

# Dave CLAWSON

Head Coach

10th Year



Dave Clawson, who was named Wake Forest University's 32nd head football coach on Dec. 10, 2013, has set a new standard for Wake Forest football as he heads into his 10th season in Winston-Salem in 2023.

Clawson, who was named as a American Football Coaches Association Board of Trustee member on Jan. 10, 2022, signed a multi-year contract extension with Wake Forest on Nov. 26, 2021 and continues to lead the Wake Forest football program to new heights year-after-year.

Under his leadership, the Demon Deacons defeated Southeastern Conference representative Missouri 27-17 in the 2022 Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla. on Dec. 23, 2022. The win marked Wake Forest's fifth (2016 Military Bowl, 2017 Belk Bowl, 2018 Birmingham Bowl, 2021 Gator Bowl, 2022 Gasparilla Bowl) in the last seven years since the Deacs began the Atlantic Coast Conference's second-longest bowl streak back in 2016. The streak of seven-straight bowl appearances is tied for the 10th-longest in the country.

Clawson's five bowl victories, which is the most in school history, ranks tied for fifth in ACC history for postseason wins. He ranks behind Bobby Bowden (Florida State, 11), Dabo Swinney (Clemson, 11), Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech, 6) and Danny Ford (Clemson, 6). Meanwhile, he is now tied with Jimbo Fisher (Florida State, 5) and Ralph Friedgen (Maryland, 5). During the Deacs current run of bowl appearances, Wake Forest has defeated two SEC teams (Texas A&M, 2017; Missouri, 2022) and a Big Ten team (Rutgers).

Overall during his nine-year tenure in Winston-Salem, Clawson is a perfect 3-0 against teams from the SEC. Additionally with a pair of victories against Vanderbilt and Mizzou in 2022, he led the Deacs to a pair of victories over Southeastern Conference foes in the same season for the first since 2008 and the second time in program history.

The Deacs have set a new standard for success in the win column with a record of 19-8 over the last two seasons (2021-22). The 19 wins in a two-year period are the second most in school history and three away from the program record of 21 set in 2006 & 2007. Additionally, Wake Forest's 19-8 record is tied for the ninth-best mark in all of Power-5 in the last two seasons.

A 6-1 start to the 2022 season, including three-straight home sellout crowds inside Allegacy Stadium and a top-10 ranking, highlighted Wake Forest's season this past fall. The three sellouts marked Wake Forest's longest-consecutive run since 2011 and the first time since 2006 that the Deacs hosted a capacity crowd during the month of September. Additionally, quarterback Sam Hartman was named the ACC's Brian Piccolo Award winner and 12 players earned All-ACC honors.

A year ago, the Demon Deacons won the 2021 Atlantic Coast Conference Atlantic Division title and the 2021 TaxSlayer Gator Bowl Championship. After leading the Deacs to a program-record tying 11-3 record, including a school-best 7-1 mark in ACC play, Clawson was named the 2021 ACC Coach of the Year by the ACC and the Associated Press. It marked the ninth time a Wake Forest head coach has been honored as the ACC Football Coach of the Year and the first since 2006. Clawson was the seventh Wake Forest head coach to win the award. Others who won the award were Jim Grobe (2006), Bill Dooley (1992 and 1987), John Mackovic (1979), Cal Stoll (1970), William Tate (1964) and Paul Amen (1959 and 1955).

Individually, the Coach of the Year honor marked his fifth-career accolade. Clawson was the Patriot League Coach of the Year in 2001 and 2002 at Fordham and was awarded the 2005 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year award and 2007 Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year honor at Richmond.

Nationally in 2021, Clawson was a semifinalist for George Munger Collegiate Coach of the Year and a finalist for the Paul "Bear" Bryant and Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year awards. Prior to this past season, Clawson was the 2002 Schutt Sports/American Football Monthly I-AA Coach of the Year and a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award. In 2005, Clawson earned National Coach of the Year from I-AA.org and was again a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award.

Additionally during his tenure, Clawson led the Deacs to their eighth Big 4 Championship in 2019 and the aforementioned Atlantic Division crown in 2021. Clawson has the third-most wins in school history and is 59-53 in his nine-year tenure with the Demon Deacons. He is one of just five head coaches in program history to have a winning record in his coaching career at Wake Forest and the first since D.C. "Peahead" Walker (77-51-6; 1937-50).

Since the start of the 2016 season, the Deacs are tied for the second-most wins in the ACC not counting the COVID-shortened 2020 season. Additionally over the last five years, the Deacs have the second-most wins in a single five-year period (38, 2017-21; 37, 2018-22; 36, 2004-08 & 2006-10; 34,

2016-20; 33, 2015-19; 31, 1944-48).

The Deacs are 20-4 at home since the start of the 2019 season and that total includes a perfect 6-0 mark in 2021. It was Wake Forest's first undefeated home record since 1979 and just the third time since the Deacs' 1970 ACC Championship team. Meanwhile, six home wins that fall tied the program record that was set in 2019.

After climbing into the top 10 of the Associated Press and Amway Coaches Poll this season for the second-straight season in 2022, the Wake Forest football team is one of 17 programs to achieve a top-10 ranking in each of the past two years. The Deacs climbed to ninth in 2021 and ranked 10th in 2022, both the highest rankings in program history. Additionally, the Deacs were tabbed No. 9 in the country by the College Football Playoff Poll on Nov. 2, 2021.

Wake Forest ended the 2021 season ranked No. 15 in the Associated Press Poll, which marked the highest ranking to end a season in program history.

Clawson and offensive coordinator Warren Ruggiero have engineered an offense that has rewritten the record books at Wake Forest. The Deacons have set nearly 400 school records including marks for points scored, points per game, total offensive yards, first downs and passing yards over the past six seasons. Also, the Deacs are the only football program in the ACC to average at least 30 points per game each year since 2017. This is the longest active streak in the conference and the fourth longest in ACC history.

Specifically a season ago in 2021, Wake Forest scored a program-best 574 points and averaged a school-record 41.0 ppg. That point total ranks 43rd in modern FBS history and the fourth-most in ACC history. Additionally, Wake Forest became just the 20th ACC team in the college football modern era (Post-WWII) to cross over the milestone of 500 points scored in a single season. Individually, the Deacons topped 35 points in a game 12 times during the 2021 campaign. In the College Football Playoff Era, Wake Forest is one of seven teams (2014 Oregon, 2018 Alabama, 2018 Oklahoma, 2019 Alabama, 2019 LSU, 2020 Alabama) to accomplish that feat in a single season.

Individually on offense under Ruggiero and Clawson's tutelage, the last three starting quarterbacks at Wake Forest have earned All-ACC honors when they were a starter (John Wolford, 2017; Jamie Newman, 2019; Sam Hartman, 2021 & 2022).

Finally under the tremendous leadership of Clawson and his staff, Wake Forest is the only school in the country to score at least a 990 on the latest Academic Progress Report, Graduation Success Rate and play in seven-straight bowl games under the same head coach.

Meanwhile from a facility and investment perspective, the long-awaited Sutton Sports Performance Center opened in the fall of 2019 and gave Wake football a state-of-the-art facility that features a world-class strength and conditioning complex to go with 16,000 square feet of space for coaches' offices, recruiting space and team meeting areas as well as a specialized nutrition center. Wake Forest broke ground on the McCreary Football Complex in Dec. 2021, which will include a new locker space for 130 student-athletes; player lounge with a nutrition station, recovery area, and entertainment area; football athletic training/treatment space; equipment center and loading dock; and a multipurpose space seating up to 200 for team meals, meetings, functions and other activities for all Demon Deacon programs. The McCreary Football Complex is slated to be completed prior to the 2023 season.

Clawson came to Winston-Salem after five seasons as the head coach at Bowling Green State University where he led the Falcons to the 2013 Mid-American Conference championship with a 47-27 win over No. 16 Northern Illinois.

In his 23 years as a head coach, Clawson has delivered a conference championship at each of his first three stops. Prior to the 2013 MAC title, Clawson helped Richmond to a pair of Colonial Athletic Association titles in 2005 and 2007. His first championship as a head coach came in 2002 when he led Fordham to the Patriot League title.

Clawson is the only active Division I head coach to win four conference championships in four different Division I leagues. Overall, he has compiled an impressive 149 wins in his head coaching career, which ranks 15th amongst active FBS head coaches.

A 1989 graduate of Williams College in Massachusetts, Clawson earned a degree in political economy and played defensive back.

Clawson and his wife, Catherine, are the parents of two children, Courtney and Eric.



## Wake Forest (2014-Present)

Dave Clawson has continued the success of former head coach Jim Grobe (2001-13) as Wake Forest has been the top program in the state of North Carolina this century.

Since the turn of the century, the Demon Deacons boast a record of 32-24 against UNC, NC State and Duke. In addition during that time, Wake Forest is 45-24 against all in-state opponents. The Deacs lead the Big Four in winning percentage against each other during that period.

Wake Forest, who won the 2006 ACC Championship title, holds the unique distinction of being the only North Carolina school to claim the title in the Championship era. Additionally, the Demon Deacons and Tar Heels are the only program from the state to qualify for multiple league title games (WF: 2006, 2021; UNC: 2015, 2022) and the Deacs are the only North Carolina school to win the Atlantic Division. Wake Forest is the only Big Four school to record 11 wins in a single season twice (2006, 2021) this century. The Demon Deacons are one just seven Atlantic Coast Conference programs to achieve this mark as a member institution of the league.

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Wake Forest's seven-year record of 53-35 since 2016 is the most sustained success the Deacons have earned in program history.

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Twelve Wake Forest football players earned All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors in 2022 and this past fall was the sixth-consecutive season the Demon Deacons have had seven or more players make the All-ACC teams.

The Deacs 48 All-ACC honors over the last four seasons rank second in the ACC Atlantic, trailing just Clemson. Additionally the 48 honors is tied for the third most overall in the ACC since the 2019 season. With Wake Forest's redshirt junior wide receiver A.T. Perry earning First Team All-ACC honors in 2022, the Deacs have had at least one First Team all-conference player since 2015.

Perry became the second player in the Clawson era to earn multiple First Team All-ACC honors, joining former teammate Nick Sciba.

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Wake Forest football's mantra for the 2022 season was "MINDSET" as the Demon Deacons looked to follow up its historic year in 2021.

The Deacs won eight games in a season for just the 10th time in the 115-year history of the program.

Four of the 10 eight-win seasons have come in the Dave Clawson era (40 percent).

The Gasparilla Bowl victory over Missouri marked Wake Forest's first ever win over Missouri.

Additionally, the Deacs moved to 3-0 against SEC opponents in the Clawson era.

With the win over Missouri on Friday and a victory in Week 2 at Vanderbilt, Wake Forest defeated two programs from the Southeastern Conference this fall for the first time since 2008, and just the second time in program history the Deacs accomplished this feat in a single season.

Sam Hartman was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2022 Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl.

Hartman earned his second-straight bowl game MVP honor, as he garnered the accolade following his standout performance against Rutgers in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl in 2021.

Hartman became the first player in program history to earn two bowl game MVPs in their career at Wake Forest.

The 2022 Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl marked Wake Forest's seventh-straight bowl appearance, a new school record.

Additionally, the Demon Deacons' streak is the second-longest active streak in the ACC and the 12th longest in the nation.

## THE DAVE CLAWSON FILE

### Coaching History

Seasons	Team	Title
2014-Present	Wake Forest	Head Coach
2009-13	BGSU	Head Coach
2008	Tennessee	Offensive Coordinator
2004-07	Richmond	Head Coach
1999-03	Fordham	Head Coach
1996-98	Villanova	Offensive Coordinator
1994-95	Lehigh	Offensive Coordinator
1993	Lehigh	Running Backs
1992	Buffalo	Quarterbacks / Running Backs
1991	Buffalo	Secondary
1990	Albany	Secondary
1989	Albany	Quarterbacks / Running Backs

### NFL Players (Round Drafted)

DL Kobie Turner (3rd) - Wake Forest '23 - LA Rams
WR A.T. Perry (6th) - Wake Forest '23 - N.O. Saints
OL Zach Tom (4th) - Wake Forest '22 - Green Bay Packers
DB Ja'Sir Taylor (6th) - Wake Forest '22 - LA Chargers
DL Carlos Basham Jr. (2nd) - Wake Forest '21 - Buffalo Bills
LB Justin Strnad (5th) - Wake Forest '20 - Denver Broncos
OL Justin Herron (6th) - Wake Forest '20 - NE Patriots
OL Phil Haynes (4th) - Wake Forest '19 - Seattle Seahawks
DB Jessie Bates (2nd) - Wake Forest '18 - Cincinnati Bengals
DL Duke Ejirofor (6th) - Wake Forest '18 - Houston Texans
LB Marquel Lee (5th) - Wake Forest '17 - Oakland Raiders
DB Kevin Johnson (1st) - Wake Forest '15 - Houston Texans
DL Chris Jones (6th) - BGSU '13 - Houston Texans
OL Dallas Thomas (3rd) - Tennessee '13 - Miami Dolphins
WR Denarius Moore (5th) - Tennessee '11 - Oakland Raiders
TE Luke Stocker (4th) - Tennessee '11 - TB Buccaneers
QB Jonathan Crompton (5th) - Tennessee '10 - SD Chargers
OL Chris Scott (5th) - Tennessee '10 - Pittsburgh Steelers
OL Jacques McClendon (4th) - Tennessee '10 - Indianapolis Colts
RB Montario Hardesty (2nd) - Tennessee '10 - Cleveland Browns
WR Lawrence Sidbury (4th) - Richmond '09 - Atlanta Falcons
RB Tim Hightower (5th) - Richmond '08 - Arizona Cardinals
WR Arman Shields (4th) - Richmond '08 - Oakland Raiders

### Bowl Game History

Season	Bowl Game/Postseason	Opponent	Result
2021	Gator Bowl (Wake Forest)	Rutgers	W, 38-10
2021	ACC Championship (Wake Forest)	Pitt	L, 45-21
2020	Duke's Mayo Bowl (Wake Forest)	Wisconsin	L, 28-42
2019	Pinstripe Bowl (Wake Forest)	Michigan St.	L, 27-21
2018	Birmingham Bowl (Wake Forest)	Memphis	W, 31-34
2017	Belk Bowl (Wake Forest)	Texas A&M	W, 51-52
2016	Military Bowl (Wake Forest)	Temple	W, 34-26
2013	Little Caesars Bowl (BGSU)	Pittsburgh	L, 30-27
2012	Military Bowl (BGSU)	San Jose St.	L, 29-20
2009	Humanitarian Bowl (BGSU)	Idaho	L, 43-42
2007	FCS First Round	E. Kentucky	W, 31-14
2007	FCS Quarterfinals	Wofford	W, 21-10
2007	FCS Semifinals	App. St.	L, 55-35
2005	I-AA First Round	Hampton	W, 38-10
2005	I-AA Quarterfinals	Furman	L, 24-20
2002	I-AA First Round	Northeastern	W, 29-24
2002	I-AA Quarterfinals	Villanova	L, 24-10

### Conference Championships

Season	School	Conference
2013	Bowling Green	Mid-American
2007	Richmond	Colonial Athletic
2005	Richmond	Atlantic-10
2002	Fordham	Patriot League

### Personal Information

Birthday: August 16, 1967  
 Hometown: Youngstown, N.Y.  
 Education: 1989 - Bachelor's from Williams;  
 1992 - Master's from SUNY Albany  
 Wife: Catherine  
 Children: Courtney, Eric





Wake Forest finished the 2022 season averaging 36.1 points per game, helping the Deacs post its sixth consecutive season of averaging 30 or more points a game. This is the longest active streak and the fourth longest in ACC history.

Wake Forest threw for a team-record 43 touchdowns as a team.

Hartman completed 270-of-428 passes (63.1%) for 3,701 yards and 38 touchdowns and was named the ACC's Brian Piccolo Award Winner.

Hartman broke the Wake Forest all-time passing mark against Liberty in Week 3, eclipsing Riley Skinner (2006-09). Additionally, he became the ACC career leader in passing touchdowns (110) in the Gasparilla Bowl vs. Mizzou.

Another record holder is Perry, as he ended his Wake Forest career with a program record 28 touchdown receptions.

Sam Hartman and A.T. Perry finished their Wake Forest careers as one of the top QB-WR duos in conference history. The pair has combined for 27 touchdowns, which is tied for the second most in ACC history.

Ryan Smenda, Jr., who Clawson named as a captain prior to the season, had a career-high 117 tackles in 2022 and it marked the most in a single season by a Demon Deacon since 2006. He finished his career ranked eighth all-time in program history (355). Allegacy Stadium hosted a total of 210,350 fans across the Deacs seven home contests last fall and a school-record 23,643 students attended games this past fall.

**Week-By-Week Notes:**

In Week 1 on Sept. 1 vs. VMI, [3,752 Wake Forest students attended](#) the Demon Deacons seismic win. That total marked the highest student attendance in an Opening Night since at least 2008.

Wake Forest's game vs. Army was sold out, which marked the first time since 2011 that Wake Forest has had three-straight home sellouts.

The Liberty and Clemson sellouts mark the first two sellouts inside Allegacy Stadium in the month of Sept. since 2006.

Overall, the Clemson game was just the fourth sellout in the month of September this century.

Allegacy Stadium hosted a near-sellout crowd (31,346) and 4,024 Wake Forest students when North Carolina visited Allegacy Stadium on Nov. 12.

Wake Forest's mantra in 2021 was, "Good to Great," as Coach Clawson and the staff looked to take the next step as a program.

The 2021 Wake Forest football team capped off its historic season on New Year's Eve, defeating Big Ten foe Rutgers in the 77th annual TaxSlayer Gator Bowl

38-10 inside TIAA Bank Field in Jacksonville.

Redshirt sophomore quarterback Sam Hartman ended his historic single-season campaign with Gator Bowl MVP honors. The Charlotte, N.C. native tossed three touchdown passes in the game and threw for 304 yards.

Wake Forest (11-3, 7-1 ACC) became just the second team in program history to win double-digit games and tied the program record with 11 victories while also setting a program record with seven conference victories and finished the home season with a perfect 6-0 mark. WFU went 5-3 on the season in road or neutral site games for the first time since 2018.

Additionally with a perfect 6-0 mark this season, the Deacs recorded their first undefeated home record for the first time since 1979 and just the third time since Wake Forest's 1970 ACC Championship team. Meanwhile, six home wins ties the program record that was set in 2019.

Wake Forest was one of 10 Power-5 schools in 2021 to win 11 games.

The Demon Deacons were also the first school in the conference to become bowl eligible with a perfect mark of 6-0 in 2021. The Deacs 8-0 start to the season was the best in school history in addition to having the longest winning streak in school history.

Coach Clawson was named the 2021 ACC Coach of the Year by the ACC and the Associated Press. It marked the ninth time a Wake Forest head coach has been honored as the ACC Football Coach of the Year and the first since 2006.

Clawson is the seventh Wake Forest head coach to win the award. Others who won the award were Jim Grobe (2006), Bill Dooley (1992 and 1987), John Mackovic (1979), Cal Stool (1970), William Tate (1964) and Paul Amen (1959 and 1955).

**OFFENSIVE NOTES:**

Wake Forest topped 35 points in a game 12 times during the season. In the College Football Playoff Era, the Demon Deacons are one of seven teams (2014 Oregon, 2018 Alabama, 2018 Oklahoma, 2019 Alabama, 2019 LSU, 2020 Alabama) to accomplish that feat.

The Demon Deacons scored a combined 574 points during the 2021 season. Wake Forest became the first team in program history to cross over the 500-point mark. That point total ranks 43rd in FBS history and the fourth-most in ACC history. Additionally, Wake Forest became just the 20th ACC team in the college football modern era (Post-WWII) to cross over the milestone of 500 points scored in a single season.

Wake Forest's program record 574 points ranks seventh in ACC history for points scored in a

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OPPONENT	LAST	RECORD
Akron	2013	3-0
Appalachian State	2017	1-1
Army West Point	2022	4-1
Ball State	2009	1-0
Boise State	2009	0-1
Boston College	2022	5-3
Brown	2003	2-3
Bucknell	2007	4-3
Buffalo	2013	4-1
Campbell	2020	1-0
C.W. Post	2003	1-0
Central Michigan	2010	1-1
Clemson	2022	0-9
Colgate	2003	1-4
Columbia	2003	2-2
Cornell	1999	0-1
Delaware	2016	3-2
Duke	2022	5-4
Eastern Kentucky	2007	1-0
Eastern Michigan	2013	2-0
Elon	2019	2-0
Fairfield	2002	3-0
Florida	2012	0-1
Florida State	2022	3-5
Furman	2005	0-1
Gardner-Webb	2014	1-0
Georgetown	2003	4-0
Georgia Tech	2017	0-1
Hampton	2005	1-0
Harvard	1999	0-1
Hofstra	2005	1-1
Holy Cross	2003	3-2
Idaho	2012	2-1
Indiana	2016	1-2
James Madison	2007	2-2
Kent State	2013	2-3
Lafayette	2004	4-3
Lehigh	2003	0-5
Liberty	2022	1-0
Louisiana-Monroe	2014	0-1
Louisville	2022	3-6
Maine	2005	1-1
Marshall	2010	1-1
Massachusetts	2013	3-1
Memphis	2018	1-0
Miami (OH)	2013	4-1
Miami (FL)	N/A	0-0
Michigan	2010	0-1
Michigan State	2019	0-1
Mississippi State	2013	0-1
Missouri	2022	1-1
Morgan State	2011	1-0
Murray State	2013	1-0
NC State	2022	4-6
New Hampshire	2007	1-1
New Haven	2003	1-0
Norfolk State	2021	1-0
North Carolina	2022	1-4
Northeastern	2007	3-0
Northern Illinois	2013	1-1
Notre Dame	2018	0-3
Ohio	2013	2-3
Old Dominion	2021	1-0
Penn	1999	0-1
Pittsburgh	2021	0-2
Princeton	1999	0-1
Presbyterian	2017	1-0
Rice	2019	2-0
Rhode Island	2012	4-0
Rutgers	2021	1-0
Saint Peter's	2002	1-0
San Jose State	2012	0-1
Stony Brook	2007	1-0
Syracuse	2022	5-4
Temple	2016	2-1
Texas A&M	2017	1-0
Toledo	2013	1-4
Towson	2018	6-4
Troy	2010	1-1
Tulane	2018	2-0
Tulsa	2010	1-1
Utah State	2019	2-1
Vanderbilt	2022	1-2
Villanova	2007	2-3
Virginia	2021	3-0
Virginia Tech	2020	2-2
VMI	2022	4-0
Wisconsin	2020	0-1
West Virginia	2011	0-1
Western Michigan	2011	0-2
William & Mary	2007	3-1
Wofford	2007	1-0
Wyoming	2011	0-1
Yale	2001	0-2
Total		149-133



single season.

Wake Forest set a program record by averaging 41.0 points per game and Wake Forest is now the only school in the Atlantic Coast Conference to average at least 30 points per game over the past five seasons.

The Demon Deacons set a program record for total yards with 6,550 yards of offense this fall. The average of 467.9 yards per game was also a new program record.

Wake Forest reset its program mark for first downs with 354 in 2021.

The Deacons air attack set a new program record by 555 yards, as Wake Forest passed for 4,303 yards during the season. Wake Forest set a new mark with an average of 307.4 ypg. through the air, which is the first such season in program lore with an average over 300 ypg.

Five student-athletes accounted for a Dave Clawson-era record 31 rushing touchdowns. That total is the most since 2003 and tied for the second-most all-time in Wake Forest history. The Deacs set a program record of completions (302), pass attempts (519) and touchdown passes (39).

Wake Forest's 49 percent conversion rate on third downs (113-of-230) is the highest mark in program history since at least 1996, and it is believed to be the highest percentage in Wake Forest history. The Deacs 113 conversions ranks first in WF lore. The Demon Deacons 62 percent conversion rate on fourth down (13-of-21) is the highest mark since 2013.

#### **DEFENSIVE NOTES:**

The Demon Deacons forced a Dave Clawson-era record 29 turnovers (15 interceptions, 14 fumble recoveries). The total is the most since 2008 when Wake Forest tallied 37 turnovers.

The Deacs 15 interceptions are the most by a Wake Forest team since 2008 (18).

Overall, 10 different Demon Deacons recorded an interception this season. Wake Forest totaled six multi-interception games in 2021.

Sixteen different defenders forced a turnover during the season.

Wake Forest's 38 sacks this fall set a Clawson-era record and it ranks second in program history behind 1992 when the Deacs totaled 46.

The Deacs 223 yardage lost by their 38 sacks was the highest mark since at least 1996.

#### **FAN ATTENDANCE:**

Behind Wake Forest's first back-to-back sellouts (Duke on Oct. 30; NC State on Nov. 13) since 2006,

Allegacy Stadium hosted a 6.4 percent increase in average game attendance this fall compared to the 2019 season. That is the seventh-largest increase rate among Power 5 schools and ranks second in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

172,326 fans attended the Demon Deacons six home games in the fall of 2021, which is an average of 28,721 per contest.

20,305 students attended Wake Forest football games at Allegacy Stadium in 2021, with an average of 3,384 per contest. That average total equates to nearly 70% of Wake Forest's undergraduate enrollment.

Amidst the most unique year in college football history, Clawson led the Deacons to four wins in 2020 and set multiple program records.

The Deacs reached their fifth-straight bowl game as they played Wisconsin in the Duke's Mayo Bowl.

The month of October saw the Demon Deacons go a perfect 4-0, marking the first time since the 2007 season a Wake Forest team had accomplished that feat. The run included a three-game ACC winning streak and was highlighted by a 23-16 victory over No. 18 Virginia Tech, which was Wake Forest's first win over a ranked opponent since 2018.

With the help of two 50-plus point games, Wake Forest set a new program record, scoring 36.0 points per game.

Defensively, Wake Forest had its highest turnover margin in the Dave Clawson era with a +10 mark on the season. The Deacs were one of just seven FBS schools to post a +10 or better margin in the country and tied for fourth in that category.

Wake Forest finished the year with 14 interceptions and became one of just five schools to have 13 or more interceptions in both 2019 and 2020.

The 2019 season produced a number of firsts in school history: a record fourth-consecutive bowl invitation, a record 14 players named to the All-ACC team, and a record-tying seven consecutive wins. Wake Forest entered the second week of November with a 7-1 record and a No. 19 ranking from the College Football Playoff.

Wake Forest's fourth consecutive bowl invitation was to the 2019 New Era PinStripe Bowl in venerable Yankee Stadium.

With wins over North Carolina, NC State and Duke, the Deacons claimed the Big Four championship for the first time since 2007 and set a school record for home wins in a season.

A program record 14 players were named to the All-ACC team and the Deacons were awarded 12 ACC

Player of the Week honors.

The team broke or tied 100 NCAA, ACC and school records in finishing 15th in the nation in total offense while the defense gained the second-most turnovers in the last 11 seasons.

In 2018, Clawson established himself with more wins through his first five seasons than any other coach in school history. Wake Forest boasted a 1,000-yard rusher in Cade Carney and a 1,000-yard receiver in Greg Dortch, marking the first time since 1979 a Deacon team had accomplished that feat.

That season marked Wake Forest's third-consecutive bowl invitation despite breaking in two first-year starting quarterbacks. Clawson maintained a steady hand at the controls as the Demon Deacons navigated a dozen season-ending injuries to win four of the last six games of the season including the Jared Birmingham Bowl.

The bowl win gave Clawson his third bowl win and made him the fastest Deacon coach to three bowl victories.

The Demon Deacons set 105 records in 2017, tied another 15 marks, and became one of the nation's most efficient and productive offenses. Wake Forest set major records for points scored in a season, obliterating the record by 97. The offense set new marks for total offense yards in a game and in a season, yards per carry, most touchdowns scored and most TD passes in a season. The defense set a record with 106 tackles for loss.

Two numbers stood out from that campaign, Wake Forest had 11 players selected for 12 All-ACC positions, and as a team, the Deacons beat six bowl teams in 2017.

After building the foundation for success in 2014 and 2015, Wake Forest qualified for the 2016 Military Bowl and defeated Temple in the game.

On December 10, 2013, Clawson became the 32nd head football coach in Wake Forest University history.



## Bowling Green (2009-13)

The head coach at Bowling Green State University from 2009 through 2013, Clawson led the Falcons to the 2013 Mid-American Conference championship with a 47-27 win over No. 16 Northern Illinois. The championship was BGSU's first since 1992.

Bowling Green's 2013 team went 10-3 overall under Clawson and won the MAC East title with a 7-1 record. The Falcons received a bid to the Little Caesar's Bowl in Detroit. It marked the third bowl appearance in five seasons for Clawson's team.

That team ranked 29th in the nation in total offense and 10th in total defense. The Falcons were one of only two non-power conference teams to rank in the top 30 statistically in both total offense and total defense in 2013.

Led the Falcons to an 8-5 mark in 2012, which included BGSU's second bowl trip in its last four years.

Ranked sixth in the nation in total defense and 10th nationally in scoring defense, yielding just 16.8 points per game.

Clawson tutored Falcons QB Tyler Sheehan to All-MAC honors after he threw for 4,051 yards in 2009.

Dave Clawson became the 17th head football coach at Bowling Green State University on Dec. 12, 2008.

## Tennessee (2008)

Replaced David Cutcliffe as the offensive coordinator under Phillip Fulmer at Tennessee.

## Richmond (2004-07)

In four seasons with the Spiders, Clawson led Richmond to three-consecutive winning seasons for the first time in 52 years - and compiled a 29-20 record.

Won a school-record 11 games in 2007 and reached the semifinals of the NCAA Playoffs for the first time in school history and captured the CAA Football title that fall.

Led No. 4 Richmond to a win away from playing for the National Championship.

Named the CAA Football Coach of the Year, AFCA Region I Coach of the Year and the Division I Coach of the Year in Virginia - beating out both Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer and Virginia's Al Groh.

Finalist for both the Eddie Robinson and AFCA National Coach of the Year awards.

Under Clawson's direction, the Spiders were an offensive juggernaut as the team shattered 10 single-season records in 2007, including points (489), scoring average (34.9), touchdowns (63), total offense (5,675) and rushing yards (3,284).

Individually, tailback Tim Hightower was an All-America selection by four sources and ended his career as Richmond's all-time leading rusher (3,712 yards) and scorer (39 touchdowns). He broke five single-season records in 2007, including rushing yards (1,924) and overall touchdowns (23).

After a 3-8 mark in 2004, Clawson led the Spiders to a 9-4 season in 2005, which resulted in an Atlantic 10 Championship and a decisive win over second-ranked Hampton in the NCAA First Round. The Spiders were 6-5 in 2006 with a shutout win at Duke.

## Fordham (1999-03)

During his five-year tenure at Fordham, Clawson broke 16 team and 45 individual records.

While in the Bronx, he led a program resurgence that produced the 14th-best winning percentage in I-AA football his final three seasons (72.2 percent/26-10 record).

The Rams' 19 combined wins in 2002 and 2003 were the most in back-to-back seasons since 1918-19.

A two-time Patriot League Coach of the Year (2001 and 2002), Clawson earned 2002 I-AA National Coach of the Year honors from Schutt Sports/American Football

Monthly after guiding the Rams to their first-ever conference championship and I-AA playoff appearance. That Fordham squad defeated Northeastern in the first round of the playoffs and finished the fall ranked No. 12 nationally.

During his tenure on Rose Hill, Clawson coached 38 All-Conference performers, including 12 in 2003 when the Rams went 9-3. Fordham boasted the league's best scoring offense (32.9), pass offense (260.2), pass defense (171.5) and field goal percentage (78.6).

His attacking offense provided prolific individual performances, establishing school record holders for passing, Kevin Eakin with 6,112 career yards; receiving, Javarus Dudley with 101 receptions for 1,439 yards (2002); and rushing, Kirwin Watson, 1,477 yards and 20 rushing touchdowns (2002).

Clawson was also dedicated to his student-athletes' success off the field. His first recruiting class at Fordham produced an 88 percent graduation rate.

## Villanova (1996-98)

The Wildcats established 70 school records in his three seasons and went to the I-AA playoffs in 1996 and 1997. Under Clawson's tutelage, Brian Finneran won the Walter Payton award, given to I-AA's Most Outstanding Player, and Brian Westbrook became the first student-athlete in NCAA history to gain more than 1,000 yards rushing and receiving in a season.

## Lehigh (1993-95)

The Mountain Hawks won the Patriot League title his first and last years, while the offense led the league in scoring, total offense and pass offense each of his final two seasons. Rabih Abdullah, who later played for the Chicago Bears, set a school record with 1,536 rushing yards.

## Buffalo (1991-92)

During his two-year stint Bulls' offense set 36 school records, including points and yards in a season.

## Albany (1989-90)

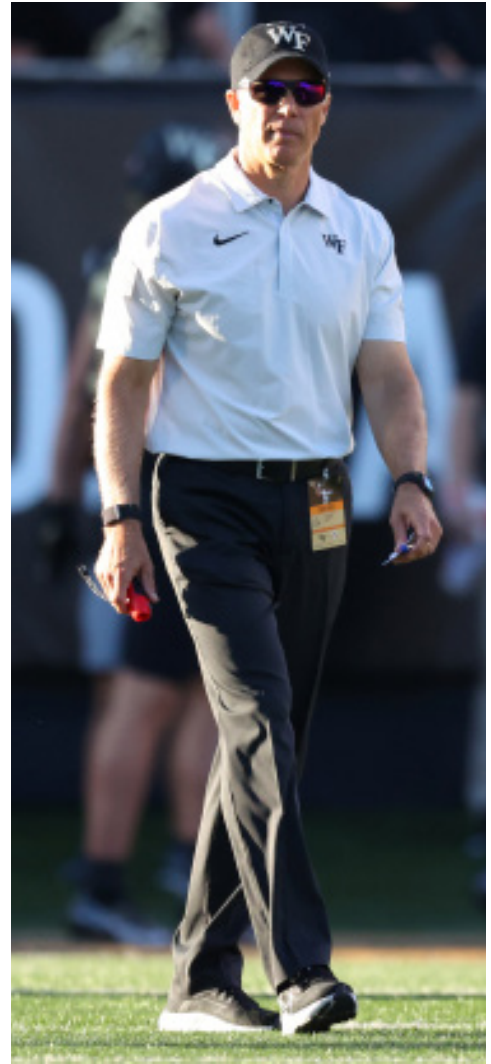
Earned his Master's degree while working with the secondary, quarterbacks and running backs.

## Background

A native of Youngstown, N.Y., located on the shores of Lake Ontario just 30 minutes north of Buffalo, Clawson played defensive back in football and also basketball at Williams College in Massachusetts.

## Personal

Clawson and his wife, Catherine, are the parents of two children, Courtney and Eric.



# CLAWSON YEAR-BY-YEAR

1999 (Fordham)

Record: 0-11, 0-6 Patriot

Lehigh	L	7-49
Colgate	L	24-49
at Cornell	L	14-42
at Princeton	L	0-27
at Penn	L	18-35
Harvard	L	30-37
at Towson	L	23-25
Brown	L	18-37
at Lafayette	L	7-27
Holy Cross	L	14-37
Bucknell	L	15-45

2000 (Fordham)

Record: 3-8, 1-5 Patriot

Towson	L	13-36
Fairfield	W	34-7
at Columbia	L	26-43
at Colgate	L	6-21
at Georgetown	W	17-10
Brown	L	17-44
Yale	L	17-24
at Bucknell	L	13-27
Lafayette	W	31-28
at Lehigh	L	17-51
at Holy Cross	L	20-27

2001 (Fordham)

Record: 7-4, 5-2 Patriot

at Fairfield	W	46-14
at Colgate	L	9-21
Georgetown	W	48-13
at Brown	L	23-40
at Yale	L	27-36
Lehigh	L	21-31
Bucknell	W	17-12
at Lafayette	W	45-24
at Towson	W	28-23
Holy Cross	W	24-21
Columbia	W	41-10

2002 (Fordham)

Record: 10-3, 6-1 Patriot  
Patriot League Co-Champions

Saint Peter's	W	43-0
Colgate	W	40-31
Columbia	L	11-13
at Fairfield	W	51-6
at Georgetown	W	41-10
Brown	W	24-17
Lafayette	W	33-26
Lehigh	L	23-26 (ot)
at Holy Cross	W	37-27
Towson	W	42-14
at Bucknell	W	34-7
at Northeastern ^	W	29-24
at Villanova ^	L	10-24
^ - FCS Playoffs		

2003 (Fordham)

Record: 9-3, 4-3 Patriot

C.W. Post	W	42-7
at Rhode Island	W	63-28
at Lehigh	L	16-23
Columbia	W	37-30
Bucknell	L	10-31
at Brown	W	24-21
New Haven	W	41-7
at Lafayette	W	32-30
Georgetown	W	34-10
Holy Cross	W	49-28
at Colgate	L	3-14
at Towson	W	35-22

2004 (Richmond)

Record: 3-8, 2-6 A-10

at NC State	L	0-42
at VMI	W	34-7
at Massachusetts	W	24-14
Lafayette	L	16-21
Maine	L	25-29
at Villanova	L	10-49
James Madison	L	20-26
at Hofstra	L	17-48
Towson	W	24-0
Delaware	L	14-23
at William & Mary	L	14-38

2005 (Richmond)

Record: 9-4, 7-1 A-10

Atlantic 10 Champions		
Massachusetts	L	6-19
at Lafayette	L	0-7
at Maine	W	26-21
at Vandrebilt	L	13-37
Villanova	W	38-20
Delaware	W	20-10
Hofstra (2 OT)	W	43-37
at James Madison	W	18-15
VMI	W	38-3
at Towson	W	48-21
vs. William & Mary	W	41-7
at Hampton ^	W	38-10
Furman ^	L	20-24
^ - FCS Playoffs		

2006 (Richmond)

Record: 6-5, 3-5 A-10

at Duke	W	13-0
VMI	W	58-7
Bucknell	W	48-21
Northeastern	W	12-7
at New Hampshire	L	17-27
at Rhode Island	W	31-6
Delaware	L	24-28
James Madison	L	10-27
at Villanova	L	21-31
Towson	L	7-31
at William & Mary	W	31-14

2007 (Richmond)

Record: 11-3, 7-1 CAA

Colonial Athletic Association Champions		
at Vanderbilt	L	17-41
at Northeastern	W	49-14
at Bucknell	W	45-14
New Hampshire	W	45-38
at Towson	L	21-23
Stony Brook	W	42-0
Rhode Island	W	38-6
at James Madison	W	17-16
Villanova	W	35-27
at Delaware	W	62-56 (5ot)
William & Mary	W	31-20
Eastern Kentucky ^	W	31-14
at Wofford ^	W	21-10
at Appalachian State ^	L	35-55
^ - FCS Playoffs		

2009 (Bowling Green)

Record: 7-6, 6-2 MAC

Troy	W	31-14
at Missouri	L	20-27
at Marshall	L	10-17
Boise State	L	14-49
Ohio	L	37-44
at Kent State	W	36-35
at Ball State	W	31-17
Central Michigan	L	10-24
at Buffalo	W	30-29
at Miami (OH)	W	35-14
Akron	W	36-20
Toledo	W	38-24
vs. Idaho ^	L	42-43
^ - Humanitarian Bowl		

2010 (Bowling Green)

Record: 2-10, 1-7 MAC

at Troy	L	27-30
at Tulsa	L	20-33
Marshall	W	44-28
at Michigan	L	21-65
Buffalo	L	26-28
at Ohio	L	25-49
at Temple	L	27-28
Kent State	L	6-30
at Central Michigan	W	17-14
Miami (OH)	L	21-24
at Toledo	L	14-33
Western Michigan	L	7-41

2011 (Bowling Green)

Record: 5-7, 3-5 MAC

at Idaho	W	32-15
Morgan State	W	58-13
Wyoming	L	27-28
at Miami	W	37-23
at West Virginia	L	10-55
at Western Michigan	L	21-45
Toledo	L	21-28
Temple	W	13-10
at Kent State	L	15-27
Northern Illinois	L	14-45
Ohio	L	28-29
at Buffalo	W	42-28

2012 (Bowling Green)

Record: 8-5, 6-2 MAC

at Florida	L	14-27
Idaho	W	21-13
at Toledo	L	15-27
at Virginia Tech	L	0-37
Rhode Island	W	48-8
at Akron	W	24-10
Miami	W	37-12
at UMass	W	24-0
Eastern Michigan	W	24-3
at Ohio	W	26-14
Kent State	L	24-31
vs. Buffalo	W	21-7
vs. San Jose State ^	L	20-29
^ - Military Bowl		

2013 (Bowling Green)

Record: 10-3, 7-1 MAC

Tulsa	W	34-7
at Kent State	W	41-22
at Indiana	L	10-42
Murray St.	W	48-7
Akron	W	31-14
UMASS	W	28-7
at Mississippi St.	L	20-21
Toledo	L	25-28
at Miami	W	45-3
Ohio	W	49-0
at E. Michigan	W	58-7
at Buffalo	W	24-7
vs. N. Illinois ^	W	47-27
^ - MAC Championship Game		

2014 (Wake Forest)

Record: 3-9, 1-7 ACC

at ULM	L	10-17
Gardner-Webb	W	23-7
at Utah State	L	24-36
Army	W	24-21
at Louisville	L	10-20
at Florida State	L	3-43
Syracuse	L	7-30
Boston College	L	17-23
Clemson	L	20-34
at NC State	L	13-42
Virginia Tech	W	6-3 (2ot)
at Duke	L	21-41

2015 (Wake Forest)

Record: 3-9, 1-7 ACC

Elon	W	41-3
at Syracuse	L	17-30
at Army	W	17-14
Indiana	L	24-31
Florida State	L	16-24
at Boston College	W	3-0
at North Carolina	L	14-50
NC State	L	17-35
Louisville	L	19-20
at Notre Dame	L	7-28
at Clemson	L	13-33
Duke	L	21-27

2016 (Wake Forest)

Record: 7-6, 3-5 ACC

Tulane	W	7-3
at Duke	W	24-14
Delaware	W	38-21
at Indiana	W	33-28
at NC State	L	16-33
Syracuse	W	28-9
at Florida State	L	6-17
Army	L	13-21
Virginia	W	27-20
at Louisville	L	12-44
Clemson	L	13-35
Boston College	L	14-17
vs. Temple ^	W	34-26
^ - Military Bowl		

2017 (Wake Forest)

Record: 8-5, 4-4 ACC

Presbyterian	W	51-7
at Boston College	W	34-10
Utah State	W	46-10
at Appalachian State	W	20-19
Florida State	L	19-26
at Clemson	L	14-28
Georgia Tech	L	24-38
Louisville	W	42-32
at Notre Dame	L	37-48
at Syracuse	W	64-43
NC State	W	30-24
Duke	L	23-31
vs. Texas A&M ^	W	55-52
^ - Belk Bowl		

2018 (Wake Forest)

Record: 7-6, 3-5 ACC

at Tulane	W	23-17 (OT)
Towson	W	51-20
Boston College	L	34-41
Notre Dame	L	27-56
Rice	W	56-24
Clemson	L	3-63
at Florida State	L	17-38
at Louisville	W	56-35
Syracuse	L	24-41
at NC State	W	27-23
Pittsburgh	L	13-34
at Duke	W	59-7
vs. Memphis ^	W	37-34
^ - Birmingham Bowl		

2019 (Wake Forest)

Record: 8-5, 4-4 ACC

Utah State	W	38-35
at Rice	W	41-21
North Carolina	W	24-18
Elon	W	49-7
at Boston College	W	27-24
Louisville	L	59-62
Florida State	W	22-20
NC State	W	44-10
at Virginia Tech	L	17-36
at Clemson	L	3-52
Duke	W	39-27
at Syracuse	L	30-39
vs. Michigan State ^	L	21-27
^ - PineStripe Bowl		

2020 (Wake Forest)

Record: 4-5, 3-4 ACC

Clemson	L	13-37
at NC State	L	42-45
Campbell	W	66-14
Virginia	W	40-23
Virginia Tech	W	23-16
at Syracuse	W	38-14
at North Carolina	L	53-59
at Louisville	L	21-45
vs. Wisconsin ^	L	28-42
^ - Duke's Mayo Bowl		

2021 (Wake Forest)

Record: 11-3, 7-1 ACC

Old Dominion	W	42-10
Norfolk State	W	41-16
Florida State	W	35-14
at Virginia	W	37-17
Louisville	W	37-34
at Syracuse	W	40-37 (OT)
at Army	W	70-56
Duke	W	45-7
at North Carolina	L	55-58
NC State	W	45-42
at Clemson	L	27-48
at Boston College	W	41-10
vs. Pitt**	L	21-45
vs. Rutgers ^	W	38-10
** - ACC Championship		
^ - Gator Bowl		

2022 (Wake Forest)

Record: 8-5, 3-5 ACC

VMI	W	44-10
at Vanderbilt	W	45-25
Liberty	W	37-36
Clemson	L	45-51 (2OT)
at FSU	W	31-21
Army	W	45-10
Boston College	W	43-15
at Louisville	L	21-48
at NC State	L	21-30
North Carolina	L	34-36
Syracuse	W	45-35
at Duke	L	31-34
vs. Missouri ^	W	27-17
^ - Gasparilla Bowl		

## ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF



**Assistant Coach/WRs  
ARI CONFESSOR**

Coach Dave Clawson announced on Feb. 20, 2023 that Ari Confessor had been added to his coaching staff as the Demon Deacons wide receivers coach.

Spent the last four years (2019-22) as the WR coach at Air Force. He helped the Falcons to a 34-11 overall record and they won three bowl championships.

A 2004 Holy Cross graduate with a bachelor's degree in political science.



**Asst HC for Defense/DL  
DAVE COHEN**

At least one defensive lineman earn All-ACC honors in eight of his nine seasons since his arrival in 2014.

Over the last five seasons, the Deacons have racked up 167 sacks, the most sacks of any six-year period in school history.

Carlos "Boogie" Basham Jr. recorded 11 sacks in 2019, the second-most in a season by a Wake Forest player.



**Offensive Coordinator/QBs  
WARREN RUGGIERO**

Coordinated a Demon Deacon offense that has set or tied nearly 400 offensive records since the start of 2017.

The Deacs are the only football program in the ACC to average at least 30 points per game each year since 2017.

Since the start of the 2017 season, WFU's 185 touchdown passes are the most of any school in the ACC and that total ranks tied for seventh nationally.



**Defensive Coordinator  
BRAD LAMBERT**

Over the course of his first season as DC, Lambert led a defense that forced 16 turnovers (seven interceptions, nine fumbles) as Wake Forest won eight games for just the 10th time in the 115-year history of the program.

Lambert served eight seasons (2011-18) as the head coach at Charlotte, starting the program from scratch, and was an assistant at Wake Forest from 2001-10.

## STAFF NOTES

Five of the 10 assistant coaches on the current Wake Forest football coaching staff have been in Winston-Salem since head coach Dave Clawson arrived ahead of the 2014 season.

Defensive Coordinator Brad Lambert, Safeties Coach James Adams and linebackers coach Glenn Spencer all enter their second season on staff. Adams has previously served under Lambert during three different stops at Wake Forest, Charlotte and Purdue while Spencer was on Lambert's staff in 2018 as the defensive coordinator. Additionally, Chip West coached with Dave Clawson when he was at Fordham and with Brad Lambert when he was at Charlotte.

Before coming to Wake Forest at the start of Dave Clawson's tenure in 2014, Coach Hunter spent the previous five seasons working on Clawson's staff at Bowling Green. He served both as a recruiting coordinator and running backs coach during their tenure, helping guide the Falcons to a 2013 Mid-American Conference title.

All football support staff are listed on GoDeacs.com with complete bios, titles and information.



**Special Teams Coordinator/TEs  
WAYNE LINEBURG**

Tutored kicker Nick Sciba who set the NCAA record by converting 34 consecutive field goal tries over the 2018 and 2019 seasons and is the all-time leading scorer in program history.

Oversaw the development of tight end Cam Serigne who earned first team All-ACC honors and set the conference record for receptions, receiving yards and touchdown catches by a tight end in a career.



**Safeties  
JAMES ADAMS**

Adams was with Wake Forest's new defensive coordinator Brad Lambert at Charlotte for eight seasons (2011-18).

Individually, Adams tutored safeties Chelen Garnes and Malik Mustapha who ranked third and fourth on the team in 2022 with 71 and 58, respectively. The duo combined for 10 TFLs, 4.5 sacks, one interception and two forced fumbles.

Adams was a two-time letterman at linebacker for Wake Forest.



**RUNNING BACKS  
JOHN HUNTER**

Put together three straight seasons of rushing for over 2,000 yards from 2017-19, the first time that has happened since 1996.

Overall since 2017, Wake Forest has rushed for 131 touchdowns and that total is one of the most productive six-year stretches in program history.

Tutored Matt Colburn II and Cade Carney who finished sixth and seventh in school history in career rushing yards.



**Offensive Line  
NICK TABACCA**

Placed four of its five offensive line starters on the All-ACC team following the 2019 season, the first time in school history.

Set the school record for passing yards in a season in 2019 while posting its lowest sacks allowed per pass attempt since 1998.

Eight #BeefBoys have made it to the NFL including Zach Tom, Justin Herron and Phil Haynes who were drafted.



**Cornerbacks  
CHIP WEST**

Coach Dave Clawson announced on Feb. 2, 2023 that Chip West had been added to his coaching staff as the Demon Deacons cornerbacks coach.

West comes to Winston-Salem with over 25 years of college coaching experience and spent the past three seasons as the cornerbacks coach at Syracuse. During his time in Upstate New York, every starting cornerback for the Orange earned All-ACC honors.



**Linebackers  
GLENN SPENCER**

Over three decades of college coaching experience including three years as a head coach and 10 years as a defensive coordinator.

Coached nine NFL Draft picks including 2014 First-Round Pick cornerback Justin Gilbert.

Lambert tutored senior LB Ryan Smenda, Jr. to All-ACC honorable mention honors as he tallied the 19th most tackles in the country (117).

## LEADERSHIP

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