I'm very demanding; I don't settle for anything less than 100 percent," Staak said. "After the first few days of practice the players came to understand that."

Although he does push his players to give their best effort, they realize that he always gives his all. His door is always open to his players. He always had time to talk. He even plans to move closer to the campus so that he can be closer to the team and the Wake Forest community. The only thing he does outside of basketball is play a little golf during the off-season, when he is in his native Connecticut.

New head coach Bob Staak will be aiming to produce a winner from this year's young squad.

When the lights go on there is a little bit of showman present. When there seems to be a turning point during a game Staak will take off his coat, fold it up, and hand it to the manager. This always inspired a cheer from the Xavier fans.

Staak has not made an overall plan for getting the program to where he would like it to be. He is taking it day by day and hoping that hard work and preparation will pay off for his young team. "It's like putting every part of the puzzle together," he said.

"The preparation, then trying to execute the game plan and manipulating the game in such a way that you come out a winner, that's the fun of coaching."
New Assistants Enter Program

Jerry Wainwright
By Mark Latti
Sports Editor

Bob Staak will not be alone as he coaches the Deacons in his first year. With him he brings three assistant coaches who will all contribute in building the Deacon basketball program.

One of Staak’s first moves was to add Jerry Wainwright to his staff. Wainwright worked with Staak last year as an assistant to him at Xavier. Before this, Wainwright was an outstanding high school coach. During his tenure in high school, Wainwright was named coach of the year three times in two different states.

Staak feels that Wainwright is essential to this year’s team and to the continued success of Deacon basketball. "Jerry is one of the best coaches that I’ve been around in working with big men," Staak said. "He is a very good teacher, and certainly as we recruit more inside players to go with our present ones, they will benefit greatly from him."

Tom McConnell
Another one of Staak’s additions is assistant coach Dennis Wolff. Wolff comes to Wake Forest with seven years of experience as both an assistant and a head coach.

Wolff has been an assistant coach for the past three seasons at St. Bonaventure. He was always busy there, recruiting, working on preparation and scouting.

Before St. Bonaventure, he was the head coach at Connecticut College. In 1981 and in 1982 he led his team to consecutive winning seasons, the first in the school’s history.

Wolff is a graduate of the University of Connecticut, Staak’s alma mater. He played there for two years after transferring from Louisiana State University.

After he graduated in 1978, he accepted an assistant coaching job at Trinity College for two years before he went to Connecticut College.

Rounding out the staff is Tom McConnell. McConnell joined the staff this September, coming back to North Carolina after a leave of two years.

While attending Davidson College, McConnell was the starting point guard for the Wildcats in 1981 and 1982. He was also the team captain.

After leaving Davidson, McConnell became a volunteer assistant coach at the University of Pittsburgh. Then last year, he was on the coaching staff at St. Francis College of Pennsylvania before joining the Deacon staff in September.

While Staak ultimately wants to build a winner, he knows he cannot do it immediately. It takes time, and he can’t do it by himself. With his new assistant coach, he has taken a step in the right direction.

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Deacons Try to Rebuild

By CHAD KILLEBREW
Assistant Sports Editor

After compiling a 15-14 (5-9 ACC) record last season, and a trip to the National Invitational Tournament, Wake Forest looks to the 1985-86 season as a team youthful and inexperienced.

Gone from last season's squad are second team all-ACC, leading scorer (17.0), and leading rebounder (8.3) Kenny Green; Delaney Rudd, the team's second leading scorer (16.7) and last season's most valuable player; Lee Garber, who saw action at each position and averaged 8.5 points a contest; and Chuck Kepley, who was an important reserve at the guard positions. These four players combined for more than 46 points per game, or 63 percent of the team's output.

Returning to lead the 1985-86 Deacon unit are exciting playmaker Tyrone Bogues, consistent Mark Cline, and last season's top freshman Charlie Thomas.

Head coach Bob Staak, who comes to Wake Forest from Xavier to replace retired coach Carl Tacy, finds his first squad composed of seven freshmen and only three returners, with which to contend. How quickly the young players mature under the stiff Atlantic Coast Conference competition will be a major factor in the fortunes of this season.

The Deacons are picked to finish last in the competitive ACC this year by conference sportswriters and broadcasters. In the preseason Associated Press Top Twenty, five ACC teams, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Duke, North Carolina State, and Maryland, were ranked, and Sports Illustrated's preseason Top Forty also included Clemson and Virginia along with the other five schools.

Staak realizes he has got his work cut out for him in his first season at the helm of the Wake Forest program, calling the preseason prediction of last in the ACC "realistic." He site the Deacons' lack of depth and experience, as well as the strength of the league, as reasons for the eighth place pick. A lack of height and rebounding could also pose problems for the team, as only two players are 6-9 or taller.

Despite the bleak outlook, Staak said, "We're not conceding anything. We're going to go out and play hard every night, and let the chips fall where they may."

The goals Staak sees for the team are "to improve every game, have the younger players gain experience, do well in the non-conference schedule, and hope to be a factor in the league race."

The strength of the team appears to be shooting, Staak said. He hopes "to be a good defensive team and run the fast break" also, but said the rebounding weakness could hamper the transition game.

Deacon fans can expect to see exciting basketball this season.

"If we can do the things we'd like to do, and with Tyrone Bogues running the fast break, I think we'll be fun to watch," Staak said.

Along with Bogues, Cline and Thomas, freshmen Mike Scott and Rod Watson will make up the Deacon starting five.

Bogues, who at 5-3 is the shortest player ever to compete in the ACC, will lead the team from his point guard position. He led the conference in assists (7.1 per game), steals (83), and assist-to-turnover ratio, where his .534-to-1 mark was the best ever in the league.

This season Staak wants Bogues to contribute more scoring (he averaged 6.6 points last season), and looks to the junior to be a leader on the team.

Cline is the team's leading returning scorer from a year ago, when he averaged 10.4 points per game. A cool-headed performer under pressure, the 6-7 junior committed only 25 turnovers and was an 82.1 percent free throw shooter last season, including a 95 percent mark in the final five minutes of all games.

As his classmate Bogues, Cline will be looked to for more scoring and leadership qualities from the head coach.

Thomas, who will man the other forward spot opposite Cline, was one of the top freshmen in the ACC last season, finishing fourth in voting for the conference rookie of the year award. He averaged 8.2 points and 5.6 rebounds per game, despite having to play center much of the season against taller opponents (Thomas is 6-7), rather than playing his natural forward spot.

Thomas, who "will not have the luxury of playing with Kenny Green this year," must produce well in both the scoring and rebounding departments, Staak said. Since he is the team's only experienced post player, he will see some time at center this season, but Staak would prefer to play him at forward.

Manning the post for the Deacons will be 6-11, 230 pound Scott. As a high school player at Gemini (Ky.) High School, he received numerous awards, including being an all-American performer last season, an all-state selection the past two years, and being named to the McDonald's and Converse national all-star squads last year.

Staak said Scott has a "good chance to be a good player." Although his inexperience will hurt, the coach looks for the center to contribute both scoring and rebounding.

Watson rounds out the starting unit at the shooting guard position. The 6-2 high school all-American averaged 36 points per game last season and led the state of Tennessee in scoring the past three seasons, a feat never before achieved.

Staak looks for Watson to fill Rudd's shoes and provide Wake Forest with consistent scoring.

Before it's all said and done, Bogues and Watson could be a very effective backcourt duo," Staak said.

The main reserves will be 6-1 freshman Cal Boyd, 6-5 senior Dee Calvert, and 6-4 freshman Arthur Larkins.

Boyd will see back-up time at both point guard and shooting guard. Staak would like to play him more at the shooting guard spot, not wishing to place the pressure of running the team on the freshman's shoulders.

Calvert, who is the team's only junior, but saw action in only thirteen games last year, will be expected to "contribute off the bench and give stability up front," Staak said.

Larkins, who will see action at both guard and forward, is an excellent athlete with a vertical jump of almost 40 inches. Staak looks for Larkins to help with the rebounding, and would like to see the freshman improve defensively.

The team is rounded out by 6-6 junior forward Drew Boggs, 5-10 freshman guard Clay Dade, 6-9 freshman forward Paul Delbert, 6-10 junior guard Billy Robinson, and 6-2 freshman guard Kevin McMillan. Staak hopes some of these players develop as the season wears on, noting especially a need for back-up time at the post spot.

Wake Forest will again face the full slate of 14 grueling ACC games, along with a competitive non-conference schedule, including games with National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament participants Temple and Boston College, and National Invitation Tournament member Richmond. The games with Temple and Richmond are also away contests.

In late December, the Deacons will travel to Hawaii for the Rainbow Classic. Among the eight teams in the three-day tournament are Villanova, last year's NCAA champions, and Clemson.

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Women Have High Hopes

By KEITH W. SNYDER
Associate Sports Editor

Wake Forest women's basketball will be entering a new era with a combination of new and old faces this year. Leading the list of new faces are head coach Joe Sanchez and his assistant Kathy Turner.

Among the returning starters are second team all-ACC Janice Collins and the potent backcourt combination of Amy Privette and Lisa Stockton.

Following head coach Wanda Briley's departure last spring, Wake Forest women's basketball looks back upon their most successful season ever. Although they were just above a .500 season with a 14-13 record, it was their first winning season since 1972-73.

They recorded a record four ACC victories and captured the James Madison Invitational tournament as well. Last year was also the best performance in the ACC tournament for the team. Despite losing to UNC 76-64 in the first round, it was the lowest deficit ever.

However, New York native Sanchez ushered in a new beginning for women's basketball here at Wake Forest. He comes to the Deacon program after compiling a 92-36 record at Central Florida over the past four years.

Collins is a three time letterman and will be starting at the forward position again this year. Last year she was second in rebounding (6.3 rpg) to Sonya Henderson and second in scoring (12.7 ppg). Other honors earned last year include being named to the James Madison Invitational Tournament team, the team's MVP, as well as the Female Athlete-of-the-Year at Wake Forest.

"Collins has the tools to be outstanding," Sanchez said. "When isolated, she can be very creative offensively. She will go to the boards, is a strong one-on-one player, and also has excellent strength and mobility."

Backing her up will be freshman Susan Gasperson. Gasperson was named the Western North Carolina Player of the year both her junior and senior years at Enka High School. Last year she averaged 20.0 ppg and 10.0 rpg and should contribute immediately to the team.

Anchoring the pivot position will be Irvine Allen. Last year she came off the bench to fill in for Chante Stiers. Her career high at Wake Forest came against Clemson when she poured in ten points. Unfortunately she injured her right leg during a pick up game last spring and is not expected back into the lineup until late December.

Another freshman, Kristi Wolbowe, will be one of Allen's backups. Wolbowe hails from Staples High School in Staples, Minnesota. Last year her high school won the state championship and she set the tournament field goal percentage record by shooting 75 percent through the entire tournament. Wolbowe also received honorable mention All-America from USA Today.

Also adding depth to the center position will be sophomore Amy Cartner. She should see more time this year. She averaged 2.0 ppg and 1.5 rpg. Her career high came against Limestone when she scored 10 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

At the other forward position will be Meeky Steensmets, with relief being provided by Cartner. Steensmets averaged 3.5 ppg and 3.3 rpg last year. A career high was achieved when she scored 12 points against Appalachian State. Her strongest attributes are her rebounding strength and court awareness.

Heading up one of the most experienced backcourts in the ACC are tri-captains Amy Privette and Lisa Stockton.

Privette was the team's leading scorer at 13.8 ppg and third in rebounds with 5.0 rpg. Her play last year earned her honorable mention all-America honors by Fast Break and the American Women's Sports Federation.

"Privette leads by action," Sanchez said, "and seems to make things happen on the court."

Stockton returns as the Deacons point guard for her third consecutive year. She was third in scoring last year with 12.0 ppg and also had 74 assists and 52 steals. Sanchez described her as "a very intense player, a very determined player" and it will be these qualities which will make her a key person in the leadership of the Deacon attack.

Backing up these two outstanding guards are Helen Williams and Alice Neal. Williams is a junior who walked on her freshman year. She has been improving her play each year. Her career high was 6 points and 5 rebounds against William and Mary.

Neal has a list of high school credits and honors that makes her a great addition to the team. She is the current career leading scorer for the state of Virginia (2,286). Last year she averaged 35 ppg at Rocky Gap High School. Honorable mention all-American honors by Converse, Street and Smith, and USA Today are some of the other recognitions she's received.

Another freshman that will be adding her talents to the team is Sherrie Clark. She is a center from Jacksonville, N.C., who has averaged 10.0 ppg and 5.0 rpg.

Although this year will be a tune of adjustment for the team, the talent and experience that is present could lead to the most successful season at Wake Forest ever.
Sanchez Brings Success

By WAYNE TEAGUE
Sports Editor

When Joe Sanchez came to Wake Forest he knew turning around the women's basketball program, not one of the ACC's more dominant, would not be an easy task. But for a man who took a team that was 3-19 and coached it to a state championship the following year, how difficult could it be? "The job at Wake Forest is the strongest challenge of my career," Sanchez said. "We're not going to have the size," but "we will surprise some people, and we will upset some people."

Applying for and accepting the job as head coach of the women's basketball team were not difficult decisions for Sanchez; coaching in the ACC has always been a dream and goal of his. "I have always wanted to coach in the ACC. I love the atmosphere and I hope someday to win the conference championship," the Deacon mentor said. "It's a big task for me."

The task becomes even bigger when one looks at the upcoming season. The women, just as the men, are expected to finish in the conference cellar. Among ACC teams North Carolina, N.C. State and Virginia are all ranked in the top 20 and Clemson, Duke and Maryland are all ranked somewhere in the next 20.

Sanchez has no illusions about the team he has inherited from departed coach Wanda Briley. "This team will be a game-by-game team. Our expectation is to play the best brand of ball we can physically play, and along the way pull off a few surprising upsets. (The team) has no place to go but up."

Sanchez looks to mold an uptempo, pressing team, which will run a controlled break. "The team has to score," he said. "We would like to score 60 points a game. It's best because of our size." The coach also would like to employ constantly changing offenses and defenses to keep the opponents confused and off-balance.

The team will revolve around a trio of players—seniors Janice Collins and Lisa Stockton, and junior Amy Privette. However, while most spectators are looking at Collins and Privette as the specific keys, Sanchez said Stockton is the key. "Lisa Stockton is a very strong guard. She will be the key on how this basketball does this year. How she plays will be an indication of our team," Sanchez added that he "had to be very supportive of the program" and "he had to be a builder of programs," he stated. "I'm a very personal coach; I like to take each player individually," he stated. But he is not a winner just because he is a nice guy. "I'm a very strong disciplinarian and a fundamentalist. I'm a demanding coach, and I don't tolerate less than 100 percent effort. My players have to execute for the team to win."

Sanchez's record shows that his style works. From his four head coaching positions (his last two jobs have been at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and the University of Central Florida) he has compiled an incredible list of accomplishments and honors. In seven of the eight years in which he has coached he has won 20 or more games. He has two state championships and four times he has gone to a national tournament, including the national quarterfinals once. Sanchez has also been named as an all-American coach the last two years, an all-region coach three times, and conference coach of the year four times.

Wake Forest is sure to be no different. "There's an excitement on this team. The girls believe in themselves now," Sanchez said. And Demon Deacon basketball fans can expect to see Sanchez around in the future. "I think I've found a place where I'll stay for awhile. I'm dedicated to producing a top-notch contending ACC program."

Joe Sanchez of the Deacons will bring out the best in Stockton's qualities as a player. Sanchez felt the new style will also aid the games of Privette and Collins. Privette will get more opportunities to shoot her deadly jump shot because of the open freedom to do what she does best," Sanchez said. Collins will have similar chances opened for her. "Once she gets used to this style of game she has to be successful. He attributes the success to his style of coaching. "I'm a very personal coach; I like to take each player individually," he stated. But he is not a winner just because he is a nice guy. "I'm a very strong disciplinarian and a fundamentalist. I'm a demanding coach, and I don't tolerate less than 100 percent effort. My players have to execute for the team to win."

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Turner Takes Over as Women's Assistant

By CHAD KILLEBREW
Assistant Sports Editor

With the arrival of new head coach Joe Sanchez comes also the arrival of a new assistant coach. Kathy Turner arrived Sept. 9 and began her work as Wake Forest assistant women's basketball-coach and academic advisor for female athletes.

Turner comes to the Deacon program following a one year stint as head coach of women's basketball at Lake Braddock High School in Fairfax, Va. She has previously been head coach at Franklin County High School in Franklin, Va., assistant coach for women's basketball and softball at George Madison University, and head coach at Oakton High School in Fairfax. She held each position for one year.

Turner became interested in the Wake Forest job through her twin sister Karen, who had initially applied for the vacant spot, but accepted a position as an assistant coach at George Tech.

An assistant coach at Georgia Tech told Karen the job at Wake Forest was still open, and asked if she thought Kathy would be interested. Kathy called coach Joe Sanchez, who set up an interview.

"I liked her style and enthusiasm," Sanchez said of Turner. "We're both here to build the program, and you need enthusiasm to build."

Turner said she was likewise positive about the new head coach.

"I had a great feeling about Joe," Turner said. "He was the type of person I wanted to work for."

Turner, a 1981 graduate of James Madison with a degree in physical education, works closely with Sanchez. Since they are the only women's basketball coaches, they "pretty much do everything together," Turner said.

She assists Sanchez with recruiting, travel arrangements and the running of practice.

Turner's academic responsibilities include securing a list of each athlete in each woman's sport and corresponding with the coach on the student's academic standing. If necessary, Turner then informs the player will she can secure tutoring or advising help.

Turner is enjoying her job at Wake Forest thus far, and has high expectations of the upcoming season.

"So far I have really great feelings about the job and this season," Turner said. "I'm looking forward to an exciting year working with Joe and the girls."

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Collins Helps Deacons Win

By CHAD KILLEBREW
Assistant Sports Editor

Fans who follow Wake Forest women's basketball must be wondering what senior Janice Collins will do for an encore. Last season saw Collins become the school's first all-conference performer, as she captured a spot on the all-ACC second team, was honored as Wake Forest's female "mvp," and was a vital part of a 1984-85 team that produced the most successful season ever for the Deacon program since they joined the NCAA Division I ranks.

How does Collins react to the notion that fans will be looking for every inch from her in her senior year?

"I'm trying not to let it get to me," the 5-8, Norfolk, Va., native said. "When people hear about all of the awards I won, they're looking for a spectacular person.

"My main objective has been not to receive an award, but just to play the best that I could. But I am grateful that I won the awards."

Last season's statistics bear out why Collins received her post-season honors. She led the team in minutes played per game (34.7), was second in scoring average (12.7), rebounding (11.7), and field goal percentage (.507), third in assists (70), and fourth in steals (43).

Last season's honors are more impressive when one considers how far Collins has had to come.

The adapting to college life and making good grades did not come easy at first.

"My freshman year was really bad," Collins recalled. "I cried every night. It was so hard to adjust to taking 18 credits, hard courses, and playing basketball."

Collins also said she suffered from the feeling that her teachers thought themselves to be perfect. In turn, she "rebellied, and didn't do any work. I made so many Ds."

Collins averaged 3.7 points and 11.3 minutes per game as a freshman. She emerged as a starter her sophomore year, and averaged 6.9 points, 4.4 rebounds, and 25.4 minutes played per contest.

While her playing time and point production rose, her grades did not. Collins found herself on academic probation after her sophomore year, and summer school attendance was required.

The university "picked the courses, and I had to make four Ds. I made the Bs. I proved I could do it. After that, I went up hill," Collins said.

Just how far uphill Collins climbed was seen last year when she made the Dean's List, an honor which she called "a great one."

"It's really been hard to make good grades and play basketball," Collins said. "I'm a stronger person, an overachiever. I learned to believe in Janice, and trust Janice. To be an athlete, with so much time and strain, and to make Dean's List is a wonderful feeling."

"I started from the bottom and brought myself up. I made all of D, C, B, and A honestly. Where can you get confidence from?"

"I didn't come here to have a good time, I came here to prepare myself for life, to put food on the table for Janice."

The Collins hard work theory doesn't just apply to basketball or grades, either.

"It's true if you put in work the positive reinforcement will be there. If you continuously work hard, it does pay off. If you work hard continuously on anything you can do it."

As for last season, Collins said that the highlights remain in Collins' mind: being voted as female athlete of the year, being named all-ACC, making Dean's List, and getting a chance to speak to the Dean Club.

The school award, voted on by fans, constitutes as a good time. Collins recalled. "People hear about Janice and play basketball."

"I'm not dumb; that's what brought me through. I was willing to put the time into studying."

"When you're taught to play a certain way, it's hard to change. Coach Briley has been flexible when it comes to that. We have to learn what he likes and doesn't like. His 110 percent is different than Coach Briley's 110 percent. He wants to win, and that's basically what we want to do."

Sanchez hopes Collins continues her steady ways, and he anticipates another banner season from her.

"Janice has the tools to be outstanding," Sanchez said. "When isolated, she can be very creative offensively and go to the boards. Janice is a strong one-on-one player who also has excellent strength and mobility."

Though Sanchez lauds her offensive skills, it's Collins' defense that has allowed her to be named the squad's top defensive player the past two seasons.

"A good defensive player makes things happen," Collins said. "When you play good defense it allows other players to get down the court. A good all-around player can't get slack on defense. You have to do your part."

Collins looks for the team to continue to improve in 1985-86. "I look to win a lot more ACC games," Collins said. "We intend on having a winning season by a noticeable margin. We want to win all the time. That desire will give us an edge on other teams. We want it bad."

Collins said that many people felt she couldn't make it at Wake Forest. Her Spanish teacher in high school wrote on her recommendation that he thought she couldn't do well at Wake Forest. When her grades were low after her first two years, the doubts were raised even more. But Collins maintained faith in herself, and can look back and say she overcame the obstacles in her path to success.

"It's just great to prove people wrong about what you know you can do," Collins said. "I'm not dumb; that's what brought me through. I was willing to put the time into studying."

"When I see an opportunity, I know when to take advantage of it."
Privette Leads by Example

Amy Privette

By CHAD KILLEBREW
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When Amy Privette arrived on the Wake Forest campus two years ago, she was not certain how much playing time she would see for the Deacon women's basketball team. After all, this was the Atlantic Coast Conference, where freshmen played little, and were seldom expected to immediately contribute to their team's success.

Privette quickly dispelled the idea that a freshman could not help her team. She earned a starting spot in the fifth game of the year, would finish the year as the team's leading scorer, and has been a fixture in the Wake Forest backcourt ever since. As Privette tells the story, her success as a freshman was unexpected.

"I wanted to play all the time," Privette said, "but I had to look at it realistically, and I told myself Don't be upset if you don't get to play. In the first game, I played maybe two minutes."

One of her teammates was not playing well, so Privette got her chance in the season's fifth game against Maryland.

"I played about three quarters of the game," Privette recalled. "The shots were open, and good things were happening. I never thought I'd be in the hole to this point, and I said 'I can handle this.'"

"I never doubted myself that I should be starting. I gained a lot of confidence that season. I was in the right place at the right time, I guess."

Privette was in the right place enough times during the season to hit for a 14.0 per game average. Beginning with the Maryland contest, she scored in double figures 16 straight times, and would finish the year by scoring double digits in 24 of her 27 games.

Privette was by no means only a scorer. She would lead the team in steals (55), be second in assists (79) and minutes played (714), and have the third best field goal percentage with a 44.2 percent mark.

For her efforts, Privette would be named as a Fast Break freshman all-American, one of only five players in the country to be so honored.

Last season, Privette continued to play well. She would end the season by being named a Fast Break honorable mention all-American.

Privette again led the team in scoring with a 13.8 per game average, and also led in assists (67) and steals (57). She was also the team's third leading rebounder (5.0 average per contest), despite being only 5-8 and playing guard, and was third in minutes played per game (32.9).

Although she had her second consecutive successful season, Privette felt the team's attitude toward winning was not what it should be.

She agrees with other returning players that the squad suffered from an attitude problem in the big games last season under head coach Wanda Briley.

"We were really psyched up for Virginia, our first ACC game," Privette said. "We led by 15 points at halftime. We came out in the second half and just choked."

The game ended in a 77-66 win for the Cavaliers. The rest of the year, whenever the team got ahead in big ACC contests, they would wait for the bad things to begin happening, and then say "here it goes again; we've been here before and blown it."

Privette said. Due to these losses against higher ranked ACC foes, the veteran players and Briley were not totally disheartened. They had been on the bad teams that were the patsies of the league, and to have seen the program progress as much as it had was a big boost to them.

"Briley's goal was to win the big games, but if she saw us being competitive and coming close, she was happy because of past teams," Privette said.

Privette expects the attitude problem to change this season with new head coach Joe Sanchez.

"Coach Sanchez has already said 'something I can't stand is someone who plays scared,'" Privette said. "His philosophy is just go for it. He's really prepared us well. Last year, offensively we didn't execute well. This year we will execute, and be a much better team than last year."

Sanchez has high praise for Privette.

"Amy Privette is definitely one of our top outside threats, and one of our main weapons offensively," Sanchez said. "She does a great job on the break, and defensively she is one of our team leaders. She is an outstanding competitor, and her attitude toward the game is superb."

The new head coach is glad that Privette's blood had long run Old Gold and Black, and her decision to attend Wake Forest was an easy one.

When she was deciding which college to attend after graduation from A. L. Brown High School in Kannapolis, Privette said there was really no decision involved.

"Wake Forest is a family tradition," Privette said. She has two sisters who attended the school (one remains on campus as a law student), and a younger sister who is currently enrolled as a freshman. "My dad came here, and I grew up being a Demon Deacon. As I got on into high school, I really wanted to come here because of the academic standards and size of the school."

The importance that Privette places on academics can not be easily overlooked. She finished second in her high school class, and is also a Poteat Scholar. She currently has a GPA of 3.9.

Privette said she developed her study habits her freshman year and has continued them.

"I was scared my freshman year that I wasn't going to do well," Privette said. "I worry that a combination of basketball and academics would be difficult. Every spare moment I was using to study. It turned out better than I expected."

Just well how it turned out her first semester at Wake Forest was shown by her 4.0 GPA. For her continued academic excellence, Privette was named honorable mention all-academic last season.

This means more to me than the other two awards," Privette said. "There are athletes that do still care to excell in grades. We're here as students first."

Privette said similarities can be drawn between the basketball court and the classroom.

"God has given us all some capabilities," Privette said. "You train and develop those physical talents and perform in the game. We've got certain mental capabilities also. You train and develop them, and when it comes time for the test, you perform."

Privette has goals for both herself and the team this year. Her personal goals include those dealing with free throw and field goal percentage, and her play in ACC competition.

"One goal is to keep my performance and confidence up in the ACC games," Privette said. In conference contests last year, she experienced "a period of low confidence and a shooting slump."

Privette singles out her play in regard to the team as her main aim.

"A general goal is to help the team out in any way I can," Privette said, "and to provide leadership on the court and help everybody maintain the attitude that everything is possible."

Privette is happy with her achievements of the past two seasons, but looks for more from the team this season. When talking about the Fast Break honors, she says she "would give up both of them to beat Carolina."

That dream of beating North Carolina began developing in Privette's younger years in Kannapolis. When shooting baskets in her backyard, she would often picture herself playing for the Deacons in game situations against the Tar Heels. Her goal of playing for Wake Forest has been realized. This season, she hopes, her other desire, to beat the rivals from Chapel Hill, will also become a reality.

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By CHAD KILLEBREWer
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While stating that a point guard on a basketball team resembles a quarterback on a football team may seem a strange analogy, a lot of truth lies in the statement. Just as a quarterback leads the offense, communicates to his teammates the plays, and tries to ensure continuity in the offensive flow, a point guard has as reading offensives. I was telling players older and more experienced what to do. That was hard.'

There were other adjustments - in the college ranks. 'The skill of the players was so incredible,' Stockton said. 'One of the hardest (adjustments) was the time involved. It was hard to believe all the stuff you had to do and adjust to college life.'

Following the season, Stockton would be named the team's most improved player. She averaged 8.8 points per game, had 78 assists and 57 steals, and shot 49.3 percent from the floor.

Her teammates again recognized her contributions for the year, voting her as most valuable player.

"It was not because of a certain area," Stockton said of the honor. "They depended on me to run the offense and be a floor leader."

Stockton said being named most improved, an award voted on by her teammates, 'meant a whole lot as far as adjusting to the starting point guard position. If means a lot when your team votes for you.'

The infamous sophomore jinx had absolutely no effect on Stockton. She was second on the team in scoring average (11.7), first in assists (81) and minutes played (823), and third in steals (39) and free throw percentage (73.1).

Last season saw Stockton's statistics again improve. She finished the year with a 12.0 per game average, second on the team in assists (81) and minutes played (823), and third in steals (39) and free throw percentage (73.1).

Stockton said the highlights of last season were winning the James Madison Tournament and playing in the ACC Tournament. Winning the James Madison tourney "was exciting because we knew we'd beaten good teams to get there," Stockton said.

The ACC event was a thrill because of the exposure the women receive. Stockton said, "the women are treated like top dogs - women are starting to get attention."

Stockton said her game has progressed since her first year in

As for her role on this season's team, Stockton 'just wants to continue to get better.'

"I would like to have the best all-around game I've had," Stockton said. "I'd like really to develop as a point guard, and be the kind of floor leader I want to be."

Her position as one of only two seniors on the team is also significant.

"People look up to a senior," Stockton said, 'because they've been here and been with the program a while. When problems arise, it's up to the seniors to solve them. In years past, that senior leadership has been missing."

Reynolds Gymnasium will again be the home for the Deacons this season, and Stockton said the court is a plus for Wake Forest.

"It's to our advantage, because teams come in here and hate it," Stockton said. "I like being on campus, where the students can come and see us."

Stockton also looks forward to playing the two doubleheaders with the men's varsity team at the Winston-Salem Coliseum.

"I think it's going to be really playing with the men," Stockton said. "We get the community's and Wake Forest's attention."

Getting that attention will also keep the game on for Stockton, Sanchez and the team. Like her teammates and coaches, Stockton feels that they will put a quality product on the floor this year.

"I think we have a good team, with exciting individual players," Stockton said. "We'd like really the support of the people, and think they'd be impressed by women's basketball if they'd come see us play. It's free, and on campus."

In her last season, Stockton hopes the mark of the 1985-86 team remains on the list of best. "I want to beat a lot of the big-name schools," Stockton said, "and then people will take Wake Forest seriously. I want to leave with Wake Forest making an impact on the ACC."

Stockton will do her best to see that this goal is achieved. Don't expect her to yell "set, but!" though. She may resemble a quarterback in her leadership role as a point guard, but that's where the comparison ends. After all, she's never worn a football helmet on the court yet.

Lisa Stockton

Lisa Stockton a Deacon uniform.

"My mental game has improved the most," Stockton said. "As a point guard, I think now more than I did then, and I see more now than I did. My skills have improved. My ball-handling has improved.

Stockton has also seen the team's caliber of play advance over the past three seasons.

"The quality of the players has improved," Stockton said. "Even other players belong in the ACC now. Our speed has increased tremendously."

Stockton is optimistic that the development will continue this season with Sanchez, and she has been impressed with what she has seen of him so far.

"I was very excited because of his record, and I knew he had been successful in Florida," Stockton said of her reaction upon hearing that Sanchez would take over as head coach. "I was excited to see what he'd do with the program."

"I think he's a very intense, aggressive coach. He has such a great desire to be good and successful. He shows us that he really cares about us."

"It's nice to see a coach who's been coaching a long time and is still excited about it. The future looks good, and his enthusiasm is going to add to it."

Stockton wants to see the team's growth continue this year. "I would like to finish in the top four in the conference," Stockton said. "That's a big improvement from last year. I'd like to advance to the finals in the ACC Tournament."

Coach Joe Sanchez looks for Stockton to help the team with her shooting as well as her ballhandling skills. Stockton is a three year starter at point guard.
Deacons Look For Team Effort

Helen Williams

By WAYNE TEAGUE
Sports Editor

The Wake Forest women's basketball team this season will revolve around a corps of three players, but no matter how well these three players perform, the Deacons' season will depend on the play of the rest of the team. Besides tri-captains Lisa Stockton, Janice Collins and Amy Privette, four veteran players and four freshmen will combine to give head coach Joe Sanchez a strong bench and complimentary cast.

Sophomore Irvine Allen was the top contender for the pivot before injuring her right knee in a pickup game last spring. At 6-1, Allen came to Wake Forest virtually unknown but showed great promise last season in scoring 10 points against Clemson and pulling down six rebounds against Furman, Maryland and UNC-Charlotte. "Irvine is a very strong competitor, with determination and drive. She is not afraid to mix it up, which is important in the ACC, and is also a strong one-on-one player," Sanchez said. Averaging 2.6 points and 2.7 rebounds per game last season, she is expected to be back in the lineup by Christmas.

Sophomore Amy Cartner also returns to help the Deacons up front this season. Cartner came to Wake Forest as the Associated Press North Carolina High School Player of the Year in 1983-84, and should begin to display some of her promise this season with increased playing time. Last season, while only playing 15 minutes per game, the 6-0 Cartner averaged two points and 1.5 boards per contest. "I'm looking for Amy to provide good depth for our inside game. If the season is to go well, she will come on to contribute in a major way," Sanchez stated.

The fourth returning veteran is junior Helen Williams. The 5-7 guard walked onto the team her freshman year and has become one of the most improved members of the squad. Last season while only playing five minutes per contest, Williams averaged one point and one rebound per game. "Helen is real ball hawk, and is working hard to become a floor leader. She will provide backcourt help, especially with her hustle," Sanchez said.

Sanchez has inherited four very talented freshmen from departed coach Wanda Briley. These freshmen should step right into prominence for the Deacons and will hopefully become forces to be reckoned with in the Wake Forest lineup.

Susan Gasperson hails from Candler, and comes to Wake Forest with very impressive credentials. The 5-11 forward averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds a game last season and was named Western Carolina Player of the Year her junior and senior years, as well as being acknowledged as the Female 3A-4A Athlete of the Year in western North Carolina last season. Not only is Gasperson a great athlete, as is seen by her all-America status, but she also excels academically, being named a Carnation and Converse academic all-American. Sanchez calls Gasperson an intense and hard worker, a player who gives 100 percent all the time and "a battler who won't quit."

Sanchez said of Neal, "Alice is a superb outside shooter, who has worked very hard in the past season on her overall game. She is also a strong ballhandler...and will provide good depth for us in the backcourt."

Kristi Wolhove could very well fill the big gap the Deacons have at center. At 6-3 the freshman from Staples, Minn. has the height to be a very intimidating factor for Wake Forest. Averaging 11 points and 12 rebounds per game last season, Wolhove was named honorable mention all-America by USA Today and also named to the all-state team.

"Kristi has a good outside touch for her size, and uses both hands very well. If she develops as fast as I expect, she will help us immediately with our inside game," said Sanchez. Sherrie Clark, a 6-2 player from Jacksonville, will also be counted on to strengthen the Deacons inside.

While being known as an outstanding scorer, Privette is also an excellent passer, as she led the team with 87 assists last season.

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N.C. STATE

The Wolfpack, a finalist in last season's NCAA Western Regional championship game, is not likely to repeat that success in the upcoming campaign.

Nate McMillan, one of only two returning seniors, appears to be the only player with a firm hold on a starting position, but even he does not know if he will operate from the big guard slot or at wing forward.

In his initial Wolfpack campaign last season after transferring from Chowan Junior College, McMillan wound up leading the team in blocked shots with 35, was second in assists (169) and in steals (59), third in rebounding (5.7 avg.) and fourth in scoring (17.6 ppg).

Of the other five returning lettermen only senior Ernie Myers averaged logging more than 10 minutes per game last season. The 6-5 Myers, a swingman, started 25 games and averaged 7.1 points.

An influx of seven talented newcomers will allow Yavlonis the luxury of experimenting with various lineup combinations in the early part of the schedule, and he plans to take advantage of the situation what he can.

Two who may clash the lineup at the outset are 6-10 center-forward Tevin Bunn, a junior college transfer from Midland (Texas) Junior College, and sharpshooting swingman Wilder Lambiotti, a 6-7 freshman from Woodstock, Va.

Bunn, a Thrall Bailey-type operative, posted impressive credentials at Midland, leading the club to a 40-4 record last season. He averaged 15.0 points and 10 rebounds.

A Parade Magazine and USA Today all-American, Lambiotti also owns some stirring statistics. As a senior at Central High, he was 87-80 from the floor and 72.6 from the foul line and averaged 20.7 points and 8 rebounds.

Other newcomers who may also show up prominently in the Wolfpack picture are 6-11 Kelley Weems, 6-9 forward/center Charles Shackelford, 6-8 swingman Chucky Brown, 6-7 Kenny Potos, another two-position performer, and frontline operative Panagiotis Fasoulas, a 7-footer from Greece.

Perhaps the key figure in State's overall outlook will be sophomore Chris Washburn, the 6-11 center who was dropped from the squad last season after failing to impress.

Washburn, one of the nation's premier recruits two years ago, averaged 5.9 rebounds and 10.7 points in his seven-game stint last season.

If the Wolfpack has a questionable spot it probably will be at point guard, where experience is minimal. Challenging Jackson, a sophomore, for the job will be Vinny Del Negro, another sophomore, and freshman Kelsey Weems.

Heated battles are expected to be waged at every position, especially at the two wings. Myers, McMillan, Lambiotti, Del Negro, Brown and Potos will all battle for the second guard berth and also at small forward, where they'll be joined by Bolton and John Thompson.

Clemson

By WAYNE TEAGUE

Sports Editor

The 1985 Clemson Tigers promise to be a thrilling run-and-gun team once again. Last season the Tigers surprised almost everyone in running to a 16-13 record overall, 5-10 in the ACC, knocking off three ranked teams in the top 20 along the way. This season Clemson promises to just as tough if not tougher, and they will surprise many teams once again.

The backcourt will be the key for the Tigers. Gone from last year's guard corps is all-ACC performer Vincent Hamilton, only one of four players in ACC history to record over 1500 points, 600 rebounds, and 325 assists in one career. His scoring, rebounding, and overall leadership will be sorely missed by the Tigers, who return only one experienced backcourt player. That player is senior forward Alonzo Ford, who broke the ACC freshman assist record last season with 192 (6.6 per game). Offensively, Marshall was a bit of a liability, scoring 7.9 points a game on 41 percent shooting.

Three newcomers will compete for Hamilton's vacant guard spot. The first is Michael Tait, a sophomore transfer from Arizona where he made the PAC-10 all-rookie team on the merit of 7.1 points and 5.9 rebounds. He also boasts two freshman Michael Best, who averaged 19 points and 8 assists per game for his undefeated high school team, and junior Jeremy McDowell. McDowell was the ACC's outstanding freshman and returner.

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 rebounds, and five blocked shots and was considered the number three power forward in the nation his senior year. A 6-9 Robert Stone, is an excellent defensive player and rebounder who averaged 16.5 points, 10.1 rebounds and 7 blocked shots.

By MARK LATTI

GEORGIA TECH

What does Georgia Tech do for an encore? After winning the ACC with just eight healthy players and defeating the University of North Carolina three times, one wonders what this team will do in trying to live up to the standards it set last year.

Head coach Bobby Cremins' Yellow Jackets are sure to be tough to beat and their lofty number one ranking in most polls.

If one were to listen to Georgia Tech is expected to take over that spot Ford is inexperienced, although he showed flashes of promise. Yet, anyone will find how he develops the first thing that comes into my mind," Cremins said, "is that I think he's got a lot of talent, a lot of talent."

The Tigers' biggest surprise last year was the development of 6-10 power forward Horace Grant into one of the better players in the country. Grant averaged 17 points on a team-leading 55 percent shooting and grabbed 6.8 rebounds a contest last season, highlighted by a 24-point, 12 rebound performance against Wake Forest.

The third returning starter is 6-9 senior center Glen McCants, who started all 20 games he competed in last season until it was ended prematurely by damaged ligaments in his right knee. McCants was 13.7 with McCants in the lineup and 3.4 without him.

6-7 junior Anthony Jenkins and 6-5 senior Chris Michael will supply the experience off the bench. Jenkins sat out last season because of a severed tendon in his left foot but was every bit as impressive in 1983-84. Playing in a mere 20 minutes a game, he still managed to score 10.1 points and pull down 4.2 rebounds per contest. His highest single free-throw shooting is best among the Clemson regulars.

Michael started many games last season, alternating between the forward and shooting guard. A very streaky player, he averaged 8.8 points and 3 boards but shot a weak 39 percent from the floor. Clemson fans will remember Michael for a long time for hitting the winning jumper with three seconds left in an 83-82 upset of North Carolina 52-50.

An outstanding group of freshman frontcourt players is led by 6-7 Jerry Pryor. Pryor in high school averaged 22 points, 13.2 rebounds, and 5.9 assists and 150 steals last year, while also dishing out 135 assists and stealing the ball 65 times.

"Making a bigger splash is the showpiece in players coming back from injuries. We've got a lot of players coming back from a team that won 27 games," Cremins said. "This should be the most talented team that we've ever had."
The Best Conference

NORTH CAROLINA

By TIM GERBER

Expectations are running high for this year's UNC basketball squad and with good reason. Every starter is returning from a team that finished third in the regular season conference championship and reached the final-eight of the NCAA tournament before succumbing to eventual champions Villanova.

Dean Smith has another national contender on paper. The two top returnees are 6-11 center Brad Daugherty and 6-3 Kenny Smith. Daugherty led the team in scoring last year with a 17.3 average and was the ACC's top rebounder... He leads a frontcourt that averages 6-11 in height.

Smith is a player's coach, winning buzzer baskets against Wake Forest in the ACC tournament and Notre Dame in the second round of the NCAA playoffs. Smith broke Phil Ford's assist record for one season with 235. He also tallied 12.3 points per game.

Teaming up in the backcourt with Smith will be 6-3 senior Steve Hale who averaged 10.5 points per game last season. Hale is considered the team's best defender on the team and can hit the open jumper.

Playing alongside Daugherty in the frontcourt will be 6-10 forward Joe Wolf. Wolf averaged 10.4 points and 7.8 rebounds per game last season. He eludes the defenders, so he's sure to be a go-to player for the Tar Heels.

The Tigers.

The 1985-86 University of Virginia basketball team has nine lettermen, including three starters, returning from last year's 17-16 team that advanced to the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament (NIT). It was the first year with a successful team since the 1983-84 season under head coach Terry Holland.

An interesting aspect of the 1985-86 UVa team is the fact that there are no seniors on the roster. The Cavaliers have five juniors, five sophomores and four freshmen on their 1985-86 roster.

"I think it is obvious that we are going to have a young basketball team this year," Holland says. "I think that we will be very good and I think there are some similarities to teams in the past.

"I tend to look at this team as a two-year project. I know we will be very good this year, but not necessarily the next year. The key is to develop players for the future."

Holland is optimistic about the team's chances for success. "I think we have a good chance to make it to the NIT again this year."

The Tar Heels were slated to tie for the Atlantic Coast Conference title and will be in the middle in the ACC this year. The other frontline spot away with some good early season performances. The emergence of their three highly talented freshmen will be key.

Madden was the team's Most Valuable Player last season after averaging 13 points and 7.6 rebounds in a game to lead the team in the Atlantic Coast Conference in rebounding and field goal percentage last season.

A key indicator of just how important Polynice is to the Virginia team is the fact that he was the only UVa player to average over 30 minutes of playing time a game. He averaged 32.5 minutes per game last season. He will be one of the key players in this team's success.

Sheehy was honored as Virginia's Most Improved Player at the end of the 1984-85 season after averaging 8.5 points and 4.7 rebounds a game to finish second on the team in those categories. He was one of only two players to play in every game for Virginia last season.

Sheehy was a member of the Nike-NIT All-Star team that played in the Seoul International Invitation Basketball Tournament last summer in South Korea.

With the loss of four veteran players from last year's team, much of the leadership responsibility for the 1985-86 UVa will fall to senior Paul Poole and Tom Sheehy. Canceled from last year's team are 6-8 starting forward Jim Miller (22.9 points and 132 game points) and 6-5 guard Tim Mullins (played in 127 games for the Cavaliers and had a career free throw percentage of .750). 6-6 forward Dan Merril (played in 132 games for the Cavaliers last season)

"I think the addition of Andrew Kennedy from Amarrillo College will be a big boost for us," Holland says. "He will be the key to the team's success this year."
Duke Aims For ACC Title

By RON MONTESANO

The Duke Blue Devils will field a team of four talented seniors this year in their quest for the national title. Coach Mike Krzyzewski's first recruiting class has blossomed into one of the most experienced and talented college basketball teams in the country.

Johnny Dawkins, the first two-time consensus first-team All-American ever at Duke, will lead the team into battle this year. Dawkins averaged 18.6 points, 4.5 rebounds, and 5 assists per game last season, which gave him his fourth straight season of 20-plus points and 10-plus rebounds and assists. Additionally, Dawkins was elected co-captain this year by his teammates, an honor he truly deserves.

Joining Dawkins as the other co-captain is classmate David Henderson. Known for most of his career as the Blue Devils' sixth man, Henderson will be looking for a starting spot this season. He has the ability, at 6'5, to play both forward and guard, which makes him extremely valuable to the team. Henderson averaged 11 points, 3.5 rebounds, and 2 assists per game last year, all without starting. He averaged 26.5 minutes per game of playing time and shot 50 percent from the field.

Mark Alarie has been an all-ACC selection for the past two years, spending his sophomore year on the first team and his junior year on the second team. The third of Krzyzewski's talented seniors, Alarie averaged 16 points and 5 rebounds per game last year, which placed him second on the team in both categories. Alarie shot an incredible 60 percent from the floor last season, which placed him 30th in the nation. He scored 25 points against William and Mary for his highest output of the season. Alarie has started every game since he donned a Blue Devil uniform three years ago, and he ranked 11th on the all-time scoring list at Duke with 1450 points.

Rounding out the class of 1986 is freshman Jay Bilas. Although only six feet, eight inches, Bilas averaged six rebounds per game last year and muscled many taller defenders out of the way. Offensively he averaged 10 points a game and scored his season-high total of 21 points against Georgia Tech on March 31. Bilas pulled down 13 rebounds in a losing cause.

The senior point guard Tommy Amaker joins Dawkins in forming one of the most talented backcourt tandems in the country. Amaker averaged 6 assists, 3 points, and 2 rebounds per game last season, his second in a Blue Devil uniform. A good offensive player, Amaker has an excellent knowledge of the game and runs the team like a quarterback. His career-high scoring output came against Boston College in the NCAA tournament last year. He totaled 19 points while hitting 9 of 10 free throws. Against Maryland last season, he pulled down 7 rebounds and had 10 assists, although both were on different occasions.

Last year's top two freshmen, Billy King and Kevin Strickland, are back. Strickland played in 27 games while King competed in all 31. Neither player scored at every moderate pace, and their worth will be realized after this year's senior class has graduated.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski pulled off the recruiting coup of the year when he lured Danny Ferry to Durham. The six foot ten inch Ferry, consensus high school player of the year, was named to every all-star team in the country. He played at Dematha high under Morgan Wootten, who runs one of the top high school programs in the country. Ferry averaged 19.5 points and 12 rebounds a game during his senior season, and was second on the team with 111 assists.

The man behind this masterpiece of a team is Bobby Knight. Krzyzewski protege of Mike Krzyzewski. In his fifth year at Duke, "Coach K" has amassed 85 wins. He has guided the Blue Devils to consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament, and consecutive top-tens in the rankings nationally.

Before he came to Duke, Krzyzewski coached for four years at Army, and led the service to the NIT twice. He is an excellent coach and has three daughters. He will turn 39 in the middle of the ACC season next February.

Duke is competing in the Big Apple-NIT in New York City and has already won games against Lamar and UAB. Before the season is over, the Blue Devils will win many more games, and one could be the NCAA tournament final.

Virginia

Holland said, "We should be a good rebuilding team and we should be able to score around the basket."

In the backcourt, Virginia returns three players who started at one time or another last season. Junior Tom Calloway (6-4, 4.1 pts., 2.5 rebs.) started 12 games at point guard for UVA last season, sophomore John Johnson (6.0, 2.7 pts., 33 assists) started 11 games at point guard, and sophomore Darrick Simmons (6-3, 6.7 pts., 2.0 rebs.) started seven games at the second position.

Simms had 66 assists for the Cavaliers last season and turned the ball over just 47 times. It was Simms' three-point play with 35 seconds left in the game that gave him his Virginia 56-55 victory at West Virginia in the first round of the 1984 NIT.

Junior Anthony Solomon (5-10, 1.2 pts.), a two-year letterman, also returns for the Cavaliers this season.

The Cavaliers have also been bolstered by the addition of freshmen guards Lance Blanks (6-4) and Richard Morgan (6-3).

Blanks averaged 22.2 points, 8.9 rebounds and 6.3 assists a game as a senior at McCullough High School in the Woodlands, Texas. Morgan was named the "Mr. Basketball" in Texas by the state's high school basketball coaches and was the Class 5A Player of the Year. He also earned third-team "Parade" All-America honors, was a first team all-State selection, and was the Most Valuable Player in the Texas Shootout.

Morgan averaged 26.9 points, 7.3 rebounds and 5.2 assists a game as a senior at Salem High School in Salem, Va. He was also a first team "Parade" All-America selection and a member of the 10-Man United States All-Star team that played in West Germany in April of 1985.

Many observers feel guard Blanks and second guard Morgan will make an immediate impact for the Cavaliers.

"I think Lance and Richard have an awful lot of potential and have the opportunity to develop into as good a combination of guards as have come in at the same time, in the same class, in our league in a long time," Holland said. "I think they've got a chance to be like Ricky Stokes and Othell Wilson, that type of situation where you've got very, very good guards in the same class. They are, however, freshmen and I think the reason people are projecting them into maybe more of an active role freshman than they're likely to play is simply the fact that our backcourt situation is so unsettled.

"So yes, they have a great opportunity and I think they're excellent players who before they're finished at Virginia will have proven themselves to be great players, but I don't think they're going to have the kind of impact that maybe some people are expecting them to have as freshmen.

Holland will watch closely the progress the Cavaliers make in the backcourt.

"Our proven depth as well as quality is in the frontcourt," Holland said. "I think we have not the same situation in the backcourt, but it's not proven. We're very much in limbo there. We have some players that came in and at times played very well last year in the backcourt, but no one who played consistently well as a starter. I think we got excellent players back there. I do not think there is any difference between our frontcourt and backcourt in terms of quality, but there is a difference in terms of experience.

"The backcourt is unproven, so we are going to have to prove that we have ball handling and that we can get the ball to our frontcourt players, and that we have the people who can put the ball in the basket from outside. It was obvious that last year's team was a very strong defensive team. I would expect us to be as strong defensively again this year, but I have to score more points."

The 1985-86 season will be Holland's 12th as the head coach of the Cavaliers. His Virginia teams have compiled an overall record of 233-111 (.675) and have participated in nine post-season tournaments (five NCAA and four NIT). Holland's overall record in 16 years as a collegiate head coach (including five years at Davidson) is 323-154 (.677).
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