

# SPORTS

## Black Ink Sports presents the ACC Preview

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Here it is sports fans! What you've all been waiting for! The BLACK INK Atlantic Coast Conference Preview. Included are previews of each team, an All-ACC team, ACC Player of the Year, an All-ACC Rookie team, ACC Rookie of the Year and an ACC Poll.

The BLACK INK ACC basketball poll was chosen by the seven voting members of the BLACK INK sports staff. Each member ranked the teams individually. The final poll was decided when the votes were tallied on a 7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis (example: 7 points for first place, 6 points for second place, etc.).

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| 1. North Carolina | 49 points |
| 2. Duke           | 37        |
| 3. Maryland       | 36        |
| 4. N.C. State     | 21        |
| 5. Virginia       | 20        |
| 6. Wake Forest    | 18        |
| 7. Clemson        | 15        |

Each writer also selected five players for the BLACK INK All-ACC team. The results are as follows: (no. of votes are in parenthesis.)

**First Team**

Phil Ford North Carolina (7)

Rod Griffin	Wake Forest	(7)
Mike Gminski	Duke	(6)
Hawkeye Whitney	N.C. State	(3)
Clyde Austin	N.C. State	(3)

ACC Player of the Year: Phil Ford, North Carolina

Second Team (All members of the second team received 2 votes except Jo Jo Hunter who received 1).

Gene Banks	Duke
Albert King	Maryland
Mike O'Koren	North Carolina
Jim Spanarkel	Duke
Jo Jo Hunter	Maryland

**All Rookie Team**

Gene Banks	Duke
Albert King	Maryland
Al Wood	North Carolina
Pete Budko	North Carolina
Jeff Lamp	Virginia

ACC Rookie of the Year: Gene Banks, Duke

Play ball! The BLACK INK Sports Staff: David Squires, Editor; Ray Perry, Assistant Editor; Superwriters: James Alexander, Greg Clay, Orlando Dobbin, Skip Foreman, Ricky Sharpless, and Sheila Smith-Cameron.



The Black Ink All-ACC basketball team: Phil Ford (UNC) and Rod Griffin (Wake Forest) led the balloting with seven votes each. Mike Gminski (Duke) was next with six votes, followed by Hawkeye Whitney and Clyde Austin (N.C. State) with three votes each.

### Norm Sloan to start anew

By RAY PERRY  
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The 1977-78 edition of the N.C. State basketball team will be drastically different from the one that finished 17-11 a year ago. Five players, all starters at one time or another, left school in the spring with some eligibility remaining. Most notable among them is All-American Kenny Carr, who prefers to shoot baskets in West Los Angeles for gold this year than to shoot baskets in West Raleigh for red.

Faced with a do-or-die situation Coach Norm Sloan brought in ten new players.

"I'm very pleased with our recruiting," said Sloan. "We're bringing in players who should give us immediate help and also provide us with both depth and size."

Leading the way for the youthful Wolfpack are a couple of Sophmores: 6-5 forward Charles "Hawkeye" Whitney, the ACC co-rookie of the year last season, and quicker than quick 6-2 guard Clyde "The Glide" Austin. Joining Austin in the backcourt is 6-6 Tony Warren, a junior from Raleigh. The other forward spot is currently filled by Kendal Pinder, a 6-7 junior college transfer, who has looked

good in pre-season drills. But look for 6-7 Art Jones, 6-5 Ken Montgomery, and the steady Warren to see plenty of action at the forward position opposite Whitney.

An improved 7-2 Glenn Sudhop and 6-11 freshman Craig Watts will share the pivot. Kenny Matthews, a 6-3 former Washington (D.C.) Dunbar star looms as the team's sixth man but he could move into a starting role before the season is over.

Forward Joe Stiltner, guards Pete Keefer, Keith Almond, Donnie Perkins (an ex-North Pitt luminary) and Craig Davis, the only senior on the squad, round out the Wolfpack roster.

The 'Pack' will field the youngest team in the ACC, if not the nation, and it is for this reason (inexperience) that the area sportswriters picked them to finish last.

Dean Smith warned, "The league is so balanced that it's as hard to pick who'll finish last as it is to pick who'll finish first."

It's a safe bet that Stormin' Norman and the boys will be a force to reckon with come tournament time.

Says the baby-faced Austin, "We're ready this year." Added Warren, "Let's take it to the court!"

### The Terrapins have talent

By GREGORY CLAY  
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The big news in College Park this year is the coming of the "King"—that is Albert King. New York has a reputation of being a wonderland for producing outstanding talent with such notables as Butch Lee of Marquette and Julius Erving now with the Philadelphia 76'ers. Albert King, a 6'7" forward is considered to be the best prospect out of that area since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

If Lefty can keep his holdover in school this year, Maryland has the potential to dominate anybody in the country. Returning are three starters from last year's team. Steve Sheppard, the Terps' leading scorer last season, graduated and Brad Davis signed as an underclassman in the NBA's hardship draft.

Lawrence Boston, a strong inside man, who was second to only Rod Griffin in field goal percentage last year returns. Larry Gibson, the team's leading rebounder with 8 per game a year ago, returns at the center position. Mike Davis, who played forward and center last season, gives the Terps good backup strength. Now, with the addition of Mr. King, Lefty's front-line can challenge any in the country. Maryland's recruiting genius also came up with Ernest Graham of nearby Baltimore, Md. and Dunbar High School. He is 6'8" and one of the top freshmen in the country.

But Lefty's hunters didn't stop there.

They went to Steelton, Pennsylvania and found a 6'2" guard named Greg Manning. Manning is considered to be an outstanding shooter and an excellent penetrator. Jo Jo Hunter and Billy Bryant return from last year's backcourt. Bryant broke his wrist last year which provided Hunter to step in to fill the void. They're both sophomores now and have valuable experience under their belts.

In College Park, Lefty has a great team on paper. He has a strong rebounding front court and a high-scoring backcourt. They have everything you could ask for. But the Terps have been rich in talent for a number of years and couldn't use it to their advantage. Maybe they have too much talent, which can sometimes be a problem.

There seems to be dissension on Lefty's teams of the past. His players either play wildly or with no intensity at all. James Tilman quit the team after many run-ins with Driesell and was suspended on one occasion for subordination. Brad Davis went pro and Brian Magid also opted to go elsewhere.

If Lefty can find that unique blend and combine all of that talent and control his team on the court, then Maryland will be overpowering. But, if not, Lefty will assume his yearly position of being an also ran. Albert King and others may give the fans some anxious moments but it may be just a waste of time if the Terps' supporters want what it's all about in the end—an ACC championship.

