

Deacons to battle Clemson in crucial ACC matchup

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The Demon Deacon hopes of a bowl game this season will run into a roadblock this weekend when the team faces the Clemson Tigers.

The Deacons are currently seventh in the ACC, but a win over Clemson could propel them to fifth, which is the lowest guaranteed bowl game in the ACC. The victory would also help the Deacons' bowl game hopes by giving Clemson a third ACC loss and dropping them from third in the ACC.

The game will not be easy though. Clemson is averaging 376 yards a game of offense, 239 of which is passing. The Clemson rush defense is giving up 150 yards per game, but their pass defense is first in the ACC, giving up only 103 yards in the air per game.

The Deacons' biggest obstacle to overcome will be the Clemson passing attack which has been picking teams apart this season. The Deacon secondary stepped up big last week against Alabama-Birmingham and stopped their passing attack. Clemson has a stronger passing attack than UAB and will challenge the Demon Deacon secondary.

If the Deacs continue with the tight coverage they showed last week and get a strong pass rush from their defensive line, then they should be more than capable of forcing the Tigers to run the ball. The Deacons are second in the ACC and 35th in the nation in rushing defense.

Offensively the Deacs need to establish a rushing attack early to open up their passing game. The Deacs are third in the ACC and 23rd in the nation in rushing and should not have too much difficulty against the mediocre Clemson rush defense.

Clemson may try to stop the Deacon running game by stacking the defensive line and showing the Deacs nine-man fronts. If Clemson does this, then

the Deacs should be able to attack the Clemson secondary, which will be forced to cover the Deacs one-on-one. Senior Jammie Deese has thrived in one-on-one coverage this season as have sophomore Ira Williams and senior William Merritt.

Clemson is also first in the ACC in quarterback sacks. The Deacon offensive line will need to hit the Clemson defensive line hard and often to tire them out and protect senior Ben Sankey. The Deacs do have a small advantage against the Clemson defensive rush in that Sankey is a very mobile quarterback. If the pocket does collapse or Clemson gets penetration, Sankey will be able to move around and avoid the defense.

"If you know him, and have been around him a while, you can just watch what he potentially is capable of doing," Head Coach Jim Caldwell said. "He's been getting better each game."

Clemson has scored 172 points this season but have allowed their opponents to score 160. The Deacons have scored 160 points this season, but have held their opponents to 130 points.

The Deacons' will also rely on their ability to cause turnovers against Clemson to keep the ball out of the Tigers' hands.

The Deacs are second in the ACC in turnover margin taking the ball away twice as much as they turn it over.

Caldwell is aware of the significance of this game and the challenge that Clemson presents.

"This game is the most important of the year and so is the next one," Caldwell said. "We have a great opportunity to play them at home. They've been playing extremely well. We're in a situation where we're trying to get better and they present a real challenge for us."

Although Clemson will be a major roadblock for the Deacons, there is a way around for the Deacons to continue on the road to the postseason.

Wake Forest
Demon Deacons

Clemson
Tigers

Series History: Clemson leads, 49-14-1

Last Meeting: Wake Forest 29, Clemson 19 (9/26/98)

1999 Record: 4-3 (1-3 ACC)
Head Coach: Jim Caldwell
Record at WFU: 21-52
Career Record: 21-52
Total Starters Returning: 14

1999 Record: 3-4 (3-2 ACC)
Head Coach: Tommy Bowden
Record at Clemson: 4-3
Career Record: 22-7
Total Starters Returning: 11

Offense
Formation: Multiple
Players to Watch: QB Ben Sankey, RB Morgan Kane, WR Jammie Deese, WR Ira Williams

Offense
Formation: Multiple
Players to Watch: QB Woodrow Dantzler, RB Travis Zachery, WR Rod Gardner, WR Brian Wofford

Defense
Formation: Multiple
Players to Watch: DE Brian Ray, DT Fred Robbins, LB Dustin Lyman, DB Reggie Austin

Defense
Formation: 4-3
Players to Watch: LB Keith Adams, S Robert Carswell, S DoMarco Fox, CB Alex Ardley

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The biggest play the Deacs gave up was the 43-yarder at the end of the fourth quarter. Sophomore Adrian Duncan was playing tight coverage on the receiver and made a play for the interception which gave the receiver an open field to

run with. Duncan made the right play considering the Deacs had a 36-point lead. Duncan already had one interception in the game and was playing for a second to stop the Blazer drive.

The Deacon secondary played very tight coverage and did not get beat all day with the exception of the 43-yard pass. Most of the UAB passing yardage came from the middle of the field behind the linebackers. The middle was open because the Deacs were putting a lot of

pressure on the quarterback and cheating the linebackers up for the rush defense and to blitz.



Duncan

However, the secondary stepped up quickly and stopped the receiver from making any big plays. The linebackers did contribute to the pass defense with two passes broken up

and a strong pass rush.

This season the Deacon pass defense has been the weakest aspect of the defense, however, the UAB game has shown that this is no longer a concern. The improvement to the pass defense will be a big improvement for the Deacons since they still have to face Clemson and Georgia Tech, two teams that dominate with their aerial assault.

The Tigers are the more immediate concern for the Deacons.

The Demon Deacon secondary will be relied upon heavily against the Tigers. If the Deacs can stop Clemson's passing game, they should be able to stop Clemson.

The Deacon secondary possesses a wealth of speed and ability and they displayed this against Alabama-Birmingham.

The secondary is the final piece of the puzzle that is the Deacon's bowl game hopes and the puzzle is complete.

Frequent Runner Program

Congratulations to the following individuals who have ran/walked 50 miles so far this semester:

- Tracy Herrmann
- Sarah Hagenian
- Bryn Mumma
- Jaime Landry
- Lindy Fellabom
- Justin Andrews
- Kara Markley
- Melissa McManama

If interested in the program, stop by room 214 Reynolds Gym.

3 on 3 Intramural Soccer Tournament

Saturday, November 6

Water Tower Field

1pm



Intramural Sports' 5K Run to Help the victim's of Hurricane Floyd!

Where: Water Tower Field
When: Saturday, October 30
Time: 11:30 am
Cost: \$5.00 (all proceeds to benefit the victims of Hurricane Floyd)
Who: Parents, Students, Faculty/Staff

Come out and run with your friends & folks to help our neighbors in need.

Triple Mileage for Frequent Runner Program Participants

Register in Campus Recreation Office (Room 214 Reynolds Gym) or 30 minutes before start!

Questions? Call Patrick Watson, x6187. Coordinated by WFU Runners Club.

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Pool Schedule Fall 1999

Recreational Swim

Sunday: 2pm to 5pm
Mon/Wed: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Fitness/Lap Swim

Tue/Thu: 6:30am to 8:30am
Mon-Fri: 11am to 1pm
Mon/Wed: 3:30pm to 5:30pm
Tue/Thu/Fri: 4pm to 6:30pm

Water Exercise

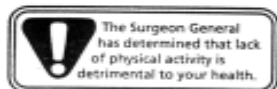
(2 LAP LANES OPEN)
Mon/Wed: 5:30pm to 6:15pm



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AEROBICS SCHEDULE FALL 1999

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		12:15-1:00 pm YOGA Benson Center Aerobics Room		12:15-1:00 pm YOGA Benson Center Aerobics Room		
	5:30-6:15 pm WATER Pool Reynolds Gym		5:30-6:15 pm WATER Pool Reynolds Gym			
7:15-8:15 pm KICKBOX 403 Reynolds Gym	7:15-8:00 pm HI/LO Benson Center Aerobics Room		7:15-8:00 pm KICKBOX 403 Reynolds Gym			
	8:00-8:30 ABS/GLUTES Benson Center Aerobics Room	8:15-9:15 pm STEP Benson Center Aerobics Room	8:00-8:30 ABS/GLUTES 403 Reynolds Gym	8:15-9:15 pm STEP Benson Center Aerobics Room		



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