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In today’s world of college basketball, the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), comprised of twelve teams, is one of the strongest and most competitive leagues in the nation. Prior to becoming the league to beat, the road to greatness was paved by one school, North Carolina State University (NCSU), which fought to bring the game of basketball to a state previously dominated by football and baseball fans.

*NC State Basketball: 100 Years of Innovation* is divided into five chapters with titles such as “A Case Study,” “Continuing Case’s Dream,” and “Miracle.” The essays within each chapter highlight a historical event or person and provide a chronological history of NCSU basketball starting from when Everett Case first introduced basketball to the South and leading up to capturing two national championships, seventeen conference championships, and making college basketball fans everywhere take note that the Atlantic Coast Conference is a force to be reckoned with. Some of North Carolina State’s most distinguished players from Ronnie Shavlik and David Thompson to Sidney Lowe and Julius Hodge are featured. The book also includes the coaches who put NCSU on the college basketball map from Everett Case to Norm Sloan, Jim Valvano, Herb Sendek, and Sidney Lowe. Other essays chronicle the history behind the venues from Thompson Gymnasium to Reynolds Coliseum, and finally to the RBC Center, the changing venues a sign of the growing popularity of college basketball in the South.

Sidney Lowe, a former North Carolina State point guard and (at the time of the book’s publication) head coach, wrote the book’s foreword. He includes his fondest memories of playing and coaching for a school that pioneered many of the rules and traditions that still exist today, such as, player introductions, alley oops, the ten-second time line, basketball camps, the electronic time clock, big-time recruiting, post season tournaments, in-game music, cutting down the nets, and the use of scouting films. The book contains a preface, acknowledgments, and epilogue; however an index and a bibliography are noticeably missing. There are 230 photographs that accompany the essays, but only two photographs have captions and none have any source information.

Both authors, Tim Peeler and Roger Winstead, are alumni and lifelong fans of North Carolina State basketball. Peeler is the managing editor of GoPack.com, and has authored two books: *Legends of NC State Basketball* and *When March Went Mad: A Celebration of NC State’s 1982-1983 National Championship*. Winstead is an award-winning photojournalist, Pulitzer Prize nominee, and NCSU’s Director of Photography.

*NC State Basketball: 100 Years of Innovation* provides a fascinating history of North Carolina sports, and would appeal to college basketball fans everywhere. It is recommended for all libraries.
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