

# Tech strives for ACC title; Deacons want strong finish

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The Deacons will play their final game of the season against the 21st-ranked Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech as Tech hopes to clinch a share of the ACC title.

If the Jackets win the game it will be the first time since their National Championship season of 1990 that they have finished first in the ACC and the first time since joining the conference that Florida State has not taken sole possession of the title.

The Deacons will be hoping for a repeat of their strong defensive play shown last week against No. 5 Florida State. The defense accounted for two interceptions and two fumble recoveries against the Seminoles.

Senior quarterback Brian Kuklick, the all-time yardage and completion leader in Deacon history needs 218 yards to become only the fifth quarterback in ACC history to pass for more than 8,000 yards.

The ACC all time leading receiver senior Desmond Clark is hoping to have a strong performance against

Tech but remains questionable after only seeing limited action the last two weeks because of a sprained knee.

With the absence of Clark, however, junior Jammie Deese has stepped up and entered the all-time receiving ranks in Deacon history in receptions and yards, ranking sixth and eighth all-time, respectively.

The Deacs will be facing a strong Georgia Tech team that features two of the top offensive players in the ACC in quarterback Joe Hamilton and receiver Dez White.

The Georgia Tech scoring offense ranks first in the ACC and its scoring defense ranks third in the ACC.

Georgia Tech's only noticeable weakness is their last ranked rushing offense, however, the Deacs have been hot and cold with their rushing attack this season. The Deacs averaged nearly 100 yards rushing a game through the first seven games this season but have totaled 56 yards on 33 attempts in the last three games.

A win against the Yellow Jackets would assure the Deacons of at least a sixth place finish in the ACC and possibly a tie for fifth. Kickoff is 1 p.m.

## SCOREBOARD

### FOOTBALL

Ebenezer Ekuban, UNC	19
Mat Petz, WFU	15
Chris Combs, Duke	15
Mark Makovec, WFU	14

Clem.	5	2	0	16	6	0
WFU	4	3	0	13	7	1
Md.	3	4	0	11	11	1
N.C. State	1	5	1	7	12	1
FSU	1	5	1	7	11	3
Duke	0	5	2	7	11	2

### Standings

	ACC	Overall
FSU	7	10
Ga. Tech	6	7
UVa.	6	8
N.C. State	4	6
UNC	3	4
Duke	2	5
WFU	2	3
Md.	1	6
Clem.	1	7

### MEN'S SOCCER

#### Standings

	ACC	Overall
Clem.	5	1
UVa.	4	1
Duke	4	2
UNC	3	3
Md.	3	3
WFU	1	4
N.C. State	0	6

### Statistics

#### Receiving Leaders

	Rec/gm
Torry Holt, N.C. State	7.9
Desmond Clark, WFU	6.0
S. Montgomery, Duke	5.8
R. Flowers, Duke	5.8

#### Receiving Yards

	Yds/gm
Torry Holt, N.C. State	148.7
Dez White, Ga. Tech	102.6
Peter Warrick, FSU	101.2
R. Flowers, Duke	86.4
Desmond Clark, WFU	85.9

#### Total Offense Leaders

	Yds/gm
J. Barnette, N.C. State	295.7
Brian Kuklick, WFU	235.0
Chris Weinke, FSU	231.9
Joe Hamilton, Ga. Tech	224.3
Aaron Brooks, UVa.	219.0

#### Interceptions

	Ints
L. Harrison, N.C. State	5
Cliff Crosby, Md.	5
Mario Edwards, FSU	5
Reggie Austin, WFU	4
Jason Perry, N.C. State	4
Adrian Burnam, UVa.	4

#### Punting Leaders

	Avg
Brian Schmitz, UNC	45.0
Donnie Scott, UVa.	43.0
Tripp Moore, WFU	42.4
R. Williams, Ga. Tech	42.2

#### Tackles for Loss

	No
Patrick Kerney, UVa.	20

### Statistics

#### Scoring Offense

	Avg
Clem.	2.95
WFU	2.37
Duke	2.33
UVa.	2.30

#### Shutouts

	Avg
Clem.	0.62
Duke	0.57
UVa.	0.45
Md.	0.30
WFU	0.21

#### Scoring Defense

	GAA
Clem.	0.45
Duke	0.66
UVa.	0.82
Md.	1.10
WFU	1.24

#### Goals Against Average

	GAA
Josh Campbell,	0.45
Atil Knutsson, Duke	0.70
Brock Yetso, UVa.	0.83
Christian Lewis, Md.	1.10
Sean Conner, WFU	1.31

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

#### Standings

	ACC	Overall
UNC	7	0
UVa.	5	2

### Statistics

#### Scoring Offense

	Avg
UNC	4.14
Clem.	3.29
WFU	2.48
Md.	2.35

#### Scoring Defense

	Avg
UNC	0.27
Clem.	1.23
WFU	1.61
UVa.	1.62
Md.	1.85

#### Saves

	Avg
Jamie Gurtov, FSU	6.40
Erin Regan, WFU	4.69
Sara Marino, N.C. State	4.47
Isis Dallis, Duke	3.94
Riki-Ann Serrins, Md.	3.85

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

#### Standings

	ACC	Overall
Clem.	0	0
Duke	0	0
Md.	0	0
UNC	0	0
FSU	0	0
Ga. Tech	0	0
N.C. State	0	0
UVa.	0	0
WFU	0	0

### THIS WEEK

Nov. 21  
Men's Basketball vs. Mercer, 7:30 p.m.  
Football at Georgia Tech, 1 p.m.

Nov. 24  
Men's Basketball vs. William & Mary, 7:30 p.m.  
Women's Basketball at Providence, 5:30 p.m.

## Wake Forest Demon Deacons Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets

Series History: Georgia Tech leads 15-5-0

Last Meeting: Wake Forest 26, Georgia Tech 28 (9/20/97)

1998 Record: 3-7 (2-5 ACC)

Head Coach: Jim Caldwell

Record at WFU: 17-48

Career Record: 17-48

Total Starters Back: 16

#### Offense

Formation: Multiple

Players to Watch: QB Brian Kuklick, WR

Desmond Clark, WR Jammie Deese

#### Defense

Formation: Multiple

Players to Watch: DT Fred Robbins, CB

Dameon Daniel, LB Mark Makovec

1998 Record: 7-2 (6-1 ACC)

Head Coach: George O'Leary

Record at Georgia Tech: 25-21

Career Record: 25-21

Total Starters Back: 16

#### Offense

Formation: Multiple

Players to Watch: QB Joe Hamilton, WR Dez

White, RB Charlie Rogers

#### Defense

Formation: Multiple

Players to Watch: DE Jesse Tarplin, S

Travares Tillman, CD Janara Clark

# Kentucky, Couch mourn loss of teammate, friends

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The swells of red around Tim Couch's eyes made the University of Kentucky quarterback look more like a man than a machine.

The hurt in Hal Mumme's stare made him look more like a father than a coach. And the sympathy in Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer's voice made him sound more like friend than foe.

"I certainly sympathize with all of the Kentucky family," Fulmer said. "But there is no way I could feel it because I haven't been through it."

A day after the deaths of Wildcat redshirt freshman Artie Steinmetz and Eastern Kentucky University student Scott Brock, UK players and their coach talked about the car accident they say put everything in perspective.

"God has a plan for everyone's life, and some plans are shorter than others," Mumme said. "I think it only serves as a reminder to each of us that we are only one brief heartbeat from eternity, so we better be ready for it."

Senior center Jason Watts was driving his 1985 Chevrolet pickup Sunday when his wheels drifted off the roadside and he overcorrected, sending the truck across the road where it flipped and hurled its three passengers out of the vehicle. Watts, the only survivor, suffered a 30-centimeter laceration on his right forearm and had surgery Nov. 16 at University of Kentucky Hospital to clean the wound.

Mumme and several players visited Watts Nov. 15 to show support for their fallen teammate in his time of need, Mumme said.

Results from a post-accident blood test were expected Nov. 17 or 18, but the UK coach declined to comment about unclear circumstances surrounding the one-car accident.

He said his only concern is for the living: Watts and the two families who lost loved ones. Mumme met with his players shortly after his noon news conference Nov. 16, and senior safety Jeff Zurcher said it started in total silence.

"There were 100 guys in there, and not a word was spoken," he said. "In respect to Artie and Scott, it was appropriate."

When the silence stopped, talk turned to, "The last time I saw him ...," Zurcher said.

And the majority of talk centered on Steinmetz.

Most remembered the Michigan State University transfer for his comedic approach to life. The scout team defender used to joke with Mumme before every practice, the UK coach said.

"I saw Artie when we walked off the field after the game," said a fellow defensive lineman, sophomore Matt Layow. "I told him that I would see him Monday."

Dealing with the loss of a teammate is not something one can prepare for, Zurcher said, but it's something the team must overcome. UK took Nov. 16 off to mourn, but a date with No. 2 Tennessee looms.

The player with the longest road to recovery could be Couch. In addition to losing a teammate and facing an injured friend, the UK junior quarterback must cope with the loss of Brock, his closest friend.

"Being a football player, you think you've been through a lot, losing games in the last second, taking big hits," Couch said. "You think you are tough until you've had to walk into your best friend's house and talk to his parents after he's passed away."

Brock and Couch were high school teammates at Leslie County High School. Brock was Couch's Craig Yeast before he had Craig Yeast. The pair of Hyden friends grew up less than a mile from one another, as Couch described it "just down the road and around the curve." They hung out every Monday in Richmond for ABC's Monday Night Football and saw each other at least twice a week until this weekend. An early phone call woke up Couch the morning of Nov. 15 with the news, and he immediately set out for Hyden. He had to see Brock's parents.

"We started as friends in preschool," Couch said. "They had to tie our cribs together so we wouldn't fight. There is no doubt; this is the toughest thing I've ever been through."

But the UK quarterback said he has no ill will toward Watts. In fact, Couch visited his injured teammate Nov. 15. "I think it hurt him to see me, because he knew how much Scott meant to me," Couch said. "I just told him it's not his fault, it's nobody's fault."

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# Edwards

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able to muster 29 positive yards all night against the stingy Seminole defensive front.

With Outzen making his first career start for the usually high-octane Seminole offense, it was Edwards and his school record four interceptions that provided the catalyst for the 'Noles victory.

Each of Edwards' four picks set up the four Florida State scoring drives in the game, resulting in three touchdowns and a 32-yard Sebastian Janikowski field goal.

"He made a couple of great plays, - just outstanding plays. I think that was really the difference in the ball game because what (Florida State does) to you if you turn the ball over to them, they're going to put it in the end zone," Caldwell said. "If you can have a good solid kicking game, limit your turnovers, then you got a chance to hang in there with them, but we gave it to them a few too many times"

As Outzen struggled to find open receivers, connecting on 11 of 19 passes for 164 yards, Seminole Head Coach Bobby Bowden relied heavily on his potent ground attack, led by Travis Minor.

Minor pummeled the injury-riddled Deacon defensive front, breaking loose for 102 yards on 19 carries and a pair of touchdowns. Minor was also the leading receiver for the Seminoles, catching three passes for 56 yards.

For the second straight game the Deacon offense was without the services of senior wide receiver Desmond Clark, forcing junior Jammie Deese to be the



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The Deacon defense meet Florida State in the backfield for a loss of yardage. Despite the 24-7 loss, the Deacons played strong, especially on defense, producing two interceptions and two fumble recoveries. Against Florida State, the Deacs surrendered the fewest yards since the Seminoles joined the ACC.

go-to guy in the Deacon passive attack. Deese was shadowed all over the field by the suffocating Florida State secondary, whose aggressive and physical style of coverage drew several pass interference calls during the game.

"Any time that you play an attack style defense, you're going to get some penalties. We can live with those," Edward said.

Despite the tight coverage, Deese managed to break free to haul in four passes for 107 yards, including a 56-yard touchdown early in the third quarter, on a play in which Edwards and another Florida State defender collided, springing Deese for the score.

The score by Deese brought the Deacons within a field goal at 10-7, but two more Edwards interceptions turned into two

Travis Minor touchdowns and sealed the deal for the Seminoles.

Even though the Deacons put together a strong defensive effort holding the Seminole offense to 379 yards, the lowest total the Deacs have allowed the 'Noles since they joined the ACC in 1992, the interceptions by Edwards coupled with the otherwise ineffective Deacon offense proved to be too much to overcome.

"I know we played hard. We played very hard. But our team's still fighting and I think that's the thing that's most important — that we're still right there in this ball game, a close ball game, and we took ourselves out of it. In terms of our play we weren't satisfied with it. We were sloppy," Caldwell said.

year. They started out well and positioned themselves, remaining nationally-ranked throughout the season.

And with Kraus, who won five of six individual races throughout the year and an ACC Championship, leading this Demon Deacon women's cross-country team, the squad is in very good shape.

The talent is definitely there, as they exhibited at the NCAA regionals this past weekend.

Now they have a chance at the end to put this national raking to the test against some of this country's finest women's cross-country programs. And chances are Kraus and Company will do just fine against their competitive foes.

# Kraus

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and unrelenting bad weather is a distinct possibility.

"It's an 'Indiana Jones' course — we may need our ropes," Goodridge said. As for the outlook of the national meet, Goodridge is optimistic.

"We've moved up to 12th in the national rankings, so we've set a top 10 finish as our goal," Goodridge said.

Kraus agreed, believing that the experience the Deacons received in last year's national meet will be an asset.

### "It's an 'Indiana Jones' course — we may need our ropes."

Francie Goodridge  
Head Coach

"We have to start out quick, or we'll get buried in the pack like we did last year," Kraus said. "All of the teams will be good, but if you get buried, then it's very difficult to work your way back."

"There are many good runners, and anything can happen. I have to position myself so I have a chance at the end."

That is what the Deacon team has done all