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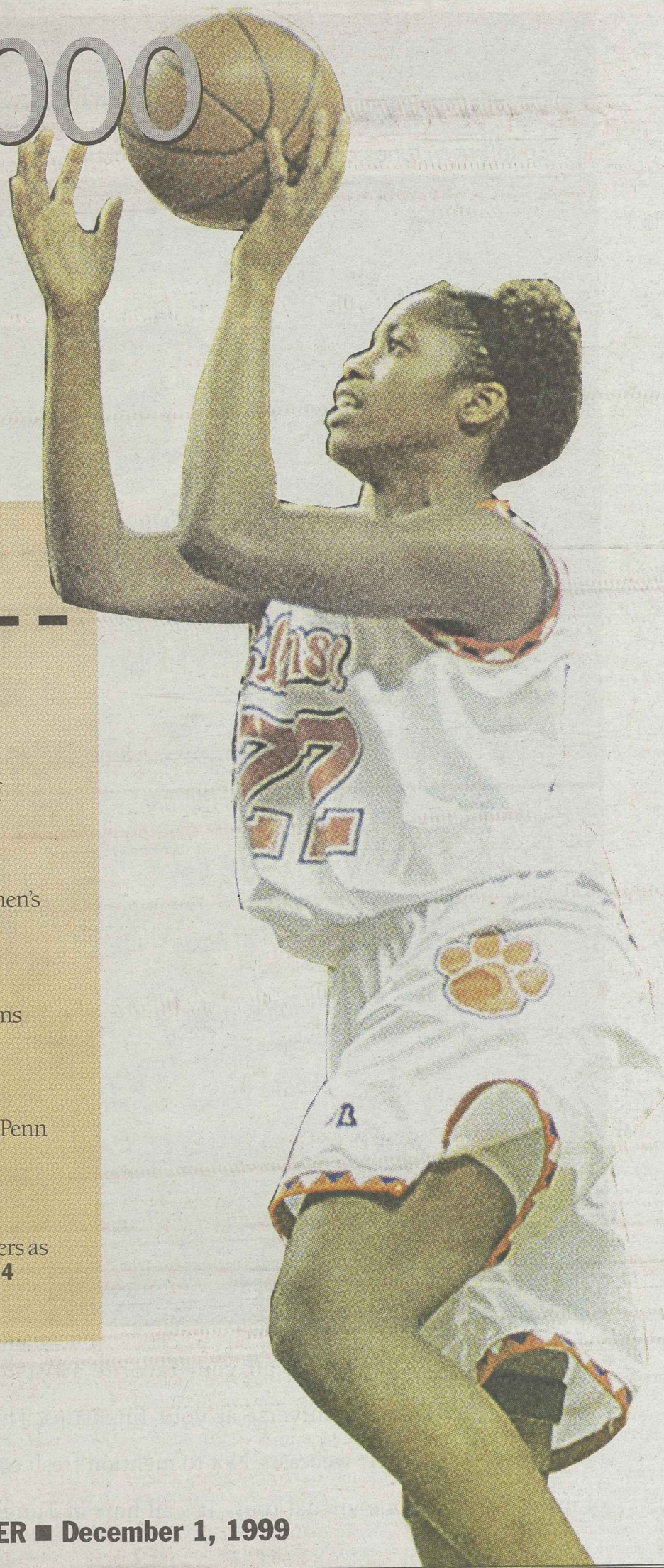
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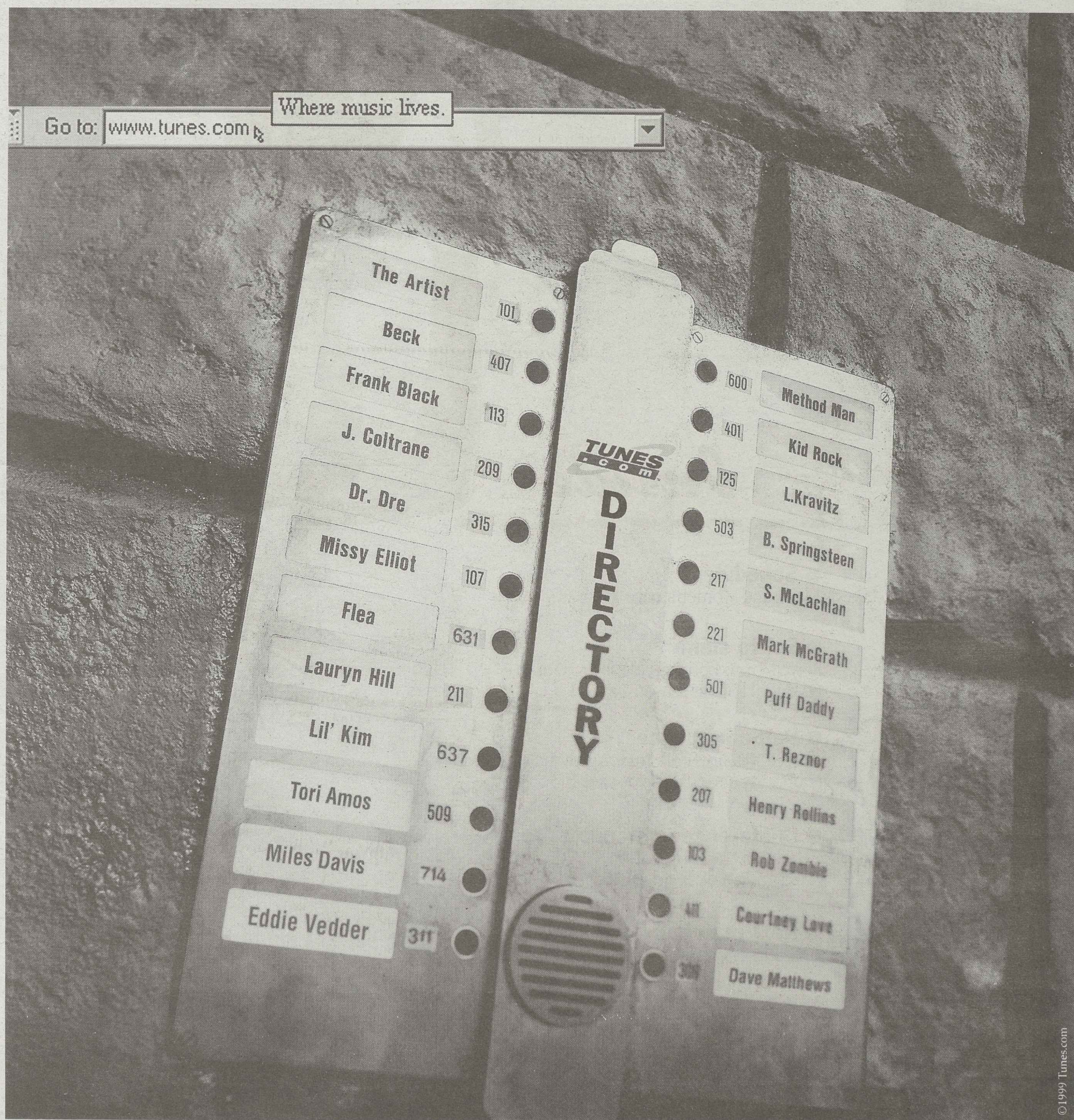
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Three of a kind: Lithuanians make a difference

► *Jurkunas, Javtokas and Nagys bring foreign strength to the men's team.*

HOLLI ARMSTRONG
staff writer

Before scaling the stairs for the final phase of practice—the team meeting—the men's basketball team looks relieved to be leaving the court for a chance to sit down. As they noisily exit the tunnel, three guys quietly stand out.

They seem reserved now, but minutes earlier Andrius Jurkunas, Arturas Javtokas and Tomas Nagys could be seen laughing and joking around, quite possibly sharing an inside joke in the midst of practice.

Their teammates would occasionally glance in their direction, but they didn't seem to notice. Too bad nobody understood what they were saying, but it must have been pretty funny.

All three grew up in Lithuania, a small country draped in gently rolling hills, green forests, and abundant lakes and streams. It is also a country whose three million inhabitants list basketball as their second religion.

For Jurkunas, the lone senior, his life on the hardwood began when his father spotted an ad in the paper for basketball tryouts. At age six, along with 50 other children, Jurkunas learned to dribble, and developed a feel for a game that would eventually bring him in contact with Providence Head Coach Rick Barnes. Jurkunas committed to Providence, but when Barnes accepted the head coaching job at Clemson Jurkunas followed.

Before Javtokas, who stands 6-10, ever picked up a basketball he was a swimmer. His mother, who played basketball for the

Lithuanian team, encouraged her son to take up the sport she loved.

"She wanted me to have the opportunity to travel and see the world like she did," said Javtokas. "In America basketball is a powerful game, and my mom wanted me to come here so I could study and play at the same time."

Javtokas remembers being recruited as a freshman by Larry

said Nagys. "If I was a regular student I would have more free time, but as an athlete I'm so busy. Everyday it is the same routine, you practice, cool, sleep, and eat, you are just glad to have a day off."

Unlike his fellow Lithuanians, Nagys learned English before coming to America.

"I didn't speak any English when I came here," said Javtokas

your own language, and nobody understands, and everybody gets mad," Javtokas added.

As the team veteran Jurkunas hopes to have a positive impact on the two.

"Just take it from me that anything can happen during your basketball career," said Jurkunas. "I had a couple of injuries, I red-shirted and I had a bad season, but

dream come true.

"In junior college their aren't a lot of 6-10 players, and here there are a lot of guys like you, and you see that you are not alone," Javtokas said.

"Here the game is more physical than in Europe where everyone just works for the shot. We practice three and a half to four hours, but in Lithuania we only practiced two hours. Here you run, run, run, and go, go, go."

In Lithuania it is next to impos-

sible to get an education and participate in sports at the same time.

Like many other countries a club system is in place where you have to decide whether you are going to devote your time to academics or athletics, there is no in between. College athletics just does not exist.

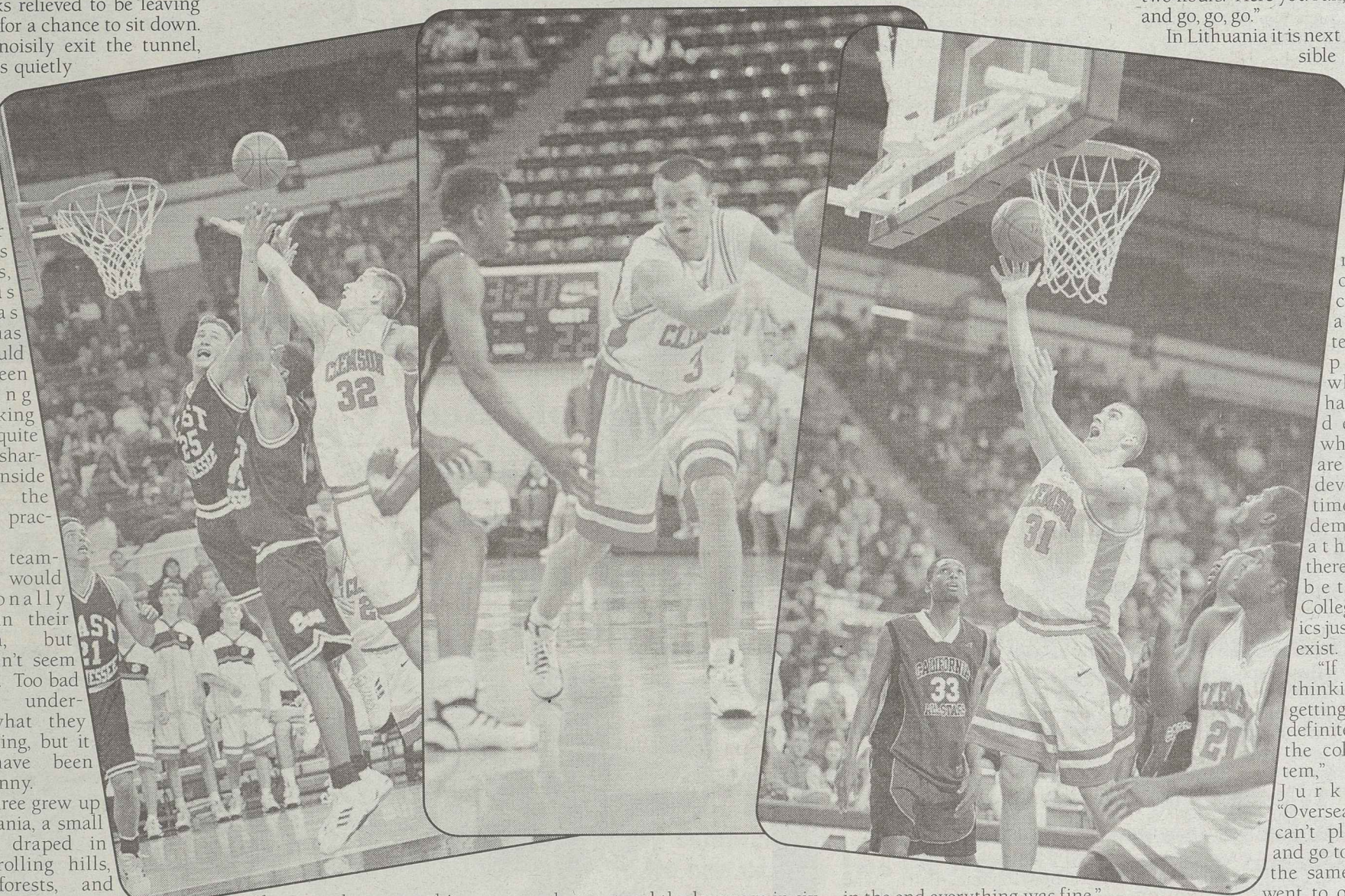
"If you are thinking about getting a degree I definitely prefer the college system," said Jurkunas. "Overseas you can't play sports and go to school at the same time. I

went to one school in Lithuania where the teachers didn't care about me missing class because I had games and practices."

"At Clemson you have education and you play ball so afterward you can get a good job," said Javtokas. "In Lithuania it is hard to find a job."

The trio is approaching the season with optimism, despite a gloomy forecast by many. Jurkunas wants to leave Clemson with a sense of accomplishment, Javtokas just wants to do what he's supposed to and Nagys, well he just wants to make the coaches happy so they will play him.

Pretty simple goals for a group of guys who crossed the ocean for a chance to play college hoops.



Shyatt, then coaching at Wyoming. He even recalls watching a practice and liking how it was conducted. But after spending two years playing for West Nebraska

Junior College, Javtokas made the switch to Clemson where he felt he could perfect his game.

Nagys was also brought up in a household where playing basketball was the norm, both of his parents played. A little over a year ago he left home to attend high school in Montgomery, Alabama.

For Nagys, deciding where to go after high school was a difficult decision, because "you can never tell what will happen in the future."

"It's fun here, but education wise it is harder than I expected,"

who mastered the language in six months. "I would hear people talking and I couldn't understand them. I just said 'yes' and 'no'. I had tutors and I would carry a dictionary with me to show them what I wanted to say. I also watched TV everyday, and it helped a lot because I could see what was going on."

Even though they took different paths to Tiger Town, they all agree that having each other around is special.

"It makes it easier to have someone to talk to in your own language," said Nagys who lives with Javtokas. "We talk a lot together, and when we have a tough day we have someone who understands and that helps."

"It's nice because you can speak

in the end everything was fine."

Right now Jurkunas is in charge of leading a relatively young, and inexperienced Tiger team out of the ACC cellar.

"It took me a while to get used to the idea of being the team leader, because I came in with a lot of guys," said Jurkunas. "Last year we had some disciplinary problems that I think hurt the team. This year the team is a lot closer than we have been in the past, and I think we are going to prove a lot of people wrong."

"The ACC is always unexpected. This year there are a lot of young teams, so anybody can beat anybody on a given night."

For Javtokas and Nagys getting to play against established programs and high quality players is a

Batth ready to clean up the competition

► Junior center battles back from last year's injury to lead the Lady Tigers.

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Determination. Discipline. Courage. Such words are all too familiar to Erin Batth as they represent all that she has experienced in her three years on the Clemson women's basketball team.

"I wouldn't want it any other way," Batth said.

The 6-4 junior center from Marietta, Ga., began her career on the basketball court at an early age. Her sixth grade coach recognized Batth's talent for, well, being taller than most of the other girls in her class.

"I was horrible," recalled Batth. "But I was always tall, so I got on the team because I was tall."

Batth's mother convinced her to stick with basketball and do something with it, and it was her determination to live up to her mother's expectations that kept her on the court.

Now she is in her third year with the Clemson team.

"I never thought I would play in college, but it has brought me a lot of opportunities, and I am very grateful," said Batth.

She chose to play for Clemson because of the people, the beauty of the Clemson campus, and the close proximity to her home in Georgia. But the driving force that brought her to the Clemson team was Head Coach Jim Davis and his staff.

"I really love Coach Davis and the coaching staff," said Batth. "You put yourself in the position to play somewhere for four years, so it is important that you can put up with the coach. I decided I could put up with Coach Davis," Batth said, laughing.

Her experiences in college basketball so far have been a self-described "wake-up call" as Batth has realized that the intensity and challenge of the college game requires immense discipline.

"It's like a class," Batth said. "You have to go home and study it. Coach Davis is tough; he works us hard. He is a man, you know, so he is hard to satisfy."

"But I love that and I wouldn't have it any other way."

Davis was given the opportunity to witness what a special basketball player Batth is on a much deeper level last season.

After suffering a torn ACL against Iowa State last season, it was feared that Batth might be fin-

ished for the season. She had to sit out seven games but returned earlier than expected at her own will.

"It was depressing," Batth said. "But after I found out what it [the injury] was, I knew I was going to play. There was no way I was going to sit out."

Davis did not want Batth to play again so soon for fear of reinjury or even worse, a more disabling injury. But Batth felt that the team needed her and that she needed the team. Her courage won her coach over—or maybe it was actually her stubbornness.

"I am stubborn and so is he [Davis]," Batth admits. "But I won that one."

After the injury, Batth's lateral movement was more hesitant and it was more difficult for her to move as quickly as she was accustomed.

"I kind of forget about it until I fall on my face," she joked.

Batth still wears a large brace on her knee during games but is much stronger now, both physically and mentally. Even so, she plans to keep improving and strengthening her skills on the court.

"I would like to be able to keep playing the defense I played last year, but also be more of an offensive threat," Batth said. "I would also like to be a leader and let Coach Davis and my teammates know that they can always count on me."

After overcoming her injury last season and helping the team to win the 1999 ACC Championship, it is likely that Batth's teammates and coaches know they can count on her.

She also would like to see the team win all of its home games and to play more as a team. This year's team is trying to overcome the loss of four starters from last year's squad including Umoh and Geren, as well as Natasha Anderson and Nikki Blassingame. Batth, who averaged 7.6 points and 5.0 rebounds per game last season, is the only returning starter.

So far, so good. The team is off to a 3-1 start to the season with a recent impressive 70-65 victory over the University of Kentucky.

Coincidentally, Batth had a double-double in that game with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Batth credits God with allowing her to be such an accomplished athlete.

"The good Lord, He is the one that let me play last year, and He is the one letting me play this year," she said. "My faith has grown to new heights."

No doubt the faith that Batth's teammates and coaches have in her has grown to new heights as well.



HIGH AND DRY: Junior Erin Batth (22) catches the UMass team off-guard as she sinks a jumpshot in an early season Lady Tiger win.

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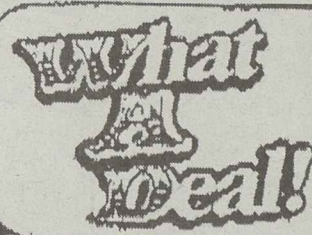
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HANDCUT STEAK

Head Coach Davis dishes out his take on '99-'00 season

► *Lady Tiger coach emphasizes patience for the reigning ACC Champions.*

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The 1999-2000 Clemson Lady Tigers' basketball season has just gotten started, and with a team that has lost four starting seniors from last year, no one, not even Head Coach Jim Davis, knows how well these women are going to play.

"It's going to be a situation where we have to be patient with this team and let them find their own identity, give them a chance to grow, and more importantly, come together as a team," said Davis.

Patience is a very key word considering that the Lady Tigers have only one returning starter from last year's team in Erin Batth. They will also miss starters Angie Cossey and Joanie Mungro for a couple of weeks due to injuries.

The Lady Tigers need someone to step it up this year if they want to have another successful year like last year when Clemson won the ACC title and made it to the NCAA Sweet 16. This will be a team that is going to depend on many team members to play minutes.

"We simply have to do it that way," said Davis. "We don't have the depth ready to play now that we've had in the year's past. One of the goals and objectives of the coaching staff is to develop that depth so

they're ready to play and contribute."

Clemson will be led in the back court by Cossey, Amirah Leonard, Andrea Gaines and Krystal Scott. Davis is counting on Cossey to score when she comes back from her injury. Leonard is a very good defensive player, and she can score also as she showed against Old Dominion last week when she had 25 points.

Gaines, who averaged 2.8 points per game in 26 games last year, will be playing a lot at the shooting guard. Scott is a player who can do it all for the Lady Tigers due to her versatility.

In the front court, Batth is the key player who needs to step up her game for this young basketball team. She had a great year last season, but needs to have a bigger one this year.

"The difference is she was surrounded by a very good supporting cast last year," said Davis. "This year she's got to shoulder so much more of the burden than she did then."

Batth, who made a courageous comeback last year after hurting her knee, is the definite leader to whom everyone is looking up to help carry the team.

"We really are depending on her," said Davis. "She is a tremendous post defender. We're counting on her a great deal on the defensive end."

Mungro, Datishella Byrd, Nuria Forns and Jamine Moton are the other front court players on whom

Davis is counting strongly.

Mungro, who started in 11 games last year and averaged 4.6 points and 4.4 rebounds per game, is a player who gives it her best day in and day out. Byrd is a little undersized but has great quickness, which makes it hard for players to guard her. Forns has a great touch from the outside with the ability to shoot the three. Moton, a sophomore who was added to the team, is a very physical player due to her strength.

Clemson will also depend on its three freshmen, Heather Crowe, Yoneko Allen and Chrissy Floyd, all of whom were recruited from South Carolina. All three players

were named to the All-State Team, which is voted by the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association. Crowe was the star player at Wren High School. Allen and Floyd were the leaders at Laurens High School, where they won back-to-back state 4A championships.

The freshmen are doing a great job right now, but they still have a lot of improving to do.

"All three of them have a lot of lessons to learn in terms of our defense, and that's usually the toughest for players coming into our system," said Davis.

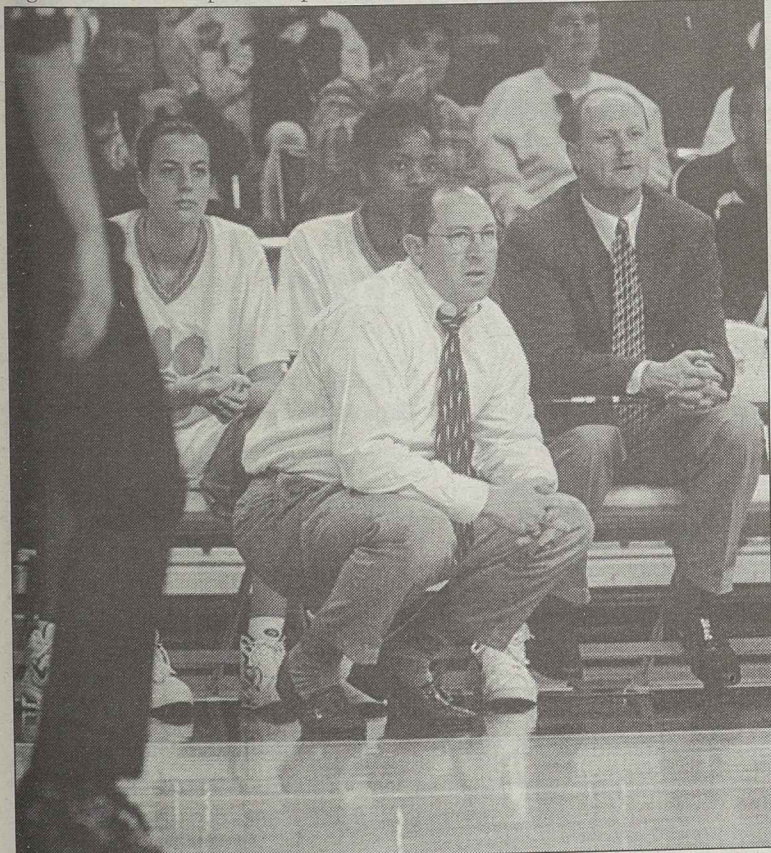
Davis has a lot of young players who are going to be playing valu-

able minutes this year, but he thinks the team will be able to get the job done on the court.

"If we can avoid any more injuries and bring our depth around and help those young players grow up in a hurry, I think we'll be fine," said Davis.

Davis is very happy so far with his team's effort on the court, and he feels good about the season.

"Obviously, if we could change the injury situation, we would, but we've got to play the hand we're dealt," said Davis. "These young ladies are working extremely hard and their giving a great effort. As long as they do that, we can live with it."



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COURT MARSHALL: Lady Tiger Head Coach Jim Davis looks to lead his troops to another ACC title.

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1999-2000 a rebuilding year for the Tigers

All right, I know the early results may be distressing. I know that almost all of the faces that put Clemson on the basketball map are gone. And I know that Littlejohn may be closer to empty than it will be to full at points during the year. But there are still reasons to watch the men's basketball team this year.

There may not be any Boogie in this year's team and it may not have an O as big as the one that was here for four years, but this team should set the foundation for some more good seasons in the years ahead. Make no mistake, this is a rebuilding year.

Andrius Jurkunas is the team's only senior, which means there will be a lot of unpredictability and many mistakes made by his inexperienced teammates. But that makes for more fun, not less.

Take Clemson's 79-74 loss to Wofford for example. The Tigers led comfortably in the second half and showed they have the ability to beat the teams they should. Then, Wofford started full court pressing and things got interesting. If we weren't throwing the ball away, they were taking it from us. Wofford's Ian Chadwick caught on fire and those in attendance saw a marvelous comeback by the Terriers.

Sure, it wasn't the result Tiger fans wanted, but it was a heck of a game.

Other reasons to check out a game or 10 is the improvement of Adam Allenspach. The 7-1 junior center has added 20 pounds since last year and has stepped up his game. He is a legitimate NBA prospect if he can develop a mean streak and get nasty inside. Let's see if Allenspach can dump the double-pumping around the basket and instead throw it down in traffic.

Sophomore guard Will Solomon has the opportunity to be one of the leaders of the team. He's one of five players to return from last year and Solomon has shown that he can light it up. Last season's 19-point effort against William Avery and Duke after the suspensions of Johnny Miller and Vincent Whitt proved it.

His challenge will be to resist the temptation to take all the shots. Larry Shyatt must develop some consistent scorers beside Solomon, Jurkunas and Allenspach, even if it costs the team some games early in the season.

Hey, even the crowd, or lack thereof, will be interesting to see. You'll find out if that "hardcore Clemson fan" who sits next to you

in English will be there to support this year's team even though it is not expected to be that good.

This will also be an exciting year in the ACC. North Carolina looks to be a national champion-

ship contender and rival Duke may have an outside chance after a regular season of gaining

experience. Maryland has preseason player of the year Terrance Morris, Wake Forest returns all-star Robert O'Kelley and a host of solid supporting players, and NC State is due for a breakthrough year. Georgia Tech needs a good effort this year to keep Bobby Cremins around, and Virginia Head Coach Pete Guillen can hold his own.

Nationally, this year should be more exciting than last year, when Duke and Connecticut dominated the whole season. If you caught any of the action to date then you know it to.

Top-ranked Connecticut goes down in the second game of the year and Michigan State, Ohio State and Auburn in the weeks to come.

How about the preseason tournaments? The Kentucky-Maryland and Kentucky-Arizona contests were great games in the preseason NIT. North Carolina and Purdue offered a see saw affair in the championship game of the Maui Invitational. Stanford has shown early that it is a contender by taking out Duke and Auburn.

And with the Big Ten/ACC and Great Eight Challenge, there is plenty of non-conference fun still left.

After a healthy portion of preseason basketball, I think any of the top 20 teams in the country has a legitimate chance of winning it all in March. And here is my guess at some of the teams and players that could stand out this year.

Final Four UNC

I hate to say it, but the Tar Heels are probably the safest bet to make it to the Final Four. They have a senior point guard in Ed Cota, solid big men in Brandon Haywood and Kris Lang, and outside shooting ability with Max Owens and rookie Joe Forte, something they lacked last season. The loss of Ron Curry shouldn't hurt that much, and the Heels have more depth than last season.

Florida

Similar to last year's Duke squad

Temple

Once he gets point guard Pepe Sanchez back, Head Coach John Chaney may finally get his first trip to the Final Four. The Owls' depth plus a run and gun style equals a tough team to beat.

Cincinnati

The addition of highly touted DeMarr Johnson should give the Bearcats the outside shooting they missed last year. The defense of Kenyon Martin and offense of Pete Mickeal should be enough to carry Cincinnati on most nights.

Darkhorses

Arizona

Speed, speed and more speed. It will try to duplicate the style of the '96-'97 championship team.

Kentucky

It always makes it to the brink of the Final Four if not all the way, so why not this year? Sam Smith must perform as well as the graduated Wayne Turner did for the Wildcats to do it again.

Texas

It has the best center in the country in Chris Mihm. Rick Barnes' teams always play good defense and this year should be no exception. The win over Michigan State was nice, but can Barnes finally take a team deep into the tournament?

Player of the year

Kenyon Martin, Cincinnati

Have you ever seen this guy play defense? That alone is worth the price of admission. He shut down Duke's Elton Brand with little help in last year's Great Alaskan Shootout and should step up his offense this year.

Khalid El-Amin, UConn

Without Richard Hamilton alongside him in the backcourt, El-Amin will have to do most of the scoring if the Huskies want to make it back to the Final Four.

Sconnie Penn, Ohio State

Penn is another mighty mite who can play with anybody. He and teammate Michael Redd virtually carried the Buckeyes to last year's Final Four. If he continues to

hit from the outside and can get some help inside, Penn is a definite All-American.

Rookie of the year

Joe Forte, UNC

Did I mention how much I hate to write nicely about UNC? Anyway, this year's MVP of the Maui Invitational can light it up. He doesn't quite have the athleticism that last year's super frosh Corey Maggette of Duke has, but he has more range, a better touch and better recognition of when to drive and when to shoot. The good news is that, like Maggette, he probably

won't be around that long.

Jason Gardner, Arizona

Looks like the second coming of Damon Stoudamire. He was Indiana's Mr. Basketball last year and showed good offensive and defensive skills in the Preseason NIT. It appears that he is a good fit for Arizona's style.

DeMarr Johnson, Cincinnati

He was the most sought after recruit last year because of his 6-9 size and outside shooting ability. With a solid cast of veteran players surrounding him, he should have a chance to live up to his hype.

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We have already been blessed with seeing some outstanding match-ups and the season has only been active for less than a month. Who would have ever thought that Duke would have lost two games in November. Granted those losses were to UConn and Stanford, but they were losses all the same. We also had the battle last weekend in the Preseason NIT where Arizona showed they were for real against Kentucky.

Now we have the ACC/Big Ten Challenge on ESPN. We have some great match ups that include Michigan State against UNC and NC State against Purdue. This made for television spectacle offers are favorite announcers plenty of chances to kiss up to their favorite coaches. How much do you want to bet that Vitale is doing either the UNC or the Duke game and will praise either team the whole game even if they are losing.

Unfortunately, our Tigers took the shaft and got a match up against Penn State. The Clemson game is the only game in the "Challenge" which is not televised on ESPN or ESPN2. If you have satellite you can watch it though. Hey Larry, I will be over at your house at 7:45.

How pathetic is that? Clemson draws Penn State in this tournament. Of all the teams that we could have played we got to play Penn State. I am about as excited for this game as I would be if Rae Carruth and two of his buddies would pull up in the car beside me. How neat would have it been to play Indiana or Michigan. Personally, I would have loved to play Purdue, my dad's alma mater. It shows that Clemson gets no respect in this conference. Do you think that Duke or UNC would have ever been given a matchup against Penn St. Nope, they get the good games. Who do we get? The

untelevised matchup with exciting Penn St. Sure, Penn St. has a good chance to beat us, but I would much rather see us play them in football then in basketball.

We should have monumental match-ups all season as the teams battle for position in the season ending NCAA tournament.

You know some teams are going to step up and be shockers and some teams are going to be disappointments. Only one thing

is for sure, it will be another exciting year.

Final Four

Ohio State

I picked them at the end of last year so I have to continue to stick with the Buckeyes despite a disappointing early loss to Notre Dame. With a backcourt of Scoonie Penn and Michael Redd the Buckeyes should surprise some people who are already saying they are overrated. Look for the Buckeyes to start the season slow but really make their mark when it comes to tournament time.

Arizona

The Wildcats looked solid in the Pre-Season NIT. Lute Olson has been preparing for the arrival of freshman point guard Jason Gardner for the last two years and Gardner has so far shown that he is worth the wait. Loren Woods, a transfer from Wake Forest, looks like he is fitting in the Arizona system better than he ever did the Wake system. With a wide-open running attack, it is going to be hard for anyone to stop the Wildcats.

UNC

As much as I hate to pick them, the Tar Heels are the best team in the ACC hands down. Ed Cota and Jason Capel have not yet played to their potential, but other players such as Brian Bersticker and freshman Joseph Forte have filled in for the superstars. When Cota and Capel start playing up to their usual level, this team is going to be scary. Do not expect Clemson to beat the Tar Heels in Chapel Hill this year.

Clemson

You know I am just kidding with this one even though I wish that I was not. The Tigers will be lucky for a repeat trip to the NIT let alone a NCAA tournament bid.

Cincinnati

The Bearcats will not really be

challenged during the regular season while playing in the weak Conference USA. All I have heard is how good freshman DeMarr Johnson is going to be and what a talented player that Kenyon Martin is for the Bearcats. Coach Bob Huggins "thug ball" seems to be in place for one of its best pushes towards a championship this season.

Darkhorses

Indiana

It seems like every season that Bobby Knight has his best player transfer from the program but the Hoosiers still have a good season. Indiana looked good in an upset win against Temple. Should the team mold to Knights system and rally behind guard A.J. Guyton, the Hoosiers may finally make some noise in the tournament this season.

Purdue

The Boilermakers looked good against UNC in Maui despite falling apart in the second half. This is an experienced team that may not have one star but has the balanced talent that is needed during

a long season. If someone can step up and be a star for the Boilermakers, my Dad may get to see his team playing for a championship.

Tennessee

The Volunteers got a lot of hype but could not live up to it. This year, all is quiet in Knoxville, but that maybe the way they want it. With a line up stocked with players like Tony Harris, Vincent Yarborough, and Isiah Victor in place the Volunteers could be the team everyone thought they would be last season.

Overrateds

Temple

The Owls definitely have talent but I do not think they are the team that people are predicting them to be. The days of relying on defense to win games may be over in a game where people want to see offense.

Florida

Everyone thinks that this team is going to be so great because of the recruiting classes that Billy Donovan keeps bringing in. It

takes sometime for talent players to mold together and this team just has not been together for very long. Florida may have the talent, but the chemistry may not be there and a high national ranking does not seem correct yet.

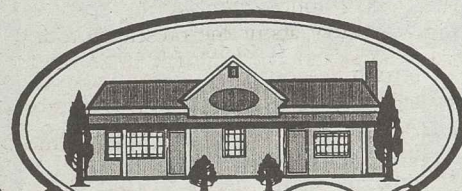
Duke

See the above comment about Florida. Duke is really young due to the departures of Elton Brand, Trajan Langdon, and William Avery. I do not care how good that Jason Williams was in high school, he is in college now and it will take him sometime to develop. Look for Duke to have a solid season, but make an early exit in the tournament.

Player of the Year

Khalid El-Amin

This little guy is pure show time. On my way over to type this column I stopped by a friends house who was watching UConn play and after watching just one minute of the action saw what a great player he is going to be again this year. UConn does not have the supporting cast but they once again have a superstar.



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Men's team striving to fill gaps left by last year's seniors

► *Tigers struggle to rebuild despite setbacks early in the season.*

BRIAN PEARCE
assistant sports editor

There is a feeling of déjà vu in the Clemson men's basketball world. A young Clemson men's basketball team will enter the 1999-2000 season predicted by most college basketball analysts to finish last in the ACC. This is the same atmosphere that was set in 1995, Rick Barnes first year, where the Tigers battled to an eventual NIT tournament bid.

Early on this season, the analysts seem to be correct as the Tigers have stumbled out of the starting gates. The early season has brought disappointing losses to Wofford, Wisconsin-Green Bay and Oregon State. Clemson's loss to Wofford was the Tigers first loss to the Terriers since the 1947-48 season and first loss to a Southern Conference opponent in the last 42 games against one of the members.

Clemson has gotten early season wins but these have come against lesser opponents East Tennessee State and Central Florida. East Tennessee State was a young, inexperienced and undersized opponent for the Tigers. Central Florida clashed with the Tigers all the way to the wire despite being ridden with injuries.

Depth is a major problem that Clemson will face all season. Any team would have trouble after losing five seniors who were the foundation to the program. There is little or no depth at the guard position for the Tigers where the rotation consists of only four players, including freshman walk-on Walker Holt, who is averaging 15 to 20 minutes a game. Inexperience opens the door for teams to apply

pressure on the Clemson guards which has led to numerous turnovers.

Clemson head coach Larry Shyatt said his team was prepared to see defensive pressure put on them, "Certainly we are going to see a lot of it [pressure] and we have prepared for it. There are a lot of things you might want to do to us when you look at our roster."

Patience is something that Tiger fans are going to have to have with their young team, but Shyatt thinks his team should be expecting to win every night.

"I do not ever want to have to ask any one to be patient," he said. "We do not wait for our hamburgers and we do wait for our victories. I want them to them to be ready today and if they are not ready today I want them to come back tomorrow ready to play. When I see the strengths for the future, I think why not get it right now."

The Tigers have not been free from injuries of their own in this young season. Ed Scott has only played in two games after breaking his foot in preseason practices. The Tigers have now lost their only senior on the team, Andrius Jurkunas, to a broken thumb.

Defense does not seem like it is going to be a problem for the Tigers this year as the team has a lot of size in the middle. Clemson is anchored in the center by junior Adam Allenspach who looks to have a strong season after a productive summer. Shyatt talked about Allenspach's improvement, "It is an important year for his future. Right now he really needs to find his strengths and weakness."

Size is not an issue at all for the Tigers who have several big bodies to come off of the bench including freshman Ray Henderson and transfer Arturas Javtokas.

"We want to use our strength inside since it is one of our biggest

allies," said Shyatt. "We have four people over 6-8 we need to play with our hands up high and concentrating on blocking out. The zone will be excellent for us this year at times but we need to learn how to block out. That will play to our hands as a large team."

Offense has been a major issue for the Tigers who have not been able to get anything to fall the last three games. Clemson scored a

measly 35 points in the entire game against Oregon State after having trouble scoring only 47 points against Wisconsin-Green Bay.

The Tigers should be helped by transfer Pasha Bains who is expected to be a counted on sharp shooter. As of now, the Tigers seem to be relying on Will Solomon to keep them in the games. Solomon is the Tigers leading scorer but he also averages the most shots each game

while playing the point guard position. Solomon should get more time at the off guard position now that Ed Scott is back from the foot injury.

The real test of the season lies ahead for the Tigers when they start ACC play on January 6 at UNC, where they have never won before. The Tar Heels are presently ranked second in the USA Today poll.

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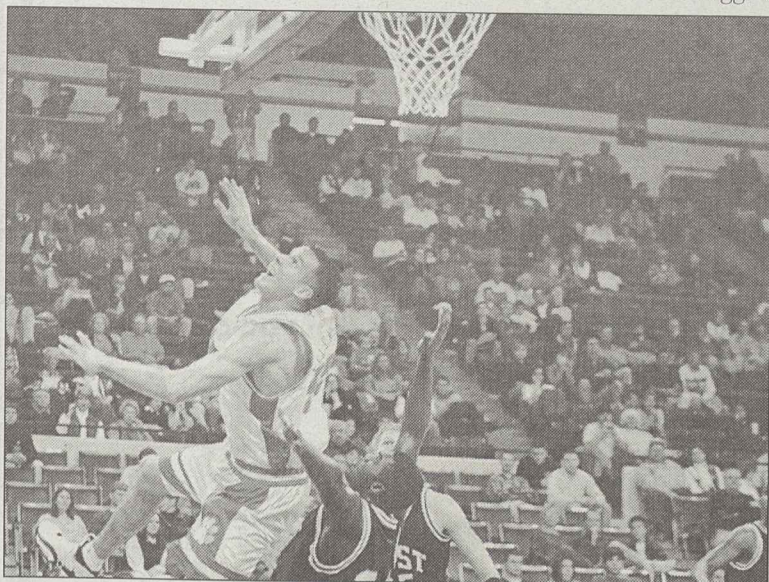
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BOARD GAMES: Adam Allenspach battles for a rebound in the Tigers' win over East Tennessee State.

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Tournament cat-fight set between Tigers and Nittany Lions

► **Clemson faces Penn State in Big Ten/ACC Challenge tonight.**

LOUIS GARMENDIA
sports editor

The men's basketball team will try to even their record tonight when they take on Penn State at 8 p.m. in the Bryce Jordan Center. The game is a part of the inaugural Big Ten/ACC Challenge. The event is made for television and all games will be broadcast in some form by ESPN. The Clemson-PSU game will be carried by ESPN Plus on a pay-per-view basis.

"Having been a part of the ACC-Big East Challenge back in the early '90s, which was a sensational series, this should be much the same," said Head Coach Larry Shyatt. "You've got student involvement, which is essential, and you've got national TV coverage. Those are the two elements that make college basketball everything it's supposed to be."

The agreement calls for a school to alternate home and away games every year.

"I'm just thrilled that next year we'll get a chance to host a game," said Shyatt.

But before the Tigers (2-3) can look ahead they will focus on the Nittany Lions, who are undefeated at 3-0. The record includes an 85-57 victory over Boston College on Saturday.

"Because of the problems we've had with personnel on offense, we better focus our attention to defense," said Shyatt. "They're scoring a lot of points and we're going to have to keep them under their average. I still believe that if we put ourselves in position in the last five minutes against anybody, we'll be in good shape."

Jarret Stephens has led the way for Penn State in the early going. The 6-7, 255-pound forward averaged 21.0 points per game and 9.3 rebounds per contest while shooting a sizzling 64 percent from the floor last week and was named the Big Ten's Player of the Week. Stephens is playing for the first time in over a year after taking a year off to rehabilitate a torn ACL.

Joe Crispin, a three-year starter for the Nittany Lions, is averaging 14.3 points per game and has a team-best 13 assists and a 4.3 rebounds per game contest. Crispin is set to eclipse the 1,000-point mark as a junior as well. He currently has 738 career points and an 11.9 ppg mark over his career. He is set to crack the PSU all-time assist list with 210 give-aways.

The Tigers, who are coming off two straight defeats in the SoCon Holiday Hoops Classic, will have their hands full. The Nittany Lions have not lost a non-conference game at home since a 67-65 NIT

loss to Pittsburgh in 1992, a streak of 42 games.

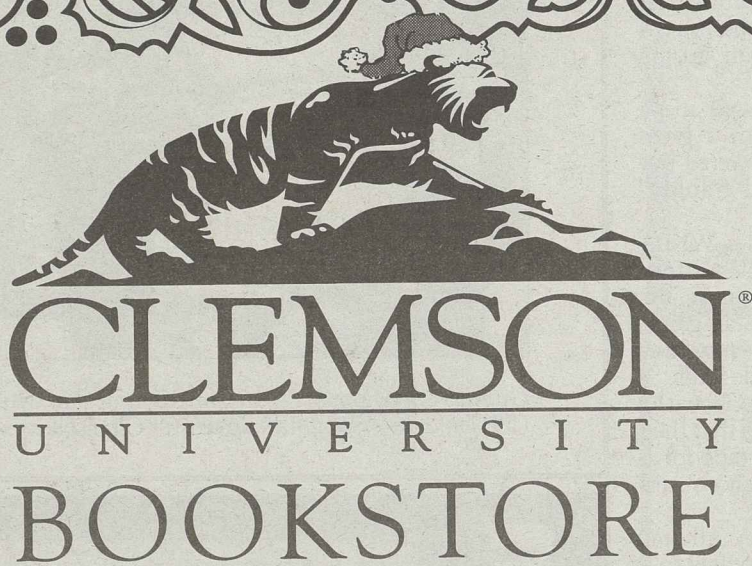
Although freshman Ed Scott recently returned from a broken foot, Clemson is still shorthanded. The team is without its only senior,

Andruis Jurkunas, who broke his thumb in last week's tournament and will be out 4-6 weeks. Jurkunas will begin practicing with the team in a few days and will be limited only by the pain he can withstand.

The return of Pasha Bains against S.C. State on Dec. 11 may give the team some scoring punch along with much needed depth in the backcourt.

"We need some shotmakers,"

said Shyatt. "Although Pasha is not a particularly good ballhandler, if he can stand on the other side of that line, get open on occasion and make a shot, he will be a welcomed addition."



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Women's manager gets NBA experience over summer

► **Senior Jennifer McGinnis learned the inner workings of the NBA.**

CHRISTOPHER KISCO
senior staff writer

Clemson senior Jennifer McGinnis spent her past summer the way a lot of fellow sports fanatics would like to, as an intern for the National Basketball Association. McGinnis was chosen as one of only 30 interns chosen from a large applicant pool of over 800. Additionally she was the only intern from a Southern school with most of the students representing Northern and Western colleges.

After league officials sifted through the over 800 applications, they picked their candidates after conducted a pair of comprehensive telephone interviews.

The internship afforded Jennifer the opportunity to learn the business side of one of professional sports best leagues and also to rub elbows with some of the athletes and executives who make the NBA a success.

"Although it was hard to earn the opportunity, this internship was beneficial because it opened a lot of doors for me," said McGinnis, who is majoring in PRTM and used the internship to fulfill a graduation requirement for her degree.

One of the many projects she undertook as an intern was some important work with the NBA properties division concerning non-apparel licensing. While this department does not handle direct licensing of apparel, plenty of objects are left to market to the league's fans. Among the items included are trading cards, school supplies, and home furnishings.

One of her chief tasks during McGinnis' internship was to explore new products for the NBA to market using the images of its players and their teams. Some of the candidates she and her colleagues explored this summer included NBA Cameras, toothbrushes, and lunchboxes. Each of these objects may populate store shelves in the next few years.

Along with marketing, another of McGinnis' biggest jobs was helping negotiate contract renewals for customers who use NBA and WNBA logos as well as player likenesses. Over the course of the summer McGinnis estimated that close to 40 contracts came up for renewal.

Some of them included Skybox, which needed to negotiate a deal involving WNBA trading cards, and Spalding, which sought to renew its contract giving the company the exclusive right to sell

NBA and WNBA basketballs.

While the internship gave Jennifer a glimpse into the business world of the NBA, she and her fellow students also got to meet and spend time with some of the biggest names in sports and sports broadcasting. NBA commissioner David Stern addressed the interns at a Welcome Luncheon during their first day on the job.

"David Stern impressed me a strong willed man with a great sense of humor. He answered our questions honestly and frankly," said McGinnis.

The interns attended a WNBA game between the New York Liberty and Phoenix Mercury, the inaugural WNBA All-Star game, and were featured in an episode of the NBC show NBA Inside Stuff.

"What was interesting about the filming of Inside Stuff is that they shot over ten hours of tape for a thirty minute television show," said McGinnis.

Following the WNBA All-Star game, the interns were invited to a party for the league at the Hard Rock Café in New York City where had the opportunity to meet stars of the WNBA as well as the members of the Women's World Cup Soccer team.

Another perk of the job was the opportunity to find out some interesting tidbits surrounding the league and its exciting history. For example, McGinnis learned that the New Jersey Nets recently came within one vote of changing their name to the Swamp Dragons. The team hired marketing executives and brainstormed a new logo, color scheme, and mascot. Apparently the team was trying to modernize their image after witnessing the success of the expansion team the Toronto Raptors.

For her experience this summer, McGinnis earned six hours of credit towards her Clemson degree as well as a lifetime of worthwhile memories.

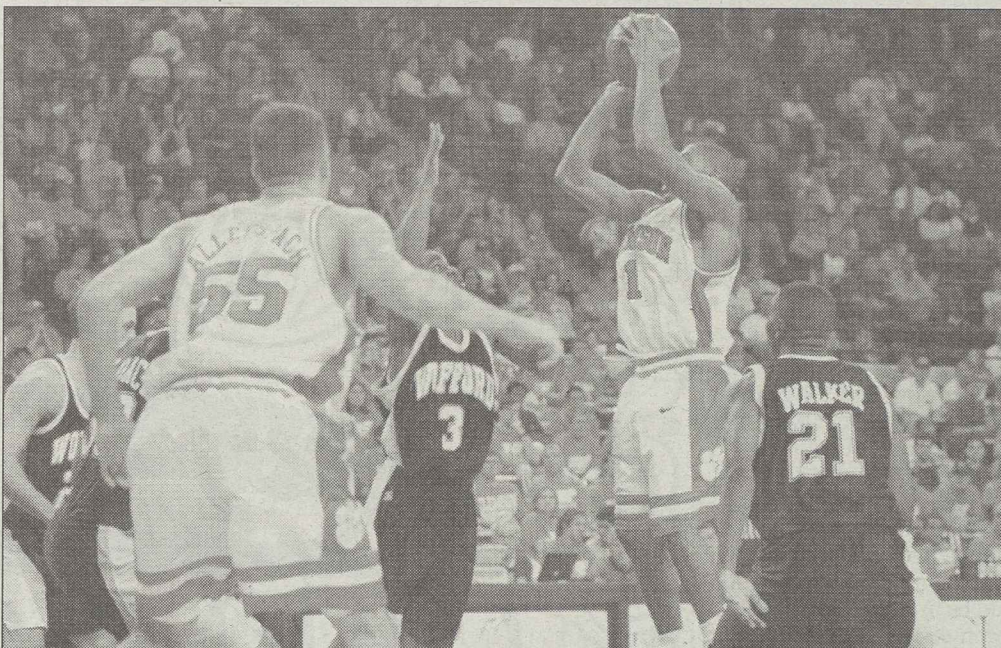
McGinnis met the conditions for the internship that require previous experience during her career at Clemson.

She is the current manager of the women's basketball team and previously has worked in the same capacity with the swimming and diving team.

Along with the NBA's program, interesting students should consider NBC studios in New York, which also has a very well respected internship program.

Interestingly, one of NBC's interns this summer was Dominique Dawes, a member of the Gold Medal Winning United States Gymnastic team in the 1996 Summer Games.

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Guard Will Solomon (1) attempts a jumpshot while avoiding a defender as Adam Allenspach (55) looks on in Wofford's upset over Clemson.

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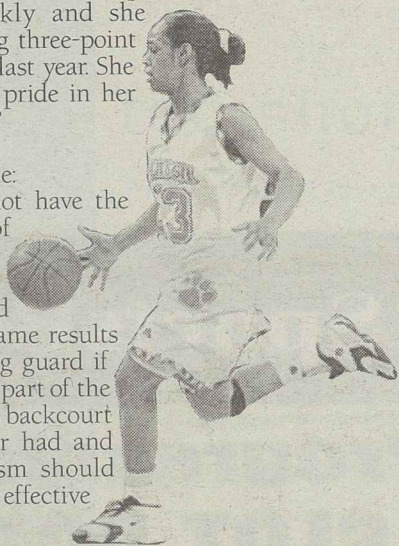
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'98-'99 scoring average: 2.8 ppg

Coach Davis says:

"Leonard is best in the open court. She converts so quickly and she made some big three-point baskets for us last year. She takes a lot of pride in her defensive play."

The Tiger's Take:

She does not have the same type of game as Amy Geren, but can Leonard produce the same results at the shooting guard if needed? She is part of the most athletic backcourt Davis has ever had and that athleticism should make her very effective in the ACC.



Adam Allenspach

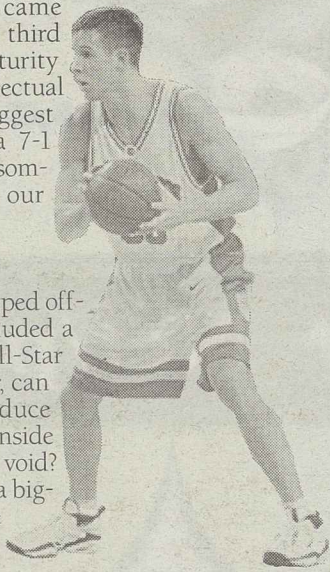
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class: junior
position: center
'98-'99 scoring average: 4.8 ppg

Coach Shyatt says:

"Adam really came on strong the last third of last year. His maturity level and his intellectual level are his biggest assets. We have a 7-1 center who is blossoming in front of our eyes."

The Tiger's Take:

After such a hyped off-season, which included a stint on the NIT All-Star team this summer, can Allenspach produce effectively as an inside player and fill the void? He will have to be a bigger scorer for the Tiger offense.



Will Solomon

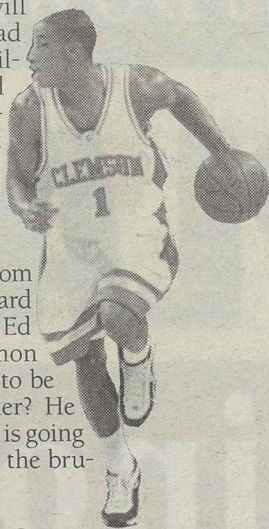
height: 6-2
class: sophomore
position: guard
'98-'99 scoring average: 6.3 ppg

Coach Shyatt says:

"Will enjoyed some quality minutes last year and right now he will be considered our lead guard. He has the versatility to play both guard positions and he certainly will be a big asset to the other young guards."

The Tiger's Take:

He should benefit from a move to shooting guard with the return of Ed Scott, but can Solomon pass up shots in order to be an offensive playmaker? He will have to if the team is going to win many games in the brutal ACC schedule.



Angie Cossey

height: 5-7
class: senior
position: guard
'98-'99 scoring average: 2.4 ppg

Coach Davis says:

"Cossey can score, period. She can break a game wide open with her three-point shooting. She has a quick first step which will enable her to break down defenses and get to the free throw line where she is really deadly."

The Tiger's Take:

Will Cossey be able to rebound from her ankle injury and fill the shoes of Ito Umoh? Her senior leadership at the point guard position could be critical. The team is off to a great start and Cossey will need to fit in smoothly in order for the team to continue its good play.



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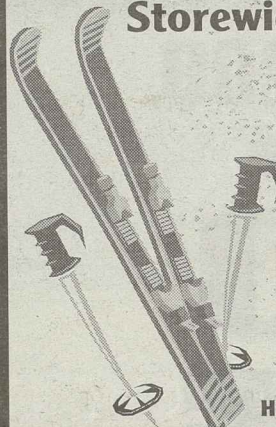
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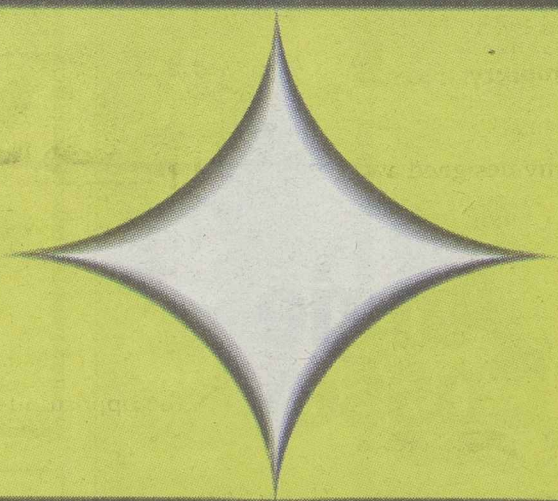


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Jan. 26	NC State	9 p.m.
Jan. 29	at Duke	4 p.m.
Feb. 2	Georgia Tech	7 p.m.
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Feb. 12	Florida State	12 p.m.
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Feb. 22	Maryland	8 p.m.
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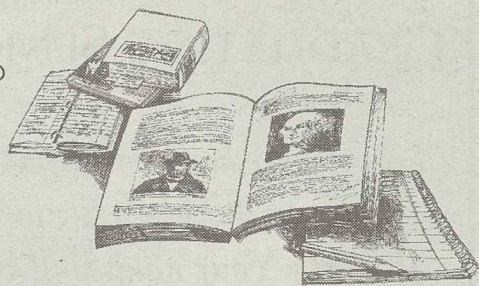
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Lady Tigers down Wildcats in tourney

► *Clemson tops Kentucky 70-65 in Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament.*

STAFF REPORTS

Erin Batth scored 16 points and had 11 rebounds in leading Clemson to a 70-65 win over Kentucky in the consolation game of the Coaches vs. Cancer Women's Basketball Challenge at the Hartford Civic Center in Hartford, Conn. The Lady Tigers' Amirah Leonard also finished with 15 points.

Batth also finished the game with two assists, two blocked shots and two steals.

"Erin Batth did a wonderful job in rebounding, scoring and defending," said Head Coach Jim Davis. "We wanted Erin to be more involved today and she was."

Datishella Byrd also hit in double figures for the Lady Tigers as she finished the game with 10 points.

Clemson improves its record to 3-1 overall, while Kentucky falls to 2-2 on the season. This was the first meeting ever between the two schools.

"This was a huge win for us in many ways," said Davis. "Considering we are short handed and without two starters, I am very pleased with this win."

Midway in the first half, Clemson pulled away from a 20-19 lead with 9:23 remaining and outscored the Wildcats 10-1 and built a 30-20 advantage with 5:18 remaining as Batth scored four points in this run.

Clemson maintained the lead for the remainder of the first half and took a 37-25 lead into the locker room at intermission as Chrissy Floyd hit a field goal with six seconds remaining.

At the start of the second half, the Lady Tigers had their largest lead of the game, 43-27 with 17:28 remaining.

Kentucky cut the lead to three with 7:18 remaining as Erica Jackson hit a layup. Clemson scored the next six points with field goals from Floyd, Batth and Byrd, and had a 56-47 lead with 4:45 left.

The Wildcats again came within three of the Lady Tigers as Jackson hit a three-point basket with 16 seconds remaining and Clemson had a 66-63 lead. Two free throws by Krystal Scott with 12 seconds left improved Clemson's lead to five. Tanesha Seaton hit two free throws for Kentucky with five seconds left and again Clemson was ahead 68-65 with five seconds remaining.

Andrea Gaines sealed the win for the Tigers as she hit two free throws, giving Clemson a 70-65 advantage with three seconds left on the clock.

"We got to the free throw line and shot well," said Davis. "I was pleased with the fight in our players. Our players fought their hearts out."

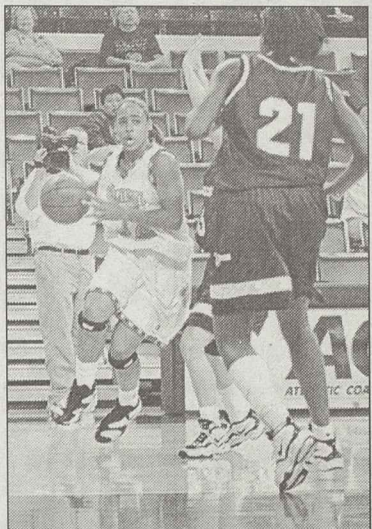
Clemson shot 12-34 from the field for a .353 percentage in the first half, while the Wildcats shot 10-33 from the field for a .303 percentage.

Kentucky improved in the second half and shot 14-23 from the field for a .609 percentage. Clemson shot 9-32 from the field in the second half for a .281 figure. The Lady Tigers were 27-38 from the free throw line for a .711 figure. Clemson also outrebounded Kentucky 43-42 as the Lady Tigers had 25 offensive boards.

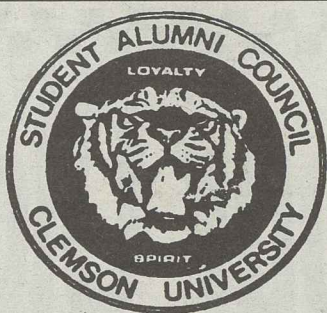
"I want to compliment Clemson and the way they scraped," said Kentucky's Head Coach Bernadette Mattox. "We didn't rebound well today. Anytime you give up 25 offensive rebounds you can't expect to do much damage. The early foul trouble that Erica Jackson had was a key factor. Our team is much better than we performed tonight."

The Lady Tigers committed only eight turnovers, tied for the fourth lowest in a single game in Clemson history.

"Kentucky is a very talented, athletic team," said Davis. "We were very concerned coming into the game about Erica Jackson and her athleticism. Our players carried out the game plan and we scored some key second chance points. Kentucky is very athletic. Laura Meadows and Shantia Owens are exceptional players. I have a lot of respect for Coach Mattox and her program."



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Women's team whips Gamecocks at Littlejohn, 65-46

► *Clemson maintains dominance over archrivals with Lady Tiger win.*

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When Clemson and USC get together, the result is often predictable. Especially in women's basketball, in which the Lady Tigers won their fifth straight over the Lady Gamecocks, 65-46, Monday night at Littlejohn Coliseum. It is the second lowest output by USC in the history of the series.

"It certainly is always sweet when you beat your in-state rival," said Head Coach Jim Davis.

Nuria Forns led the way with 17 points while teammates Amirah Leonard and Chrissy Floyd added 13 points each. Center Erin Bathth contributed 12 rebounds.

Davis' squad used a stifling defensive effort to control the entire game. Clemson forced 29 USC turnovers, including 18 in the first half, and limited the Lady Gamecocks to 33 percent shooting for the game. The Lady Tigers used a 1-1-3 zone to offset their lack of size.

"Our team defense man to man is just not where it needs to be," said Davis. "In my 12 years at Clemson, we've played man to man defense 80 percent of the time. Tonight we probably played 80 or 90 percent zone. We're going to be more of a man-to-man team as time goes on and we get some more size in there."

"We're not a big team, so we've really got to move our feet and talk on defense," said Bathth.

A basket by USC's Shaunzinski Gortman made it a 36-26 game with 15:43 remaining in the second half. But the Clemson defense dug in and held the Lady Gamecocks scoreless for the next 8:49.

Both schools played an exhibition contest earlier this year against a Russian squad, and USC won while Clemson lost. The different results with a similar team and the improvement of South Carolina made Monday's result a bit of a letdown.

"We looked like a deer in the headlights out there," said USC Head Coach Susan Walvius. "Our team really wanted this game and prepared hard for this game. I have not seen them play this poorly in a very long time. This one rocked their world a little bit."

"I really think that they're a better basketball team than what they showed," said Davis. "I was very concerned coming into the game."

Although there is a traditional rivalry and the loss was disappointing for USC, Clemson's Forns may have given the Lady Gamecocks their biggest insult.

"I don't even think of South

Carolina as a really big rivalry because since I've been here, we've been better than them," said Forns, who pointed to North Carolina as the team's rival.

The Lady Tigers are now 4-1 on

the year and look as if they do not miss their four graduated starters one bit.

The injuries to starters Angie Cossey (sprained ankle) and Joanie Mungro (irregular heartbeat)

could have further hurt the team, but it has only unified it, according to the players.

"Every single person does something, everyone knows they have to do something," said Bathth.

"We would rely on the four starters and if we didn't do anything, they would do something," said Forns, the team's top scorer. "But this year no one is expendable."



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Duke

Everyone knows what Duke lost, but not everyone knows who the Blue Devils have coming in. Another recruiting class filled with McDonald's All-Americans will contribute right away and complement the handful of veterans returning.

All of the veterans reside in the frontcourt. Senior Chris Carrawell, junior Shane Battier and junior Nate James are the only Blue Devils with experience. All of them are also capable on the perimeter. But to make a run at an ACC or NCAA title, they will need some help inside. Matt Christenson, Nick Horvath and Casey Sanders are limited at this stage in their careers and will be good role players. The

inside scoring help may have to come from highly-touted Carlos Boozer, who is struggling after a preseason foot injury. Boozer also has range, but he'll help the team most from inside 12 feet.

The backcourt was wiped out due to the NBA departures and freshmen Jason Williams and Mike Dunleavy will be expected to pick up where William Avey and Trajan Lagdon left off. Williams was named the McDonald's

national prep player of the year and has shown he has as much if not more talent than Avery. But he has also shown in the early going that his decision-making needs work. Dunleavy has shined in Duke's first five games and also appears capable of replacing his predecessor.

Besides the starters, the Blue Devils don't have much coming off the bench. Walk-on J.D. Simpson returns and the Blue Devils also have Andre Buckner, the younger brother of former Clemson stand-out Greg Buckner.

Key Win: USC 81-68. The Blue Devils put together a good game against a decent opponent to climb above .500

Key Loss: Connecticut, 71-66. The faces may have changed, but Duke fans wanted revenge for last year's championship game.

Remaining Big Games: DePaul, December 4; at Michigan, December 11; St. John's February 26

Florida State

Most of the experts consider the battle to stay out of the ACC cellar a dead heat between the Seminoles and Clemson.

The Noles lost 7-2 center Karim Shabazz last year, so they will make up for it with some huge players this year. Freshman Nigel Dixon is 6-10, 424 pounds. Yes, that's 424 pounds. Classmate Mike Matthews, who is 6-10, 230 pounds, and 7-0 sophomore David Anderson, a transfer from BYU, will also look to contribute. Senior forwards Damous Anderson and Ron Hale will look to lead the young frontcourt this season. Hale averaged 18.3 points a game in the ACC last season and had a 31-point effort in a win over Clemson.

The backcourt loses Terrell Baker but returns Adrian Crawford and Delvon Arrington. The loss of recruit Tony Bobbitt to academics will leave the Seminoles with virtually no depth in the backcourt, however. It appears Florida State will have to rely on their strength,

strength, in order to make a run for the middle of the ACC pack.

Key Win: Jacksonville 83-59. Seminoles proved they can win the tough intrastate battles.

Key Loss: Florida, 96-61. Seminoles proved they can lose, and lose big, in those tough intrastate battles.

Remaining Big Games: at Auburn, December 5; Seton Hall, December 11

Georgia Tech

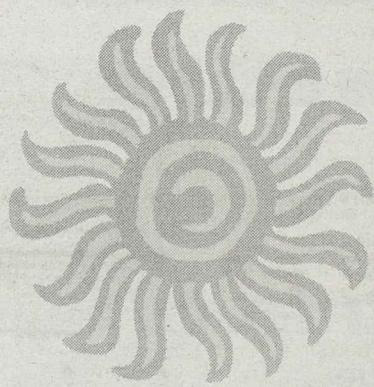
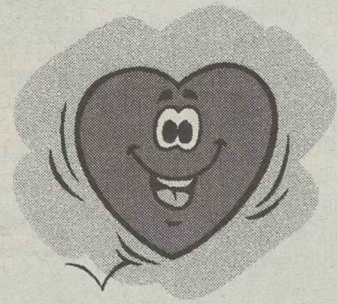
This may be the last season for Head Coach Bobby Cremins. The Yellow Jackets have not been to the NCAA Tournament in three years and the program's supporters are getting restless. He should have a good chance to save his job, though, with a veteran team returning from last year's NIT team.

The strength of the team will

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undoubtedly be down low, where 7-0 Jason Collier and 6-11 Alvin Jones form one of the ACC's best frontcourt duos. Collier was a second team All-ACC member last season and tied Duke's Elton Brand for the highest scoring average in the league (18.8). Jones is a dominant defensive presence. The junior is the school's leader and number eight in the ACC in career blocked shots. Jones also provided 9.7 rebounds a game last season and will look to do more of the same this year.

The team's question mark will be the backcourt, where it is once again without Dion Glover. After injuring his knee in the preseason and sitting out all of last year, Glover surprised everyone by turning pro. Sophomore point guard Tony Akins will once again have to shoulder the load. He led all ACC freshmen in assists last year, but was fourth in the ACC in minutes.

Akins' main help in the backcourt will be 6-6 senior Jason Floyd, who struggled at the end of last season, and 5-10 T.J. Vines, nicknamed "The Midget." Vines showed three-point touch at the end of last season and is a steady defensive force.

Key Win: Washington, 82-65. The victory over the Huskies put the Jackets in the finals of the Great Alaskan Shootout.

Key Loss: Kansas, 84-70. Cremins' squad looked over-matched against the sixth-ranked Jayhawks.

Remaining Big Games: at Georgia, December 8

Maryland

Gary Williams has a task ahead of him after losing three key players to the NBA after last season. The task is made a little easier with the return of Pre-Season All-American pick Terence Morris. Morris is a very versatile big man who teams have trouble matching up with defensively due to his ability to play anywhere on the court. There is question however how Morris will react being the main man on the Terrapins offense. Banging inside with Morris will be sophomore Brad Baxter and seven-foot junior Mike Mardesich. If these two can anchor the inside for the Terrapins, Morris will be able to step out to the wing where he has proven to be the most effective.

Williams will have to replace a

superstar in Steve Francis in the Terrapins backcourt and will try to do so with sophomore Juan Dixon. Dixon is built in the identical mold of Francis but lacks Francis's ability to sky to the basketball. Dixon does provide a three point threat after hitting 36 three pointers during his freshman season. Freshman Steve Blake will be asked to make an immediate impact at the point guard position. Last year, Blake led his high school team to a number one national ranking.

Depth will be an issue all season for the Terrapins who play Williams demanding pressure game. Early on, Williams has decided to go to only an eight man rotation which could lead to fatigue problems down the line.

Key Win: Notre Dame 72-67. The win salvaged a third place finish in the preseason NIT.

Key Loss: Kentucky 61-58. The Terrapins battled back from a double digit halftime deficit but could not hit a key shot in the waning moments to win the game.

Remaining Big Games: Iowa, November 30; at Illinois, December 3; Kentucky, December 11; at Temple, February 13

NC State

This may be the year that NC State finally breaks through in the ACC and becomes a real factor for the championship. Coach Herb Sendek returns several veteran talented players to a league that is filled with new comers. This may be a positive down the stretch run when it gets to crunch time for tournament position.

Kenny Inge and Damon Thornton return to give the Wolfpack a very athletic front

court. Add center Ron Kelley into the mix, and the Wolfpack should be able to bang with any of the teams in the ACC down low. Size may be a problem though as none of the three are taller than 6-8. The Wolfpack will also be helped in the front court by senior Tim Wells coming off the bench to provide relief for the undersized three some. Wells will have to fill in immediately for Inge who is already out with an injured knee.

The Wolfpack also have experienced talent in the back court where senior point guard Justin Gainey. Gainey is a four year starter who knows his role as a distributor at the point guard position. Archie Miller will return from back surgery last season to provide a definite three point threat despite his lack of height. Sendek's offense should get a boost from extremely

talented freshman Damien Wilkins, nephew of Dominique Wilkins. Several experts have picked Wilkins as ACC preseason freshman of the year. Also at shooting guard, the Wolfpack return a solid player in Anthony Grundy.

Key Wins: Georgia 67-63. The Wolfpack ruined Jim Harrick's coaching debut for the Bulldogs while opening their new arena in winning style.

Key Losses: None

Big Games Remaining: at Purdue, December 1; Yale, December 28

UNC

The Tar Heels had a rough season last year. After the suspension problems of Vasco Evtimov, the losses of Antawn Jamison and Vince Carter to the NBA, and a humiliating 76-74 loss to Weber St. in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, things were looking





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grim for the Heels (although they still managed to have a winning season). At the start of the 1999-2000 season, however, things are looking up. UNC is 3-0 so far, with a preseason tournament win over Purdue at the Maui Classic. The inexperience and youth that hurt the team last year has transformed into depth, maturity, and strength this year. Last season's standouts such as Cota, Lang, and Capel have been joined by freshman phenom Joseph (not Joe) Forte, who is averaging 20 points and six rebounds per game. The Heels are currently ranked second in the nation in the AP poll.

The frontcourt is loaded and returns Brendan Haywood (Jr., Center), Jason Capel (So., shooting guard/small forward), Kris Lang (So., power forward, center), and

Brian Bersticker (Jr., power forward, center).

In the backcourt, sophomore Ronald Curry, who plays football and basketball, was expected to have a better this season as a guard, but he was taken out for the year after rupturing an achilles tendon in a football game against Georgia Tech on October 9th. The Tar Heels return one of the best passers in the nation in senior point guard Ed Cota. Freshman Joseph Forte (shooting guard) is the Tarheels' newest weapon in the ACC, and he is an impressive one. He can shoot, handle the ball, rebound, defend...you name it, he can do it. UNC hasn't seen such a well-rounded and talented player since #23.

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in the ACC, and should have a good chance of making a Final Four appearance.

Key Win: Purdue Trip to Hawaii just a day at the beach for the Heels, who played only one good half in all three games.

Key Losses: None

Remaining Big Games: Michigan

St., tonight; Cincinnati @Chicago, December 8; Indiana @East Rutherford, NJ, December 23

Virginia

Pete Gillen finally has the talent in place to put a solid team on the floor in ACC competition. After two good recruiting classes in a row,

Virginia should battle to be near the top of the middle tier in the ACC.

In the front court, Virginia returns 1997 leading scorer Colin Ducharme, who broke his ankle at the beginning of last season. Along with Ducharme, the Cavaliers return surprising sophomore Chris

Williams, the 1998 ACC rookie of the year. Junior college transfer Stephane DonDon could fight for starting minutes from the get go this season. Gillen will ask freshman Travis Watson will be asked to step in and fill the rotation.

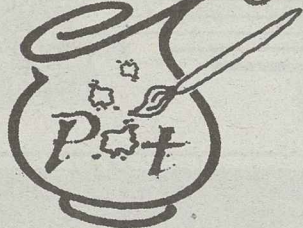
It would not be a surprise to see a lot of a three guard rotation com-

ing from the Cavaliers this season. Donald Hand is the unquestionable starter at the point guard position after a solid 1998. Hand established himself as a three point threat but will now have to turn more to distributing the ball to the other scorers. Backing up Hand will be talented freshman Majestic Mapp

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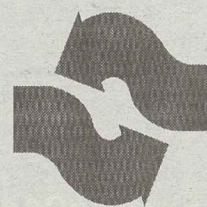
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who is the Cavaliers point guard of the future. Virginia is stacked at the off guard position with Willie Dersch and Adam Hall being joined by freshman Roger Mason. Dersch has shown that he can be a constant double digit scorer for the Cavaliers.

If all the young talent can mature together, the Cavaliers could make a run at the NCAA tournament and should surely get an invite to the NIT.

Key Win: Providence 80-64. The Cavaliers salvaged one victory in Puerto Rico and Pete Gillen beat his former team.

Key Loss: South Carolina 73-71. How do you lose to the lowly Gamecocks in the Puerto Rican paradise?

Remaining Big Games: at St. Johns, December 4

Wake Forest

The Demon Deacons do not have any senior's returning this year but that does not mean the coach Dave Odom does not have talent returning. Odom has a stocked cupboard to pick from as he returns probably the deepest team in the ACC.

Odom has all sorts of size to pick from in the front court this season. Niki Arinze, Rafael Vidaurreta, and Darius Songaila all return to battle for the starting forward positions. At center, Odom will turn to Josh Shoemaker who started several games in 1998 or go with a three forward alignment. The Deacons also have Tate Decker and Antwan Scott to come off the bench.

The shooting guard position is a solid area for the Deacons filled with All ACC performer Robert

O'Kelley. O'Kelley will light it up if given the chance to shoot the ball as he has proven being the leading returning scorer in the ACC. At the point, Odom will likely go with Broderick Hicks.


Depth is there in the front court to as the Deacons have a strong six man in Craig Dawson to come off the bench.

With so much talent, it will be hard for Odom to find time for each of his players. It will be key however for Odom to find a rotation and stick with it after juggling his line up constantly over the past two years.

Key Wins: Maryland Eastern-Shore 85-60. They have not played anyone decent yet.

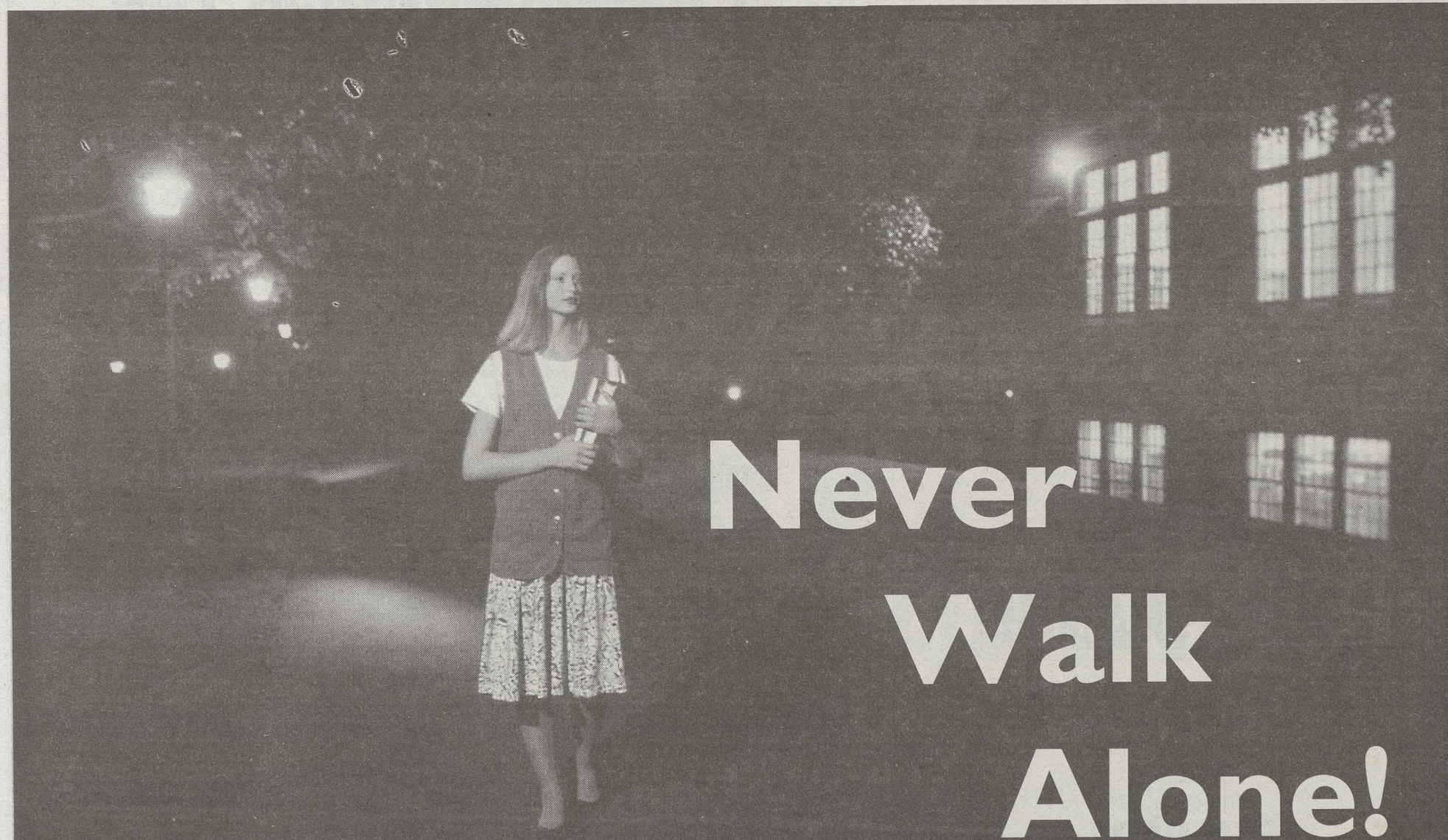
Key Losses: None

Big Games Remaining: Temple, December 11; at Arkansas, December 20.



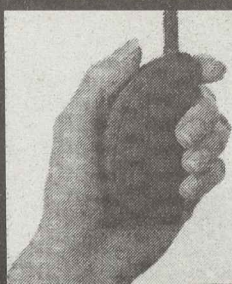
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