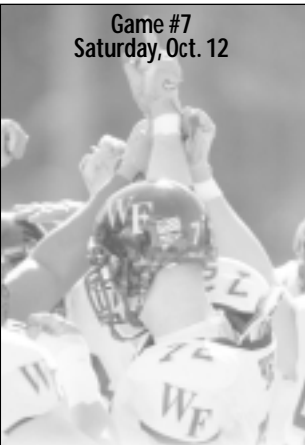


Game #7
Saturday, Oct. 12



**Wake Forest (3-3, 1-2 ACC)
vs. Duke (2-4, 0-2 ACC)**

**Groves Stadium (31,500)
Winston-Salem, NC**

Kickoff
3:30 p.m.

Television
No broadcast.

Radio
Broadcast by the Wake Forest ISP Sports Network, heard on 20 stations across North Carolina and in Virginia. Full station listing is on page five of this package. Voice of the Deacons **Stan Cotten** calls the play-by-play with former Deacon great **Ed Bradley** serving as color analyst.

On the Web
The radio broadcast can be heard live over the internet via WFU's athletics homepage: www.WakeForestSports.com.

Records
Wake Forest improved to 3-3 and earned its first ACC win of the season with a 24-21 victory at Georgia Tech last week. Duke dropped to 2-4, 0-2 in ACC play with a 27-22 loss to Virginia at home in its last outing.

The Series
Saturday's game marks the 83rd meeting between these conference rivals, with Duke leading the series 53-27-2. The Deacs are currently riding a two-game win streak and are looking to make it three in a row over the Blue Devils for the first time since the 1970-72 seasons.

Rankings
Neither team is ranked.

The Coaches
Wake Forest head coach **Jim Grobe** is in his second season in Winston-Salem, posting an 9-8 record with the Deacs. Entering his eighth season as a head coach, Grobe's overall career record stands at 42-41-1.

Duke's **Carl Franks** is 5-34 in his fourth season as a head coach, all with the Blue Devils.

Tickets
Contact the Wake Forest Ticket Office at 336-758-3322.

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Wake Forest Looks To Make It Two Wins in a Row

Coming off a 24-21 victory at Georgia Tech last season, the Wake Forest football team (3-3, 1-2 ACC) will look to post its second straight victory as it returns home to host conference rival Duke (2-4, 0-2 ACC) on Saturday at Groves Stadium. Kickoff is set for 3:30 pm.

The Deacons will look to halt a win one-lose one streak it has put together since the start of the season. After dropping its season opener at Northern Illinois, WFU returned home the following week to defeat East Carolina, 27-22. The next week was a loss at NC State, 32-13, followed by a road win at Purdue, 24-21. The Deacs returned to Winston-Salem to drop a conference matchup against Virginia, 38-34, but rebounded last week with the win over the Yellow Jackets.

It was another wild, down-to-the-wire game for WFU in Atlanta, with six lead changes and a tie before the final horn sounded. Wake's **Tarence Williams** scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 10-yard run with 5:29 remaining, then tacked on the two-point conversion to give WFU the three-point victory. Wake had the ball for nearly 38 minutes, ran 92 offensive plays and tallied 447 yards against one of the ACC's top defensive units. (See full game summary on page 12 of this package.)

The Duke Blue Devils, after two winless seasons in 2000 and '01, have already posted two victories this season - over East Carolina and Navy - but will be searching for their first conference win of the season when they visit Groves Stadium.

Demon Deacon Details

In 2002, the Wake Forest roster includes 35 letterwinners and 16 starters returning from a team that posted a bowl-eligible 6-5 record last fall. Eight starters return on both offense and defense.

Seniors dominate the starting lineup on the offensive side of the ball, including OT **Tim Bennett**, OG **Blake Henry**, WR **Jax Landfried**, WR **Fabian Davis**, QB **James MacPherson**, FB **Ovie Mughelli**, TE **Ray Thomas**. Three of the four remaining starters are juniors, including TB **Nick Burney**, LT **Mark Moroz**, and OG **Tyson Clabo**. The youngest position in the lineup is at center, where redshirt freshman **Craig Jones** replaces long time starter Vince Azzolina. Jones did not start the last three games due to an ankle injury, and has been replaced by sophomore **Blake Lingruen**.

The defense overall isn't as quite a veteran group, but the three-man front features three seniors and two three-year starters in LE **Calvin Pace**, NG **Montique Sharpe**, and RE **Rod Stephen**.

The Deacon defensive backs are perhaps the youngest position on the field in 2002. Two juniors - FS **Quintin Williams** and CB **Daryl Shaw** - and three sophomores - CB **Eric King**, B **Caron Bracy** and SS **Warren Braxton** - line up as starters in the secondary.

The freshman class is 24 members strong, including 19 signees and five non-scholarship players. It is the first full signing class spearheaded by Grobe and his staff, who came to Wake Forest in December of 2000. While the coaches were impressed with the rookies during preseason camp, Grobe's philosophy has been to redshirt as many as possible. Last season, he held out the entire fall freshman class, which puts 16 redshirt freshmen in the mix for action this season.

So far this year, Grobe has sent three true freshman into action, running back **Chris Barclay**, wide receiver/kick returner **Chris Davis** and placekicker/punter **Ryan Plackemeier**.

Wake Forest Leads Nation in Turnover Margin

Wake Forest ranks first among NCAA leaders in turnover margin (+15 overall/+2.5 per game). Through six games this season, the Deacons

WFU Football 2002 Schedule



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|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|
| 8/29 | at Northern Illinois | DeKalb, IL | FSNC/S | L, 42-41 (ot) |
| 9/7 | EAST CAROLINA | Groves Stadium | | W, 27-22 |
| 9/14 | at #19/20 NC State | Raleigh, NC | | L, 32-13 |
| 9/21 | at Purdue | West Lafayette, IN | | W, 24-21 |
| 9/28 | VIRGINIA | Groves Stadium | | L, 38-34 |
| 10/5 | at Georgia Tech | Atlanta, GA | ABC | W, 24-21 |
| 10/12 | DUKE | Groves Stadium | | 3:30 pm |
| 10/19 | at Clemson | Clemson, SC | ABC | 3:30 pm |
| 10/26 | NORTH CAROLINA | Groves Stadium | | TBA |
| 11/2 | FLORIDA STATE | Groves Stadium | | TBA |
| 11/23 | NAVY | Groves Stadium | | TBA |
| 11/30 | at Maryland | College Park, MD | | TBA |

FSNC/S - Fox Sports Net Chicago/South; all times Eastern

have forced 19 turnovers while committing just four of their own.

The Deacs also rank tied for seventh nationally in turnovers gained and tied for first (with Bowling Green, Mississippi and Wisconsin) in turnovers lost.

The WFU offense did not commit a turnover until the third game of the year at NC State, when **James MacPherson** lost a fumble and **Cory Randolph** threw an interception, both in the second half. The offense opened the season with 10 straight quarters without a turnover, as the first miscue of the season occurred on a fumbled punt attempt in the fourth quarter versus East Carolina.

Wake has been turnover-free in three of six games in 2002 -- Northern Illinois, Virginia and Georgia Tech.

At Northern Illinois, Wake intercepted two passes and recovered two fumbles. Versus ECU, the Deacs picked off four Pirate passes and forced another fumble. At NC State, WFU recovered two Wolfpack fumbles. At Purdue, Wake had five takeaways with just one lost fumble of its own. Wake recovered one Virginia fumble, the only turnover of that game. At Georgia Tech, the Deacs picked off one pass and recovered a fumble.

The numbers so far are an improvement over last year, as the Deacs finished the 2001 campaign ranked 72nd nationally in turnover margin with -3 overall (25 to 22), -.27 per game.

Road Warriors

Since **Jim Grobe** arrived at Wake Forest last season, the Deacs are gaining a reputation as road warriors. Wake went 4-1 in away games last year, including a season-opening victory at East Carolina and a 3-1 mark in ACC opponents' stadiums. The Deacons' lone road loss last year took place at FSU's Doak Campbell Stadium.

WFU is 2-2 in road games so far this season. It dropped its first two road trips at Northern Illinois and NC State, but have come back to post impressive road wins at Purdue and Georgia Tech.

Over the last season and a half, Wake and FSU are the only two teams in the league to post four wins in fellow league opponents' stadiums.

On the flip side, the Deacs have not fared as well at home. A win over Duke this weekend would mark Grobe's first ACC victory at Groves Stadium.

ACC Teams in League Road Games

| 2001 Season to Present | | | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| School | 2001 | 2002 | Total |
| Florida State | 3-1 | 1-0 | 4-1 |
| Wake Forest | 3-1 | 1-1 | 4-2 |
| Maryland | 3-1 | 0-0 | 3-1 |
| NC State | 3-1 | 0-0 | 3-1 |
| Clemson | 3-1 | 0-1 | 3-2 |
| Georgia Tech | 2-2 | 1-1 | 3-3 |
| Virginia | 1-3 | 2-1 | 3-4 |
| North Carolina | 2-2 | 0-0 | 2-2 |
| Duke | 0-4 | 0-1 | 0-5 |

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Attending Practice

Media are welcomed and encouraged to observe practice at any time - please contact the Media Relations office when you'd like to attend. Please note that Coach Grobe and all players are available for interviews immediately AFTER practice.

Player Interviews

Interviews with players can also be arranged by the Media Relations office to take place at other times of the day. Please make interview requests at least 24 hours in advance. No player interviews will be conducted, either in person or by phone after 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays during the season.

Weekly Press Conferences

Head coach Jim Grobe and selected players will meet with the media every Tuesday, beginning Aug. 27. Lunch is served from 12:30-1 p.m., players' interviews take place from 1-1:30, followed by Grobe from 1:30-2. Press conferences take place in the Miller Center Rovere Room, located adjacent to Kentner Stadium, behind the Athletic Center.

Weekly Radio Show

Jim Grobe and host Stan Cotten broadcast the "Deacon SportsPage" every Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. live on campus from Shorty's in the Benson Student Center. The broadcast is also available statewide on the Wake Forest ISP Sports Network (locally on WBRF 98.1 FM) and on the WFU athletics website, www.WakeForestSports.com.

Deacs In The News

Links to articles featuring Wake Forest athletics can be accessed via www.WakeForestSports.com. Click on the "Deacs in the News" link on the right-hand side of the page.

The Return of Tarence Williams

Though probably not quite at 100 percent, senior running back **Tarence Williams** looked very close to his 2001 form last week against Georgia Tech. His 19-carry, 99-yard performance against the Yellow Jackets included a 10-yard touchdown run and a two-point conversion on the game-winning drive for the Demon Deacons.

Williams, playing an increasing role in Wake's committee of running backs, has been gradually returning to action after breaking a bone in his foot in June. His 99 rushing yards against Tech were the most tallied by a Deacon back so far this season. The touchdown was the 18th rushing score of his career, putting him in sole possession of sixth place on Wake's career rushing TDs chart. He also moved into eighth on the all-time rushing list with 1,944 career yards.

Davis Does It All

Wake Forest lost a key player from the 2001 squad -- wide receiver/kick returner John Stone -- who set a school record with three kickoff returns for touchdowns during his career in addition to tallying 2,933 all-purpose yards.

But Stone's graduation has opened the door for senior wide receiver/kick returner **Fabian Davis** in 2002. Davis has been piling up the all-purpose yardage, averaging 156.8 yards per game, a figure that ranks second in the ACC and 14th nationally.

Davis, who has lined up a receiver his entire career prior to this season, is currently the Deacs' third-leading rusher with 45.0 yards per game. He recorded the team's second-best single-game rushing performance of the season with 90 yards versus Virginia.

Davis also leads the receiving corps with 25 catches and 59.5 yards an outing. He ranks fifth in the ACC with a 10.1 punt return average, and has also taken seven kickoff returns, averaging 23.1 yards per return.

Davis has totaled 941 all-purpose yards through six games this year and with a 12-game season, is on track to break the school's single-season all-purpose yardage record of 1,730 yards set by John Zeglinski in 1975. With 2,905 career all-purpose yards, Davis needs 125 more yards to crack Wake's top 10 chart.

Head Coach Jim Grobe



Wake Forest head coach **Jim Grobe** is in his second season with the Demon Deacons and eighth overall season as a head coach with a 42-41-1 career record. Grobe led the Deacs to a bowl-eligible 6-5 ledger in 2001, becoming just the eighth coach in WFU history to post a winning record in his first season at the helm. His career record at WFU now stands at 9-8.

Grobe came to Winston-Salem from Ohio University, where in six years he resurrected a program that had previously been considered one of the worst in Division I football. Inheriting a team that was winless the previous season, Grobe turned the Bobcats into perennial conference contenders in the MAC and posted a 33-33-1 record during his tenure.

Prior to Ohio, Grobe served as an assistant coach at the Air Force Academy for 11 years under legendary coach Fisher DeBerry. The Falcons produced a record of 84-50 and went to seven bowl games during Grobe's tenure. He also served as an assistant coach at Marshall (1979-83) after beginning his college coaching career at Emory & Henry.

After beginning his collegiate career at Ferrum Junior College, Grobe went on to the University of Virginia, starting two seasons for the Cavaliers and earning Academic All-ACC honors. He earned both a bachelor's and master's degree from Virginia.

Injury Report

Defensive end **Jerome Nichols** is still being evaluated after suffering an injury in practice last week, but is most likely out for the Duke game.

Offensive guard **Blake Henry** is probable for action, while defensive back **Dominic Anderson** is questionable heading into practice this week.

More Notes From the Georgia Tech Game

• Wake Forest's victory marked its first win over the Yellow Jackets in

Atlanta since the 1994 season and third overall road win in this series.

• Wide receiver **Jax Landfried** recorded a career-best seven catches, although the 85 receiving yards he had against the Yellow Jackets were not quite a career high (92 at NC State, 9/14/02).

• Junior cornerback **Eric King** recorded his third interception of the season, and now leads the team and ranks 22nd nationally in that category. In all of last season, no WFU defender had more than three picks.

• Quarterback **James MacPherson** attempted 25 passes, connecting on 15 for 196 yards. All those figures were his second-highest totals of the season, following his 16-of-29 completions for 216 yards versus East Carolina.

• Placekicker **Matt Wisnosky** attempted a single-game career-high four field goals, converting on three of them (29, 23 and 37 yards).

• Junior linebacker **Jamaal Argrow** recovered his second fumble of the season at a key moment in the fourth quarter, after teammate **Montique Sharpe** helped force the fumble. Bandit **Caron Bracy** also recorded his second forced fumble of the season against the Yellow Jackets.

• The Georgia Tech game marked Wake's first appearance on the ABC television network since the Aloha Bowl on Christmas Day, 1999. It was the Deacs' fifth ABC appearance since 1997, and Wake owns a 4-1 record in those five games.

• For the second straight game, Wake Forest tallied 92 offensive plays. That total is the most since taking 94 offensive snaps versus Duke in 1995.

• All ACC teams that were playing on the road on Oct. 5 recorded wins. In addition to Wake's victory in Atlanta, Virginia won at Duke, Maryland won at West Virginia and North Carolina posted a victory at Arizona State.

Scouting the Blue Devils

Duke rolls into Winston-Salem with its best record in three seasons, compiling a 2-4 mark through the first half of the 2002 campaign. After a 23-game losing streak that spanned three seasons, Duke notched a win in this season's opener, defeating East Carolina at home. After dropping its next three games with Louisville, Northwestern and Florida State, Duke won big at Navy, 43-17. The Blue Devils lost a close one last week, falling to Virginia, 27-22 in Durham.

Fullback Alex Wade and tailback Chris Douglas headline the Blue Devils' offense. Wade ranks second in the ACC in rushing (90.5 ypg) and ninth in all-purpose yardage (98.7) and has tallied three 100-yard rushing games so far this season. Douglas also ranks among the conference's top 10 in both rushing (59.2 ypg) and all-purpose yards (96.2). Douglas had a stellar game against Virginia last week, gaining 126 yards on the ground and catching eight passes for 89 yards and a TD.

Three different quarterbacks have seen action for the Blue Devils in 2002, although sophomore Adam Smith has emerged as the most productive, completing 78 passes for 904 yards, six touchdowns, and just one

pronunciation guide

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| CARON BRACY | kuh-RON BRAY-see |
| OBJ CHUKWUMAH | O-bee chuh-KOO-mah |
| Tyson CLABO | CLAY-bo |
| John FINKLEA | FINK-lee |
| Patrick GHEE | GEE (hard G) |
| Mike HAMLAR | HAM-larr |
| Willie IDLETTE | eye-dul-ETTE |
| Jax LANDFRIED | LAND-freed |
| Blake LINGRUEN | LIN-grin |
| James MacPHERSON | mac-FUR-son |
| Marcus McGRUDER | mc-GROO-der |
| Mark MOROZ | muh-ROSE |
| TILGHMAN Morton | TILL-man |
| OVIE MUGHELLI | O-vee muh-HAY-lee |
| Arthur/Daniel ORLEBAR | OR-luh-bar |
| Ryan PLACKEMEIER | PLACK-uh-my-er |
| Chad REBAR | REE-bar |
| Kreg ROTHOFF | ROTH-off |
| Joe SALSICH | SAUL-sick |
| GORYAL Scales | JOR-ee-ull |
| MONTIQUE Sharpe | mon-TEEK |
| CASSIEL Smith | cass-ee-ELL |
| JAMIL Smith | ja-MEEL |
| RECORIAN STUKES | re-COR-ee-un STOOKS |
| MASANORI TOGUCHI | mass-o-NOR-ee tuh-GOO-chee |
| Steve VALLOS | VAL-oss |
| Matt WISNOSKY | whis-NOSS-key |
| Coaches | |
| Jim GROBE | rhymes with ROBE |
| Steed LOBOTZKE | luh-BOT-ski |

Football Schedules and upcoming events

all times Eastern

Wake Forest (3-3, 1-2 ACC)

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| 8.29 | at Northern Illinois | L, 42-41 (ot) |
| <i>Huskie comeback led to 1-pt. OT loss for WFU</i> | | |
| 9.7 | EAST CAROLINA | W, 27-22 |
| <i>Defense shines; holds off ECU rally in WF win</i> | | |
| 9.14 | at #19/20 NC State | L, 32-13 |
| <i>Deacs never led; 2nd worst loss of Grobe era</i> | | |
| 9.21 | at Purdue | W, 24-21 |
| <i>Wake posts first victory over PU in four tries</i> | | |
| 9.28 | VIRGINIA | L, 38-34 |
| <i>17-point WFU lead disappears in 4th quarter</i> | | |
| 10.5 | at Georgia Tech | W, 24-21 |
| <i>Deacs pick up first win in Atlanta since 1994</i> | | |
| 10.12 | DUKE | 3:30 pm |
| <i>WF looks to win 3 in a row, first since '70-'72</i> | | |
| 10.19 | at Clemson | 3:30 pm |
| <i>7-pt. Tiger win in '01 closest game since 1993</i> | | |
| 10.26 | NORTH CAROLINA | TBA |
| <i>One-pt win in '01 biggest WF comeback ever</i> | | |
| 11.2 | FLORIDA STATE | TBA |
| <i>Deacs look to avenge 2001's worst loss</i> | | |
| 11.23 | NAVY | TBA |
| <i>Series renewed after 2000 Wake road victory</i> | | |
| 11.30 | at Maryland | TBA |
| <i>WFU fell to ACC Champs by a TD in 2001</i> | | |

Duke (2-4, 0-2 ACC)

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| 8.31 | EAST CAROLINA | W, 23-16 |
| 9.7 | LOUISVILLE | L, 40-3 |
| 9.14 | at Northwestern | L, 26-21 |
| 9.21 | at Florida State | L, 48-17 |
| 9.28 | at Navy | W, 43-17 |
| 10.5 | VIRGINIA | L, 27-22 |
| 10.12 | at Wake Forest | 3:30 pm |
| 10.19 | at NC State | TBA |
| 10.26 | MARYLAND | TBA |
| 11.2 | CLEMSON | TBA |
| 11.16 | at Georgia Tech | TBA |
| 11.23 | NORTH CAROLINA | TBA |

Upcoming WFU Athletic Events

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| 10.7-8 | M. Golf at The PING Preview Stillwater, OK • All Day |
| 10.8 | VOLLEYBALL vs. Liberty Reynolds Gym • 6:00 pm |
| 10.8-13 | M. Tennis at All-American Champ. Chattanooga, TN • All Day |
| 10.9 | W. SOCCER vs. Tennessee Spry Stadium • 7:00 pm |
| 10.9 | FIELD HOCKEY vs. Davidson Kentner Stadium • 7:00 pm |
| 10.11 | Volleyball at North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC • 7:00 pm |
| 10.11 | M. SOCCER vs. South Carolina Spry Stadium • 7:00 pm |
| 10.12 | FOOTBALL vs. Duke Groves Stadium • 3:30 pm |
| 10.12 | W. Soccer at Florida State Tallahassee, FL • 7:00 pm |
| 10.12 | Field Hockey vs. Penn State Harrisonburg, VA • TBA |
| 10.14-15 | M. Golf at Jerry Pate National Birmingham, AL • All Day |

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interception in 35 attempts.

Defensively, Duke is led by linebacker Ryan Fowler, who ranks sixth among ACC tacklers with 9.7 stops per game. Safety Terrell Smith is not far behind with 9.5 tackles an outing. Defensive end Shawn Johnson leads the league in tackles-for-loss (10) and ranks second in sacks with six this season.

Saturday's game may be a battle of who can hold on to the ball longer, as Wake Forest and Duke rank 1-2 in the ACC in time of possession, with the Deacs averaging 32:58 minutes of offense per game and Duke 31:47.

The Series With Duke

- Duke leads the all-time series, 53-27-2 and owns a 21-9-2 series lead in games played on the Deacons' home turf.
- Wake Forest has won two straight games against the Blue Devils, but the teams have evenly split the last 16 meetings, 8-8.
- The Demon Deacons are looking to make it a three-game win streak versus Duke, a feat they haven't accomplished since the 1970-72 seasons.
- Four of the last six meetings have been decided by a touchdown or less, including a 42-35 Wake win at Duke last season.
- The two teams have combined for at least 62 points in six of the last eight meetings and together have put up at least 31 points every year since 1978, when Duke posted a 3-0 win.

WFU-Duke Connections

- Wake Forest freshmen **James Adams** and **Josh Gattis** hail from Durham and attended Northern Durham High School.
- Deacon freshman walk-on kicker **Tilghman Morton** and Duke freshmen **Malcolm Ruff** and **Mike Dowling** were teammates at Gilman School in Baltimore.
- Wake placekicker **Matt Wisnosky** and Duke safety **Mark Thompson** were teammates at Moorestown High School in New Jersey.
- Three Canadians could see action on Saturday -- Wake's **Mark Moroz** and **Ray Thomas** (Ontario) and Duke's **Chris Best** (Calgary).
- Deacon assistant athletic director for football, **Bill Faircloth**, was an assistant coach at Duke in 1976 and 1977.

On This Date in WFU History

The 2002 Demon Deacons will try to post just the second victory in school history on October 12, as Wake Forest football owns an all-time record of 1-9 in games played on this date ... the lone victory occurred in 1946, a 19-7 win at home against Clemson ... Wake has never won an ACC contest on this date, going 0-3 against ACC schools since the formation of the league ... Wake has never scored more than 19 points on this date ... the Deacs have not played a home game on October 12 since its 1946 win over Clemson ... therefore, they have never played a game at Groves Stadium on this date ... Wake and Duke have never met on October 12.

No ACC Welcome From the Deacs

The nine ACC schools have welcomed five new football coaches into the fold since the start of the last season, and Wake Forest has not been very hospitable in its initial meetings with these new coaches. The Demon Deacons are 3-1 versus schools guided by a first-year ACC head coach. This includes wins over Al Groh's Virginia team and John Bunting's UNC squad in 2001, and Chan Gailey's Georgia Tech team this season.

The only new coach to defeat the Deacons is Ralph Friedgen, who guided Maryland to a seven-point win in Winston-Salem last year.

Wake Forest will face another coach in his first year at a school later this season, when it plays Paul Johnson's Navy squad on Nov. 23.

"Cardiac Deacs" Still in Effect

Over the last two seasons, the Deacs have gained a reputation for play-

The Last Meeting • Oct. 13, 2001

WAKE FOREST 42, DUKE 35

Durham, N.C. • Wallace Wade Stadium (10,835)

(AP) -- Tarence Williams ran for two touchdowns as Wake Forest scored 28 straight points in the first half, then fended off a Duke rally for a 42-35 victory.

Duke scored 28 points in the third quarter, and D. Bryant tied it at 35 on a one-yard quarterback sneak with 11:30 left in the game.

Wake Forest answered with a 10-play, 67-yard drive capped by Fred Staton's five-yard plunge for the winning score with 7:05 to play.

The Deacons never let Duke past midfield in the final seven minutes and snapped their three-game losing streak. Duke has lost 18 straight, 13 in ACC play.

Wake Forest's Kellen Brantley killed Duke's last hope with an interception and return to the Duke 48 with 1:18 to play.

The Demon Deacons scored on three of their first four possessions and grabbed a 21-0 lead in the first quarter.

James MacPherson's 35-yard pass to John Stone on the Deacons' fifth play from scrimmage opened the scoring. Staton capped a 10-play drive with a 2-yard touchdown run on Wake's next series. Tarence Williams added scoring runs of three and two yards to give the Deacons a 28-0 lead with 8:01 left in the second quarter.

Stone added another touchdown on a 7-yard end-around with 7:04 left in the third quarter for a 35-7 lead.

Bryant started Duke's rally with his one-yard run and added a touchdown pass of seven yards to Ben Erdeljac. Anthony Roberts' 20-yard interception return for a touchdown trimmed it to 35-21. Chris Douglas' 11-yard run brought Duke to 35-28 with 53 seconds left in the third quarter.

Scoring Summary

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|-------------|----------|---|----|---|----|
| Wake Forest | 21 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 42 |
| Duke | 0 | 0 | 28 | 7 | 35 |

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| WFU | Stone 35-yard pass from MacPherson (Ashe kick) 9:11 in 1st |
| WFU | Staton 2-yard run (Ashe kick) 4:10 in 1st |
| WFU | T. Williams 3-yard run (Ashe kick) 0:07 in 1st |
| WFU | T. Williams 2-yard run (Ashe kick) 8:01 in 2nd |
| DU | Bryant 1-yard run (Garber kick) 11:31 in 3rd |
| WFU | Stone 7-yard run (Ashe kick) 7:04 in 3rd |
| DU | Erdeljac 7-yard pass from Bryant (Garber kick) 4:26 in 3rd |
| DU | Roberts 20 yard interception return (Garber kick) 3:45 in 3rd |
| DU | Douglas 11-yard run (Garber kick) 0:53 in 3rd |
| DU | Bryant 1-yard run (Garber kick) 11:30 in 4th |
| WFU | Staton 5-yard run (Ashe kick) 7:05 in 4th |

| WFU | Statistics | DU |
|--------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 17 | First Downs | 22 |
| 20 | First Downs | 19 |
| 62 | Rushing Attempts | 33 |
| 265 | Net Yards Rushing | 81 |
| 144 | Net Yards Passing | 251 |
| 20 | Passes Attempted | 36 |
| 12 | Passes Completed | 21 |
| 1 | Had Intercepted | 3 |
| 409 | Total Net Yards | 332 |
| 1-1 | Fumbles-Lost | 2-1 |
| 7-34.6 | Punts-Average | 6-38.7 |
| 36:44 | Possession Time | 23:16 |

Top Individuals

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|--------------------|--|
| RUSHING - | (WF) T. Williams 25-121-1td (DU) Douglas 20-74-1td |
| PASSING - | (WF) MacPherson 20-12-144-1int-1td (DU) Bryant 36-21-251-1td-3int |
| RECEIVING - | (WF) Stone 5-82-1td (DU) Erdeljac 9-102-1td |

ACC Standings

| | ACC | Overall |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| (12/9) Florida State | 4-0 | 5-1 |
| (14/11) NC State | 1-0 | 6-0 |
| Virginia | 2-1 | 4-2 |
| Clemson | 1-1 | 3-2 |
| Georgia Tech | 1-2 | 4-2 |
| Wake Forest | 1-2 | 3-3 |
| North Carolina | 0-1 | 2-3 |
| Maryland | 0-1 | 4-2 |
| Duke | 0-2 | 2-4 |

() - AP/USA Today rankings

ACC Schedule

Thursday, 10.3

Clemson 31 at Florida State 48

Saturday, 10.5

Maryland 48 at West Virginia 17

Virginia 27 at Duke 22

WFU 24 at Georgia Tech 21

UNC 38 at Arizona State 35

Saturday, 10.12

Florida State at Miami (ABC) Noon

Clemson at Virginia (espn2) Noon

NC State at North Carolina (JP) Noon

Duke at Wake Forest 3:30

Coaches Teleconference

The nine ACC football coaches will be featured on a weekly call every Wednesday (Aug. 28-Nov. 27) from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. The media phone number is 913-981-5510 and a replay will be available on the league's website, www.TheACC.com.

Jim Grobe, WFU 11:00

Al Groh, Virginia 11:10

Chuck Amato, NC State 11:20

John Bunting, UNC 11:30

Ralph Freidgen, Maryland 11:40

Chan Gailey, Ga. Tech 11:50

Bobby Bowden, FSU 12:00

Carl Franks, Duke 12:10

Tommy Bowden, Clemson 12:20

Weekly Satellite Feed

ACC Video Services will provide a weekly satellite feed consisting of press conference and game highlights. The feed runs each Wednesday (Aug. 28 to Nov. 27) from 2:30-3:30 pm. *Coordinates: Galaxy 4R, Transponder C 18 (C-Band), located 99 degrees West, downlink frequency 4060MHz, audio 6.2/6.8 MHz, polarity vertical.*

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Georgia Tech Allison George

Maryland Greg Creese

North Carolina Kevin Best

NC State Annabelle Vaughan

Virginia Michael Colley

Wake Forest Joanna Sparkman

ing games that go down to the wire. Since **Jim Grobe** took over the reins as head coach last year, 14 of 17 games have been decided by a touchdown or less, including 12 of the last 13. Seven of those 14 games were decided by three points or less. (See chart on page seven of this package.)

Also included in that statistic is an ACC-record nine consecutive games decided by seven or less points.

The streak stretched from last year's NC State game (Oct. 6, 2001) to the East Carolina game this season (Sept. 7, 2002). Over that stretch, Wake Forest posted a 5-4 record in games that were collectively decided by 36 points (an average of 4.0 per game).

Bookending the streak were losses to two nationally-ranked teams -- No. 15 Florida State (48-24) on Sept. 29, 2001 and the Sept. 14, 2002 loss to No. 19 NC State (32-13).

Despite all these close games, only one had to be decided in overtime. Wake Forest played just its second-ever overtime game at Northern Illinois in the 2002 season opener, losing 42-41. The first overtime game in school history was a 30-27 loss to Appalachian State at home in 1998.

A Balanced Rushing Attack

After leading the ACC in rushing last season (221.6 ypg), the Deacon ground game continues to pace the league in that category this season

(246.7 ypg). However, it's not the usual suspects putting up all the numbers so far this season. Last year's leading rusher, **Tarence Williams** (1,018 yards) had a breakout game last week after gradually returning to action from a broken foot suffered last summer. His top backup in 2001, **Fred Staton** (583 yards), is sitting out this season for academic purposes.

Instead, the Deacons have employed a "running back by committee," as five different players have lined up in the backfield so far this year. Junior **Nick Burney** has been the starter in the first half of the season and is averaging a team-best 53.5 yards per game. True freshman **Chris Barclay** has emerged as a force as of late, averaging 47.8 yards per game and scoring five touchdowns over the last three games. Redshirt freshman **Cornelius Birgs** has 196 yards and four touchdowns. All-purpose threat **Fabian Davis**, a senior, has 27 touches for 279 yards, averaging an impressive 10.0 yards per carry. Williams is now averaging 43.0 yards per game after a 99-yard performance against Georgia Tech.

Senior fullback **Ovie Mughelli** perhaps was the earliest surprise of the season. After recording no rushing stats last season, Mughelli scored four touchdowns at Northern Illinois - tying a school record - and finished the night with 74 yards. He added another TD versus East Carolina and two more against Virginia to rank seventh among ACC leaders in scoring (6.0 ppg).

a quick look at the deacon lineup

Projected Offensive Starters

| | | | | | |
|----|----|------------------|-----|------|-----|
| QB | 11 | James MacPherson | Sr. | 6-2 | 197 |
| TB | 12 | Tarence Williams | Sr. | 5-10 | 178 |
| FB | 32 | Ovie Mughelli | Sr. | 6-2 | 248 |
| WR | 80 | Jason Anderson | So. | 6-3 | 189 |
| WR | 21 | Fabian Davis | Sr. | 5-11 | 180 |
| TE | 89 | Ray Thomas | Sr. | 6-4 | 245 |
| LT | 78 | Mark Moroz | Jr. | 6-4 | 270 |
| LG | 72 | Blake Henry | Sr. | 6-6 | 301 |
| C | 76 | Blake Lingruen | So. | 6-4 | 275 |
| RG | 77 | Tyson Clabo | Jr. | 6-6 | 307 |
| RT | 55 | Tim Bennett | Sr. | 6-4 | 285 |

Has played 23 quarters and thrown 138 passes without an interception
Posted WFU's best rushing performance this season with 99 yards and a TD at Ga. Tech
Tied a school record with four rushing touchdowns at NIU; scored two TDs versus Virginia
Deacs' top receiver in '01 missed three games this season due to injury, now back in lineup
Leads team and ranks second in the conference in all-purpose yardage (156.8 ypg)
Three-year starter; caught two passes for season-high 25 yards at Georgia Tech
Converted tight end has started 11 consecutive games at right tackle
Considered one of the country's top guards; named ACC Player of the Week (Sept. 23)
Second-year backup has started last three games due to Craig Jones' ankle injury
Largest player on the team; only underclassman on the line to start all 11 games in 2001
Veteran lineman who can play either tackle position; has already earned degree

Key Offensive Reserves

| | | | | | |
|----|----|-----------------|-------|------|-----|
| QB | 17 | Cory Randolph | r-Fr. | 6-1 | 180 |
| TB | 29 | Nick Burney | Jr. | 6-3 | 214 |
| TB | 2 | Cornelius Birgs | r-Fr. | 5-10 | 198 |
| TB | 28 | Chris Barclay | Fr. | 5-10 | 175 |
| WR | 15 | Jax Landfried | Sr. | 5-9 | 175 |
| WR | 13 | Anthony Young | Jr. | 6-3 | 198 |
| RT | 68 | David Walters | Sr. | 6-3 | 290 |

Named the ACC's "Best Option Quarterback" by preseason mag; saw first action at NC State
Leads the team and ranks eighth in the ACC with 53.5 rushing yards per game
Recorded 75 yards and one touchdown in collegiate debut at Northern Illinois
Rookie has scored five of Wake Forest's last nine touchdowns spanning three games
Had a career-best day at Georgia Tech with seven catches (85 yards)
Converted quarterback turned WR; has started three times this season in three-receiver set
Iowa transfer provides valuable depth on the line; started Georgia Tech game

Projected Defensive Starters

| | | | | | |
|-----|----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| LE | 93 | Calvin Pace | Sr. | 6-6 | 260 |
| NT | 92 | Montique Sharpe | Sr. | 6-2 | 292 |
| RE | 90 | Roderick Stephen | Sr. | 6-4 | 250 |
| LOU | 53 | Jamie Scott | Sr. | 6-0 | 218 |
| MLB | 45 | Brad White | So. | 6-1 | 216 |
| ROB | 54 | Kellen Brantley | Jr. | 6-3 | 236 |
| CB | 9 | Eric King | So. | 5-9 | 183 |
| FS | 25 | Quintin Williams | Jr. | 6-2 | 195 |
| B | 8 | Caron Bracy | So. | 6-0 | 213 |
| SS | 14 | Warren Braxton | So. | 6-0 | 204 |
| CB | 20 | Daryl Shaw | Jr. | 5-9 | 171 |

Needs six more quarterback sacks, five TFL to break WFU career records in both
Playing with a torn LCL in his knee suffered at NC State, did not miss any games
Veteran team leader; forced first career fumble at Purdue
Regular starter missed Virginia game with injury; returned to starting role in Atlanta
Georgia transfer has emerged as defensive leader; had led team in tackles in 3 of 6 games
Team's top returning tackler after totaling 95 stops as a sophomore in 2001
Leads the team and ranks 22nd nationally with three interceptions in six games
Two-year starter a leader of the defense; picked off two passes at NIU (5th, 6th of career)
Forced fumbles at NC State, Georgia Tech; was the team's top tackler in Atlanta (8)
Notched his first career start at NC State, had six tackles, forced fumble and TFL versus 'Pack
Recorded his second interception of the season at Purdue

Key Defensive Reserves

| | | | | | |
|-----|----|------------------|-------|-----|-----|
| NT | 57 | Goryal Scales | r-Fr. | 6-0 | 264 |
| LOU | 42 | Jamaal Argrow | Jr. | 6-1 | 217 |
| MLB | 34 | Dion Williams | Jr. | 6-1 | 239 |
| B | 14 | Obi Chukwumah | Jr. | 6-2 | 200 |
| SS | 23 | Dominic Anderson | r-Fr. | 6-0 | 190 |
| CB | 3 | Marcus McGruder | So. | 5-9 | 180 |

Took additional snaps at nose tackle after Sharpe's injury; started at NC State, Purdue
Seeing his first significant action this season, has already recovered two fumbles
Started and was the team's top tackler at NC State with eight stops, TFL
Has been hampered with injuries this season; valuable contributor on special teams
Made statement at Purdue with four solo stops and a fumble recovery
One of two redshirts to start all 11 games in 2001; third-team Freshman All-America

Specialists

| | | | | | |
|----|----|------------------|-----|------|-----|
| KO | 37 | Matt Wisnosky | So. | 6-1 | 190 |
| P | 81 | Ryan Plackemeier | Fr. | 6-3 | 220 |
| PR | 21 | Fabian Davis | Sr. | 5-11 | 180 |
| KR | 87 | Chris Davis | Fr. | 5-11 | 182 |

Sophomore walkon successful on three of four field goal attempts at Georgia Tech
Saw first start at punter versus Georgia Tech; averaged 45.0 yards on four punts
Dangerous returner had 82-yard touchdown return at NIU; currently averaging 10.0 ypr
True freshman averaging 15.8 yards per return; recovered fumble vs. Virginia

National Polls

associated press, espn/usa today

WFU opponents in bold

Associated Press Poll (10/6)

| | | | |
|-----|----------------------|------|--------------|
| 1. | Miami | (73) | 1,849 |
| 2. | Oklahoma | | 1,707 |
| 3. | Texas | (1) | 1,698 |
| 4. | Virginia Tech | | 1,632 |
| 5. | Ohio State | | 1,552 |
| 6. | Georgia | | 1,485 |
| 7. | Oregon | | 1,390 |
| 8. | Notre Dame | | 1,349 |
| 9. | Florida State | | 1,182 |
| 10. | Tennessee | | 1,132 |
| 11. | Iowa State | | 1,000 |
| 12. | Washington State | | 998 |
| 13. | Michigan | | 986 |
| 14. | NC State | | 877 |
| 15. | Penn State | | 710 |
| 16. | Florida | | 687 |
| 17. | Iowa | | 582 |
| 18. | LSU | | 569 |
| 19. | Kansas State | | 435 |
| 20. | USC | | 301 |
| 21. | Air Force | | 298 |
| 22. | Washington | | 293 |
| 23. | Wisconsin | | 223 |
| 24. | Auburn | | 222 |
| 25. | Mississippi | | 173 |

WFU Opponents Receiving Votes: Clemson (2)

ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll (10/6)

| | | | |
|-----|----------------------|------|------------|
| 1. | Miami | (60) | 1,524 |
| 2. | Texas | (1) | 1,423 |
| 3. | Oklahoma | | 1,405 |
| 4. | Virginia Tech | | 1,346 |
| 5. | Ohio State | | 1,260 |
| 6. | Georgia | | 1,220 |
| 7. | Oregon | | 1,147 |
| 8. | Notre Dame | | 1,116 |
| 9. | Tennessee | | 974 |
| 10. | Michigan | | 891 |
| 11. | NC State | | 828 |
| 12. | Florida State | | 816 |
| 13. | Washington State | | 763 |
| 14. | Iowa State | | 727 |
| 15. | LSU | | 655 |
| 16. | Florida | | 542 |
| 17. | Penn State | | 541 |
| 18. | Washington | | 349 |
| 19. | Air Force | | 328 |
| 20. | Iowa | | 317 |
| 21. | Auburn | | 305 |
| 22. | Wisconsin | | 285 |
| 23. | Kansas State | | 267 |
| 24. | USC | | 154 |
| 25. | UCLA | | 129 |

WFU Opponents Receiving Votes: Clemson (8), Maryland (6)

WFU Poll Notes

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Opponents in AP poll | 2 |
| Opponents in ESPN/USA Today poll | 2 |
| Opponents with votes in both polls | 1 |
| WFU vs. ranked opponents in 2002 | 0-1 |
| WFU vs. ranked opp. last 5 years | 4-13 |
| Last WFU ranking | Jan. 3, 1993 |
| | 25th (AP)/17th (Coaches) |
| Last win over a ranked opp. | Nov. 20, 1999 |
| | WFU 26, #14 Georgia Tech 23 |

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The committee approach has worked well so far. In addition to leading the ACC, the Deacs rank eighth nationally among team rushing leaders. Wake has recorded two 300-yard rushing games this season -- including 344 yards at NIU and 349 versus Virginia. The figures are the highest single-game rushing totals since tallying 396 versus Maryland in the 1993 season.

Individually, two Deacs are listed among the ACC leaders in rushing -- Burney ranks eighth while Barclay is ninth.

Barclay Breaks Out

True freshman **Chris Barclay** enjoyed a breakout game versus Purdue on Sept. 21, scoring three touchdowns in a 19-carry, 70-yard performance. He scored on rushes of 18, 11 and five yards. His final TD late in the third quarter was the go-ahead score that proved to be the game winner for WFU against the Boilermakers.

Barclay's 18-yard touchdown in the first quarter was his first career TD, and with it he became the first true freshman to find the endzone for the Deacs since **Anthony Young** scored three touchdowns (all passing) in the 2000 season.

Barclay's three rushing touchdowns were the first by a Wake Forest true freshman since the 1988 season, when Anthony Williams scored three against Appalachian State. Since then, there have been 11 other games when a Deacon back has rushed for three touchdowns, including two this season. In addition to Barclay's performance at Purdue, **Ovie Mughelli** tied a school record with four TDs at Northern Illinois in the season opener.

Since the Purdue game, Barclay has added touchdown runs against Virginia (nine yards) and Georgia Tech (16 yards) and has scored five of Wake's last nine touchdowns. Barclay is now Wake's second-leading rusher (47.8 ypg) and third-leading scorer (5.0 ppg).

On Pace to Break the Record

Senior defensive end **Calvin Pace** has his eye on Wake Forest's career sack and tackles-for-loss records. The current record of 30 career sacks is held by Michael McCrary, who played at WFU from 1989-92 and is a two-time Pro Bowl player for the Baltimore Ravens.

With four sacks so far this season, Pace owns 25 career sacks and is six shy of breaking McCrary's record. Pace recorded 10 last season, tying as the second-best season total in school history. He is also currently third on the career tackles-for-loss list with 42, five away from breaking McCrary's school-record 46. Last season, Pace tallied 18 TFLs and has 10 through six games this year.

On the national scale, Pace's 21 career sacks ranked third among active Division I players entering the 2002 season, behind Georgia Tech's Greg Gathers (30) and Louisville's Dewayne White (27).

Pace currently leads the team and ranks 22nd in the ACC with 40 total tackles so far this season. He also ranks second in the league in TFL and eighth in sacks.

MacPherson Still Interception-Free

Wake starting quarterback **James MacPherson** enters Saturday's game with Duke with no interceptions to blemish his stats so far this season. The senior's last interception was in the first quarter of the 2001 season finale versus Northern Illinois. Since then, he has gone 23 quarters and thrown

| Interception-Free QBs | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------|
| Only three Div. I-A quarterbacks have yet to throw an interception this season: | | |
| QB, School | Consecutive Pass Att. | Quarters |
| Nate Hybl, Oklahoma | 148 | 21* |
| James MacPherson, WFU | 138 | 23 |
| Buck Pierce, New Mexico St. | 118 | |
| * - includes Cotton Bowl | | |

(148) are the only other QBs yet to throw a pick this season.

For the first time in his career, MacPherson entered the 2002 season knowing the starting job was in his hands. In 1999, he served as a backup QB whose only game action was at punter. Coming off a knee injury in

2000, MacPherson was called to action much sooner than expected after starter C.J. Leak suffered a season-ending knee injury. MacPherson split time with true freshman **Anthony Young** that season. Both players returned in 2001, with the starting job up for grabs. Again, the duo split time until a foot injury sidelined Young. MacPherson responded well to being Wake's only healthy QB in the second half of the season, leading to Deacs to thrilling, come-from-behind road wins at Virginia and North Carolina.

With the move of Young from quarterback to wide receiver, MacPherson entered the 2002 season as the

Deacs' starter. Through six games, MacPherson has completed nearly 57 percent of his passes (69 of 122) for 889 yards and two touchdowns. He also reached a milestone in versus ECU on Sept. 14, passing the 3,000-yard career passing mark. MacPherson is just the 10th quarterback in school history to achieve that feat and the first since Brian Kuklick (1994-98). He reached that milestone in his 21st overall game at quarterback and just his 12th career start at the position.

Randolph Sees First Collegiate Action

MacPherson's backup at quarterback is redshirt freshman **Cory Randolph**, an athletic player who was named the ACC's "Best Option Quarterback" by *Street & Smith's* preseason magazine. Randolph saw his first collegiate action against NC State, entering the game late in the first half and playing the entire fourth quarter. He finished the night 6-of-14 with 48 yards passing and an interception. So far this season he's played in three of six games.

Randolph becomes the second WFU freshman in three seasons to play at QB. **Anthony Young**, now a wide receiver, split starting signal-calling duties with MacPherson as a true freshman in 2000.

Scott On the Block

In just his second season as a linebacker, Deacon senior **Jamie Scott** has made an impact. Despite playing in four and a half games so far this season, Scott is the team's fifth-leading tackler with 27 stops. He has also tallied two tackles for loss, a sack on NC State's Philip Rivers, and blocked his second career punt versus East Carolina. As mainly a special teams contributor last season, Scott also blocked a punt at Florida State which led to a Wake safety.

Scott spent his first two seasons in a Deacon uniform on the offensive side of the ball at running back. He recorded 194 yards and two touchdowns on 61 carries before switching to linebacker. Scott's father, Tony, also played linebacker at Wake Forest (1981-85). Jamie, who wore jersey No. 6 as an RB and No. 46 last year, switched to his father's number, 53, for the 2002 season.

Experience Pays Off

Wake Forest used a lot of players on both sides of the ball last season, and that experience should pay dividends this year. Twelve players on the offense have started at least 10 games over the course of their careers, led

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|------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| WFNZ | Charlotte | 610 AM |
| WEGO | Concord | 1410 AM |
| WCSL | Cherryville | 1590 AM |
| WFAY | Fayetteville | 1230 AM |
| WFAY | Fayetteville | 1450 AM |
| WGNC | Gastonia | 1450 AM |
| WIST | High Point | 98.3 FM |
| WSTK | Jacksonville | 910 AM |
| WKTE | King | 1090 AM |
| WLNR | Kinston | 1230 AM |
| WLXN | Lexington | 1440 AM |
| WLON | Lincolnton | 1050 AM |
| WHLO | Louisburg - Raleigh | 102.5 FM |
| WYRN | Louisburg | 1480 AM |
| WMVA | Martinsville, VA | 1450 AM |
| WRMT | Rocky Mount | 1490 AM |
| WSAT | Salisbury | 1280 AM |
| WOHS | Shelby | 730 AM |
| WSVM | Valdese | 1490 AM |
| Flagship Station | | |
| WBFR | Winston-Salem-Greensboro | |
| | High Point -Galax, VA | 98.1 FM |

Statistical Rankings

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WFU in the ACC Team Stats

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Rushing Offense | 1st (246.7) |
| Time of Possession | 1st (32:58) |
| Turnover Margin | 1st (+2.5) |
| First Downs | 2nd (133) |
| Rushing Defense | 2nd (116.5) |
| Sacks Against | 2nd (6) |
| Total Offense | 3rd (409.8) |
| Punting | 4th (33.3) |
| Penalties | 4th (53.3) |
| Red Zone Defense | 4th (.789) |
| 4th Down Conversions | 5th (.500) |
| 3rd Down Conversions | 7th (.375) |
| Punt Returns | 7th (9.9) |
| Scoring Defense | 7th (29.3) |
| Scoring Offense | 7th (27.2) |
| Total Defense | 7th (390.5) |
| Field Goals | 8th (.533) |
| Kickoff Returns | 8th (17.9) |
| Red Zone Offense | 8th (.750) |
| Pass Defense | 9th (274.0) |
| Pass Efficiency | 9th (116.0) |
| Pass Offense | 9th (163.2) |
| Sacks By | 9th (6) |

WFU in the ACC Individual Stats

| | | |
|-------------|---------------|------|
| Rushing | N. Burney | 8th |
| | C. Barclay | 9th |
| Pass Yds. | J. MacPherson | 9th |
| Total Off. | J. MacPherson | 7th |
| Pass Eff. | J. MacPherson | 7th |
| Receptions | F. Davis | 8th |
| Rec. Yds. | F. Davis | 9th |
| All-Purpose | F. Davis | 2nd |
| Scoring | O. Mughelli | 7th |
| KO Ret. | C. Davis | 10th |
| Punt Ret. | F. Davis | 5th |
| Punting | S. Hale | 6th |
| INTs | E. King | 11st |
| | Q. Williams | 16th |
| | D. Shaw | 16th |
| Tackles | C. Pace | 22nd |
| Sacks | C. Pace | 8th |
| TFL | C. Pace | 2nd |
| Fum. Forced | E. King | 11st |
| Fum. Rec. | W. Braxton | 11st |
| | J. Argrow | 11st |
| Passes Def. | E. King | 16th |

WFU in the NCAA Team Stats

top 50 rankings only

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Turnover Margin | 11st |
| Turnovers Lost | 11st |
| Turnovers Gained | 17th |
| Rushing Offense | 8th |
| Rushing Defense | 32nd |
| Total Offense | 39th |

WFU in the NCAA Individual Stats

| | | |
|-------------|---------------|------|
| All-Purpose | F. Davis | 14th |
| INTs | E. King | 22nd |
| Field Goals | M. Wisnosky | 28th |
| Pass Eff. | J. MacPherson | 61st |
| Punt Ret. | F. Davis | 67th |
| Scoring | O. Mughelli | 78th |
| | Q. Williams | 91st |
| | D. Shaw | 91st |
| Total Off. | J. MacPherson | 88th |
| Receptions | F. Davis | 88th |
| Punting | S. Hale | 90th |
| Rec. Yds. | F. Davis | 90th |

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by fullback **Ovie Mughelli** with a team-high 27 career starts. The defense boasts eight players with at least 12 starts, led by **Calvin Pace's** 27.

Senior nose tackle **Montique Sharpe** owned a team-best streak of 19 consecutive starts prior to the NC State game, but did not start that contest due to an injury suffered the week before. (He played against the Wolfpack in a reserve role.) Pace and safety **Quintin Williams** now tie with the team's longest starting streak at 21 games. On the other side of the ball, guard **Tyson Clabo** leads the offense with 17 consecutive starts.

Eleven players have earned their first career starts during the 2002 season, including linebacker **Jamaal Argrow**, strong safety **Warren Braxton**, running back **Nick Burney**, punter **Steve Hale**, center **Craig Jones**, center **Blake Lingruen**, nose tackle **Goryal Scales**, linebacker **Jamie Scott**, bandit **Daryl Shaw**, linebacker **Brad White**, linebacker **Dion Williams**, and placekicker **Matt Wisnosky**.

See chart on page nine for the complete list of career starts.

Poll Particulars

Two 2002 Wake Forest opponents are currently ranked among the nation's Top 25 in the both the AP and ESPN/USA Today coaches polls. Ranked opponents include No. 9/12 Florida State, and No. 14/11 NC State.

Wake opponent Clemson is receiving votes in both of the polls, while Maryland is picking up few votes in the coaches poll.

Other opponents who have received votes during the season thus far include Georgia Tech, Purdue, Virginia, North Carolina.

The Deacs themselves received one vote in the preseason coaches' poll.

MacPherson Earns National Honor

WFU senior quarterback **James MacPherson** was named to the prestigious 2002 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team in September.

MacPherson, recognized for his involvement in the Winston-Salem community, was one of 11 Division I-A players nationwide selected to the Good Works Team, which honor players for their dedication and commitment to community service.

MacPherson, a three-year starter at quarterback for the Demon Deacons, has continuously been involved with various community programs, including Athletes Care Team (ACT), Santa's Helper, and the Wake Forest Catholic Community (WFCC). The Tucson, Ariz., native is a board member for Santa's Helper, a non-profit organization that raises money to buy, wrap and deliver gifts to local underprivileged kids at Christmas. Last December, MacPherson recruited and organized student-athletes to help wrap and deliver presents to almost 900 children in 172 families in the Winston-Salem community.

With ACT, MacPherson has organized activities for student-athletes, spoken to local school children about having goals in life, participated in activities with local school children that come on campus and visited children at Brenner Hospital.

Deacs Pick Up Two ACC Player of the Week Honors

Wake Forest guard **Blake Henry** was named the ACC Offensive

2002 honors & awards

Bryan Andrews (Fr., LB)

Top 100 College Freshmen (*Street & Smith's*)

Blake Henry (Sr., OG)

Preseason Second-Team All-ACC (*The Sporting News*)
ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week (Sept. 23)

Eric King (So., CB)

ACC Defensive Back of the Week (Sept. 9)

James MacPherson (Sr., QB)

2002 AFCA Good Works Team

Calvin Pace (Sr., DE)

Preseason All-ACC (*Athlon, Street & Smith's, The Sporting News*)
Preseason Second-Team All-ACC (*Lindys*)
Preseason Honorable Mention All-America (*Street & Smith's*)
Lombardi Award Preseason Watch List

Ray Thomas (Sr., TE)

Preseason Second-Team All-ACC (*Lindys*)

Tarence Williams (Sr., RB)

Preseason All-ACC (*Athlon, Lindys, Street & Smith's, The Sporting News*)
Doak Walker Award Preseason Watch List

Lineman of the Week on Sept. 23 following the Deacs' win at Purdue.

Henry, a 6-6, 301-lb. senior, played every offensive snap against Purdue, a total of 83 plays. He graded out at 93 percent and recorded 18.5 knockdowns against the Boilermakers. One of just two seniors on a line which featured a new starting center, Henry helped the Deacon running backs accumulate 248 yards and three touchdowns on the ground. He also led a line which gave up no sacks on QB James MacPherson and allowed him to complete 9-of-12 passes with no interceptions.

Sophomore cornerback **Eric King** was named the ACC Defensive Back of the Week on Sept. 9 following his performance in Wake's win over ECU.

King came up with some big plays as the WFU defense held off a late rally to defeat visiting East Carolina, 27-22. The Woodstock, Md., native came up with the first two interceptions of his career and forced a fumble. King was also credited with three tackles (two solo) and a pass breakup.

Turning It Around

As the 2002 campaign kicked off, much of the excitement surrounding Wake Forest football can be credited to the remarkable turnaround Coach Grobe and his staff engineered in their first year with the Demon Deacons. The Deacs posted a 6-5 record in 2001 after going just 2-9 the previous season. Playing with one of the nation's youngest rosters, four of Wake's five losses came by a combined total of just 22 points. All five losses came against post-season bowl teams, including Maryland, which earned a BC

DEACS IN THE NFL

| Player | Years | Pos. | Team | Note |
|-----------------|-------|-------|----------------------|---|
| Tyler Ashe | R | PK | Minnesota Vikings | Has yet to see action this season |
| Reggie Austin | 3rd | CB | Chicago Bears | Has started last two games; nine tackles, two interceptions, five PBU on the season |
| Desmond Clark | 4th | TE | Miami Dolphins | Has yet to see action this season due to injury |
| Michael Collins | R | OG | Baltimore Ravens | Has yet to see action this season |
| Morgan Kane | R | RB | Baltimore Ravens | Has yet to see action this season |
| Dustin Lyman | 3rd | TE | Chicago Bears | Has played in every game this season with one reception for six yards |
| Michael McCrary | 10th | DE | Baltimore Ravens | Has played every game, starting two, in '02; had one tackle in 26-21 win at Cleveland |
| Kelvin Moses | 2nd | MLB | New York Jets | Has played in every game this season; recorded one stop in 29-25 loss to Chiefs |
| Ricky Proehl | 13th | WR | St. Louis Rams | Has 14 catches for 136 yards, TD this season; four catches (41 yards) in loss at San Fran |
| Walter Rasby | 9th | TE | Washington Redskins | Saw first action of the season in 31-14 win at Tennessee after being out with knee injury |
| Fred Robbins | 3rd | NT | Minnesota Vikings | Has started every game this season, totaling six tackles and one PBU |
| Jay Williams | 9th | DE | Miami Dolphins | Has played in every game in 2002, totaling five tackles, including a sack |
| Joe Zelenka | 4th | TE/LS | Jacksonville Jaguars | Has seen action in every game this season as the team's long snapper |

Miscellaneous Info

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2002 Game Captains

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Northern Illinois | James MacPherson Rod Stephen |
| East Carolina | Montique Sharpe Ray Thomas |
| NC State | Fabian Davis Calvin Pace |
| Purdue | Tyson Clabo Jamie Scott |
| Virginia | Blake Henry Quintin Williams |
| Georgia Tech | Eric King Mark Moroz |

Down To The Wire

12 of Last 13 Games Decided By A Touchdown or Less

| | | |
|----------|-------------------|---------------|
| 10.5.02 | at Georgia Tech | W, 24-21 |
| 9.28.02 | Virginia | L, 38-34 |
| 9.21.02 | at Purdue | W, 24-21 |
| 9.7.02 | East Carolina | W, 27-22 |
| 8.29.02 | at No. Illinois | L, 42-41 (ot) |
| 11.24.01 | Northern Illinois | W, 38-35 |
| 11.17.01 | Georgia Tech | L, 38-33 |
| 11.10.01 | at No. Carolina | W, 32-31 |
| 11.3.01 | at Virginia | W, 34-30 |
| 10.27.01 | Clemson | L, 21-14 |
| 10.13.01 | at Duke | W, 42-35 |
| 10.6.01 | NC State | L, 17-14 |

ACC record nine-game streak snapped at NC State (L, 32-13), 9.14.02

The Deacs in Overtime (0-2)

| | | |
|---------|-------------------|----------|
| 10.3.98 | Appalachian State | L, 30-27 |
| 8.29.02 | Northern Illinois | L, 42-41 |

Season Openers (48-50-3 overall)

Last 10 Years (4-6)

| | | |
|---------|------------------|---------------|
| 8.29.02 | at No. Illinois | L, 42-41 (ot) |
| 9.1.01 | at East Carolina | W, 21-19 |
| 8.31.00 | Appalachian St. | L, 20-16 |
| 9.11.99 | at Army | W, 34-15 |
| 9.5.98 | at Air Force | L, 42-0 |
| 9.6.97 | #21 Northwestern | W, 27-20 |
| 8.29.96 | Appalachian St. | W, 19-13 |
| 8.31.95 | Appalachian St. | L, 24-22 |
| 9.3.94 | at Vanderbilt | L, 35-14 |
| 9.4.93 | Vanderbilt | L, 27-12 |

Home Openers (63-34-3 overall)

Last 10 Years (7-3)

| | | |
|---------|------------------|----------|
| 9.7.02 | East Carolina | W, 27-22 |
| 9.1.01 | Appalachian St. | W, 20-10 |
| 8.31.00 | Appalachian St. | L, 20-16 |
| 9.25.99 | #25 NC State | W, 31-7 |
| 9.10.98 | Navy | W, 26-14 |
| 9.6.97 | #21 Northwestern | W, 27-20 |
| 8.29.96 | Appalachian St. | W, 19-13 |
| 8.31.95 | Appalachian St. | L, 24-22 |
| 9.10.94 | Appalachian St. | W, 12-10 |
| 9.4.93 | Vanderbilt | L, 27-12 |

ACC Openers (14-36 overall)

Last 10 Years (7-9)

| | | |
|---------|------------------|----------|
| 9.14.02 | at #19 NC State | L, 32-13 |
| 9.22.01 | Maryland | L, 27-20 |
| 9.9.00 | North Carolina | L, 35-14 |
| 9.18.99 | at Virginia | L, 35-7 |
| 9.26.98 | at Clemson | W, 29-19 |
| 9.20.97 | Georgia Tech | L, 28-26 |
| 9.14.96 | at Georgia Tech | L, 30-10 |
| 9.16.95 | Clemson | L, 29-14 |
| 9.17.94 | #3 Florida State | L, 56-14 |
| 9.11.93 | #18 NC State | L, 34-16 |

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In fact, Wake's 2001 turnaround tied as the third-biggest turnaround in school history. The 1979 team posted an 8-4 record after going 1-10 in 1978 (seven-game improvement). In 1992, the Deacs went 8-4, a five-game improvement after a 3-8 mark in 1991.

Wake's 2001 improvement also tied as the 10th-best turnaround among Division 1-A schools last season.

ACC Preseason Predictions

as voted on by members of the media at the ACC Football Kickoff

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Florida State | 770 |
| 2. NC State | 642 |
| 3. Maryland | 571 |
| 4. Georgia Tech | 460 |
| 5. Clemson | 434 |
| 6. North Carolina | 331 |
| 7. Wake Forest | 298 |
| 8. Virginia | 275 |
| 9. Duke | 89 |

Jersey Shuffle

Even if you followed Wake Forest football closely last season, you better keep a copy of this year's roster handy. Several Demon Deacons have switched jersey numbers for the 2002 campaign, including the following:

| Player | New | Old |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Dominic Anderson (DB) | 23 | 6 |
| Cornelius Birgs (RB) | 2 | 18 |
| Caron Bracy (DB) | 8 | 28 |
| Nick Burney (RB) | 29 | 30 |
| Christopher Carrothers (LB) | 64 | 56 |
| Steve Hale (P) | 28 | 43 |
| Mike Hamlar (OLB) | 50 | 23 |
| Eric King (DB) | 9 | 10 |
| Marcus McGruder (DB) | 3 | 20 |
| Arthur Orlebar (DE) | 98 | 94 |
| Chris Owen (LB) | 41 | 87 |
| Jason Pratt (LB) | 44 | 82 |
| Chad Rebar (OL/DL) | 64 | 51 |
| Cardell Richardson (NT) | 96 | 49 |
| Kreg Rothhoff (C/LS) | 67 | 62 |
| Joe Salsich (OG) | 70 | 95 |
| Jamie Scott (LB) | 53 | 46 |
| Daryl Shaw (DB) | 20 | 48 |
| Reorian Stukes (LB) | 52 | 56 |
| Quintin Williams (DB) | 25 | 22 |

Looking At the Big Picture

The 2002 campaign marks the 101st season of Wake Forest football. WFU now owns an all-time record of 362-550-34. In the 50th season of ACC competition, the Demon Deacons have a 92-235-5 mark.

ACC 50th Anniversary

The 2002-03 season marks the 50th anniversary of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Wake Forest, a charter member of the league, owns a 92-235-5 all-time record against conference competition.

The conference kicked off the year-long celebration with the announcement of the ACC 50th Anniversary Football Team at the annual Football Kickoff in July. Wake Forest had three representatives on the 50-member squad -- defensive back **Bill Armstrong**, running back **Brian Piccolo** and quarterback **Norm Snead**.

Armstrong was a two-time All-American in 1975 and '76 whose jersey No. 19 is retired by WFU. A 1996 WFU Hall of Fame inductee, he shares school career record for unassisted tackles with Ed Stetz and fourth in career total tackles.

Piccolo was the ACC Player of the Year, a first team All-ACC and All-America honoree in 1964. Widely known for his friendship with Chicago Bears teammate Gale Sayers and his battle with cancer depicted in the movie, "Brian's Song"; Piccolo was inducted in WFU's Hall of Fame in 1970 and his No. 31 jersey has been retired.

One of the most decorated players in WFU history, Snead led the league in passing and total offense in 1959 and '60 and was a 1960 All-American.

tracking wfu opponents

| Team | Record | Ranking | Last Outing |
|-------------------|--------|------------|---------------------------|
| Northern Illinois | 3-3 | NR | won at Ball State, 41-29 |
| East Carolina | 2-3 | NR | def. Army, 59-24 |
| NC State | 6-0 | 14th/11th | def. UMass, 56-24 |
| Purdue | 3-3 | NR | lost at Iowa, 31-28 |
| Virginia | 4-2 | NR | won at Duke, 27-22 |
| Georgia Tech | 4-2 | NR | lost to WFU, 24-21 |
| Duke | 2-4 | NR | lost to Virginia, 27-22 |
| Clemson | 3-2 | rec. votes | lost at FSU, 48-31 |
| North Carolina | 2-3 | NR | won at Arizona St., 38-35 |
| Florida State | 5-1 | 12th/9th | def. Clemson, 48-31 |
| Navy | 1-4 | NR | lost at Air Force, 48-7 |
| Maryland | 4-2 | NR | won at West Va., 48-17 |

After earning All-ACC honors three straight years, Snead was a first-round NFL Draft pick of the Washington Redskins in 1961. He enjoyed 16-year career in NFL and earned All-Pro honors. Snead was inducted in the WFU Hall of Fame in 1977 and his No. 16 jersey has been retired.

Groves Stadium Celebrates 35th Season in 2002

Wake Forest is playing its 35th season of football in Winston-Salem's Groves Stadium in 2002. Originally dedicated on September 14, 1968, the stadium has been the site of 72 Deacon victories, including two undefeated home seasons (1970 and '79).

WFU football has had several homes over the years. The original Groves Stadium is located in Wake Forest, N.C., the first home of Wake Forest College. Built in 1940, Wake compiled a 26-12-2 record in that facility with just one losing season at home between 1940-55. After the school moved to Winston-Salem, WFU played at Bowman-Gray Stadium from 1956-67.

Deacon Diaries Online

Get an inside look at Wake Forest football through the eyes and thoughts of the players. During preseason camp, senior offensive guard **Blake Henry** wrote a daily diary on the WFU athletics website - www.WakeForestSports.com. Henry provided insight to the Demon Deacon practices and preparations for the upcoming season. His diaries are archived via a link on the front page of the site.

During the season, senior nose tackle **Montique Sharpe** is writing a weekly diary, also available on the WFU athletics site.

Making the Grade

Six members of the Demon Deacon football team, including four players returning in 2002, were named to the ACC Honor Roll for the 2001-02 academic year. Returning honorees include **Tim Bennett** (making his fourth appearance on the Honor Roll), **Steve Hale**, **Quintin Williams** (his second appearance) and **Matt Wisnosky**.

To be named to the Honor Roll, student-athletes must post a GPA of 3.0 or better for the entire academic year.

In addition to the players above, the following members of the football team were named to the Wake Forest Dean's List at least one semester last year: **Obi Chukwumah**, **Blake Henry**, **James MacPherson**, **Andrew Shelton**, **Brad White**, and **Jack Yates**.

Coming Up Next

Wake Forest hits the road, traveling to Clemson, S.C. to face the Clemson Tigers on Oct. 19. Kickoff is set for 3:30 pm with an ABC regional telecast.

Happy Birthday To You...

The following Demon Deacons celebrate birthdays this week:

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Obi Chukwumah | Oct. 9 |
| Blake Henry | Oct. 12 |

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Interceptions thrown by quarterback **James MacPherson** this season.

1

Wake Forest's national ranking in turnover margin. The Deacs have created 15 more turnovers than they've committed this season (19-4), an NCAA-leading average of 2.5 per game.

3

Touchdowns scored by rookie **Chris Barclay** at Purdue, the first true freshman to score three rushing TDs in a game since Anthony Williams in 1988.

4

Touchdowns scored by **Ovie Mughelli** at Northern Illinois, tying a WFU record for rushing TDs in a game.

8

2002 Wake Forest opponents who earned a bowl berth last season.

14

Games (of 17) decided by seven points or less during the **Jim Grobe** era at WFU, including an ACC-record nine-game streak.

18

Career rushing touchdowns by senior running back **Tarence Williams**, a mark which ranks sixth all-time at WFU.

19

Turnovers created by Wake Forest this season, a mark which ranks seventh nationally.

21

Consecutive starts by defenders **Calvin Pace** and **Quintin Williams**, the team's longest such streak.

25

Career sacks by **Calvin Pace**, six shy of breaking the school record of 30, held by Michael McCrary.

27

Career starts by senior fullback **Ovie Mughelli**, the most on the team.

35

Seasons of football played in Wake Forest's Groves Stadium - the home of Deacon football since 1968.

92

Wake's total number of offensive plays in each of the last two games (versus UVa and Ga. Tech) - the most in a game since 1995.

246.7

Wake Forest's team rushing yards per game, a figure which leads the ACC and ranks eighth nationally.

349

Rushing yards tallied by WFU against Virginia, the most in a single game since the 1993 campaign.

Career Passing Leaders (3,000-Yard Passers)

| | Years | Com/Att | Pct | Yards | TD |
|----------------------------|---------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1. Brian Kuklick | 1994-98 | 665/1230 | 54.1 | 8,017 | 44 |
| 2. Mike Elkins | 1985-88 | 609/1109 | 54.9 | 7,304 | 43 |
| 3. Gary Schofield | 1981-83 | 640/1113 | 57.5 | 7,205 | 44 |
| 4. Jay Venuto | 1979-80 | 412/776 | 53.1 | 5,086 | 37 |
| 5. Rusty LaRue | 1992-95 | 472/786 | 60.1 | 5,016 | 23 |
| 6. Keith West | 1989-92 | 365/683 | 53.4 | 4,747 | 28 |
| 7. Norm Snead | 1958-60 | 272/601 | 45.3 | 4,040 | 27 |
| 8. Phil Barnhill | 1987-90 | 310/656 | 47.3 | 3,931 | 23 |
| 9. James MacPherson | 1999- | 295/538 | 54.8 | 3,768 | 10 |
| 10. Mike McGlamry | 1974-77 | 309/610 | 50.7 | 3,684 | 17 |

Career Pass Completions

| | Years | Total |
|----------------------------|---------|------------|
| 1. Brian Kuklick | 1994-98 | 665 |
| 2. Gary Schofield | 1981-83 | 640 |
| 3. Mike Elkins | 1985-88 | 609 |
| 4. Rusty LaRue | 1992-95 | 472 |
| 5. Jay Venuto | 1979-80 | 412 |
| 6. Keith West | 1989-92 | 365 |
| 7. Phil Barnhill | 1987-90 | 310 |
| 8. Mike McGlamry | 1974-77 | 309 |
| 9. James MacPherson | 1999- | 295 |
| 10. Foy White | 1983-85 | 281 |

Career Pass Attempts

| | Years | Total |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|
| 1. Brian Kuklick | 1994-98 | 1,230 |
| 2. Gary Schofield | 1981-83 | 1,113 |
| 3. Mike Elkins | 1985-88 | 1,109 |
| 4. Rusty LaRue | 1992-95 | 786 |
| 5. Jay Venuto | 1979-80 | 776 |
| 6. Keith West | 1989-92 | 683 |
| 7. Phil Barnhill | 1987-90 | 656 |
| 8. Mike McGlamry | 1974-77 | 610 |
| 9. Norm Snead | 1958-60 | 601 |
| 10. James MacPherson | 1999- | 538 |

Career Completion Percentage

| | Years | Total |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Rusty LaRue | 1992-95 | .601 |
| 2. Foy White | 1983-85 | .593 |
| 3. Gary Schofield | 1981-83 | .575 |
| 4. David Webber | 1978-79, 81 | .566 |
| 5. Mike Elkins | 1985-88 | .549 |
| 6. James MacPherson | 1999- | .548 |
| 7. Brian Kuklick | 1994-98 | .541 |
| 8. Keith West | 1989-92 | .534 |
| 9. Jay Venuto | 1979-80 | .531 |
| 10. Mike McGlamry | 1974-77 | .507 |

Career Rushing Leaders

| | Years | Rushes | Yards | Avg | TD |
|----------------------------|---------|------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. James McDougald | 1976-79 | 880 | 3,811 | 4.3 | 30 |
| 2. Michael Ramseur | 1982-85 | 753 | 3,325 | 4.4 | 30 |
| 3. Morgan Kane | 1996-99 | 647 | 2,550 | 3.9 | 17 |
| 4. Topper Clemons | 1982-85 | 506 | 2,479 | 4.9 | 13 |
| 5. John Leach | 1990-93 | 474 | 2,246 | 4.7 | 17 |
| 6. Larry Hopkins | 1970-71 | 452 | 2,212 | 4.9 | 10 |
| 7. Anthony Williams | 1988-91 | 511 | 2,203 | 4.3 | 19 |
| 8. Tarence Williams | 1999- | 441 | 1,944 | 4.4 | 18 |
| 9. Larry Russell | 1969-71 | 639 | 1,923 | 3.0 | 29 |
| 10. Mark Young | 1986-88 | 405 | 1,827 | 4.5 | 15 |

Career Rushing Attempts

| | Years | Rushes |
|----------------------------|---------|------------|
| 1. James McDougald | 1976-79 | 880 |
| 2. Michael Ramseur | 1982-85 | 753 |
| 3. Morgan Kane | 1996-99 | 647 |
| 4. Larry Russell | 1969-71 | 639 |
| 5. Anthony Williams | 1988-91 | 511 |
| 6. Topper Clemons | 1982-85 | 506 |
| 7. John Leach | 1990-93 | 474 |
| 8. Larry Hopkins | 1970-71 | 452 |
| 9. Tarence Williams | 1999- | 441 |
| 10. Brian Piccolo | 1962-64 | 413 |

Career Rushing Touchdowns

| | Years | TDs |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1. James McDougald | 1976-79 | 30 |
| Michael Ramseur | 1982-85 | 30 |
| 3. Larry Russell | 1969-71 | 29 |
| 4. Brian Piccolo | 1962-64 | 19 |
| Anthony Williams | 1988-91 | 19 |
| 6. Tarence Williams | 1999- | 18 |
| 7. Bill Gregus | 1947-49 | 17 |
| Freddie Summers | 1967-68 | 17 |
| John Leach | 1990-93 | 17 |
| Morgan Kane | 1996-99 | 17 |

Career Average Per Reception (min. 75 receptions)

| | Years | Avg | Rec/Yards |
|------------------------|---------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. Todd Dixon | 1990-93 | 17.2 | 134/2,300 |
| 2. Wayne Baumgardner | 1978-81 | 17.1 | 135/2,303 |
| 3. Red O'Quinn | 1946-49 | 16.2 | 122/1,974 |
| 4. Ricky Proehl | 1986-89 | 15.7 | 188/2,949 |
| 5. Fabian Davis | 1999- | 15.2 | 88/1,339 |
| 6. Tim Ryan | 1980-83 | 14.3 | 111/1,591 |
| 7. Kenny Duckett | 1978-81 | 13.9 | 108/1,499 |
| Bobby Jones | 1989-92 | 13.9 | 88/1,226 |
| 9. James Brim | 1983-86 | 13.3 | 153/2,040 |
| 10. Desmond Clark | 1995-98 | 13.1 | 216/2,834 |

Career Tackles For Loss

| | Years | Total |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1. Mike McCrary | 1989-92 | 46 |
| 2. Fred Robbins | 1996-98 | 44 |
| 3. Calvin Pace | 1999- | 42 |
| 4. Nate Bolling | 1998-01 | 40 |
| 5. Bryan Ray | 1997-00 | 39 |
| 6. Kelvin Moses | 1994-99 | 37 |
| 7. James Parker | 1976-79 | 34 |
| 8. Tucker Grace | 1992-95 | 32 |
| 9. Dred Booe | 1990-93 | 30 |
| 10. Dave LaCrosse | 1974-76 | 25 |

Career Sacks

| | Years | Total |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1. Mike McCrary | 1989-92 | 30 |
| 2. Calvin Pace | 1999- | 25 |
| 3. Bryan Ray | 1997-00 | 19 |
| 4. James Parker | 1976-79 | 15 |
| Fred Robbins | 1996-99 | 15 |
| Rudy Thompson | 1989-92 | 13 |
| 7. Nate Bolling | 1998-01 | 12 |
| 8. Bruce Hopkins | 1974-77 | 11 |
| Gary Baldinger | 1982-85 | 11 |
| Dustin Lyman | 1996-99 | 11 |

Career Passes Broken Up (since 1981)

| | Years | Total |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1. A.J. Greene | 1985-88 | 46 |
| 2. George Coghill | 1989-92 | 35 |
| 3. Tony Mosley | 1986-88 | 31 |
| 4. Rory Holt | 1983-84, 86 | 28 |
| 5. D'Angelo Solomon | 1994-97 | 26 |
| 6. Ronnie Burgess | 1981-84 | 23 |
| Eddie Purnsley | 1985-88 | 23 |
| 8. Reggie McCummings | 1982-85 | 20 |
| Ron Lambert | 1989-92 | 20 |
| 10. Adrian Duncan | 1998-01 | 18 |
| 11. Quintin Williams | 2000- | 17 |

Team Comparisons and WFU start charts

WFU-Duke Statistical Comparison

per game averages unless specified

| Category | WFU | DU |
|--------------------|--------|---------|
| Overall Record | 3-3 | 2-4 |
| Scoring Offense | 27.2 | 21.5 |
| Scoring Defense | 29.3 | 29.0 |
| Rushing Offense | 246.7 | 168.3 |
| Rushing Defense | 116.5 | 126.2 |
| Passing Offense | 163.2 | 185.5 |
| Passing Defense | 274.0 | 243.8 |
| Total 1st Downs | 133 | 111 |
| Total Offense | 409.8 | 353.8 |
| Total Defense | 390.5 | 370.0 |
| Kick Return Avg. | 17.9 | 16.5 |
| Punt Return Avg. | 9.9 | 5.5 |
| Penalty Yardage | 53.3 | 47.7 |
| Net Punt Average | 33.3 | 37.1 |
| Time of Possession | 32:58 | 31:47 |
| 3rd-Down Conv. | 38% | 34% |
| 4th-Down Conv. | 50% | 38% |
| Interceptions By | 8 | 9 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 10-3 | 15-7 |
| Total Tackles | 390 | 521 |
| Sacks By/Yards | 6/-27 | 16/-121 |
| TFL/Yards | 28/-77 | 56/-204 |

WFU Start Charts

| Offense | 2002 | Cur. Strk. | Career |
|------------------|------|------------|--------|
| Mughelli (FB) | 4 | 2 | 27 |
| Thomas (TE) | 5 | 1 | 24 |
| Davis (WR) | 6 | 6 | 21 |
| T. Williams (RB) | - | - | 18 |
| Clabo (OG) | 6 | 17 | 18 |
| Henry (OG) | 6 | 12 | 17 |
| MacPherson (QB) | 6 | 11 | 17 |
| Moroz (OT) | 6 | 11 | 14 |
| Anderson (WR) | 2 | - | 13 |
| Bennett (OT) | 5 | - | 12 |
| Young (WR) | 3 | 2 | 12 |
| Landfried (WR) | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| Burney (RB) | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Jones (C) | 3 | - | 3 |
| Lingruen (C) | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Walters (OT) | 1 | 1 | 3 |

| Defense | 2002 | Cur. Strk. | Career |
|------------------|------|------------|--------|
| Pace (DE) | 6 | 21 | 27 |
| Q. Williams (FS) | 6 | 21 | 23 |
| Sharpe (NT) | 4 | 2 | 23 |
| Brantley (LB) | 6 | 17 | 17 |
| Chukwumah (SS) | 1 | - | 15 |
| King (CB) | 6 | 13 | 13 |
| Bracy (B) | 6 | 12 | 12 |
| McGruder (CB) | 1 | - | 12 |
| Stephen (DE) | 6 | 6 | 8 |
| Shaw (B) | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| White (LB) | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Braxton (SS) | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Scott (RB) | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| Hamlar (LB) | - | - | 4 |
| Scales (NT) | 2 | - | 2 |
| D. Williams (LB) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Argrow (LB) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Ivey (FS) | - | - | 1 |
| Perez (CB) | - | - | 1 |

| Specialists | 2002 | Cur. Strk. | Career |
|---------------|------|------------|--------|
| Hale (P) | 5 | - | 5 |
| Plackemeier | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Wisnosky (PK) | 6 | 6 | 6 |

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Offense

| | | | | | |
|----|----|------------------|------|-----|-------|
| QB | 11 | JAMES MacPHERSON | 6-2 | 197 | Sr. |
| | 17 | Cory Randolph | 6-1 | 180 | r-Fr. |
| FB | 32 | OVIE MUGHELLI | 6-2 | 248 | Sr. |
| | 86 | Josh Warren | 6-4 | 245 | Jr. |
| TB | 12 | TARENCE WILLIAMS | 5-10 | 178 | Sr. |
| | 28 | Chris Barclay | 5-10 | 175 | Fr. |
| WR | 80 | JASON ANDERSON | 6-3 | 189 | So. |
| | 15 | Jax Landfried | 5-9 | 175 | Sr. |
| or | 23 | Anthony Young | 6-3 | 198 | Jr. |
| WR | 11 | FABIAN DAVIS | 5-11 | 180 | Sr. |
| | 87 | Chris Davis | 5-11 | 182 | Fr. |
| TE | 89 | RAY THOMAS | 6-4 | 245 | Sr. |
| | 86 | Josh Warren | 6-4 | 245 | Jr. |
| LT | 78 | MARK MOROZ | 6-4 | 270 | Jr. |
| | 66 | Greg Adkins | 6-3 | 265 | r-Fr. |
| LG | 77 | TYSON CLABO | 6-6 | 307 | Jr. |
| | 64 | Chad Rebar | 6-3 | 281 | Jr. |
| C | 76 | BLAKE LINGRUEN | 6-4 | 275 | So. |
| | 60 | Craig Jones | 6-1 | 280 | r-Fr. |
| RG | 72 | BLAKE HENRY | 6-6 | 301 | Sr. |
| | 58 | Masanori Toguchi | 6-3 | 284 | Sr. |
| RT | 55 | TIM BENNETT | 6-4 | 285 | Sr. |
| | 68 | David Walters | 6-3 | 290 | Sr. |

Defense

| | | | | | |
|-----|----|------------------|------|-----|-------|
| LE | 93 | CALVIN PACE | 6-6 | 270 | Sr. |
| | 98 | Arthur Orlebar | 6-4 | 245 | r-Fr. |
| NT | 92 | MONTIQUE SHARPE | 6-2 | 292 | Sr. |
| | 57 | Goryal Scales | 6-0 | 271 | r-Fr. |
| RE | 90 | RODERICK STEPHEN | 6-4 | 266 | Sr. |
| | 91 | John Finklea | 6-5 | 267 | r-Fr. |
| LOU | 53 | JAMIE SCOTT | 6-0 | 218 | Sr. |
| | 42 | Jamaal Argrow | 6-1 | 217 | Jr. |
| MLB | 45 | BRAD WHITE | 6-1 | 216 | So. |
| | 34 | Dion Williams | 6-1 | 239 | Jr. |
| ROB | 54 | KELLEN BRANTLEY | 6-3 | 236 | Jr. |
| | 44 | Jason Pratt | 6-0 | 210 | r-Fr. |
| CB | 9 | ERIC KING | 5-9 | 183 | So. |
| | 24 | Ricky Perez | 6-1 | 182 | Jr. |
| FS | 25 | QUINTIN WILLIAMS | 6-2 | 195 | Jr. |
| | 26 | Elliot Ivey | 6-0 | 197 | Sr. |
| B | 8 | CARON BRACY | 6-0 | 213 | So. |
| | 14 | Obi Chukwumah | 6-2 | 200 | Jr. |
| | 43 | Drew Dayton | 5-11 | 175 | Jr. |
| SS | 27 | WARREN BRAXTON | 6-0 | 204 | So. |
| | 23 | Dominic Anderson | 6-0 | 190 | r-Fr. |
| CB | 20 | DARYL SHAW | 5-9 | 171 | Jr. |
| | 3 | Marcus McGruder | 5-9 | 180 | So. |

Specialists

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|----|----|------------------|------|-----|-------|
| PK | 37 | MATT WISNOSKY | 6-1 | 190 | So. |
| P | 81 | RYAN PLACKEMEIER | 6-3 | 220 | Fr. |
| or | 28 | STEVE HALE | 6-0 | 176 | So. |
| LS | 15 | JAX LANDFRIED | 5-9 | 175 | Sr. |
| | 38 | Jack Yates | 6-0 | 217 | Jr. |
| SS | 66 | GREG ADKINS | 6-3 | 265 | r-Fr. |
| | 38 | Jack Yates | 6-0 | 217 | Jr. |
| H | 15 | JAX LANDFRIED | 5-9 | 175 | Sr. |
| KR | 21 | FABIAN DAVIS | 5-11 | 180 | Sr. |
| or | 87 | CHRIS DAVIS | 5-11 | 182 | Fr. |
| PR | 21 | FABIAN DAVIS | 5-11 | 180 | Sr. |

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Offense

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|----|----|--------------------|------|-----|-----|
| WR | 21 | SENTERRIO LANDRUM | 5-9 | 185 | So. |
| | 82 | Lance Johnson | 6-1 | 190 | So. |
| or | 12 | Darryl Scott | 6-3 | 210 | So. |
| LT | 75 | DREW STROJNY | 6-8 | 300 | Jr. |
| | 79 | Jim Moravchik | 6-6 | 305 | Fr. |
| LG | 74 | DARYL LEWIS | 6-3 | 330 | Jr. |
| | 61 | Joe Boniewicz | 6-4 | 290 | So. |
| C | 70 | LUKE BAYER | 6-5 | 285 | Jr. |
| | 78 | Dan Mooney | 6-5 | 295 | So. |
| RG | 68 | RUSTY WILSON | 6-3 | 320 | Jr. |
| | 73 | Chris Best | 6-5 | 270 | Fr. |
| RT | 65 | CHRISTIAN MITCHELL | 6-7 | 325 | So. |
| | 76 | Kurt Falke | 6-6 | 300 | Fr. |
| TE | 89 | ANDY ROLAND | 6-4 | 225 | Fr. |
| or | 87 | CALEN POWELL | 6-5 | 235 | So. |
| WR | 2 | KHARY SHARPE | 5-11 | 170 | So. |
| | 28 | Ronnie Elliott | 5-9 | 170 | Fr. |
| or | 84 | Reggie Love | 6-4 | 225 | Jr. |
| QB | 9 | CHRIS DAPOLITO | 6-3 | 215 | So. |
| or | 16 | ADAM SMITH | 6-5 | 205 | So. |
| FB | 37 | ALEX WADE | 6-1 | 250 | Jr. |
| | 40 | Zach Novak | 6-1 | 235 | So. |
| TB | 4 | CHRIS DOUGLAS | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. |
| | 37 | Alex Wade | 6-1 | 250 | Jr. |

Defense

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|----|----|--------------------|------|-----|-----|
| DE | 55 | MICAH HARRIS | 6-4 | 235 | So. |
| | 44 | Chad Rice | 6-3 | 235 | So. |
| or | 48 | Phillip Alexander | 6-4 | 235 | So. |
| DT | 35 | Matt Zielinski | 6-2 | 290 | Jr. |
| | 92 | Bob Benion | 6-3 | 270 | Fr. |
| DT | 90 | DEMETRIUS WARRICK | 6-7 | 275 | Fr. |
| | 98 | Drew Ciecpielinski | 6-5 | 255 | So. |
| DE | 96 | SHAWN JOHNSON | 6-5 | 265 | Jr. |
| | 91 | Orrin Thompson | 6-7 | 270 | So. |
| LB | 24 | JAMYON SMALL | 6-1 | 225 | Sr. |
| | 13 | Giuseppe Aguanno | 6-1 | 235 | So. |
| LB | 53 | JIM SCHARRER | 6-4 | 240 | So. |
| | 45 | J.T. Cape | 6-4 | 235 | So. |
| LB | 27 | RYAN FOWLER | 6-4 | 235 | Jr. |
| | 29 | DeAndre White | 6-0 | 200 | Fr. |
| or | 41 | Justin Kitchen | 6-4 | 210 | Fr. |
| CB | 3 | KENNETH STANFORD | 5-9 | 180 | So. |
| | 23 | Brian Greene | 6-1 | 185 | Fr. |
| S | 25 | TERRELL SMITH | 5-11 | 175 | Jr. |
| | 46 | Mark Thompson | 6-3 | 200 | Fr. |
| S | 17 | ALEX GREEN | 6-2 | 195 | So. |
| | 42 | Anthony Roberts | 6-3 | 20 | Jr. |
| CB | 36 | DEONTO McCORMICK | 5-10 | 180 | Fr. |
| | 20 | Temo George | 5-9 | 175 | So. |

Specialists

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|-----|----|-------------------|------|-----|-----|
| K | 1 | BRENT GARBER | 6-1 | 195 | Jr. |
| | 29 | Matt Brooks | 6-1 | 185 | So. |
| P | 18 | TREY McDONALD | 6-2 | 200 | So. |
| | 29 | Matt Brooks | 6-1 | 185 | So. |
| H | 18 | TREY McDONALD | 6-2 | 220 | So. |
| | 10 | Chris Wispelwey | 6-5 | 220 | So. |
| LS | 47 | SETH CARTER | 6-1 | 240 | Jr. |
| | 46 | Mark Thompson | 6-3 | 200 | Fr. |
| KOR | 21 | SENTERRIO LANDRUM | 5-9 | 185 | So. |
| | 3 | KENNETH STANFORD | 5-9 | 180 | So. |
| PR | 2 | KHARY SHARPE | 5-11 | 170 | So. |
| | 82 | Lance Johnson | 6-1 | 190 | So. |
| | 25 | Dennis Davis | 6-0 | 180 | So. |

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Game 1 • August 29, 2002

Northern Illinois 42, Wake Forest 41 (ot)

DeKalb, Ill. • Huskie Stadium (19,653)

(AP) Thomas Hammock scored on a seven-yard touchdown run in overtime and Northern Illinois stopped Wake Forest's 2-point conversion attempt to win 42-41 in the season opener for both teams Thursday night.

Wake Forest could have sent the game into a second overtime, but instead opted to go for two after Ovie Mughelli's 1-yard touchdown run. The Demon Deacons tried to run right on the two-point attempt, but were tackled short of the end zone by several NIU defenders.

The Huskies, who play in the Mid-American Conference and went 6-5 a year ago, swarmed onto the field after beating a team from the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Hammock finished with 172 yards rushing on 38 carries and two touchdowns. He entered the season ranked seventh on the school's career rushing list with 2,260 yards and needs to average 124 yards to become the all-time leader.

The Deacons led throughout, but were outscored 11-0 in the fourth quarter. They appeared to have the game in hand when they intercepted Josh Haldi's pass late in the fourth quarter.

Wake Forest drove into Northern Illinois territory, but missed a field-goal attempt that would have given them a six-point lead.

The Huskies took over on downs and drove down the field. Kicker Steve Azar made a 46-yard field goal as time expired in regulation to send the game into overtime.

Haldi, who took only 20 snaps from center last year, was 13-of-25 for 192 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions.

Wake Forest jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter on scoring runs by Cornelius Birgs and Mughelli.

After the second touchdown, Northern Illinois' Michael Turner responded with a 93-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

After Haldi threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Matt Dunker, Azar connected on a 51-yard field goal at the end of the first half to make it 21-17.

Fabian Davis, who returned a punt 82 yards for a touchdown in the first half, had 69 yards rushing on four carries.

Mughelli scored four touchdowns in the game and finished with 74 yards rushing. Birgs ran for 75 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries.

| Scoring Summary | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | Total |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Wake Forest | 14 | 7 | 14 | 0 | 6 | 41 |
| Northern Illinois | 7 | 10 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 42 |

- WFU** Birgs 2-yard run (Wisnosky kick blocked) 11:32 in 1st
- WFU** Mughelli 3-yard run (Davis rush) 3:37 in 1st
- NIU** Turner 93-yard kickoff return (Azar kick) 3:19 in 1st
- WFU** F. Davis 82-yard punt return (Wisnosky kick) 13:18 in 2nd
- NIU** Dunker 30-yard pass from Haldi (Azar kick) 10:05 in 2nd
- NIU** Azar 51-yard field goal, 0:00 in 2nd
- WFU** Mughelli 1-yard run (Wisnosky kick) 13:35 in 3rd
- NIU** Sheldon 44-yard pass from Haldi (Azar kick) 10:58 in 3rd
- WFU** Mughelli 1-yard run (Wisnosky kick) 0:03 in 3rd
- NIU** Hammock 3-yard run (Perry pass) 11:15 in 4th
- NIU** Azar 46-yard field goal, 0:00 in 4th
- NIU** Hammock 7-yard run (Azar kick) in OT
- WFU** Mughelli 1-yard run (Birgs rush failed) in OT

| WFU | Statistics | NIU |
|--------|-------------------|--------|
| 17 | First Downs | 26 |
| 50 | Rushing Attempts | 54 |
| 344 | Net Yards Rushing | 206 |
| 107 | Net Yards Passing | 214 |
| 17 | Passes Attempted | 26 |
| 9 | Passes Completed | 14 |
| 0 | Had Intercepted | 2 |
| 451 | Total Net Yards | 420 |
| 0-0 | Fumbles-Lost | 4-2 |
| 6-41.0 | Punts-Average | 5-40.8 |
| 31:28 | Possession Time | 28:32 |

Top Individuals

- Rushing - (WFU) Burney 6-77
(NIU) Hammock 38-172-2td
- Passing - (WFU) MacPherson 17-9-107
(NIU) Haldi 25-13-192-2td-2int
- Receiving - (WFU) F. Davis 3-60
(NIU) Sheldon 3-66-1td

Game 2 • September 7, 2002

Wake Forest 27, East Carolina 22

Winston-Salem, N.C. • Groves Stadium (28,486)

(AP) - James MacPherson threw for 216 yards and a touchdown in Wake Forest's 27-22 victory over East Carolina, its second straight win over the Pirates.

Matt Wisnosky kicked a pair of field goals and Ovie Mughelli and Cornelius Birgs each ran for a touchdown to give Wake (1-1) a win in its home opener.

East Carolina was hurt by five turnovers and dropped to 0-2 for the first time in 15 seasons. The Pirates last started a season with two losses in 1986, when they lost six straight in a 2-9 campaign.

MacPherson became the 10th quarterback in Wake Forest history to pass for more than 3,000 yards. He finished the game 16-of-29 with no interceptions and a 46-yard TD pass to Anderson in the third quarter.

Like last week, when Wake Forest lost its opener 42-41 to Northern Illinois in overtime, this one came down to the wire.

The Demon Deacons led nearly the entire game, but could never put East Carolina away and needed two late defensive stops to seal the win.

The Pirates trailed 27-22 and were driving when Paul Troth threw his fourth interception of the game, this one picked off Eric King - his second of the night - just inside the end zone with 4:33 to play.

Wake Forest tried to run out the clock, but only got to midfield before it had to punt. Steve Hale dropped the snap and East Carolina's Marcus White recovered on the 42-yard line with 1:35 to play.

But Troth had two passes broken up and, on fourth down, nearly was sacked when he tossed the ball away.

Troth finished 21-of-41 for 273 yards and two touchdowns. Both scores came in the second half when East Carolina rallied from a 20-3 deficit.

Troth threw a 10-yard TD pass to Richard Hourigan that cut the lead to 20-10 in the third quarter, and his 15-yard scoring strike to Edwin Rios made it 27-22 with 7:16 to play.

| Scoring Summary | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
|-----------------|----|---|----|---|-------|
| East Carolina | 3 | 0 | 13 | 6 | 22 |
| Wake Forest | 10 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 27 |

- ECU** Miller 50-yard field goal 12:30 in 1st
- WFU** Mughelli 1-yard run (Wisnosky kick) 10:23 in 1st
- WFU** Wisnosky 36-yard field goal 1:11 in 1st
- WFU** Wisnosky 27-yard field goal 3:07 in 2nd
- WFU** Anderson 46-yard pass from MacPherson (Wisnosky kick) 12:54 in 3rd
- ECU** Hourigan 10-yard pass from Troth (Miller kick) 7:55 in 3rd
- ECU** Brown 6-yard run (Miller kick blocked) 3:15 in 3rd
- WFU** Birgs 2-yard run (Wisnosky kick) 8:27 in 4th
- ECU** Rios 15-yard pass from Troth (Troth pass failed) 7:16 in 4th

| WFU | Statistics | ECU |
|--------|-------------------|--------|
| 20 | First Downs | 21 |
| 52 | Rushing Attempts | 32 |
| 181 | Net Yards Rushing | 122 |
| 216 | Net Yards Passing | 273 |
| 29 | Passes Attempted | 41 |
| 16 | Passes Completed | 21 |
| 0 | Had Intercepted | 4 |
| 397 | Total Net Yards | 395 |
| 1-1 | Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 |
| 7-39.9 | Punts-Average | 5-37.8 |
| 33:44 | Possession Time | 26:16 |

Top Individuals

- Rushing - (WFU) Burney 11-62
(ECU) Brown 21-78-1td
- Passing - (WFU) MacPherson 16-29-216-1td
(ECU) Troth 21-41-2td-4int
- Receiving - (WFU) Davis 4-57
(ECU) Hourigan 5-48-1td

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Game 3 • September 14, 2002

#19/20 NC State 32, Wake Forest 13

Raleigh, N.C. • Carter-Finley Stadium (51,094)

(AP) Philip Rivers threw for 223 yards and T.A. McLendon returned from an injury to score two touchdowns as 19th-ranked North Carolina State beat Wake Forest 32-13 Saturday night in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams.

The Demon Deacons continued to have trouble with their kicking game, missing a 44-yard field goal on their first drive and an extra point on their first TD. Wake Forest also had a 36-yard field goal blocked by Terrence Holt with 9:08 left.

Rivers, the top-rated passer in the nation, threw for 160 yards in the first half as the Wolfpack snapped Wake Forest's streak of nine straight games decided by seven points or less. He finished 17-of-27 with no interceptions.

McLendon, a freshman, missed last week's 65-19 win over Navy with a sore shoulder. But he showed he was healthy by powering his way through Wake Forest tacklers for TD runs of five and three yards in the opening 30 minutes as the Wolfpack went up by 14.

The Demon Deacons closed to 23-13 with 9:04 left in the third quarter on a 53-yard TD pass from James MacPherson to Jax Landfried.

But less than four minutes later, Shawn Price made the defensive play of the game. The defensive end sacked MacPherson, stripped the ball - and after trying to pick it up for several seconds - finally corralled it and rambled 13 yards to give NC State a more comfortable margin.

Wake Forest's already potent ground game was expected to get a lift by the return of 1,000-yard rusher Tarence Williams, who broke his foot in late June. But after carrying twice last week in a win over East Carolina, he logged just one rush against the Wolfpack in the first three quarters. The Demon Deacons were held to 149 yards rushing - more than 100 below their average.

Rivers completed all five of his passes on N.C. State's first drive for 67 yards, capping the 73-yard march with a five-yard slant to Jericho Cotchery.

The Deacons responded as a 33-yard run by Fabian Davis set up a seven-yard TD by Cornelius Birgs. But WFU couldn't do much offensively the rest of the half as Rivers heated up.

A questionable pass interference call near the goal line set up McLendon's first of two first-half scoring runs.

Rivers completed passes of 38, 15 and 22 yards midway through the second quarter to set up another short McLendon burst from 3 yards out as the Wolfpack went up 20-6.

Wake had a chance to cut into the lead late in the half after recovering a fumble by Greg Golden near midfield. But after driving to the 20, Wake Forest lost yards on a pair of runs and backup quarterback Cory Randolph fumbled the snap from the shotgun on fourth-and-4.

"The defensive touchdown in the third quarter had more to do with us losing than anything," Wake Forest head coach Jim Grobe said.

| Scoring Summary | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
|-----------------|---|----|---|---|-------|
| Wake Forest | 6 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 13 |
| NC State | 7 | 13 | 9 | 3 | 32 |

NCSU Cotchery 5-yard pass from Rivers (Herbert kick) 4:56 in 1st
WFU Birgs 7-yard run (Wisnosky kick failed) 1:55 in 1st
NCSU McLendon 5-yard run (Herbert kick failed) 11:59 in 2nd
NCSU McLendon 3-yard run (Herbert kick) 6:52 in 2nd
NCSU Herbert 28-yard field goal 10:29 in 3rd
WFU Landfried 53-yard pass from MacPherson (Plackemeier kick) 9:04 in 3rd
NCSU Price 13-yard fumble recovery (Herbert kick failed) 5:15 in 3rd
NCSU Herbert 27-yard field goal 14:07 in 4th

| WFU | Statistics | NCSU |
|--------|-------------------|--------|
| 18 | First Downs | 18 |
| 44 | Rushing Attempts | 37 |
| 149 | Net Yards Rushing | 98 |
| 152 | Net Yards Passing | 223 |
| 29 | Passes Attempted | 27 |
| 13 | Passes Completed | 17 |
| 1 | Had Intercepted | 0 |
| 301 | Total Net Yards | 321 |
| 3-1 | Fumbles-Lost | 3-2 |
| 4-37.8 | Punts-Average | 4-41.5 |
| 28:30 | Possession Time | 31:30 |

Top Individuals

Rushing - (WFU) F. Davis 3-55
 (NCSU) Golden 16-53
 Passing - (WFU) MacPherson 7-15-104-1td
 (NCSU) Rivers 17-27-223-1td
 Receiving - (WFU) Landfried 5-92-1td
 (NCSU) Cotchery 6-90-1td

Game 4 • September 21, 2002

Wake Forest 24, Purdue 21

West Lafayette, Ind. • Ross-Ade Stadium (48,550)

(AP) Chris Barclay ran for three touchdowns and Wake Forest capitalized on five Purdue turnovers to beat the Boilermakers 24-21 Saturday.

The Demon Deacons (2-2) became only the second unranked team to win at Ross-Ade Stadium since Purdue coach Joe Tiller took over in 1997.

The Boilermakers (2-2) lost four fumbles and an interception. The Demon Deacons scored 17 points off those turnovers.

Still, Purdue had its chances with three drives into Wake Forest territory in the fourth. But Berin Lacey missed field-goal attempts of 46, 40 and 44 yards in the fourth quarter. The 44-yard miss came with 16 seconds left in the game. All three attempts were wide left.

Twice in the first half, the Boilermakers turned the ball over inside Wake Forest's 10-yard line. Wake Forest didn't score off those turnovers but converted two others into touchdowns. The first one came when wide receiver Taylor Stubblefield fumbled late in the second quarter.

Barclay scored his second TD of the quarter for a 14-7 lead. In third, Wake Forest got a 41-yard field goal from Matt Wisnosky after running back Montrell Lowe's fumble and led 24-21 entering the fourth.

Wake Forest entered with a plus-8 turnover margin and five different players came up with turnovers.

While that wasn't a surprise, Barclay's performance was. He was used sporadically in the first three games, carrying the ball only 18 times with no touchdowns. But he got the carries inside Purdue's 20 and had TD runs of 18, 11 and 5 yards. He finished with 70 yards on 19 carries.

Wake Forest's James MacPherson was 9-for-12 for 120 yards.

| Scoring Summary | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
|-----------------|---|----|----|---|-------|
| Wake Forest | 0 | 14 | 10 | 0 | 24 |
| Purdue | 7 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 21 |

PUR Chambers 13-yard pass from Orton (Lacey kick) 5:56 in 1st
WFU Barclay 18-yard run (Plackemeier kick) 3:46 in 2nd
WFU Barclay 11-yard run (Plackemeier kick) 0:43 in 2nd
PUR Standeford 51-yard pass from Orton (Lacey kick) 0:30 in 2nd
WFU Wisnosky 41-yard field goal, 8:41 in 3rd
PUR Standeford 74-yard pass from Orton (Lacey kick) 7:11 in 3rd
WFU Barclay 5-yard run (Plackemeier kick) 3:43 in 3rd

| WFU | Statistics | Purdue |
|--------|-------------------|--------|
| 21 | First Downs | 21 |
| 69 | Rushing Attempts | 28 |
| 248 | Net Yards Rushing | 146 |
| 120 | Net Yards Passing | 331 |
| 12 | Passes Attempted | 43 |
| 9 | Passes Completed | 24 |
| 0 | Had Intercepted | 1 |
| 368 | Total Net Yards | 477 |
| 2-1 | Fumbles-Lost | 5-4 |
| 7-37.4 | Punts-Average | 4-35.0 |
| 34:22 | Possession Time | 25:38 |

Top Individuals

Rushing - (WFU) Barclay 19-70-3td
 (PUR) Harris 17-120
 Passing - (WFU) MacPherson 9-12-120
 (PUR) Orton 24-43-331-3td-1int
 Receiving - (WFU) F. Davis 4-74
 (PUR) Stubblefield 7-58

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Game 5 • September 28, 2002

Virginia 38, Wake Forest 34

Winston-Salem, N.C. • Groves Stadium (25,883)

(AP) Matt Schaub threw for 312 yards and three touchdowns as Virginia rallied to beat Wake Forest 38-34 Saturday.

Heath Miller and Ryan Sawyer each caught two touchdown passes for the Cavaliers (3-2, 1-1 ACC).

Chris Barclay, Ovie Mughelli and Cornelius Birgs all scored first-half touchdowns for Wake Forest (2-3, 0-2) as the Demon Deacons dominated the first half and led 27-10. The Deacons rushed 68 times for 349 yards and controlled the ball for almost 35 1/2 minutes.

Even after being outscored 21-0 and squandering a 34-17 lead, the Deacons appeared on the verge of pulling out the victory when James MacPherson completed a fourth-down pass to Fabian Davis at the Cavalier 5 with 50 seconds left.

The play was negated, however, when Wake Forest was penalized for having only six players on the line of scrimmage.

MacPherson was sacked on the next play as the Deacons lost possession and the game.

Of Wake Forest's 349 rushing yards, 251 came in the first half while the Deacons were controlling the ball for almost 21 minutes and completing one touchdown drive of 86 yards and two of 80 yards.

But of the Cavaliers' 349 passing yards, 237 came in the second half as Schaub directed two touchdown drives of 80 yards and one of 58 yards to set up the game-winning 78-yard drive.

After extending their lead to 34-17 on Mughelli's 3-yard touchdown, the Deacons' pass defense could not stop Schaub as he completed four straight passes for 36 yards to move the ball to the Wake Forest 38.

On third and 3, tailback Wali Lundy started right on a sweep, pulled up under pressure and threw a high wobbly pass downfield toward tight end Heath Miller. Safety Quintin Williams deflected the ball, which Ryan Sawyer caught in stride on his way to a 38-yard pass completion for a touchdown.

Scoring Summary

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
|-------------|---|----|----|----|-------|
| Virginia | 0 | 10 | 14 | 14 | 38 |
| Wake Forest | 3 | 24 | 7 | 0 | 34 |

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| WFU | Wisnosky 29-yard field goal 10:47 in 1st |
| WFU | Barclay 9-yard run (Wisnosky kick) 14:17 in 2nd |
| UVA | Smith 32-yard field goal 10:19 in 2nd |
| WFU | Birgs 15-yard run (Wisnosky kick) 5:41 in 2nd |
| UVA | Sawyer 33-yard pass from Schaub (Smith kick) 4:54 in 2nd |
| WFU | Mughelli 1-yard run (Wisnosky kick) 1:26 in 2nd |
| WFU | Wisnosky 30-yard field goal 0:00 in 2nd |
| UVA | Miller 2-yard pass from Schaub (Smith kick) 11:23 in 3rd |
| WFU | Mughelli 3-yard run (Wisnosky kick) 7:36 in 3rd |
| UVA | Sawyer 38-yard pass from Lundy (Smith kick) 4:40 in 3rd |
| UVA | Miller 4-yard pass from Schaub (Smith kick) 12:31 in 4th |
| UVA | Hagans 13-yard run (Smith kick) 6:13 in 4th |

| WFU | Statistics | UVA |
|--------|-------------------|--------|
| 29 | First Downs | 18 |
| 68 | Rushing Attempts | 27 |
| 349 | Net Yards Rushing | 49 |
| 146 | Net Yards Passing | 349 |
| 24 | Passes Attempted | 30 |
| 13 | Passes Completed | 24 |
| 0 | Had Intercepted | 0 |
| 495 | Total Net Yards | 398 |
| 2-0 | Fumbles-Lost | 3-1 |
| 5-29.6 | Punts-Average | 4-37.8 |
| 35:24 | Possession Time | 24:36 |

Top Individuals

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|-------------|--|
| Rushing - | (WFU) F. Davis 6-90 (UVA) Lundy 17-25 |
| Passing - | (WFU) MacPherson 13-24-146 (UVA) Schaub 22-27-312-3td |
| Receiving - | (WFU) F. Davis 5-53 (UVA) Lundy 9-62 |

Game 6 • October 5, 2002

Wake Forest 24, Georgia Tech 21

Atlanta, Ga. • Bobby Dodd Stadium (43,719)

(AP) Tarence Williams scored on a 10-yard run with 5:29 remaining and Wake Forest upset Georgia Tech, 24-21.

The Demon Deacons won in Atlanta for the first time since 1994.

Georgia Tech went ahead 21-16 when backup quarterback Damarius Bilbo threw a 69-yard touchdown pass to Kerry Watkins with 10:04 remaining.

But James MacPherson connected on a pair of 14-yard passes - one to Jason Anderson, the other to Fabian Davis - to move Wake Forest into scoring position.

Facing fourth-and-2 at the Georgia Tech 10, the Demon Deacons decided to go for it. Williams burst through a gaping hole on the right side and was barely touched by the defense, going all the way for his first score of the season.

Williams also ran in the two-point conversion to give Wake Forest a three-point cushion.

The senior running back, who gained more than 1,000 yards last season but was brought back slowly this year after breaking a foot during the summer, rushed 19 times for a season-high 99 yards.

Wake Forest, sixth in the country in rushing, piled up 209 yards on a staggering 60 carries. The Deacons finished with a 447-332 advantage in total yards and dominated the time of possession, holding the ball for nearly 38 minutes.

Georgia Tech twice crossed the 50 in the final five minutes, but couldn't get close enough for Luke Manget to attempt a field goal.

Starting quarterback A.J. Suggs, booed when he came back on the field instead of Bilbo, fumbled a snap at the Wake Forest 30 to squander a 59-yard kickoff return by P.J. Daniels. Jamaal Argrow recovered for the Deacons after Montique Sharpe helped force the turnover.

Georgia Tech had one more chance to at least send the game to overtime, but Suggs stifled the drive with another mistake, drawing a penalty when he threw after crossing the line of scrimmage. On fourth-and-15 from the Wake 38, Suggs' final pass was batted away by Eric King.

The Yellow Jackets were too far away for Manget to attempt a tying field goal.

Scoring Summary

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
|--------------|---|---|---|----|-------|
| Wake Forest | 7 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 24 |
| Georgia Tech | 7 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 21 |

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|-----------|--|
| GT | Smith 29-yard pass from Suggs (Manget kick) 12:15 in 1st |
| WF | Barclay 16-yard run (Wisnosky kick) 0:00 in 1st |
| WF | Wisnosky 29-yard field goal, 2:50 in 2nd |
| GT | Bridges 24-yard pass from Suggs (Manget kick) 1:03 in 2nd |
| WF | Wisnosky 23-yard field goal, 4:39 in 3rd |
| WF | Wisnosky 37-yard field goal, 13:04 in 4th |
| GT | Watkins 69-yard pass from Bilbo (Manget kick) 10:04 in 4th |
| WF | T. Williams 10-yard run (Williams rush) 5:29 in 4th |

| WFU | Statistics | GT |
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| 28 | First Downs | 15 |
| 60 | Rushing Attempts | 21 |
| 209 | Net Yards Rushing | 78 |
| 238 | Net Yards Passing | 254 |
| 32 | Passes Attempted | 30 |
| 19 | Passes Completed | 18 |
| 0 | Had Intercepted | 1 |
| 447 | Total Net Yards | 332 |
| 2-0 | Fumbles-Lost | 3-1 |
| 4-45.0 | Punts-Average | 5-42.4 |
| 37:56 | Possession Time | 22:04 |

Top Individuals

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| Rushing - | (WF) T. Williams 19-99-1td (GT) Eziemefe 11-47 |
| Passing - | (WF) MacPherson 15-25-196 (GT) Suggs 15-24-178-1int-2td |
| Receiving - | (WF) Landfried 7-85 (GT) Watkins 5-102-1td |