## One year older, a few pounds lighter

N.C. State, last year's ACC kiddie korps, now has a year's experience winning basketball games. And with a slimmer and quicker Hawkeye Whitney, the Wolfpack plans to win some more.

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Winning cures all ills. Few remember that only last November, N.C. State was picked to finish last in the ACC. Five players had quit the team and left school the previous May.

One year and an NIT runner-up finish later, State has been ranked as high as fifth nationally in preseason polls.

Unselfishness and an attitude of togetherness brought State its 21 victories last year. The Wolfpack returns the nucleus from last year's bunch and have added a power forward to their lineup.

A slimmer and quicker Hawkeye Whitney greets opponents this winter after suffering a below-par and overweight sophomore season.

"Hawkeye was frustrated last year," coach Norm Sloan says. "I wasn't happy with his play and I know Hawkeye was not happy. We think the weight was his problem."

Being overweight has never been the problem of the other irreplaceable cog in the Wolfpack attack, guard Clyde Austin. Finally emerging from the shadow of Phil Ford as one of the ACC's premiere guards, the razor-thin Austin is the Wolfpack's only true point guard.

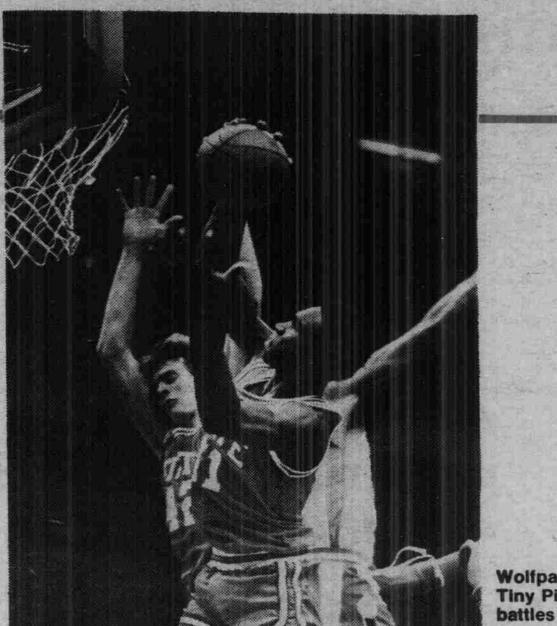
Raleigh native Tony Warren, the least publicized Wolfpack player, returns as Austin's running mate at guard. A quick 6-6, Warren provides State outstanding defense and solid rebounding from his backcourt position.

Major reason for the optimism in Raleigh is linked with the rapid improvement of sophomore center Craig Watts. After an average freshman year, Watts earned the starting spot in preseason practice. Watts came to State riding high school All-America laurels, praise which Sloan now considers justified.

"Craig Watts is by far our most improved player." Sloan said in mid-November. "As of right now, he's running at number one center."

Behind Watts is 7-2 senior Glenn Sudhop, who's played well at times and poorly at others during his frustrating career.

While four of the five starting spots appear filled, three players are competing for the spot opposite Whitney. Tiny Pinder and Art Jones split time at the



Wolfpack's Tiny Pinder battles for rebound

position last year. The 6-7 Pinder can also fill in at center. Freshman Scott Parzych, a physical specimen at 6-7 and 220 pounds, challenges the veterans for the final starting berth. While Pinder and Jones rely on finesse, Parzych gives the Wolfpack the bruising rebounding forward missing in Raleigh since Tim Stoddard graduated.

Whatever the starting lineup, Sloan will have plenty of fresh players to bring in off the bench as the Wolfpack has experienced players two-deep at every position. Kenny Matthews and Donnie Perkins, both 6-3 sophomores, will back up Austin and Warren in the backcourt.

The Wolfpack faces one of it toughest schedules ever this season, with non-conference games against Notre Dame, Tulane and Long Beach State. Last weekend the Pack opened its season in the talentladen Alaska shootout.

The youngest team in the conference last year, N.C. State now boasts a fine blend of youth and age for the upcoming season. Sloan hopes that combination will provide the recipe for a Top 10 season.

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Clyde Austin	142	311	.467	77	118	.084	101	3.5	361	12.4
Tony Warren	143	271	.528	78	95	.817	155	5.0	382	11.7
Kendel Pinder 30	130	282	.481	73	101	.723	187	8.2	335	11.1
Kenny Methows 31	133	292	.466	50	70	.843	63	2.0	325	10.5
Art Jones	85	154	.530	24	44	.546	115	3.7	190	6.1
Glann Sudhop 31	71	131	.542	30	70	.557	179	5.8	181	5.6
Donnie Perkins 30	50	101	.485	11	22	.500	53	1.8	111	3.7
Craig Davis	-44	77	.571		23	.000	20	0.7	104	3.4
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35	ART JONES	182	19	80.	Hempton, Ve.
40	Scott Parzych	220	. 18	Fr.	Lockport, IL
41	KENDAL PINDER	384	. 22	Br.	Miami, Piz.
24	TONY WARREN	195	22	Br.	Relaigh, N.C.
43	CHARLES WHITNEY	215 .	21	Jr.	Washington, D.C.
55	Chuck Nevitt	108	10	Pr.	Mariellin, Ga.
54	GLENN SUDHOP	243	22	Sr.	South Bend, Ind.
42	CRAIG WATTS 0-11	212	10	80.	South Easton, Mass
3	CLYDE AUSTIN	148	20	di.	Richmond, Ve.
5	Pole Keller 5-10	172	19	Fr.	Richmond, Ind.
34	KENNY MATTHEWS	105	20	\$0.	Washington, D.C.
45	DONNIE PERIONS	184	20	80.	Buthel, N.C.
25	Stave Wolf	108	10.00	-Fr.	FL Milcholl, Ky.



