



N.C. State's defense has to close gaping holes like this one in last year's game against UNC

2nd-half blues

'Pack hopes to hold on to late-game leads in '88

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Maybe they were out of shape last year. Maybe they went to too many Friday night parties in Raleigh. Or maybe the Wolfpack spent too many late nights chasing after Little Red Riding Hoods.

For whatever reason, the N.C. State football team had a split personality last season. After some very productive first halves, the Wolfpack was outscored 34-82 and 49-71 in the final two quarters, respectively. I guess it's safe to say that coach Dick Sheridan won't be remembered for his halftime speeches.

The 1986 ACC coach of the year should be thankful for the schedule-making prowess of his predecessors, though. Seven of State's 11 games this year will be played in the friendly confines of Carter-Finley Stadium — including showdowns with very impressive Clemson, South Carolina

and Pittsburgh teams.

Even with a little extra home cooking this year, the 1988 Wolfpack will need a few miracles (remember last year's 47-45 shocker at Duke?) to duplicate its third-place, 4-3 ACC finish. Their final record of 4-7 may be a more accurate assessment of what the upcoming season will bring for the boys from Raleigh.

The 'Pack may have found a miracle, though, in the form of freshman running back Anthony Barbour. The 5-foot-9, 170-pounder rushed for 2,100 yards and 33 touchdowns last year as he led Garner High School to the state 4-A championship. But if you were within 50 miles of North Carolina, you already know that.

Sheridan, though, doesn't want to put too much pressure on the new kid on the block.

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