

BRIAN FLEISHMAN



HEAD COACH
Fourth Season

CAREER RECORD
52-17 Overall • 21-2 ACC

ALMA MATER
Christopher Newport '91

After elevating the traditionally strong Wake Forest women's tennis program to lofty heights over the last three years, head coach Brian Fleishman enters his fourth season at the helm of the Deacon program set on even higher achievements in the near future.

An assistant coach at Wake Forest from 1997-99, Fleishman took over the Deacon program on an interim basis in the spring of 1999 following the resignation of longtime head coach Lew Gerrard. He was awarded the permanent job a month later, and since then has raised the women's tennis program to new standards of success.

In his first two seasons at Wake Forest, Fleishman assisted Gerrard, who finished his career as the fourth all-time winningest coach in ACC women's tennis history. The duo guided the 1997 Deacon squad to a runner-up finish in the ACC Tournament and an appearance in the NCAA championship. The 1998 team advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament while again finishing second in the conference.

After being named head coach during the 1999 season, Fleishman directed the team to a 10-5 record and an appearance in the second round of the NCAA regional tournament in Columbia, SC. The 1999 Deacons finished with a 16-11 record, including a 7-1 mark in the ACC, and were listed 17th in the final national rankings. Mariel Verban earned All-America honors after advancing to the quarterfinals of the NCAA singles championship. Freshman Janet Bergman was named ACC Rookie of the Year, and three Deacons were named to the All-ACC team while two players captured ACC flight championships.

In 1999-2000, his first full season at the helm, Fleishman guided Wake Forest to a school record 24 wins, finishing with an unprecedented 24-3 mark. The team also swept through its league competition with a perfect 8-0 record, another first for the Deacon program. Included in that ACC sweep was a 4-3 victory over Duke, which halted the Blue Devils' 116-match winning streak over ACC opponents. Wake Forest's performance in the regular season earned Fleishman ACC Coach of the Year honors.

The success of the 2000 squad continued well into the postseason, as the Demon Deacons made their seventh consecutive appearance in the NCAA team tournament, advancing to the quarterfinals. Three Deacons – Bergman, Bea Bielick and Adria Engel – earned All-America status. WFU also garnered its first ACC Player of the Year honor, as Adria Engel captured the award in addition to ACC and ITA National Rookie of the Year honors.

That momentum carried over into the 2000-01 season, although Fleishman faced a new challenge with only six players on the roster. Despite the fact that every player on the team was needed for every dual match, Fleishman guided the Demon Deacons to an 18-9 record, a second place finish in the ACC and an eighth-straight appearance in the NCAA Championships. Wake Forest upset higher-seeded Oklahoma State in the second round of regionals to earn a berth in the Sweet 16.



Deacon standouts Bergman and Bielick pocketed more All-America accolades in 2001, both earning the honor in singles and doubles. Bielick captured the National Clay Court championship and advanced to the semifinals of the NCAA Singles Championship, the best performance ever by a WFU player. She also teamed up with Bergman to form one of the nation's top doubles tandems, winning the National Clay Courts and advancing to the NCAA quarterfinals.

If this past fall is any indication, Fleishman has the Wake Forest women's tennis team primed for another successful spring in 2002. The Deacons' roster includes the nation's top-ranked singles player, Bielick, and the No. 3 doubles team in Bergman and Bielick. Nearly every player on the roster gained valuable tournament experience and posted impressive wins this fall, setting the stage for another outstanding dual season.

Prior to his arrival at Wake Forest, Fleishman served two seasons as an assistant coach at perennial women's tennis power, The College of William & Mary. While in Williamsburg, he helped guide the Tribe to two NCAA appearances and a No. 8 national ranking – the highest ranking in school history. Fleishman helped guide the career of three-time All-America Lauren Nikolaus, and was named ITA Eastern Regional Assistant Coach of the Year in 1997. During his time at William & Mary, he was co-director of the Nike Tennis Camp and tournament director for the ITA Collegiate Summer Circuit, in addition to serving as an adjunct professor in the kinesiology department at the College.

Before entering the college coaching ranks, Fleishman spent five years as a coach on the professional tour and as the junior programs coordinator at the Van der Meer Tennis Academy in Hilton Head, SC. In 1993 and 1994, he personally coached Grant Stafford and helped him climb 30 spots to No. 52 in the world rankings. Fleishman has coached at the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and many other ATP and WTA tour events.

Before working at the Van der Meer Tennis Academy, Fleishman worked as an administrator/head coach of the area training center for the SCTA/USTA in Columbia, S.C.

Fleishman is a 1991 graduate of Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va., where he earned a bachelor's degree in Sports Management. While a student at CNU, Fleishman served as the head boys' tennis coach at Hampton Roads Academy in Newport News.

THE FLEISHMAN FILE

Coaching Experience	
Head Women's Coach, Wake Forest University	1999-present
<i>2001 NCAA Round of 16, No. 15 national ranking</i>	
<i>2000 NCAA Quarterfinals, No. 5 national ranking</i>	
<i>1999 NCAA Second Round, No. 17 national ranking</i>	
Assistant Women's Coach, Wake Forest University	1997-99
<i>1998 NCAA Quarterfinals, No. 11 national ranking</i>	
Assistant Women's Coach, The College of William & Mary	1995-97
<i>1997 NCAA Second Round, No. 8 national ranking</i>	
<i>1996 NCAA First Round, No. 16 national ranking</i>	
Junior Programs Coordinator, Van der Meer Tennis Academy	1991-95
<i>Hilton Head Island, S.C.</i>	
Administrator/Head Coach, SCTA/USTA Training Center	1991-95
<i>Columbia, S.C.</i>	
Head Boys' Coach, Hampton Roads Academy	1990-91
<i>Newport News, Va.</i>	

Coaching Honors

2000 ACC Coach of the Year
1997 ITA Eastern Regional Assistant Coach of the Year

DAVID WINBERG



ASSISTANT COACH
First Season

ALMA MATER
Central Florida '01

David Winberg joined the Wake Forest women's tennis program as an assistant coach in December, and has made an immediate impact with the Demon Deacon squad.

Winberg's duties include on-court coaching and daily instruction in addition to handling several administrative tasks for the tennis program.

"David is a great addition to the staff," said Fleishman. "He brings extensive playing experience to the position and will be a very good on-court coach because of his background."

Winberg comes to Wake Forest from the University of Central Florida, where he served as an assistant with the Golden Knights men's program. While he was with the team, UCF received a national ranking of No. 58, finished second in the 2001 Atlantic Sun Conference championships and earned ITA All-Academic Team honors.

Winberg played for the Golden Knights from 1998-99, and was a two-time all-conference selection in addition to being named the 1999 Atlantic

Sun Conference Player of the Year. He graduated from UCF in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in Journalism. While in Orlando he was also an intern in the school's sports information office, serving as the contact for men's soccer and both men's and women's tennis programs.

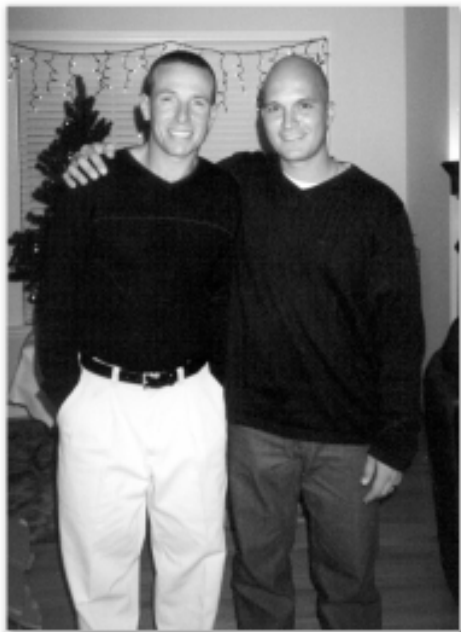
A native of Jonkoping, Sweden, Winberg spent 1995-97 as an assistant coach for Vaxjo Tennissallskap in Vaxjo, Sweden. He was involved in instruction and coaching for junior players and assisted with various administrative duties.

Winberg began his collegiate career at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where he played from 1994-95 under current WFU men's tennis coach Jeff Zinn. While at UALR, Winberg was ranked in both singles and doubles, earned All-Sun Belt Conference honors and named the Region VI Rookie of the Year.

Winberg also enjoyed an outstanding junior career in his native country, earning a No. 3 ranking in Sweden in the 18-and-under singles division. He won the 1991 and '92 Bastad tennis tournaments and captured the doubles title in the 1991 Swedish Championships.

"David has a good coaching personality, and has already developed a good rapport with the players," Fleishman said. "He also adds an international flair to the team."

Winberg is engaged to Ann-Jeanette Svantesson, a former UCF tennis player.



The Wake Forest women's tennis coaching staff – Brian Fleishman and David Winberg.

JIM LEIGHTON WAKE FOREST TENNIS LEGEND

The legendary coach of Wake Forest tennis from 1963-84 was Jim Leighton. Leighton coached the Demon Deacons for 22 seasons, accumulating an impressive 277-172-2 record during that span. He was named the ACC Coach of the Year in 1981 – Wake's first such honor – when the Deacon men's team finished second to perennial conference champion Clemson. Leighton still ranks fourth all-time among ACC men's tennis coaches in career victories. He has been inducted into both the North Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame and Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame.

Wake Forest's Leighton Tennis Stadium, which serves as the outdoor home of Demon Deacon tennis, was renamed and dedicated in the late coach's honor on April 9, 1989, seven months after his death. The \$700,000 renovation upgraded the facility into one of the finest collegiate tennis stadiums in the country, including 1,200 permanent seats, 140 box seats, five lighted outdoor courts, restrooms and special areas for handicapped spectators.



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