



Wake Forest Demon Deacons



Atlantic Coast Conference - Atlantic Division

Team Overview

National Championships - 0	
	X0
	X0

Conference Titles	
	X2
Last Year: 2006	
Past Conf. Titles: 1	

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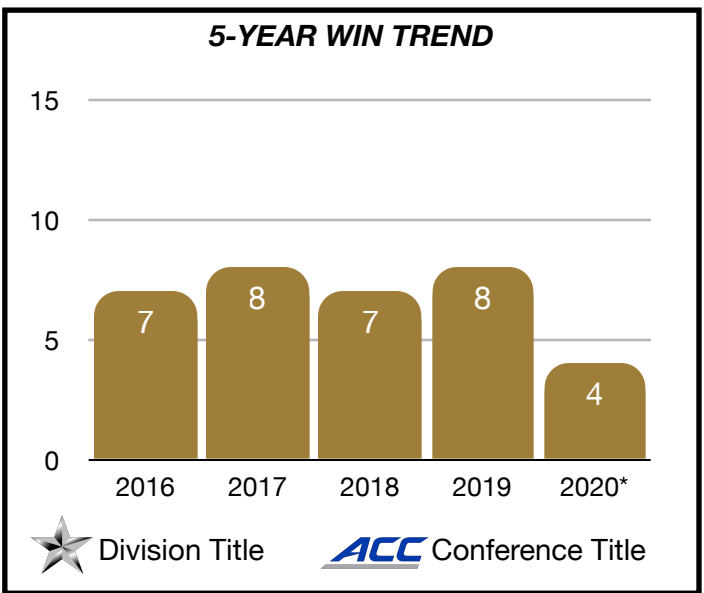
All-Time Record: **465-65-33**

Location: **Winston-Salem, NC**

Official Colors
Gold
Black

Coach: **Dave Clawson**
 (6th Year: 40-45)

2020 Results: **4-5 (3-4 ACC)**



Stadium: Truist Field - Capacity: 31,500



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2021 Schedule and Past Results

2021 Wake Forest Schedule			
Week	Date		Team
1	Fri, Sept 3		vs. Old Dominion
2	Sat, Sept 11		vs. Norfolk State
3	Sat, Sept 18		vs. Florida State
4	Fri, Sept 24		@ Virginia
5	Sat, Oct 2		vs. Louisville
6	Sat, Oct 9		@ Syracuse
7	Bye Week		
8	Sat, Oct 23		@ Army
9	Sat, Oct 30		vs. Duke
10	Sat, Nov 6		@ North Carolina
11	Sat, Nov 13		vs. NC State
12	Sat, Nov 20		@ Clemson
13	Sat, Nov 27		@ Boston C

Conference Games in Bold

2015 (3-9, 1-7 ACC)	
vs. Elon	W 41-3
@ Syracuse	L 17-30
@ Army	W 17-14
vs. Indiana	L 24-31
vs. #11 Florida St.	L 16-24
@ Boston College	W 3-0
@ North Carolina	L 14-50
vs. NC State	L 17-35
vs. Louisville	L 19-20
@ #4 Notre Dame	L 7-28
@ #1 Clemson	L 13-33
vs. Duke	L 21-27

2016 (7-6, 3-5 ACC)	
vs. Tulane	W 7-3
@ Duke	W 24-14
vs. Delaware	W 38-21
@ Indiana	W 33-28
@ NC State	L 16-33
vs. Syracuse	W 28-9
@ #14 Florida St.	L 6-17
vs. Army	L 13-21
vs. Virginia	W 27-20
@ #5 Louisville	L 12-44
vs. #5 Clemson	L 13-35
vs. Boston C	L 14-17
vs. #23 Temple*	W 34-26

2017 (8-5, 4-4 ACC)	
vs. Presbyterian	W 51-7
@ Boston College	W 34-10
vs. Utah State	W 46-10
@ App State	W 20-19
vs. Florida State	L 19-26
@ #2 Clemson	L 14-28
@ Georgia Tech	L 24-38
vs. Louisville	W 42-32
@ #5 Notre Dame	L 37-48
@ Syracuse	W 64-43
@ #25 NC State	W 30-24
vs. Duke	L 23-31
vs. Texas A&M*	W 55-52

2018 (7-6, 3-5 ACC)	
@ Tulane	W 23-17
vs. Towson	W 51-20
vs. Boston C	L 34-41
vs. #8 ND	L 27-56
vs. Rice	W 56-24
vs. #4 Clemson	L 3-63
@ Florida State	L 17-38
@ Louisville	W 56-35
vs. #22 Syracuse	L 24-41
@ #22 NC State	W 27-23
vs. Pittsburgh	L 13-34
@ Duke	W 59-7
vs. Memphis*	W 37-34

2019 (8-5, 4-4 ACC)	
vs. Utah State	W 38-35
@ Rice	W 41-21
vs. North Carolina	W 24-18
vs. Elon	W 49-7
@ Boston College	W 27-24
vs. Louisville	L 59-62
vs. Florida State	W 22-20
vs. NC State	W 44-10
@ Virginia Tech	L 17-36
@ #3 Clemson	L 3-52
vs. Duke	W 39-27
@ Syracuse	L 30-39
vs. Michigan St.	L 21-27

2020 (4-5, 3-4 ACC)	
vs. #1 Clemson	L 13-37
@ NC State	L 42-45
vs. Campbell	W 66-14
vs. Virginia	W 40-23
@ #19 Va Tech	W 23-16
@ Syracuse	W 38-14
@ North Carolina	L 53-59
@ Louisville	L 21-45

Key Games

Sat, Nov 6: @ North Carolina - Yes, you read that correctly, the Demon Deacons and Tar Heels are playing a designated non-conference game the first week of November just as they did in 2019 where Wake Forest won 24-18. North Carolina responded in 2020 in a 53-59 shootout win where the Tar Heels set a record for yards gained.

Sat, Nov 20: @ Clemson - Wake Forest fans have high expectations, especially considering the 20 returning starters. If the Deacons are going to compete in the Atlantic, you have to beat the best to be the best.

Sat, Nov 27: @ Boston College - A game against the Eagles closes the season and also ends a difficult four-game stretch. The previous two matchups have been decided by a touchdown or less. Considering that both Wake Forest and Boston College can reasonably win 8-9 games, this should be a good season finale.

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2020 Team Statistics

Points Scored	Points Allowed	Passing Yards	Rushing Yards	Turnover Margin
36.0	32.8	281.4	163.0	+10
19th in FBS	91st in FBS	26th in FBS	63rd in FBS	8th in FBS

2021 Projections

Key Players



#1 - Christian Beal-Smith - Junior RB

Beal-Smith led the Demon Deacons in rushing yards with 732 yards and added 5 touchdowns. His 5.2 yards per carry might even go up a notch with a very solid offensive line. At the very least, Beal-Smith will no longer be splitting carries with Kenneth Walker who transferred to Michigan State in the offseason and should top 1,000 yards assuming he stays healthy. A good rushing attack should be even better in 2021 thanks to Beal-Smith.

#5 - Jaquarii Roberson - Junior WR

Roberson would have easily surpassed 1,000 yards receiving last year if the Demon Deacons had played a full 12- or 13-game schedule instead of the 9 games the ended up with in 2020. Roberson is a huge threat offensively and proved that by posting five 100-yard games in the final six contests in 2020. Sam Hartman returns as quarterback and the Hartman-Roberson connection should be one of the best tandems in the conference.



Even though the Demon Deacons went 4-5 last year, it seems as if the stars have aligned for Wake Forest to be a dangerous team in the Atlantic. For one, the top four teams from the Coastal aren't on the schedule (with the exception of a non-conference game against North Carolina). While that game will be a challenge, the remaining three non-conference games are extremely winnable. The first five ACC opponents are Florida State, Virginia, Louisville, Syracuse, and Duke, all of whom are projected to finish in the bottom three of their respective divisions. The idea is that, if Wake Forest takes care of business, the Demon Deacons could be 8-0 before their showdown against North Carolina. That's where the schedule gets tricky. The matchup against the Tar Heels kicks off a four-game stretch to end the year which includes back-to-back road trips to Clemson and Boston College. Those games could serve as a reality check.

The offense could be one of the best in the conference. Sam Hartman played very well outside of a rough bowl game performance and has a solid receiving core, running backs, and an excellent offensive line. That combination should improve the 3.9 rush yard average and improve an already solid passing game. Defense was a bit of a different story in 2020. The Demon Deacons gave up 42 points or more in four of their five losses. Miles Fox is a force inside as a defensive tackle and tallied 7 tackles for loss. Nick Anderson made third-team ACC in his freshman year in part because of his four interceptions from the safety position.

It's not crazy to think Wake Forest could hit double-digit wins this year but that's only possible with a little more consistency. The Demon Deacons' four wins in a row were bookended by back-to-back losses in 2020. I still favor NC State and Boston College over Wake Forest, but it should be very close.

Aaron's Projection: (8-4) 4th in ACC Atlantic

