

# Amato, State Weather Change in Year 2

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A revamped Carter-Finley Stadium awaits the arrival of N.C. State fans on Sept. 6, when the Wolfpack start the season at home against Indiana.

But State fans shouldn't concern themselves with the new scoreboard or the updated seating. They should worry about life without Koren Robinson.

The All-ACC wide receiver/kick returner was drafted by the Seattle Seahawks with the ninth pick in the 2001 NFL draft. Now State coach Chuck Amato has to find a new favorite target for sophomore quarterback Philip Rivers.

"You know, there may be somebody who will return punts, which he did," Amato said of Robinson. "There may be somebody who returns kickoffs, which he did. And somebody who goes deep, which he did. And somebody who can catch it short and break it, which is probably the thing he did the least of."

Robinson caught 13 of Rivers' 25 touchdown passes. This season, Amato will try to fill Robinson's spot with Bryan

Peterson and a handful of underclassmen.

Amato also has the option of looking to the running game for help. Senior Ray Robinson returns this season after leading the team in rushing a season ago, totaling 788 yards and averaging 4.1 yards a carry.

"I think the running game is going to be used a lot just because we're going to have to," Robinson said. "And it's really up to me. If we do well with the running game, we'll continue to run. If we don't, we'll continue to pass. I've got to set the tone for that."

New offensive coordinator Marty Galbraith will succeed Norm Chow, who took the same post at Southern California.

This year, Galbraith will help guide Rivers, who set ACC freshman records for passing yardage (3,054), touchdown passes and total offense (2,969 yards).

On the other side of the ball, Amato lost All-ACC defensive back Adrian Wilson but returns Lombardi Trophy candidate Levar Fisher to stabilize a defense that allowed 28 points a game.

Amato hopes junior college transfer linemen Terrance Chapman and Shawn Price will help shore up the a weak run

## N.C. State '01 Schedule

Sept. 6	Indiana
Sept. 13	Ohio
Sept. 22	at SMU
Sept. 29	UNC
Oct. 6	at Wake Forest
Oct. 13	Clemson
Oct. 20	at Georgia Tech
Oct. 27	Virginia
Nov. 3	at Duke
Nov. 10	at Florida State
Nov. 17	Maryland

defense and add to the pressure Fisher and Brian Jamison will create.

As for the relative inexperience of the defensive backs and wide receivers,



## N.C. State

2000 record: 8-4 (4-4 in the ACC)  
Head Coach: Chuck Amato (8-4 overall

and at N.C. State)

**Home Field:** Carter-Finley Stadium (51,500)

**Returning Starters:** 7 offense, 7 defense

**Key Returners:** LB Dantonio Burnette, LB Levar Fisher, FS Terrance Holt, QB Philip Rivers, RB Ray Robinson

**Key Losses:** OT Jarvis Borum, offensive coordinator Norm Chow, WR Koren Robinson, LB Clayton White,

**Strengths:** Rivers set three ACC freshman records in 2000 and has Ray Robinson to take some of the load off his shoulders. Levar Fisher paces an experienced State defense that ranked fourth in the conference last year.

**Weaknesses:** Rivers will miss All-American Koren Robinson, and the kicking game again will be a problem. Austin Herbert ranked last in the ACC in punting average last year.

**Keys to season:** State will again showcase a powerful offense, but its defense has to allow fewer than the 28 points per game it surrendered a season ago.

**Key Game:** Oct. 20 at Georgia Tech



Chuck Amato

Fisher didn't seem to be too stressed.

"We expect those guys (at wideout) to come in and make a big impact," he said. "As for DBs, they're going to be

good. There are some new guys, but we have a good coaching staff, and they're going to pick the right guys to play the right positions."

# Long Year in Store for Duke

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Disgraceful. Awful. Pathetic.

All would be proper adjectives when discussing Duke football in 2000.

Limping through their sixth consec-

utive losing campaign, the Blue Devils did little to help abate their offensive and defensive woes.

They were outscored 430-155. They scored above 14 points only four times and allowed at least 20 points every game. They finished 0-11 overall and 0-

8 in the ACC.

The man attempting to pull Duke from the ashes is Carl Franks, who has amassed a 3-19 record in two seasons as coach of the Blue Devils.

Although Franks has little to show in the win column, he does have experience returning, with 16 starters from the 2000 debacle back in the fold.

Leading the offense is junior quarterback D. Bryant, who completed 50 per-



Quarterback D. Bryant completed half of his passes and threw 1,448 yards last year.



## Duke

1999 record: 0-11 (0-8 in the ACC)  
Head Coach: Carl Franks (3-19 overall and at Duke)

**Home Field:** Wallace Wade Stadium (33,941)

**Returning Starters:** 7 offense, 7 defense

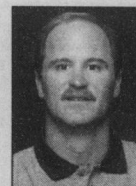
**Key Returners:** QB D. Bryant, RB Chris Douglas, LB Ryan Fowler, WR Mike Hart

**Key Losses:** LB Todd DeLamielleure, QB Spencer Romine  
**Strengths:** The offense should be improved with its returning talent, including Bryant and Douglas. Place kicker Brent Garber, who finished second on the team in scoring, solidifies the special teams.

**Weaknesses:** DeLamielleure's departure leaves a large void at linebacker. A league-low 34 lettermen puts team depth again into question.

**Keys to season:** Keeping injuries low, especially their receivers and lineman, including Fowler. They should try to close 2001 strong, with four of the last five at Duke.

**Key Game:** Sept. 22 vs. Northwestern



Carl Franks

cent of his passes and tossed for 1,448 yards last year. However, he threw twice as many interceptions (10) as he did

touchdown passes (5).

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