

# Pack PRIMER

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*"I came to NC State to do what hasn't been done here in a long time. The ACC Championship is what we play for."*

Head Coach Dave Doeren

**As the NC State football team officially reports for fall camp today and begins practice tomorrow, we thought it would be a good time for a quick refresher course on the Wolfpack.**

## Who's Back?

42 letterwinners (six more than in 2014)  
14 starters (two less than in 2014)

That returning starters tally can be a little deceiving, however, as the official starter may not have been the player who saw action in the most snaps. (For instance, Tony Creecy started 8 games at RB, so he was officially the 2014 season starter and thus considered a starter lost. Yet his 160 snaps from scrimmage trailed returnees Matthew Dayes (414) & Shadrach Thornton (379).

Twelve returnees who don't count as 'official' returning starters have starting experience: WR Johnathan Alston, OG Alex Barr, TE Cole Cook, WR Stephen Louis, DE Pharoah McKeever, LB Airius Moore, DE Monty Nelson, S Germaine Pratt, WR Jumichael Ramos, LB M.J. Salahuddin and FB Jaylen Samuels.

## ON THE RADAR

***These guys haven't posted any big numbers ... YET! But they might be worth watching heading into the 2015 campaign.***

**Kyle Bambar, PK:** Replacing the school's all-time leading scorer is not a small task, but look for this little guy to have a big foot.

**Bradley Chubb, DE:** After moving from LB to DE in spring drills, Chubb quickly worked his way up the depth chart. His teammates are quick to talk about how talented he is - the ultimate endorsement.

**Cole Cook, TE:** Even though he started 2 games in '14, Cook was often forgotten behind Mackey Award candidate David J. Grinnage. He's added bulk and experience and could be one to watch this fall.

**Gavin Locklear, WR:** A walkon sophomore, Locklear is another favorite of his teammates due to his hard work & dedication. He was slated to be in the WR rotation prior to suffering a compound fracture in his leg last summer & could see the field this fall.

**Mike Stevens, CB:** With 2 talented vets returning at corner, there isn't much attention paid to the backups. But this sophomore, played 89 of his 137 snaps in the last 4 games of '14, knocking down two passes in the Bitcoin Bowl win over UCF.

**A.J. Cole III, P:** Although he's never played in a collegiate game, he's gotten a full winter conditioning & spring practice under his belt & posted a 42.4 yard avg. in the spring game. The sky (or at least the roof of the Close-King) could be the limit for this young punter.

## CAMP QUESTIONS

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE:** Both starters from last season are in NFL camps right now. Redshirt freshman Tyler Jones & senior Alex Barr are pencilled in as the starters entering camp, but 4 incoming players (3 true freshmen, one JUCO transfer) are in the mix.

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** 3 true freshmen could be replacing 3 four-year starters at punter, placekicker & long snapper. The new Close-King Indoor Practice Facility gives those kickers the advantage of having extra time to hone their craft, which will come in handy.

**JALAN MCCLENDON:** Will he be ready? Doeren has said that he plans to get the redshirt freshman into action early this season, so the plan is to work him frequently with the first-team offense.

**M.J. SALAHUDDIN:** After missing a year with an ACL injury, will he be back in pre-injury form? He has the skill set to play either linebacker spot in the Pack's 5-2 alignment.

**WIDE RECEIVER:** 60% of the Wolfpack's receiving yardage in 2014 was compiled by returning players. However, 75% of the receiving yardage from the last 5 games of the season (when the Pack posted a 4-1 mark) was compiled by returning players. There is a wealth of talent at the wide receiver spot and a pack of ambitious young players wanting to get on the field. It should make for some great competition for first-year WR coach George McDonald.

## Did You Know?

- This will mark the first time head coach Dave Doeren boasts a returning starter at QB and a scholarship player as the backup that was recruited by his staff during his tenure at NC State.
- The 2014 Wolfpack posted the best yards per carry average in school history.
- The Wolfpack is tied for sixth among Power 5 schools in fewest number of seniors with 11.
- Although the defense is experienced, it's young. 21 sophomores and 11 freshmen were listed on the defensive depth chart following spring workouts and that number should grow with the addition of the incoming freshman class.

**They're being WATCHED!** Tony Adams (Wuerffel), Jacoby Brissett (Maxwell, Manning), Matt Dayes (Hornung, Walker), David J. Grinnage (Mackey), & Mike Rose (Bednarik), Quinton Schooley (Rimington) are all listed on preseason watch lists for national awards.

# ROSTERS BY POSITION

## OFFENSE

### OFFENSIVE LINE (3 returning starters, 5 returning letterwinners)

50	Tony Adams	OG	6'2	300	So.	Charlotte, N.C.
71	Alex Barr	OT/OG	6'8	318	*Gr.	Fayetteville, Ga.
57	Peter Daniel	OT	6'6	294	*So.	Raleigh, N.C.
53	Tyler Jones	OT	6'3	300	*Fr.	Stone Mountain, Ga.
56	Bryce Kennedy	OG	6'3	305	*Jr.	Southern Pines, N.C.
68	Zak Kuder	OT	6'7	285	*Fr.	Asheville, N.C.
74	Emanuel McGirt, Jr.	OT	6'6	295	Fr.	Durham, N.C.
70	Terronne Prescod	OG	6'5	338	*Fr.	Decatur, Ga.
67	Evan Pritt	OG	6'3	270	*Fr.	Wilmington, N.C.
66	Will Richardson	OT	6'6	303	*Fr.	Burlington, N.C.
60	Quinton Schooley	C	6'4	298	Sr.	Chanute, Kansas
54	Joe Thuney	OG	6'5	295	*Gr.	Centerville, Ohio
59	John Tu'uta	C	6'3	280	*Jr.	Fredericksburg, Va.
72	Philip Walton, Jr.	OT	6'7	260	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.
78	Aaron Wiltz	OT	6'5	278	Fr.	Baton Rouge, La.
55	Daris Workman	OT	6'5	285	Jr.	Greensboro, N.C.

### TIGHT ENDS/FULLBACKS (1 returning starter, 4 returning letterwinners)

89	Benson Browne	TE	6'6	255	*Gr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
48	Cole Cook	TE	6'6	250	So.	Carrollton, Ga.
41	Clark Eyers	TE	6'5	252	*Jr.	Dunn, N.C.
86	David J. Grinnage	TE	6'5	265	*Jr.	Newark, Del.
28	Jaylen Samuels	TE/FB	5'11	236	So.	Charlotte, N.C.
36	Max Stoffer	FB	6'1	230	*Fr.	Nashville, Tenn.
42	Micah Till	TE	6'5	268	*Fr.	Upper Marlboro, Md.

### RUNNING BACKS (0 returning starters, 3 returning letterwinners)

20	Brady Bodine	RB	5'10	200	*Fr.	Conway Springs, Kan.
21	Matthew Days	RB	5'9	203	Jr.	Weston, Fla.
22	Johnny Frasier	RB	5'10	230	Fr.	Princeton, N.C.
25	Reggie Gallaspy II	RB	5'11	212	Fr.	High Point, N.C.
27	Dakwa Nichols	RB	5'9	195	*So.	Rockingham, N.C.
10	Shadrach Thornton	RB	6'1	218	Sr.	Hinesville, Ga.

### QUARTERBACKS (1 returning starter, 1 returning letterwinner)

12	Jacoby Brissett	QB	6'4	235	*Sr.	West Palm Beach, Fla.
14	Woody Cornwell	QB	6'2	210	*Fr.	Lake Junaluska, N.C.
2	Jalan McClendon	QB	6'5	212	*Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.
16	Jakobi Meyers	QB	6'2	181	Fr.	Lithonia, Ga.
5	Josh Taylor	QB	5'11	189	Jr.	New Bern, N.C.

### WIDE RECEIVER (1 returning starter, \*7 returning letterwinners)

15	Johnathan Alston	WR	6'0	203	Jr.	Bunn, N.C.
24	Chandler Belk	WR	5'11	165	Fr.	Winston-Salem, N.C.
29	Marquise Braxton	WR	6'1	200	Fr.	Greenville, N.C.
3	NaQuan Brown	WR	6'1	203	*Sr.	Charlotte, N.C.
13	Bra'Lon Cherry	WR	5'11	191	Jr.	New Bern, N.C.
80	Elliott Davis	WR	6'1	185	*Fr.	Gaithersburg, Md.
13	Jordan Dawson	WR	6'0	192	*So.	Cary, N.C.
34	Ben Grazen	WR	5'9	190	*So.	Cary, N.C.
83	Vernon Grier	WR	5'10	180	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.
7	Nyheim Hines	RB/WR	5'9	190	Fr.	Garner, N.C.
30	Gavin Locklear	WR	5'10	186	*So.	Apex, N.C.
88	Stephen Louis	WR	6'2	210	So.	W. Palm Beach, Fla.
19	Maurice Morgan	WR	6'3	245	*Sr.	LaGrange, N.C.
32	Stephen Morrison	WR	5'11	196	*Fr.	Weddington, N.C.
85	Jumichael Ramos	WR	6'2	200	Jr.	Lovejoy, Ga.
82	Brian Sessoms	WR	5'8	170	Fr.	Winston-Salem, N.C.
37	Josh Sessoms	WR	6'2	198	*Jr.	Wilson, N.C.
84	Freddie Simmons	WR	6'3	176	Fr.	Bethlehem, Pa.
87	Maurice Trowell	WR	5'11	191	*Fr.	Durham, N.C.

## DEFENSE

### DEFENSIVE LINE (2 returning starters, \*8 returning letterwinners)

54	Davion Allred	DE	6'0	228	*So.	Raleigh, N.C.
75	Hampton Billips	DE	6'7	247	*Fr.	Greenboro, N.C.
73	Grant Bowman	DT	6'1	275	So.	Wilmington, N.C.
91	Garrett Bradbury	DT	6'3	285	*Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.
69	Eurndraus Bryant	DT	6'1	350	Fr.	N. Charleston, S.C.
49	Bradley Chubb	DE	6'4	260	So.	Powder Springs, Ga.
43	Coult Culler	DT	6'5	280	*Fr.	Wilmington, N.C.
96	Kenton Gibbs	DT	6'2	300	*So.	Detroit, Mich.
98	B.J. Hill	DT	6'4	300	So.	Oakboro, N.C.
55	Deonte Holden	DE	6'4	240	*Fr.	Hyattsville, Md.
99	Quentez Johnson	DT	6'2	340	Fr.	Ellenwood, Ga.
93	Justin Jones	DT	6'2	300	So.	Austell, Ga.
87	Pharoah McKeever	DE	6'6	260	*So.	Tabor City, N.C.
97	Deshaywn Middleton	DT	6'1	300	*Fr.	Winston-Salem, N.C.
94	Monty Nelson	DT	6'2	310	Jr.	Plantation, Fla.
92	Emmanuel Olenga	DE	6'4	251	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.
79	Ben Pierce	DT	5'10	269	Jr.	Purlear, N.C.
95	Tyrone Riley	DE	6'6	260	Fr.	Savannah, Ga.
90	Mike Rose	DE	6'3	270	*Gr.	Fountain Inn, S.C.
45	Darian Roseboro	DE	6'4	287	Fr.	Lincolnton, N.C.
35	Kentavius Street	DT	6'2	290	So.	Greenville, N.C.

### LINEBACKERS (1 returning starter, 5 returning letterwinners)

4	Jerod Fernandez	LB	6'0	231	*So.	Lake Mary, Fla.
44	Ford Howell	LB	6'1	240	*So.	Memphis, Tenn.
58	Airius Moore	LB	6'0	232	So.	Beavercreek, Ohio
32	Riley Nicholson	LB	6'0	229	Fr.	Kissimmee, Fla.
52	Cole Nigro	LB	6'1	220	Fr.	Raleigh, N.C.
45	Artemis Robinson	LB	6'0	225	*So.	Laurinburg, N.C.
46	Ernie Robinson III	LB	6'1	229	*Jr.	Laurinburg, N.C.
42	M.J. Salahuddin	LB	6'2	227	*Jr.	Fayetteville, N.C.
48	Bryan Smith	LB	6'2	248	*So.	Oxford, N.C.

### SAFETIES (2 returning starters, 5 returning letterwinners)

24	Shawn Boone	S	5'10	194	So.	Palm Bch Gardens, Fla.
41	Cole Boroughs	S	6'0	190	*Jr.	Asheboro, N.C.
20	Hakim Jones	S	6'2	205	*Gr.	Henderson, N.C.
2	Josh Jones	S	6'2	215	*So.	Walled Lake, Mich.
27	Kalen McCain	S	6'2	195	*Fr.	Durham, N.C.
38	Jarius Morehead	S	6'1	185	Fr.	Gibsonville, N.C.
31	Germaine Pratt	S	6'3	234	So.	High Point, N.C.
34	Dexter Wright	S	6'2	232	*Fr.	Wilson, N.C.

### NICKELS (1 returning starter, 1 returning letterwinner)

26	Trace Batten	NIC	5'10	202	*Fr.	Palm Bch Gardens, Fla.
10	Freddie Phillips, Jr.	NIC	6'1	200	Fr.	Pelion, S.C.
39	James Smith-Williams	NIC	6'4	220	Fr.	Raleigh, N.C.
8	Dravious Wright	NIC	5'10	208	Jr.	Vero Beach, Fla.

### CORNERBACKS (2 returning starters, 6 returning letterwinners)

11	Juston Burris	CB	6'1	207	*Gr.	Raleigh, N.C.
25	Niles Clark	CB	5'11	186	*Jr.	Marietta, Ga.
12	Nicholas Lacy	CB	5'7	181	*So.	Pinehurst, N.C.
14	Malcolm Means	CB	6'1	195	*So.	Great Falls, S.C.
19	Sean Paul	CB	5'11	190	*So.	Vero Beach, Fla.
30	Mike Stevens	CB	5'11	190	So.	Davidson, N.C.
29	Jack Tocho	CB	6'0	198	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C.
33	Charlie Twitty	CB	5'10	191	*Jr.	Raleigh, N.C.
22	Troy Vincent, Jr.	CB	5'10	199	So.	Baltimore, Md.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

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92	Kyle Bambar	PK	5'8	190	Fr.	Walled Lake, Mich.
90	A.J. Cole III	P	6'4	238	Fr.	College Park, Ga.
52	Ben Garnett	LS	6'0	238	*Jr.	Charlotte, N.C.
57	Tyler Griffiths	LS	6'2	230	Fr.	Monroe, N.C.
97	Jackson Maples	PK	5'10	195	*Fr.	Southern Pines, N.C.
47	William Stephenson	P/PK	6'3	195	*Jr.	Raleigh, N.C.