

# 1998 Viking Basketball Outlook

Elizabeth City State University's men's basketball team enters the 1998-99 season full of excitement and with enthusiasm.

Coached by Mr. Barry Hamler, the Vikings posted a respectable 18-10 record last season but did not make it to post-season play. As a result, the Vikings are looking for redemption.

"I feel that this team is extremely athletic and has the potential to be molded into one of the best teams since my arrival here at ECSU," Hamler says.

Coach Hamler has the daunting task of replacing two All-Central Collegiate Association (CIAA) players, Anthony Harris who averaged 17.8 points per game and Ryan Taylor who averaged 16.3 points per game. Both men graduated last year.

Despite that, the team has top returnees in 6-9 junior center Marcus Riddick and 6-6 senior forward Kenny Miller, who are largely regarded as "the heart and soul" of this year's team. Two other players, 6-10 senior center

Xavier Wise and 6-10 forward/center senior Che Lugo are being looked upon by Hamler to play important roles for the team.

Coach Hamler says the addition of three area players and one transfer player represent crucial additions to this year's squad. Hamler will be looking to guards William Fitzgerald, a native of Roanoke, VA and Sidney Gainey to do much of the ball handling chores. Elizabeth City native Anthony Poole is expected to see a lot of action at the center and forward positions. Poole is an agile, soft-shooting big man who should add depth to the Viking's frontcourt. Prior to coming home to ECSU Poole was at Louisburg College.

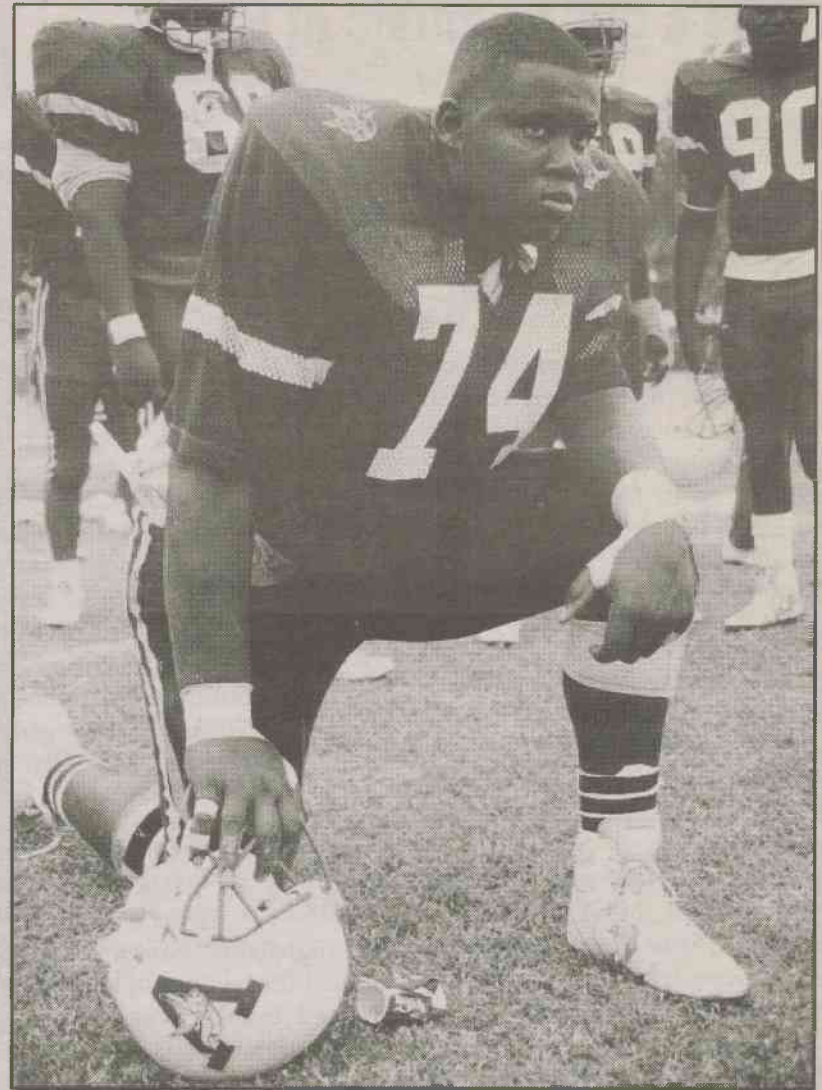
The team began practice Oct. 15 and plans on a return trip to the NCAA's "Elite Eight" and bring the coveted CIAA trophy back to Elizabeth City at the end of the season

as they continue to exemplify their motto: "Building a Winning Tradition."

## Lady Vikings geared up and ready to roll

The Elizabeth City State University Lady Vikings are geared up and ready to roll. After last years mediocre season the Ladies seem to be ready for stellar night on the town. Under the tutelage of coach Vanessa Taylor and led by Norfolk native Raquita Washington, these ladies are going to be a force to reckon with in the CIAA.

## Who is this former Viking football standout?



Answer on page 12

Courtesy ECSU Yearbook

### 1998-99 ECSU Men's Schedule

#### November

7	Blue & White Scrimmage	5:00 p.m.
14	Bowling Air Force (Exhibition)	5:00 p.m.
17	Voorhees College	7:30 p.m.
24	UDC	7:30 p.m.
28	Kentucky State (100 Black Men Tourn. @ Indiana)	4:00 p.m.

#### December

1	JCSU	7:30 p.m.
4-5	Va. Union Univ. Tourn.	4:00 p.m.
17	Univ. of Charleston	4:00 p.m.
19	Winston-Salem Univ.	7:30 p.m.
30	Cheyney State Univ.	4:00 p.m.

#### January

5	Shaw University	7:30 p.m.
9	Virginia State Univ.	7:30 p.m.
11	UDC	7:30 p.m.
12	Columbia Union	7:30 p.m.
16	Fayetteville State Univ.	7:30 p.m.
17	*Lincoln University (Dream Holiday Classic @ Wash. D.C.)	1:00 p.m.
21	St. Paul's College	7:30 p.m.
23	*Virginia Union (Alumni Day '99)	7:30 p.m.
26	Bowie State	7:30 p.m.
30	Shaw University	7:30 p.m.

#### February

1	Livingstone College	7:30 p.m.
6	St. Paul's	7:30 p.m.
9	NCCU	7:30 p.m.
11	St. Augustine College	7:30 p.m.
13	Virginia State Univ.	7:30 p.m.
16	Bowie State	7:30 p.m.
20	*Virginia Union	7:30 p.m.
22-27	CIAA Tournament	TBA

\*-Denotes Game to be televised  
**Bold-Home Games**

### 1998-99 ECSU Women's Schedule

#### November

17	Barbara Scotia College	5:30 p.m.
19	Cheyney State Univ.	5:30 p.m.
23	Mount Olive College	5:30 p.m.
27	UDC Thanksgiving	TBA
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#### December

4	Barbara Scotia College	5:30 p.m.
5	Johnson C. Smith	5:30 p.m.
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