

Deacons try to put the past behind

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Predictions about the potential of a basketball team for an upcoming season are usually based on a comparison between the results of the past season and the capabilities of the present squad.

However, in making projections about the 1983 Wake Forest team, coach Carl Tacy is eager to alter that method of analysis by dwelling on the present, and leaving the events of the last season behind.

Probably the most trying year in Tacy's 11 at Wake Forest, the 1982-83 season was hampered by a flourish of off-the-court unrest that centered around communication problems with Tacy. Kenny Green's suspension, Sylvester Charles' departure from the team, a host of injuries and two regular season-ending losses by a total of 74 points prompted the team to call a meeting with athletic director Gene Hooks.

But a team gathering before the ACC tournament opened the communication lines with Tacy, and the Deacons

road to recovery reached a climax with their appearance in the NIT final four.

Such optimism continued through the off-season, and is leading Wake Forest into the 1983 campaign. The uplifted morale combined with an abundance of talent makes for a team that could challenge UNC and Maryland for the ACC crown.

Tacy is hesitant to confirm such projections, however, which have been based on the return of all but one player from last year's squad.

"We had to scratch, dig and work very hard for what we were able to achieve a year ago," Tacy said. "Sometimes there's a relaxed feeling that with a better squad, a little more talent coming in, we might be able to let up. We'll have to guard against those feelings."

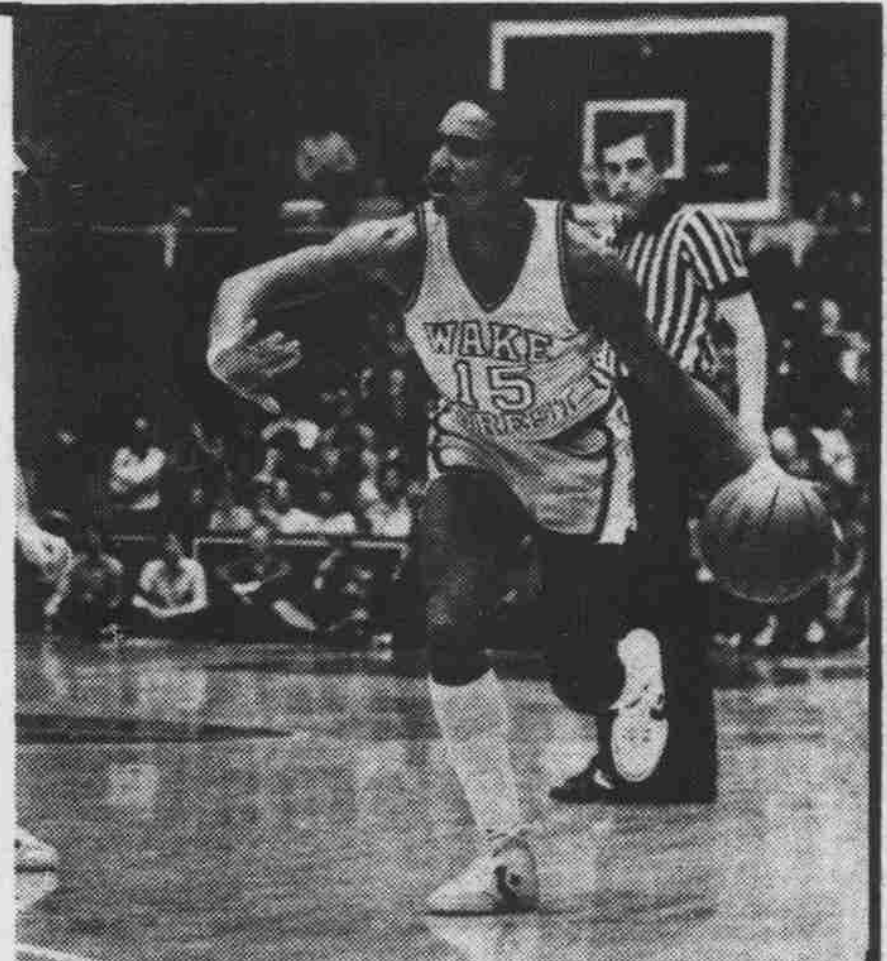
Of the returning players, three of the four veteran starters are seniors. One of the elder Deacs is 6-9 center Anthony Teachey, who finished third in the ACC last season in rebounding, an area which is a weakness in this year's squad.

At guard, the Deacons will depend on 6-3 senior Danny Young, who was hampered by recurring injuries last season, but who Tacy believes will be the cornerstone of Wake's first five. "A lot of the success we have as a team depends on the type of year that Danny has," he said.

Teaming with Young at guard, 6-2 junior Delaney Rudd was recently called "the most improved player in the country" by ESPN's Dick Vitale.

Senior John Toms, a 6-6 forward, led the Deacons in scoring a year ago. Toms will be complemented in the frontcourt by the sole newcomer to the starting five, sophomore Kenny Green, an exceptional leaper who has been impressive as an inside scorer.

The returning veterans will be strongly supported by five outstanding Wake Forest recruits. Leading the rookies is 6-7 swingman Mark Cline, a Williamson, Ky. native who was twice selected for both All-American and West Virginia player-of-the-year honors.



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Junior Delaney Rudd will be controlling the ball for a Wake squad that will try to crack the Top 20.

Todd May, the sophomore transfer from Kentucky with a reputation as big as the state, should also make a significant contribution.

The other newcomer who will earn playing time initially is 5-3 point guard Tyrone Bogues. The MVP of the nation's top ranked high school team last season, Bogues averaged eight points, eight steals and eight assists per game in high school.

Among those challenging the Deacs in addition to their

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No.	NAME	HT/WT	CLASS	HOMETOWN
14	Tyrone Bogues	5-3/135	Fr.	Baltimore, MD
42	Mark Kline	6-7/193	Fr.	South Williamson, KY
10	Scott Davis	6-2/164	Sr.	Monaca, PA
34	Lee Garber	6-5/194	Jr.	Kingsport, TN
21	Kenny Green	6-6/205	So.	Eustis, FL
52	Mike Hillman	6-9/225	Fr.	Aitkan, MN
44	Tony Karasek	6-9/210	So.	East Moline, IL
22	Chuck Kopley	6-4/175	Jr.	Roanoke, VA
43	Todd May	6-8/190	So.	Virgie, KY
15	Delaney Rudd	6-2/178	Jr.	Hollister, NC
55	Anthony Teachey	6-9/210	Sr.	Goldsboro, NC
3	John Toms	6-6/200	Sr.	Shelby, NC
11	Steve Warden	6-5/195	So.	Lewisville, NC
53	Craig Wessel	7-0/235	Fr.	Elkhorn, WI
20	Danny Young	6-3/174	Sr.	Raleigh, NC



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