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And the Academy Award Goes to...

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For those who do not know, or have been ignoring every form of media lately, it is awards season. From the Golden Globes, to the Grammys, to the upcoming Academy Awards, our televisions and timelines are flooded with dresses, divas, and drama surrounding the stars of every red carpet.

In case you have missed the last two, here is a little recap to put some perspective on the upcoming Academy Awards.

Golden Globes:

Best Musical or Comedy Motion Picture – The Grand Budapest Hotel

Best Original Score – The Theory of Everything

Best Animated Feature Film – How to Train Your Dragon 2

Grammys:

Album of the Year – “Morning Phase” by Beck

Best New Artist – Sam Smith

Song of the Year – “Stay With Me” by Sam Smith



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So what does the anticipated Academy Awards bring to us this Feb. 22? Here is a little preview of the nominees and what is to come...

Best Picture – American Sniper; The Imitation Game; Birdman; Selma; Boyhood; The Theory of Everything; The Grand Budapest Hotel; Whiplash

Actor in a Leading Role – Steve Carell (Foxcatcher); Bradley Cooper (American Sniper); Benedict Cumberbatch (The Imitation Game); Michael Keaton (Birdman); Eddie Redmayne (The Theory of Everything)

Actress in a Leading Role – Marion Cotillard (Two Days, One Night); Felicity Jones (The Theory of Everything); Julianne Moore (Still Alice); Rosamund Pike (Gone Girl); Reese Witherspoon (Wild)

What movies have you seen? Did any of them blow you away? If so, who would you place your bets on?

While the Academy Awards might not have the drama of the Grammys (enter Kanye, “Imma let you finish...”) but the classy Academy Awards are sure to bring sophisticated glamour and elegance in both speech and fashion.

So grab your friends, roommates, and a bag of popcorn to settle down into a night of award show excitement.

Strong Victories for NC State basketball

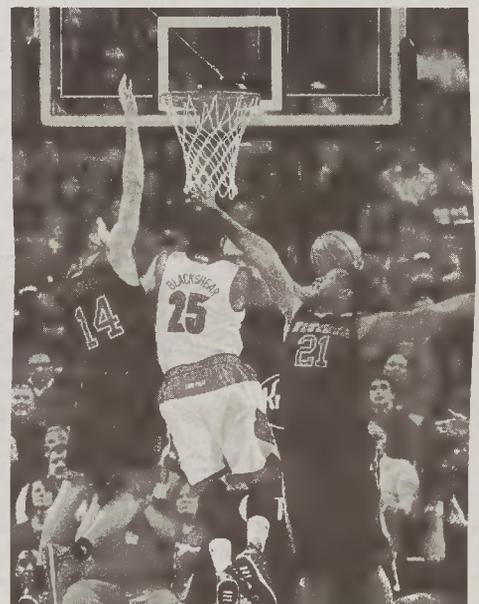
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The North Carolina State Men’s Basketball team has had one of the toughest schedules this season. After completing the first half of their ACC schedule, they were ninth in the nation for conference strength. The Wolfpack claimed their biggest victory back in January, when they beat Duke with an impressive 87-75 win over the No. 2 Blue Devils.

However, N.C. State has had some trouble on the road. One of their weaknesses has been maintaining the lead while going up against stronger defensive teams. Trevor Lacey has been a staple to the team’s success showing great leadership and dedication. He is the leading point scorer and has been playing with what some have termed “ice in his veins.” His tenacity was certainly highlighted after a buzzer beating three-pointer in the game against Georgia Tech on Jan. 31. The team had a full week off before taking on the Virginia Cavaliers on Feb. 11, who are currently a ranked team.

Another big game for the Pack was against Louisville. This is the first season we have seen the Cardinals in the ACC and they are maintaining a winning record. These tougher match-ups have been an eye opener for the younger guys, as well as, great motivation for the team as a whole. N.C State only has five games remaining in the regular season, three of which are against ranked teams. With only a handful of contests left, the Pack has two remaining home games and they hit the road for a three game stretch in between. Their upcoming match-up will be against Virginia Tech on Feb. 21 at home. Let’s support our neighbors down the road and head out to PNC Arena to cheer on the Wolfpack. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m.

For more updates on the Wolfpack follow @ShantelJordan on Twitter.



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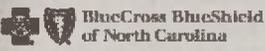
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