

# 2009 WOLFPACK FOOTBALL

## NC STATE (2-1) vs. PITTSBURGH (3-0)

Sept. 26, 2009 • 3:30 pm • ESPNU • Raleigh, N.C • Carter-Finley Stadium (57,583)

### WOLFPACK vs. PANTHERS

Coaches	NC State	Pitt
Name:	Tom O'Brien	Dave Wannstedt
Alma Mater:	Navy '71	Pitt '74
Overall Rec:	88-60 (.595)	28-23 (.549)
	13th year	5th year
At School:	13-15 (.464)	28-23 (.549)
	3rd year	5th year
Vs. Opp.	4-4 (.500)	1st meeting

### Series Information

Overall:	2-5-1 (.312)
In Raleigh:	1-0-1 (.750)
In Pittsburgh:	0-4-0 (.000)
Neutral:	1-1-0 (.500)
First Meeting:	Pitt 48, NC State 6 Nov. 15, 1952 in Pittsburgh
Last Meeting:	Pitt 34, NC State 19 Dec. 20, 2001 at Tangerine Bowl, Orlando, Fla.

### Last Time Out

NC State:	45-14 win over Gardner Webb
Pitt:	27-14 win over Navy

### The Wolfpack's Record

Overall (since 1892):	531-521-55 (.505)
Under Tom O'Brien:	13-15 (.463)
In Carter-Finley Stadium:	164-93-6 (.635)

### Site

Wayne Day Family Field  
at Carter-Finley Stadium (57,583)

### Tickets

Tickets are available

### Broadcast Info

TELEVISION	ESPN-U
Announcers	Todd Harris, Play-by-Play Charles Arbuckle, Analyst
RADIO	Wolfpack Capitol Sports Network
Flagship:	WRAL-FM, Mix 101.5 Raleigh
Announcers:	Gary Hahn, Play-by-Play Johnny Evans, Analyst Tony Haynes, Sideline Reporter

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### NC STATE VS. PITT

NC State and Pitt have met eight times on the gridiron, but this will mark just the third matchup in Raleigh. In 1952 and 1953, Coach Horace Hendrickson took his Wolfpack to Pittsburgh for back-to-back games, both of which NC State dropped by large margins (6-48 and 6-40). The two squads didn't play again until 1978 when Bo Rein's squad, led by running back Ted Brown, defeated the 16th-ranked Panthers in the Tangerine Bowl, 30-17.

From 1985-88, the two teams traded home games, with NC State tying and winning in Raleigh (14-14 in 1986 and 14-3 in 1988) and dropping both road games (10-24 in 1985 and 0-34 in 1987).

The squads met up in the Tangerine Bowl again in 2001, which ended up being the only loss in record-setting quarterback Philip Rivers' four bowl trips.

### PACK DEFENSE LEADS ACC, RANKS SECOND NATIONALLY

Entering the game versus Pitt, NC State leads the Atlantic Coast Conference and ranks second nationally in total defense. The Pack has allowed just 168.3 yards per game. Mike Archer's defense also leads the league in scoring defense, giving up just 9.3 points per game (the seventh-best mark in the FBS ranks this week).

In the first three games, NC State has allowed just 28 points, the fewest points allowed in the first three games of the season since 1991, when Dick Sheridan's squad allowed just three points in the first three contests.

In the season opener, NC State's "D" held South Carolina to just seven points. The next week, South Carolina put up 37 points against No. 21 Georgia, and last week scored 38 against Florida Atlantic.

On September 12, Murray State gained just 36 total yards, even though NC State played it's second, third and fourth teams. That yardage total was the lowest for a Pack opponent since the season opener of 1990, when Western Carolina gained just 17 total yards.

### WILSON STREAK IS ALL-TIME BEST

On a 13-yard throw to James Washington in the third quarter of Saturday's game versus Gardner Webb, redshirt sophomore quarterback Russell Wilson set the all-time record for consecutive pass attempts without an interception. Wilson broke the mark of 325, which was set by Kentucky's Andre Woodson from 2006-07 and now has thrown 329 passes without getting picked off.

Wilson hasn't been picked off since the second half of the Clemson game on September 13, 2008 - a span of 12 games. His passing efficiency mark since that time has been 147.21.

Wilson had several career bests against Gardner Webb: passing yardage (345), completions (26), attempts (36) and he tied for his personal best with four TD throws for the second straight week.

Although he's only a sophomore, Wilson currently ranks seventh among current ACC players in passing yards (2,602), fourth in passing touchdowns (25) and eighth in total offense.

Here's a look at the all-time interception-less streaks:

### Most Consecutive Passes without an Interception

Russell Wilson (NC State, 2008-09)	329
Andre Woodson (Kentucky, 2006-07)	325
Drew Willy (Buffalo, 2008)	284
Trent Dilfer (Fresno St., 1993)	271
Drew Weatherford (Fla. St., 2007)	270

### PA. PLAYERS PLAY PRIME ROLES FOR PACK

Three players on the Wolfpack roster hail from the Keystone State: tight end Matt Kushner (Bethlehem), safety Clem Johnson (Carlisle) and offensive lineman Wayne Crawford (Philadelphia). Kushner is NC State's second tight end, while Johnson is a regular starter (he missed last week with a thigh injury). Crawford was expected

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## 2009 WOLFPACK SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	St	W-LScore	Opponent	Att./Time	TV	Rusher (Att-Yds-TD)	Passer (C-A-Yds-TD-I)	Receiver (Rec-Yds-TD)	Tackler (Tkl)
9/3	H	L 3-7	South Carolina	57,583	ESPN	Eugene (9-36-0)	Wilson (12-23-74-0-0)	Bryan (4-22-0)	Michel (13)
9/12	H	W 65-7	Murray State	55,510	theacc.com	Baker (12-74-2)	Wilson (15-21-228-4-0)	Williams (3-63-1)	Floyd (11)
9/19	H	W 45-14	Gardner-Webb	53,452	theacc.com	Baker (10-71-2)	Wilson (26-36-345-4-0)	Bryan (6-89-2)	Floyd (11)
9/26	H		Pittsburgh	3:30 pm	ESPNU				
10/3	A		Wake Forest	3:30 pm	ESPNU				
10/10	H		Duke	TBA	TBA				
10/17	A		Boston College	TBA	TBA				
10/31	A		Florida State	TBA	TBA				
11/7	H		Maryland (Homecoming)	TBA	TBA				
11/14	H		Clemson	TBA	TBA				
11/21	A		Virginia Tech	TBA	TBA				
11/28	H		North Carolina	TBA	TBA				

All times are eastern; ^ - ABC Sports; # - ESPN; \$ - espn2; & - ESPN U; %- LF Sports; Rankings are AP/USA Today

### NC STATE INJURY UPDATE

#### OUT FOR SEASON

Mario Carter, TE - knee  
Denzelle Good, OL - shoulder  
Nate Irving, LB - leg  
Colby Jackson, FB - knee  
Everett Proctor, QB - shoulder

### NC STATE QUICK FACTS

#### NC State University

City/Zip Raleigh, NC 27695  
Founded 1887  
Enrollment 32,872  
Nickname Wolfpack  
Colors Red (PMS-186) and White  
Conference Atlantic Coast Conference  
Chancellor Dr. James H. Woodward  
(Georgia Tech '65)  
Athletics Director Lee Fowler (Vanderbilt '74)

#### NC State Football History

First year of football 1892  
All-time bowl record 12-11-1  
Years in postseason play 25  
Last postseason app. 2008 Papajohns.com Bowl  
Result NC State 23, Rutgers 29  
All-time record 531-521-55

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### NC STATE VS. PITT

**(2-5-1)**

Home: 1-0-1  
Away: 0-4-0  
Neutral: 1-1-0  
At Carter-Finley: 1-0-1

Largest Victory Margins:  
NC State: 13 (30-17, 1978)  
Pitt: 42 (48-6, 1952)

Longest Win Streaks:  
Pitt: 2 (1952, 53)

D	SITE	RES	SCORE
11/15/52	A	L	6-48
11/14/53	A	L	6-40
12/23/78	N	W	3-17
10/12/85	A	L	10-24
9/13/86	H	T	14-14
9/12/87	A	L	0-34
11/19/88	H	W	14-3
12/20/01	N	L	19-34

N - @ Tangerine Bowl, Orlando, Fla.

### WHO'S UP? WHO'S DOWN?

#### Upstairs (press box):

Mike Archer (Defensive Coordinator)  
Dana Bible (Off. Coordinator WR/QB)  
Jim Bridge (Tight Ends)

#### Downstairs (sidelines):

Don Horton (Offensive Line)  
Andy McCollum (Linebackers)  
Jerry Petercuskie (Special Teams)  
Mike Reed (Defensive Backs)  
Jason Swepson (Running Backs)  
Keith Willis (Defensive Line)

### NC STATE WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

#### Monday

Weekly press conference at Murphy Center:  
Coach O'Brien meets with print media at 1:30 and electronic media at 2 pm. Players meet with print media at 2 pm and electronic media at 2:30 pm. Call for dial-in info.

#### Tuesday

Player interviews by request in Media Relations Office:  
Russell Wilson availability at 9:15 am in Media Relation Office (call for dial-in info)  
Defensive players available post-practice.

#### Wednesday

Players interviews by request in Media Relations Office:  
Offensive players available post-practice.  
Coach O'Brien available on ACC Teleconference.

#### Thursday

Coach O'Brien available post-practice; Injury report released post-practice.  
Coach O'Brien radio interviews (call Media Relations Office to schedule).  
No player availability

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## 2009 Preseason Honors

### Preseason All-ACC

Russell Wilson, QB  
Willie Young, DE

### Preseason "Watch" Lists

Josh Czajkowski - Groza  
Janelle Eugene - Walker  
Ted Larsen - Rimington  
Russell Wilson - O'Brien, Manning,  
Maxwell  
Willie Young - Bednarik, Hendricks,  
Lombardi, Nagurski

## 2009 Wolfpack Captains

Elected by team vote in preseason

Janelle Eugene, HB  
Jerrail McCuller, OT  
Willie Young, DE

## Wolfpack Coaching Staff

Coach	Assignment	Yrs. Coaching
Mike Archer (Miami '76)	Defensive Coordinator	34th
Dana Bible (Cincinnati '82)	Offensive Coor/QB/WR	34th
Jim Bridge (Wittenberg '92)	Tight Ends	18th
Don Horton (Wittenberg '82)	Offensive Line	28th
Andy McCollum (Austin Peay '81)	Linebackers	29th
Jerry Petercuskie (Boston College '75)	Spec. Tm/Recruiting Coor.	35th
Mike Reed (Boston College '94)	Defensive Backs	11th
Jason Swepson (Boston College '92)	Running Backs	18th
Keith Willis (Northeastern '88)	Defensive Line	15th

## NC State in Overtime 8-4 (since 1997)

Date	Site	Opponent	Reg. Score	Final Result
8/30/97	A	Syracuse	24-24	W, 32-31
11/28/98	N	UNC	31-31	L, 34-37
10/23/99	A	Duke	24-24	W, 31-24
9/2/00	H	Ark. St. (2ot)	24-24	W, 30-23
9/21/00	H	Ga. Tech	23-23	W, 30-23
11/4/00	A	Md (2 ot)	21-21	L, 28-35
9/21/02	A	Texas Tech	45-45	W, 51-48
9/13/03	A	Ohio St. (3 ot)	24-24	L, 38-44
11/15/03	A	Florida St. (2ot)	37-37	L, 44-50
10/2/04	H	Wake Forest	21-21	W, 27-21
11/3/07	A	Miami	16-16	W, 19-16
9/20/08	H	East Carolina	24-24	W, 30-24

to play a key role on the offensive line this season before an injury kept him out of the first two games, but he was back in action last week.

## COACHING STAFF ALSO HAS PENNSYLVANIA TIES

Several members of the Wolfpack coaching staff also have strong ties to Pennsylvania. Here's a look at some of them:

*Mike Archer - Defensive Coordinator:* Born in State College, Pittsburgh Steelers coaching staff, 1996-2002

*Dana Bible - Offensive coordinator:* Offensive coordinator for Philadelphia Eagles, 1998.

*Jerry Petercuskie - Recruiting Coordinator/Special Teams:* Born in Pittston, Pa.; Part-time assistant coach at Penn State, 1976-77

*Mike Reed - Defensive secondary:* Defensive coach for Philadelphia Eagles 2002-06

*Keith Willis - Defensive Line Coach:* Played for Pittsburgh Steelers, 1982-91

## OFFENSE PUTS UP POINTS

In the last two games combined, the Wolfpack has scored a total of 112 points. That two-game point total is the highest for NC State since the last two games of 1920, when Bill Fetzer's squad hung 139 points on Wofford and Wake Forest.

The Wolfpack currently leads the ACC in scoring offense with 37.7 points per game (despite scoring just three points in the season opener). That mark ranks 24th nationally.

## YOUTH MOVEMENT ON PACK DEPTH CHART

This week's version of the NC State two-deep has a youthful look. Four freshmen are listed as starters, while five sophomores are slated to get the starting nod. If you go into the second team, 11 of the 44 players on the two-deep are either true or red-shirt freshmen, while 10 are sophomores. In other words, almost half of the depth chart is made up of freshmen and sophomores.

Two true freshmen have started for NC State so far this season: Rashard Smith at corner and Brandan Bishop at safety. Redshirt freshmen RJ Mattes (OG), Andrew Wallace (OT), CJ Wilson (CB) and Earl Wolff (safety) have also started.

## THREE RETURN FROM LONG HIATUS ...

Two members of the NC State squad who missed the entire 2008 season with injuries and another who missed all but two games are all back on the field for the Wolfpack heading into the fourth game of the season.

Halfback Toney Baker had missed almost two entire seasons with a knee injury (he was injured in the season opener of 2007) and a couple of surgeries before being cleared prior to 2009 spring workouts. He has started the first three games for the Wolfpack, and currently ranks 10th in the ACC in rushing and third in scoring.

Tight end Matt Kushner suffered a knee injury in the second game of 2008 and was cleared before fall camp. He has played in all three games and started the Gardner Webb contest.

Wide receiver Donald Bowens was diagnosed with back fractures in 2008 preseason camp and missed all of last year. Then in the offseason, he injured his knee and had to undergo surgery. He returned to practice on the Tuesday prior to the Gardner Webb game and ended up playing 21 snaps and catching two passes.

Bowens ranks seventh among active ACC players with 59 career receptions, sixth in career yards with 815 and seventh in career touchdowns with six.

## ... AND TWO COME BACK FROM SHORTER ONE

Junior cornerback DeAndre Morgan also saw his first action of 2009 after missing most of preseason camp and the first two games with an ankle injury. Morgan was the most experienced member of the secondary heading into 2009, as his 806 snaps from scrimmage last season led all returning players. He has started 19 games in his career.

Morgan is listed as a starter for the Pitt contest.

Redshirt sophomore offensive lineman Wayne Crawford was also back in action against Gardner Webb after sitting out the early season with a foot injury. Crawford, who moved over from the d-line in the spring, was listed as the second-team center heading into fall camp, but is also playing at guard now.

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## Career Starts

Player	06	07	08	09	Total
Audi Augustin	--	0	1	--	1
Toney Baker, HB#	9	1	0	3	15
Andy Barbee, C/OG	0	0	0	2	2
Brandan Bishop, S	--	--	--	1	1
Donald Bowens, WR	3	3	0	--	7
George Bryan, TE	--	--	7	2	11
Leroy Burgess, DT	--	--	3	3	6
Justin Byers, S	--	--	8	1	9
Alan-Michael Cash, DT	1	11	10	2	24
Audie Cole, LB	--	--	0	3	3
Josh Czajkowski, PK	--	0	13	3	16
Darrell Davis, WR	--	--	1	--	1
Jamelle Eugene, HB	1	6	1	--	8
Bobby Floyd, S	--	0	1	--	1
Taylor Gentry, FB	--	--	2	3	5
Koyal George, CB	--	--	2	3	5
T.J. Graham, WR	--	--	6	1	7
Nate Irving, LB	--	4	9	--	13
Clem Johnson, S	--	--	4	2	6
Markus Kuhn, DE	--	--	3	--	3
Matt Kushner, TE	2	1	1	1	5
Ted Larsen, C	3	2	13	3	21
Dwayne Maddox	--	--	4	3	7
R.J. Mattes	--	--	--	3	3
Jeraill McCuller, OT	--	4	13	3	20
Shea McKeen, DE	--	--	9	3	12
Ray Michel, LB	--	1	13	3	17
DeAndre Morgan, CB	--	7	11	--	18
Jeff Rieskamp, DE	--	--	2	--	2
Rashard Smith, CB	--	--	--	2	2
Owen Spencer, WR	--	--	13	2	15
J.R. Sweezy, DT	--	--	0	1	1
Jake Vermiglio, OL	--	3	8	1	12
Javon Walker, SS	--	4	0	--	4
Andrew Wallace, OG	--	--	--	1	1
Jarvis Williams, WR	--	--	13	3	16
Julian Williams, OT	9	5	0	2	16
C.J. Wilson, CB	--	--	--	1	1
Russell Wilson, QB	--	--	11	3	14
Earl Wolff, S	--	--	--	2	2
Willie Young, DE	5	8	11	3	27

# - Started 2 games in 2005

## Starting Streaks (Longest Active)

Jerrail McCuller, OT	20
Ray Michel, LB	17
Ted Larsen, C	16
Jarvis Williams, WR	16
Josh Czajkowski, PK	16
Russell Willson, QB	11
Jake Vermiglio, OT	9
Willie Young, DE	8

# - Missing game for injury doesn't count against streak

## Most Career Starts (Active Players)

Willie Young, DE	27
Alan-Michael Cash, DT	24
Ted Larsen, C	21
Jerrail McCuller, OT	20
DeAndre Morgan, CB	19
Ray Michel, LB	17
Julian Williams, OT	16
Toney Baker, TB	15

## CAN'T AVOID FLOYD

Although he isn't a starter, defensive coordinator Mike Archer has called senior safety Bobby Floyd the leader of the Wolfpack secondary. He has certainly led by example each of the past two weeks, as he has been the top tackler for NC State with 11 stops in each of the wins over Murray State and Gardner Webb.

The Largo, Fla., native came to NC State as a walkon, but earned a scholarship prior to this season. He said his first goal was to get on the field. He accomplished that in 2007, when he saw action in nine contests, mainly on special teams. His next goal was to play from scrimmage, which he did in 91 snaps last season. He also wanted to start, which he did one time in 2008. Now, he says, his goal is to be an impact player and help his team win, which he is obviously doing with his hard hits on both special teams and from scrimmage.

## BRYAN LEADS TEAM

Redshirt sophomore tight end George Bryant didn't get the start over Gardner Webb after he missed practice time with the flu during game-week preparations. But he came off the bench and made up for missed time, catching a career-high six passes, for a career-high 89 yards and a career-best two touchdowns.

Bryan leads the team with a dozen catches for the season, tying for eighth in the ACC this week.

## BAKER MAKES IMMEDIATE IMPACT

Although he missed almost two complete seasons, Toney Baker has shown no sign of hesitation of returning to his old form in 2009. Baker, who fumbled on his first play back on the opening drive against South Carolina, has since rushed for 169 yards and four touchdowns on 30 carries and has caught six passes for 83 yards and another score.

Baker currently ranks second in the ACC in touchdown scoring and 10th in rushing.

When Baker crossed the goal line at the 14:57 mark in the second quarter against Murray State on September 12, it marked the first time he had been in that particular area in 1,022 days! He liked being in the end zone so much that he took two more trips there before the night was over - marking the second time in his career that he scored three TDs in one game. He added two more scores last week versus Gardner Webb.

On September 1, 2007, Baker's life and football career took an unexpected turn when he limped to the sidelines after playing just 26 snaps. The knee injury ended up being a type that makes a torn ACL seem minor. He knew early in the recovery process that it could end up being two years before he could see action again, but Baker, who had rushed for 1,272 yards in his career to that point, approached his rehab just as he does an opponent's linebacker: he met it head-on.

Baker was cleared to return to drills in November of 2008 and went through full contact spring practice with the Wolfpack.

## NEW PLAYERS SEE ACTION

Six true freshmen have seen action so far this season: S Brandan Bishop, DT Brian Slay, CB Rashard Smith, HB James Washington, TE Asa Watson and C Camden Wentz.

So far this season, 31 players have seen their first action at NC State.

## Czaj-WOW-ski

One of the Pack's most dependable performers last season was placekicker Josh Czajkowski. As a sophomore, he ranked third in the ACC in field goal percentage with an .842 (16-19) mark - the ninth best mark in school history for a single season. Only one other league player returning in 2009 posted better marks than he did in 2008.

Although he has been called on more for PATs than for field goals in the last two games, Czajkowski has been even more dependable in 2009. He has hit all three of his field goal attempts and all 12 of his extra points this season, while also handling the kickoff duties.

For his career, Czajkowski ranks fourth in Wolfpack history in field goal percentage (.864), fourth in PAT percentage (.978) and 12th in field goals made (19). His nine consecutive field goals made marks the sixth-longest streak in school history.

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## Head Coach Tom O'Brien (88-60, 13th year)

- ✓ In 2008, became first coach in ACC history to lose first four league games and then win next four.
- ✓ Served nine years in the Marines following graduation, serving tours of duty at Quantico, Japan, and California.
- ✓ Reached rank of major in Marine Corps Reserve.
- ✓ Led Boston College to eight consecutive winning seasons and seven consecutive bowl victories (his team won the 2006 Meineke Car Care Bowl after he had come to NC State).
- ✓ Posted more wins (75) than any head coach in BC history.
- ✓ Led 2004 BC team to AFCA Academic Achievement Award for posting nation's highest GPA, team earned honorable mention seven other times.
- ✓ On Board of Directors for Marine Corps' Toys for Tots Foundation.

## COACHING EXPERIENCE

2007-pres.	NC State	Head Coach
1997-06	Boston College	Head Coach
1994-96	Virginia	Off. Coor/OL
1991-94	Virginia	Off. Coor/QB
1982-90	Virginia	Gds/Centers
1975-81	Navy	Tackles/TE

## PLAYING EXPERIENCE

*College* - Three-year starter at defensive end for Navy (1968-70); *High School* - Played at St. Xavier HS in Cincinnati.

## EDUCATION

Graduated from St. Xavier HS in Cincinnati in 1967; Earned a BS in management from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1971.

## PERSONAL DATA

Married to the former Jennifer Byrd of San Diego. Three children: Colleen, an associate producer at ESPN; Daniel, who is a graduate assistant football coach at Alabama, and Bridget, who is attending graduate school at the College of Charleston.

## BOWL QUALIFICATION

*At NC State:* 2008 Papajohns.com Bowl; *At Boston College:* \*2006 Meineke Car Care Bowl, 2005 MPC Computers Bowl, 2004 Continental Tire Bowl, 2003 Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl, 2002 Motor City Bowl, 2001 Music City Bowl, 2000 Aloha Bowl, 1999 Insight.com Bowl; *At Virginia (4-5):* 1996 Carquest Bowl, 1995 Peach Bowl, 1994 Independence Bowl, 1993 Carquest Bowl, 1992 Gator Bowl, 1991 USF&G Sugar Bowl, 1990 Florida Citrus Bowl, 1987 All-American Bowl, 1984 Peach Bowl; *At Navy (1-2):* 1981 Liberty Bowl, 1980 Garden State Bowl, 1978 Holiday Bowl  
\* - team qualified for bowl under O'Brien's guidance, but he did not coach actual bowl game.

Czajkowski, who is on the preseason 'watch' list for the Lou Groza Award, ranks ?? among active ACC players in career field goals, fifth in PATs. He is tied for fifth in the ACC this week in kick scoring.

## OLD YOUNG LEADS ACC

Willie Young celebrated his 24th birthday with a win over Gardner Webb on Saturday. The grandfather of the team, who was rated the ninth-best player in the ACC by espn.com in the preseason, also ranks as the active ACC leader in career tackles for loss (35.5) and sacks (15.5).

Young, who earned his degree from NC State in May, ranks ninth in school history in tackles for loss and seventh in sacks. He has been named a preseason candidate for four national awards: the Bednarik, Hendricks, Lombardi, and Nagurski.

## SENIOR LINEMEN

Not only does the Wolfpack boast 20 seniors this season (one of the top marks in the ACC), but of the nine starting spots on the two lines, seven are now being held down by seniors, giving the Pack leadership and experience at those important positions.

The offensive line boasts four seniors: Julian Williams and Andy Barbee at guard (Barbee started the last two games), Jerrail McCuller at tackle and Ted Larsen at center (Williams, Barbee and Larsen are actually graduates). Those four players boast 58 starts between them.

On defense, all four spots up front are being manned by seniors: Shea McKeen and graduate Willie Young at end and Leroy Burgess and Alan-Michael Cash at tackle. Those four boast 60 starts among them (Burgess and McKeen were transfers in 2008, so are just in their second season with the Wolfpack).

## WASHINGTON GRASPS OPPORTUNITY

When senior halfback Jamelle Eugene went out of the season opener with a knee injury, true freshman James Washington suddenly moved up to second on the depth chart. He made the most of that position on Saturday in the win over Murray State, scoring three touchdowns (2 rushing, 1 receiving). He was the first true freshman to score three TDs in a game since his current teammate Toney Baker did so against Eastern Kentucky in 2005. (Ironically, Baker also had three on Saturday).

Washington, who joined the team in January and went through spring drills, rushed for 35 yards and had 28 receiving yards in the win over Murray State. He either rushed the ball or caught a pass on 20 of his 22 snaps. For the season, he has rushed for 76 yards and caught three passes for 44 yards.

Washington averaged nine yards per carry during his senior campaign at Boone High School in Orlando, Fla.

## MATTES IS YOUNGSTER ON O-LINE

When redshirt freshman R.J. Mattes earned the starting nod at offensive right guard for the season opener with South Carolina, he was the baby of the offensive line. At that point, the line was made up of two graduates, a redshirt senior, a junior and him.

But Mattes can't be considered a rookie any more. He's now played 168 snaps, the highest total on the team, in the first three games and continues to improve according to the coaching staff.

Mattes is the youngest player to start the opening game of the season on the offensive line for NC State since the 2003 season, when Leroy Harris (now with the Tennessee Titans) got the nod at left guard versus Western Carolina.

Wolfpack offensive line coach Don Horton isn't known for starting players that young, this early in the season. The only offensive lineman he and Tom O'Brien could remember starting the opener as a redshirt freshman at Boston College was Gosdur Cherilus in 2004. Cherilus was a first-round draft pick by the Detroit Lions in 2008.

## WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMON...

Michael Lemon's road to NC State took a couple of turns before he could join the team just three weeks before the season opener, but the transfer quickly worked his way up to second on the depth chart at defensive end.

Lemon redshirted the 2006 season at Georgia, then played in seven games in 2007. Because of some trouble off the field, he was forced to leave Georgia in 2008,

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## MEDIA SERVICES

### Press Conferences

Tom O'Brien's regular weekly press conference/conference call will be held on Mondays at 1:30 pm throughout the season in the media room of the Murphy Center. Two players will also be available. If you wish to dial into the conference, please contact Media Relations for the number.

### ACC Coaches Teleconference

The 12 ACC football coaches will be featured on a weekly teleconference each Wednesday from 10:30 a.m., to 12:30 p.m., (9/2 - 11/24). There will be an instant replay of each teleconference on TheACC.com each Wednesday afternoon.

Frank Spaziani, Boston College	10:30
Dabo Swinney, Clemson	10:40
David Cutcliffe, Duke	10:50
Bobby Bowden, Florida State	11:00
Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech	11:10
Ralph Friedgen, Maryland	11:20
Randy Shannon, Miami	11:30
Butch Davis, North Carolina	11:40
Tom O'Brien, NC State	11:50
Al Groh, Virginia	12:00
Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech	12:10
Jim Grobe, Wake Forest	12:20

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## Scout Team Players of the Week

Each week, the coaching staff selects scout team MVPs who are honored by leading the team onto the field carrying the North Carolina and American flags.

Game	Offense	Defense
South Carolina	Paul Horst, WR	Mark Walker, LB
Murray State	Morgan Alexander, WR	Jarvis Byrd, CB
Gardner Webb	Quintin Payton, WR	Sylvester Crawford, DE

soon after being named Most Improved Defensive End during spring drills. He went on to Georgia Military Academy and then to NC State.

In the season opener, Lemon made what might have been the biggest play of the night for NC State, when he dropped back into coverage and made an athletic grab to pick off a pass in the third quarter to set up the Wolfpack's only score of the evening: a Josh Czajkowski field goal.

For the season, Lemon has seen action in 72 snaps, tallying three tackles, a tackle for loss, two quarterback pressures and the INT.

## DEFENDING ITS (NEW) TURF

For the first time since Carter-Finley Stadium debuted in a game against South Carolina in 1966, the Wolfpack finally played on a level playing field when South Carolina came to town on September 3. Two days after NC State's 2009 spring game, the process began to remove the crown from the Wayne T. Day Family Field.

Crews lowered the field some three-and-a-half feet at the center, less around the edges. It took about three weeks to haul thousands of cubic yards of topsoil from the stadium. After installing drainage sand and gravel that met United States Golf Association specifications for golf greens, the crew spent weeks making sure the field was as level as a pool table.

Some 240 rolls of sod were used to cover the 68,400 square feet of the field, which has a synthetic buffer around the playing surface, 10 feet away from the wall surrounding the field on the sidelines and five feet away from the wall everywhere else.

Unfortunately, the outcome of the first game on the new turf was the same as the first game on the old turf back in 1966: a loss to South Carolina.

## FOOTBALL LEGACIES

Six members of the 2009 football squad boast hope to follow in the footsteps of close relatives who have gone on to success in the NFL. Four members of the current team are the sons of former NFL players, while two players' brothers are a current pro star.

Redshirt freshman starting guard R.J. (Ron, Jr.) Mattes' dad, Ron, played collegiately at Virginia from 1981-84 and then spent seven seasons in the NFL. Tom O'Brien was the offensive line coach for the Cavaliers during three of his years there, although Mattes played defensive in college. He went on to play in 95 games as an offensive lineman with the Seattle Seahawks, Chicago Bears and Indianapolis Colts from 1986-92.

Senior Toney Baker's father, Tony, was a running back at East Carolina prior to playing three seasons in the NFL: one for Cleveland, one for Phoenix and one for Atlanta.

Redshirt sophomore fullback Harrison Ritcher's dad, Jim, won the Outland Trophy as a center for the Wolfpack before playing in the NFL from 1980-95, most notably as an offensive guard for the Buffalo Bills for 14 years. He played in four Super Bowls with the Bills and made the Pro Bowl twice. Jim was also inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1998.

Senior defensive lineman Josh Milinichik's father, Joe, was a 1984 All-ACC selection for NC State and played professionally for eight years, starting in 47 games for the San Diego Chargers, Los Angeles Rams and Detroit Lions from 1987-1994.

Junior cornerback DeAndré Morgan was able to in the same backfield with his older brother, DaJuan, in 2007, before DaJuan was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs the next spring.

Freshman tight end Asa Watson is attempting to follow in his brother's footsteps,

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## NC State Players' Career Stats Among Active ACC Players

### Rushing Yards

1. C.J. Spiller, Sr., Clemson	2,511
2. Jonathan Dwyer, Jr., Ga. Tech	1,788
3. Javarris James, Sr., Miami	1,778
4. Graig Cooper, Jr., Miami	1,647
5. Da'Rel Scott, Jr., Maryland	1,543
6. Josh Adams, Jr., Wake Forest	1,443
7. <i>Toney Baker, Sr., NC State</i>	<i>1,441</i>
8. Darren Evans, So. Va Tech	1,265
9. <i>Jamelle Eugene, Sr., NC State</i>	<i>1,204</i>
10. Re'quan Boyette, Sr., Duke	1,142
11. Shaun Draughn, Jr., UNC	1,109
11. Montel Harris, So., Boston Coll.	1,094

### Rushing Touchdowns

1. Jonathan Dwyer, Jr., Ga Tech	21
2. C.J. Spiller, Sr., Clemson	20
3. Josh Adams, Jr., Wake Forest	16
4. <i>Toney Baker, Sr., NC State</i>	<i>15</i>
5. Javarris James, Sr., Miami	14
6. Ryan Houston, Jr. UNC	13
7. Mikell Simpson, Sr., Virginia	12
8. Darren Evans, So. Virginia Tech	11
Da'Rel Scott, Jr., Maryland	11
Jameel Sewell, Sr., Virginia	11

### Total Offense

1. Riley Skinner, Sr., Wake Forest	7,356
2. Thaddeus Lewis, Sr., Duke	7,215
3. Chris Turner, Sr., Maryland	4,958
4. Jameel Sewell, Sr., Virginia	4,607
5. T.J. Yates, Jr., North Carolina	4,198
6. Tyrod Taylor, Jr., Virginia Tech	3,584
7. Christian Ponder, Jr., Florida St.	3,510
8. <i>Russell Wilson, So., NC State</i>	<i>3,014</i>
9. C.J. Spiller, Sr., Clemson	2,511
10. Josh Nesbitt, Jr., Ga Tech	2,503
11. Marc Verica, Jr., Virginia	2,007

### Passing Yards

1. Thaddeus Lewis, Sr., Duke	7,329
2. Riley Skinner, Sr., Wake Forest	7,221
3. Chris Turner, Sr., Maryland	5,192
4. T.J. Yates, Jr., North Carolina	4,397
5. Jameel Sewell, Sr., Virginia	4,030
6. Christian Ponder, Jr., Florida St.	2,924
7. <i>Russell Wilson, So., NC State</i>	<i>2,602</i>
8. Tyrod Taylor, Jr., Virginia Tech	2,407
9. Marc Verica, Jr., Virginia	2,087

### Passing Touchdowns

1. Thaddeus Lewis, Sr., Duke	50
2. T.J. Yates, Jr., North Carolina	40
Riley Skinner, Sr., Wake Forest	40
4. <i>Russell Wilson, So., NC State</i>	<i>25</i>
5. Chris Turner, Sr., Maryland	23
6. Jameel Sewell, Sr., Virginia	21
Christian Ponder, Jr., Florida St.	19
Jacory Harris, So., Miami	17

### Receptions

1. Rich Gunnell, Sr., Boston College	127
2. Jacoby Ford, Sr., Clemson	101
3. C.J. Spiller, Sr., Clemson	92
4. Demaryius Thomas, Jr., Ga Tech	87
5. Sam Shields, Sr., Miami	75
6. Mikell Simpson, Sr., Virginia	67
7. <i>Donald Bowens, Jr., NC State</i>	<i>59</i>
8. Josh Adams, Jr., Wake Forest	52

### Receiving Yards

1. Rich Gunnell, Sr., Boston College	1,693
2. Demaryius Thomas, Jr., Ga Tech	1,512
3. Jacoby Ford, Sr., Clemson	1,422
4. Sam Shields, Sr., Miami	971

5. C.J. Spiller, Sr., Clemson	988
6. <i>Donald Bowens, Jr., NC State</i>	<i>815</i>

### Receiving Touchdowns

1. Rich Gunnell, Sr., Boston College	13
2. Jacoby Ford, Sr., Clemson	12
3. Demaryius Thomas, Jr., Ga Tech	9
4. C.J. Spiller, Sr., Clemson	8
5. Sam Shields, Sr., Miami	7
6. Owen Spencer, Jr, NC State	6
Jarvis Williams, Jr., NC State	6
8. Donald Bowens, Jr., NC State	5
Laron Byrd, So. Miami	5

### Tackles

1. Vincent Rey, Sr., Duke	264
2. Kaveil Connor, Sr., Clemson	221
3. Quan Sturdivant, Jr., UNC	191
4. <i>Willie Young, Sr., NC State</i>	<i>177</i>
5. Darryl Shaprtton, Sr., Miami	172
6. Morgan Burnett, Jr. Ga Tech	164
7. Alex Wujciak, Jr., Maryland	161
8. Kam Chancellor, Sr., Va Tech	152
9. Vic Hall, Sr., Virginia	130

### Tackles For Loss

1. <i>Willie Young, Sr., NC State</i>	<i>35.5</i>
2. Vince Oghobaase, Sr., Duke	31.5
3. Ricky Sapp, Sr., Clemson	31.5
4. Jason Worilds, Jr. Va Tech	25.0

### Sacks

1. <i>Willie Young, Sr., NC State</i>	<i>15.5</i>
2. Ricky Sapp, Sr., Clemson	13.0
3. Derrick Morgan, Jr., Ga. Tech	12.0
Vince Oghobaase, Sr., Duke	12.0
Boo Robinson, Sr., W. Forest	12.0
6. Jason Worilds, Jr., Va Tech	11.5

### Field Goals

1. Steve Aponavicius, Sr., BC	37
2. Matt Boshier, Jr., Miami	20
3. <i>Josh Czajkowski, Jr., NC State</i>	<i>19</i>
4. Scott Blair, Jr., Georgia Tech	17
5. Nick Maggio, Jr., Duke	13
6. Casey Barth, Sr., UNC	14
7. Richard Jackson, Jr., Clemson	11
7. Shane Popham, So., Wake Forest	8
8. Robert Randolph, So., Virginia	5
Nick Ferrara, Fr., Maryland	4
Dustin Hopkins, Fr., Florida St.	4
Mike Waldron, Sr., Va. Tech	3

### PATs

1. Steve Aponavicius, Sr., BC	118
2. Matt Boshier, Jr., Miami	48
3. <i>Josh Czajkowski, Jr., NC State</i>	<i>45</i>
4. Nick Maggio, Jr., Duke	43
Scott Blair, Jr., Georgia Tech	43
6. Casey Barth, Sr., UNC	42

current New England Patriots tight end Ben Watson. A collegiate standout at Georgia, big brother is in his sixth season with the Patriots and has 138 career catches for 1,698 yards and 15 touchdowns heading into the 2009 season.

## TEAM ELECTS CAPTAINS

One of the first orders of business for the NC State football team every season is to elect team captains. At the very first team meeting of 2009 fall camp, the team voted on the players would represent it for the upcoming season. The players elected halfback Jamelle Eugene, offensive tackle Jeraiill McCuller and defensive end Willie Young.

"These three young men are great choices," said head coach Tom O'Brien. "They have shown great leadership throughout spring practice and in our summer workouts and their hard work and dedication has earned them the respect of their teammates."

## A STAFF WITH STAYING POWER

NC State is one of only six BCS teams that returned its entire coaching staff (full-time assistant coaches) for the third consecutive season in 2009. Only 28 schools return the same staff from last year.

Six members of Tom O'Brien's staff at Boston College picked up and followed him when he made the move to NC State in December of 2006. Two of those coaches, Don Horton and Jerry Petercuskie, had been with O'Brien all 10 of his years with the Eagles. Two others, Dana Bible and Jason Swepson, had been there for eight years. Keith Willis spent six years at BC as an assistant under O'Brien, while Jim Bridge was there four years.

Here's a list of the BCS schools whose staffs are intact for the third straight season:

East Carolina  
Michigan State  
NC State  
Penn State  
UAB  
Vanderbilt  
Virginia Tech

## IRVING OUT FOR SEASON

NC State's football team suffered a big blow in late June, when linebacker Nate Irving, who many consider to be the Pack's top player, was injured in a car accident. He suffered a collapsed lung, broken rib, separated shoulder and a compound fracture in his leg and has been told by doctors that he will need to spend the next six months rehabbing from the injuries.

An honorable mention All-ACC performer a year ago, Irving told reporters in August that he felt 'blessed' to be alive after the single-car acci-

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dent. He missed three complete games and most of a fourth last season with an ankle injury, but still ranked third on the team in tackles and set a record for an NC State linebacker with four interceptions.

Irving missed three complete games and most of another last season with injuries, but that gave true freshman Dwayne Maddox a chance to gain experience. That experience will come in handy this season, since Maddox, now a sophomore, is stepping into Irving's spot at linebacker.

## LARSEN HOME IN THE CENTER

A year ago, Ted Larsen had never snapped the ball in a game - not in Pop Warner, not in middle school, not in high school and not in college. Now after just a year playing center, and just a year playing on offense at the collegiate level, Larsen is a candidate for the national award given to the nation's *BEST* center.

Larsen's development was a key to the Wolfpack's success over the second half of the 2008 season. NC State rushed for more than 90 yards per game more in the last six games of the regular season than in the first six.

Larsen, who graduated from NC State in May, spent his first three years at NC State at defensive tackle, where he redshirted in 2005, then played in 23 games, starting five, in 2006 and 2007 combined. He was named the team's Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman in 2008.

So far in 2009, Larsen has been in for 167 snaps, the second-highest mark on the team.

## THE ULTIMATE GOAL

Eight members of the 2008 Wolfpack football squad earned their degrees from NC State in graduation ceremonies in May: Andy Barbee, Harrison Beck, Jamaine Clements, Teddy Larsen, Bradley Pierson, Matt White, Keith Willis and Willie Young.

Tom O'Brien's squad will boast four players on the 2009 roster who are postgraduates: Barbee, Larsen, Young and Julian Williams, who graduated in December of 2008 prior to the Papajohns.com Bowl.

In the last four graduation ceremonies (December of 2007, May and December of 2008 and May of 2009), 31 Wolfpack football players have earned their degrees.

## DEVELOPING LEADERS

During his 12 years as a head coach, Tom O'Brien has mentored five assistant coaches who have gone on to become Division I head coaches, including three who are leading programs in 2009.

Here's a look at the assistant coaches O'Brien has mentored who have gone on to be named head coaches:

## Career Records Watch (Offensive)

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Passing Yards			
Rk.	Name, Year	Cmp.	Att. Yards
1.	Philip Rivers, 2000-03	1,087	1,710 13,484
2.	Jamie Barnette, 1996-99	637	1,243 9,461
3.	Terry Harvey, 1991, 93-95	442	785 5,925
4.	Shane Montgomery, 1987-89	421	746 5,298
5.	Erik Kramer, 1985-86	334	616 4,602
6.	Dave Buckey, 1972-75	303	524 4,286
7.	Daniel Evans, 2005-08	370	681 4,004
8.	Tim Esposito, 1983-84	333	585 3,847
9.	Terry Jordan, 1989-92	303	504 3,695
10.	Jay Davis, 2002-pres.	301	522 3,548
11.	Tol Avery, 1980-82	294	547 3,335
12.	Bruce Shaw, 1971-73	184	396 2,999
13.	Roman Gabriel, 1959-61	285	506 2,951
14.	Geoff Bender, 1991-94	218	427 2,713
15.	Russell Wilson, 2008-pres.	203	355 2,602

Pass Touchdowns		TD
Rk.	Name, Years	
1.	Philip Rivers, 2000-03	95
2.	Jamie Barnette, 1996-99	59
3.	Terry Harvey, 1991, 93-95	38
4.	Shane Montgomery, 1987-89	31
5.	Erik Kramer, 1985-86	30
7.	<b>Russell Wilson, 2008-pres.</b>	<b>25</b>
6.	Dave Buckey, 1972-75	22

Pass Completions			
Rk.	Name, Years	Att.	Yards Cmp.
1.	Philip Rivers, 2000-2003	1,710	13,484 1,087
2.	Jamie Barnette, 1996-99	1,243	9,461 637
3.	Terry Harvey, 1991, 93-95	785	5,925 442
4.	Shane Montgomery, 1987-89	746	5,298 421
5.	Daniel Evans, 2005-08	681	4,004 370
6.	Erik Kramer, 1985-86	616	4,682 334
7.	Tim Esposito, 1983-84	585	3,847 333
8.	Terry Jordan, 1989-92	504	3,695 303
	Dave Buckey, 1972-75	524	4,286 303
10.	Jay Davis, 2002-05	522	3,548 301
11.	Tol Avery, 1980-82	547	3,335 294
12.	Roman Gabriel, 1959-61	506	2,951 285
13.	Geoff Bender, 1991-94	427	2,713 218
14.	<b>Russell Wilson, 2008-pres.</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>2,602 203</b>

Pass Attempts			
Rk.	Name, Years	Comp.	Yards Att.
1.	Philip Rivers, 2000-2003	1,087	13,484 1,710
2.	Jamie Barnette, 1996-99	637	9,461 1,243
3.	Terry Harvey, 1991, 93-95	442	5,925 785
4.	Shane Montgomery, 1987-89	421	5,298 746
5.	Daniel Evans, 2005-pres.	370	4,004 681
6.	Erik Kramer, 1985-86	334	4,602 616
7.	Tim Esposito, 1983-84	333	3,847 585
8.	Tol Avery, 1980-82	294	3,355 547
9.	Dave Buckey, 1972-75	303	4,286 524
10.	Jay Davis, 2002-05	301	3,548 522
11.	Roman Gabriel, 1959-61	285	2,951 506

Terry Jordan, 1989-92	303	3,695	504
13. Geoff Bender, 1991-94	278	2,713	427
14. Johnny Evans, 1974-77	183	2,509	397
15. <b>Russell Wilson, 2008-pres.</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>2,602</b>	<b>355</b>

Completion Percentage			
Rk.	Name, Years	Comp.	Att. Pct.
1.	Philip Rivers, 2000-03	1,087	1,710 636
2.	Terry Jordan, 1989-92	303	504 .601
3.	Dave Buckey, 1972-75	303	524 .578
4.	Jay Davis, 2002-05	301	522 .577
5.	<b>Russell Wilson, 2008-pres</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>355 .572</b>
6.	Tim Esposito, 1983-84	333	585 .569
7.	Shane Montgomery, 1987-89	421	746 .565
8.	Roman Gabriel, 1959-61	285	506 .563
9.	Terry Harvey, 1991, 93-95	442	785 .563

Rushing Yards		
Rk.	Name, Year	Att. Yds
1.	Ted Brown, 1975-78	860 4,602
2.	Joe McIntosh, 1981-84	729 3,642
3.	Tremayne Stephens, 1994-97	680 3,553
4.	Ray Robinson, 1998-2001	649 2,781
5.	Anthony Barbour, 1989-92	474 2,575
6.	Stan Fritts, 1972-74	534 2,542
7.	Andre Brown, 2005-08	523 2,539
8.	Willie Burden, 1971-73	491 2,529
9.	T.A. McLendon, 2002-04	542 2,479
10.	Billy Ray Vickers, 1976-79	489 2,189
11.	Vince Evans, 1981-85	467 1,920
12.	Dick Christy, 1955-57	348 1,817
13.	Charley Young, 1961-73	317 1,657
14.	Gary Downs, 1990-93	380 1,642
15.	Charlie Bowers, 1967-69	423 1,595
16.	Rahshon Spikes, 1996-99	351 1,446
17.	<b>Toney Baker, 2005-pres.</b>	<b>321 1,441</b>

Rushing Touchdowns		TD
Rk.	Name, Years	
1.	Ted Brown, 1975-78	49
2.	Stan Fritts, 1972-74	41
3.	T.A. McLendon, 2002-04	33
4.	Ray Robinson, 1998-01	30
5.	Tremayne Stephens, 1994-97	23
	Gary Downs, 1990-93	23
7.	Willie Burden, 1971-73	22
	Andre Brown, 2005-08	22
9.	Joe McIntosh, 1981-84	20
10.	Scott Smith, 1977-79	18
11.	Anthony Barbour, 1988-89, 91-92	16
	Bobby Crumpler, 1986-87	16
	Charlie Young, 1971-73	16
14.	Roman Gabriel, 1959-61	15
	<b>Toney Baker, 2005-pres.</b>	<b>15</b>

Name	Head Coach, School, Yrs	Yrs w/ O'Brien
Al Golden	Temple, 2006-pres.	1997-99 (LB)
Jeff Jagodzinski	Boston College, 2007-08	1997-98(OC/OL)
Mike London	Richmond, 2008-pres.	1997-00 (DL)
Bob Shoop	Columbia, 2003-05	1999-02 (Sec)
Frank Spaziani	Boston College, 2009-pres.	1997-06 (DC/RB)

## DOING THEIR HOMEWORK

The quarterback position obviously requires a great deal of homework. The 'field general,' as the quarterback is known, must know all the plays and know what all of the other positions on offense are doing as well.

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If the QB spot requires an even greater amount of study than any other position, then the Wolfpack is definitely in good hands for 2009. All three quarterbacks who saw action for NC State in spring drills and are listed on the depth chart heading into fall camp were named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll for the 2008-09 academic year.

Russell Wilson, Mike Glennon and even walk-on Daniel Imhoff all posted cumulative GPAs over a 3.0 for the 2008

fall semester and 2009 spring semesters combined.

The group isn't just known for its prowess in the classroom. The *Sporting News* tabbed the Wolfpack's quarterback corps as one of the top five in the nation for 2009.

## KEEPING THE HOME FIRES BURNING

For the first time in school history, NC State is playing eight football games at home in 2009. The Wolfpack, is opening the season with four consecutive home contests for the first time since 1984, and won't travel in the month of September and just once in November.

The Wolfpack kicked off the 2009 campaign against South Carolina on September 3. Tom O'Brien and his squad will not travel outside the state of North Carolina until October 17, as the Pack's first road game (Oct. 3) is at Wake Forest.

For the first time since 1998, NC State will face North Carolina in the regular season finale, as the Tar Heels travel to Carter-Finley Stadium on Thanksgiving weekend. NC State hasn't closed the regular season against UNC at home since 1995.

## TRUE COLORS

Whenever NC State takes the field at home games, the players run out behind the American flag and the North Carolina flag. However, if the American flag for this season seems a little bigger, it's because it might have even more significance than usual.

Former Wolfpack defensive end Drew Wimsett (2001-02) now flies an AH-1W "Super Cobra" attack helicopters for the U.S. Marine Corps, most recently in Afghanistan. A few weeks ago, he sent Tom O'Brien a flag that flew with him during the month of April during numerous combat missions. The letter was in the cockpit with him, rolled up in a bag just behind his seat.

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP

One way in which the 2009 squad differs greatly from last year's squad is in terms of senior leaders. NC State has 20 seniors on its 2009 roster, the third-highest total in the ACC. Fifteen of those seniors have started games during their tenure with the Wolfpack.

A year ago, the Pack boasted 17 seniors on the preseason roster, but only eight had ever seen starting action and just

## The Wolfpack's Record in 2009 When...

Playing at home .....	2-1
Playing on the road.....	
It's day game .....	
It's a night game.....	2-1
It's a televised game .....	0-1
ESPN Network.....	0-1
Raycom .....	
Other .....	
It's September.....	2-1
It's October.....	
It's November .....	

Playing a ranked opponent (AP).....	0-0
Playing an unranked opponent.....	2-1
Scoring First .....	2-0
The opponent scores first .....	0-1
Leading after 1st quarter .....	2-0
Trailing after 1st quarter.....	0-1
Tied after 1st quarter.....	0-0
Leading at halftime .....	2-0
Trailing at halftime .....	0-1
Tied at halftime.....	0-0
Leading after 3rd quarter .....	2-0
Trailing after 3rd quarter .....	0-1
Tied after 3rd quarter.....	0-0

Scoring 0-19 points.....	0-1
Scoring 20-29 points.....	0-0
Scoring 30-39 points.....	0-0
Scoring 40+ points.....	2-0
Allowing 0-10 points.....	1-1
Allowing 11-20 points.....	1-0
Allowing 21+ points.....	0-0

With 100-yard rusher .....	0-0
With 100-yard receiver.....	0-0
Allowing 100-yard rusher .....	0-0
Allowing 100-yard receiver .....	0-0
Allowing 300-yard passer.....	0-0

Gaining less than 300 yds total offense....	0-1
Gaining 300-399 yards total offense.....	0-0
Gaining 400-499 yards total offense.....	2-0

Committing no turnovers .....	2-0
Committing 1-2 turnovers .....	0-1
Committing 3+ turnovers .....	0-0
Forcing 0 turnovers.....	0-0
Forcing 1-2 turnovers.....	1-1
Forcing 3+ turnovers.....	1-0

Controlling Time of Possession .....	1-0
Opp. Controls Time of Possession .....	1-1

two were three-year letterwinners. This year, five members of the squad have earned three varsity letters: Alan-Michael Cash, Jamelle Eugene, Ted Larsen, Ray Michel and Willie Young.

Here's a look at the number of seniors on the 2009 rosters of each league school:

## Tom O'Brien vs. All Competition

Opponent	Home	Away	Neutral	Total
Arizona State	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Army	3-0	1-0	0-0	4-0
Ball State	2-0	1-0	0-0	3-0
Baylor	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Boise State	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Boston College	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2
Brigham Young	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
Buffalo	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Central Florida	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
Central Michigan	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
Cincinnati	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Clemson	1-1	1-1	0-0	2-2
Colorado	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Colorado State	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Connecticut	3-0	1-0	0-0	4-0
Duke	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
East Carolina	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
Florida State	0-2	1-1	0-0	1-3
Gardner Webb	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Georgia	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Georgia Tech	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-1
Louisville	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2
Maine	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Maryland	1-1	1-1	0-0	2-2
Massachusetts	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Miami	1-4	1-4	0-0	2-8
Murray State	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Navy	2-1	2-0	0-0	4-1
NC State	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1
North Carolina	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-1
Northwestern	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Notre Dame	2-1	3-2	0-0	5-3
Penn State	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
Pittsburgh	3-1	1-3	0-0	4-4
Rutgers	4-0	4-0	0-1	8-1
South Carolina	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2
South Florida	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
Stanford	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1
Syracuse	2-2	1-3	0-0	3-5
Temple	3-0	3-2	0-0	6-2
Toledo	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Virginia	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Virginia Tech	1-3	1-4	0-0	2-7
Wake Forest	2-1	0-3	0-0	2-4
West Virginia	3-1	1-3	0-0	4-4
William & Mary	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Wofford	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
	52-24	30-34	6-2	88-60

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## Career Records Watch

### Defensive Sacks

Rk	Name, Years	No.-Yds.
1.	Mario Williams, 2003-05	25.5-156
2.	Tyler Lawrence, 1990-93	24-157
3.	Carl Reeves, 1991-94	22.5-197
4.	Manny Lawson, 2002-05	21-163
	Mike Jones, 1987-90	21-128
5.	Ray Agnew, 1986-89	17-117
	George Anderson, 1999-2002	17-94
7.	Corey Smith, 1998-01	15.5-138
	Patrick Thomas, 2001-04	15.5-98
<b>9.</b>	<b>Willie Young, 2005-pres.</b>	<b>15.5-110</b>
10.	Frank Bush, 1981-84	15-138

### Tackles for Loss

Rk.	Name, Year	No.
1.	Mario Williams, 2003-05	55.5-227
2.	Carl Reeves, 1991-94	45-269
3.	Manny Lawson, 2002-05	41-221
4.	Dantonio Burnette, 1999-2002	41-153
5.	Stephen Tulloch, 2003-05	40-113
6.	Tyler Lawrence, 1990-93	38-139
7.	Patrick Thomas, 2001-04	37-144
8.	Oliver Hoyte, 2002-05	36.5-79
<b>9.</b>	<b>Willie Young, 2005-pres.</b>	<b>35.5-179</b>

### Special Teams

#### Field Goals Made

Rk.	Name, Years	Md.-Att.
1.	Mike Cofer, 1982-84, 1986	50-68
2.	Damon Hartman, 1988-91	48-75
3.	Steve Videtich, 1992-94	42-53
4.	John Deraney, 2003-06	40-58
5.	Nathan Ritter, 1978-80	33-41
6.	Marc Primanti, 1995-96	31-33
7.	Adam Kiker, 2000-03	30-38
8.	Gerald Warren, 1967-68	26-38
9.	Kent Passingham, 1998-2000	22-32
10.	Harold Deters, 1964-66	21-43
11.	Jay Sherrill, 1974-77	20-43
<b>12.</b>	<b>Josh Czajkowski, 2007-pres.</b>	<b>19-22</b>

#### Field Goal Percentage

Rk.	Name, Years	Md.-Att.	Pct.
1.	Danny Deskevich, 1998	12-12	1.000
2.	Marc Primanti, 1995-96	31-33	.939
3.	Steven Hauschka, 2007	16-18	.889
<b>4.</b>	<b>J. Czajkowski, 2007-pres</b>	<b>19-22</b>	<b>.864</b>
5.	Nathan Ritter, 1978-80	33-41	.805
6.	Adam Kiker, 2000-03	30-38	.789
7.	Steve Videtich, 1991-94	42-53	.792
8.	Ron Sewell, 1972-73	7-9	.778
9.	Mike Cofer, 1982-86	50-68	.735
10.	John Deraney, 2003-2006	40-58	.690

#### PATs Pct.

Rk.	Name, Years	Md.-Att.	Pct.
1.	Danny Deskevich, 1998	29-29	1.000
2.	John Deraney, 2003-2006	84-85	.988
3.	Marc Primanti, 1995-96	51-52	.981
<b>4.</b>	<b>J. Czajkowski, 2007-pres</b>	<b>45-46</b>	<b>.978</b>
5.	Gerald Warren, 1967-68	41-42	.976
6.	Chris Hensler, 1996-97	39-40	.975
7.	Harold Deters, 1964-66	32-33	.969
8.	Marc Primanti, 1995	27-28	.964
9.	Damon Hartman, 1988-91	97-101	.960
10.	Steve Videtich, 1992-94	93-97	.959

#### Kickoff Return Yards

Rk.	Name, Years	Att.	Avg.	Yards
1.	Ralph Stringer, 1973-77	78	25.5	1,988
2.	Alvis Whitted, 1994-97	84	22.96	1,929
3.	Darrell Blackman, 2004-07	70	26.3	1,842
4.	Chris Williams, 1987-89, 91	62	21.9	1,358
<b>5.</b>	<b>T.J. Graham, 2008-pres.</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>1,103</b>

Rk	School	Srs.
1.	Wake Forest	24
2.	Virginia Tech	22
3.	<i>NC State</i>	20
4.	Boston College	19
	Florida State	19
	Clemson	19
7.	Maryland	14
	Miami	14
	Virginia	14
10.	Georgia Tech	10
	North Carolina	10
12.	Duke	9

## "WATCH" OUT FOR THE PACK

The preseason of 2009 has been a busy one for the folks who compile the 'watch' lists for the various national awards. Heading into the season opener, five Wolfpack players have been named to the list for 10 national awards.

Here's a look at the Wolfpack's players to 'watch:'

Name	Award	Honors the .....
Josh Czajkowski	Lou Groza Award	Finest Placekicker in FBS
Jamelle Eugene	Doak Walker Award	Nation's Top Running Back
Ted Larsen	Rimington Trophy	Nation's Top Center
Russell Wilson	Davey O'Brien Award	Best College Quarterback
	Manning Award	Top Quarterback
	Maxwell Award	Outstanding Collegiate Player
Willie Young	Chuck Bednarik Award	Defensive Player
	Ted Hendricks Award	Defensive End of the Year
	Rotary Lombardi Award	Outstanding Lineman
	Bronko Nagurski Award	Best Defensive Player

## QUARTERBACK DEVELOPMENT

Wolfpack head coach Tom O'Brien has now spent 19 years coaching in the Atlantic Coast Conference, serving for 15 years as an assistant coach at Virginia, then spending 10 years as head coach at Boston College (the Eagles were members of the ACC for just two of those years) and now two years as the head coach at NC State.

During his 19-year ACC tenure, O'Brien has helped coach six first-team All-ACC quarterbacks.

Here's a look at the honor-winning ACC signal callers coached by O'Brien:

Year	School	Position	All-ACC QB
1987	Virginia	Off. Line	Scott Secules
1989	Virginia	Off. Line	Shawn Moore
1990	Virginia	Off. Line	Shawn Moore
1991	Virginia	Off. Line	Matt Blundin
2006	Boston Coll.	Head Coach	Matt Ryan
2008	NC State	Head Coach	Russell Wilson

## SELL OUT CITY

For the ninth straight season, NC State has sold out of its season tickets for 2009, despite tough economic times and an additional game on the schedule.

Here's a look at the season ticket sales for the Wolfpack since 1999:

Year	Season Tickets Sold
2009	36,526
2008	36,500
2007	38,200
2006	38,000
2005	36,500
2004	35,500

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2003	34,500
2002	31,500
2001	30,500
2000	24,425
1999	23,108

## GIVING BACK

When Tom O'Brien was named the head coach at NC State in December of 2006, he pledged to make the Wolfpack Champions in the classroom, in the community and on the football field. That pledge has proven not to be just rhetoric, as his team has made strides in all three prongs of that pledge.

One way the Wolfpack has given back to the community has been the "Toys for Tots" campaign - something that is near and dear to the head coach's heart as he serves on the Board of Directors for that Marine Corps Foundation.

Last season, Coca-Cola agreed to donate \$500 for every touchdown the Wolfpack scored to Toys for Tots and fans were also asked to bring toys or cash to donate at the Wake Forest game. The result? More than 3,000 toys and over \$34,000 in cash donations from fans and Coke.

The Wolfpack has also made the trek to nearby Camp LeJeune each of the past two years to visit the Wounded Warriors Battalion. "I think it's important that [our guys] are around a bunch of people that are really special, that have done so much to keep us free and protect us," says O'Brien.

And this past spring, a small group of players and staff spent their spring break down in Mississippi helping people who are still rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina.

## MAKING A STATE-MENT

Just two years into his Wolfpack coaching career, head coach Tom O'Brien has been particularly strong when playing against in-state rivals. O'Brien has posted a 6-1 mark against FBS teams from the state of North Carolina, including a perfect 3-0 mark at home.

The Wolfpack won the mythical 'state title' in 2008, posting wins over North Carolina, East Carolina, Duke and Wake Forest. It marked the first time NC State has defeated all four in-state FBS schools in the same season since 1986.

## PACK FAMILY MOURNS

Two members of the Wolfpack family who ironically played on the same defense were lost tragically during the offseason.

In February, former defensive end Corey Smith (1998-01) was one of three men who were lost at sea following a fishing trip off the Florida coast.

In August, former linebacker Edrick Smith (1998-00) was killed when a drunk driver crashed into the car he was riding in.

Corey, a seven-year NFL veteran, ranks seventh in school history in career sacks (15.5) and 12th

## WOLFPACK PLAYERS IN THE NFL

Name	Team	Position
*Brown, Andre	New York Giants	Running Back
Clark, Brian	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Wide Receiver
Cotchery, Jerricho	New York Jets	Wide Receiver
Davis, A.J.	Houston Texans	Cornerback
Harris, Leroy	Tennessee Titans	Center
Hauschka, Steven	Baltimore Ravens	Place kicker
Hill, Anthony	Houston Texans	Tight End
Holt, Torry	Jacksonville Jaguars	Wide Receiver
Hudson, Marcus	San Francisco 49ers	Cornerback
Kooistra, Scott	Cincinnati Bengals	Guard
Lawson, Manny	San Francisco 49ers	Linebacker
Locklear, Sean	Seattle Seahawks	Offensive Tackle
McCargo, John	Buffalo Bills	Defensive Tackle
Morgan, DaJuan	Kansas City Chiefs	Safety
Rivers, Philip	San Diego Chargers	Quarterback
Tulloch, Stephen	Tennessee Titans	Linebacker
Tyler, Tank	Kansas City Chiefs	Defensive Tackle
Williams, Brian	Atlanta Falcons	Cornerback
Williams, Mario	Houston Texans	Defensive End
Wilson, Adrian	Arizona Cardinals	Safety

\* Currently injured

## O'BRIEN COACHED PLAYERS IN THE NFL

Name	Team	Position	School
Josh Beekman	Chicago Bears	OG	Boston Coll.
Will Blackmon	Green Bay Packers	DB	Boston Coll.
Ron Brace	New England Patriots	DT	Boston Coll.
Andre Brown	New York Giants	RB	NC State
Ricky Brown	Oakland Raiders	LB	Boston Coll.
Tim Bulman	Houston Texans	DT	Boston Coll.
Gosder Cherilus	Detroit Lions	OT	Boston Coll.
Marc Colombo	Dallas Cowboys	OT	Boston Coll.
Jo-Lonn Dunbar	New Orleans Saints	LB	Boston Coll.
Matt Hasselbeck	Seattle Seahawks	QB	Boston Coll.
Steven Hauschka	Baltimore Ravens	PK	NC State
Anthony Hill	Houston Texans	TE	NC State
Chris Hovan	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	DT	Boston Coll.
Mathias Kiwanuka	New York Giants	DE	Boston Coll.
Dan Koppen	New England Patriots	C	Boston Coll.
James Marten	Chicago Bears	OT	Boston Coll.
BJ Raji	Green Bay Packers	DT	Boston Coll.
Matt Ryan	Atlanta Falcons	QB	Boston Coll.
Sean Ryan	Kansas City Chiefs	TE	Boston Coll.
Jamie Silva	Indianapolis Colts	DB	Boston Coll.
Chris Snee	New York Giants	OG	Boston Coll.
Brian St. Pierre	Arizona Cardinals	QB	Boston Coll.
Jeremy Trueblood	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	OT	Boston Coll.
Damien Woody	New York Jets	C	Boston Coll.

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday	Age	Name	Birthday	Age
Tom O'Brien	Oct. 5	61	C.J. Wilson	Nov. 18	20
Jarvis Williams	Oct. 15	22	Bobby Floyd	Nov. 20	23
Jim Bridge	Oct. 15	40	Jake Vermiglio	Nov. 20	22
Curtis Underwood	Oct. 18	21	Gary Grant	Nov. 25	20
Jay Smith	Oct. 26	20	Matt Kushner	Nov. 26	23
Julian Williams	Oct. 26	22	Camden Wentz	Nov. 27	19
Jamelle Eugene	Oct. 28	23	Russell Wilson	Nov. 29	21
Dana Bible	Oct. 30	56			
Owen Spencer	Nov. 2	22			
Andy Barbee	Nov. 6	23			
Morgan Alexander	Nov. 6	19			
Leroy Burgess	Nov. 8	22			
Andrew Wallace	Nov. 16	20			

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in tackles for loss (31). His six caused fumbles in 2001 is a Wolfpack single-season record.

Edrick, whose career was cut short by a knee injury, tallied 11 tackles for loss and six sacks as a freshman in 1998. Both of those marks rank among the all-time best for a Wolfpack rookie.

## FORMER PACK PLAYER IS LEGEND

Former Wolfpack All-American Jim Ritcher, who was the first center in college football history to win the prestigious Outland Trophy, has been named the 2009 recipient of the President Gerald R. Ford Legends Award.

The award will be presented during the 10th Annual Rimington Trophy Presentation on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the Rococo Theatre in Lincoln, Neb. Wolfpack center Ted Larsen is a candidate for the Rimington Trophy.

A two-time All-America center at North Carolina State University, Ritcher provided a steady hand throughout the 1976-79 seasons. Twice he was awarded the Jacobs Trophy as the best blocker at the center position in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC).

Two of Ritcher's sons have also donned the Red and White. John was a tight end from 2002-05 and is now on the strength and conditioning staff at Florida State, while Harrison is a fullback on the 2009 squad.

## THREE TOP PROS FROM NC STATE

The *Sporting News* recently ranked the top 100 players in the NFL and three former Wolfpack players were ranked in the top 66. Mario Williams, the No. 1 pick of the Houston Texans, in the 2006 draft, was ranked 36th. Quarterback Philip Rivers of the San Diego Chargers is ranked 54th and safety Adrian Wilson of the Cardinals is ranked 66th.

Only five other schools have as many players ranked in the top 66. Here's a look at the players with the most players ranked 1-66th:

Miami	7
Florida State	3
Michigan	3
NC State	3
Oklahoma	3
Tennessee	3