1906 -- Student J. Richard Crozier, who was also in charge of the campus gymnasium, is credited with starting the first basketball team at Wake Forest by arranging the first game in the state between two collegiate teams. Wake Forest played Guilford College (losing 26-19) as part of a four-game road trip in the late winter of 1906. Crozier, however, in a 1961 letter to Wake Forest sports information director Marvin "Skeeter" Francis, refers to his team’s first game as coming against Trinity College (now Duke) that same year. Whomever the opponent, there seems to be no question that Wake Forest took part in the first college basketball game in North Carolina.

1916 -- Coached by J.R. Crozier and captained by Ham Davis, the Deacons put together a sparkling 16-2 record, including a 5-0 mark against future rivals North Carolina, Duke and NC State.

1917 -- J. Richard Crozier (below), the person responsible for starting basketball at Wake Forest, left his job as the Deacons' first coach after serving in that capacity for 12 seasons.

1919 -- WFU opened its 14th season of basketball with the 100th victory in school history -- a 25-15 win over the Durham Y.

1923 -- Wake Forest, under first-year coach James Baldwin, put together a remarkable 22-3 record. The 22 wins under Baldwin remains as the most ever by a first-year Wake Forest coach, although Skip Prosser (21 wins) nearly tied the mark in 2002. The 1927 team got together for its 50th reunion in 1977 (photo above).

1927 -- Murray Greason, Wake Forest’s all-time winningest coach, is pictured with his hunting dogs.

1934 -- Murray Greason, who captained the 1924 team, took over as head coach and began to establish Wake Forest as a competitive program.

1937 -- Wake Forest joined the old Southern Conference and immediately had an impact on the 16-team league with a fourth-place finish.
1939 -- Wake Forest won the regular season championship in the Southern Conference with a 15-3 league record. After being upset in the conference tournament, the Deacons were one of eight schools selected to participate in the very first NCAA Tournament. Led by captain Jim Waller and his “trick” hook shot, the Deacs finished with an 18-6 record after losing to Ohio State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

1944 -- The only year since 1906 that Wake Forest has not fielded a basketball team. There was no team because of World War II.

1948 -- Coach Murray Greason’s team won 18 games.

1953 -- One of the most memorable achievements by a Deacon team came in 1953 in the last Southern Conference Tournament. Wake Forest, led by All-American Dickie Hemric, won the championship over six-time defending champion NC State and legendary coach Everett Case. In 1953, standout performer Jack Williams also made his debut. Williams is most known for his performance in 1956 and 1957 after serving two years in the military.

1954 -- Wake Forest and six other schools broke away from the Southern Conference to create the new Atlantic Coast Conference. In the very first ACC Tournament, Wake was involved in three consecutive overtime games, winning two, but losing in the finals to NC State. Also in 1954, sophomore Lefty Davis, one of the great multi-sport athletes in WFU history, made his debut for the Deacon cagers.

1955 -- All-American Dickie Hemric was named the ACC Player of the Year for the second straight year -- the first two years of the ACC.

1957 -- Murray Greason stepped down as head coach after 24 years and a school-best 288 victories. Also in 1957, Jack Murdock earned first team All-America honors.

1958 -- Horace “Bones” McKinney took over as the Wake Forest head coach.

1960 -- Wake, under McKinney (photo below) finished 21-7 and was involved in the first of five straight ACC Tournament championship games. Dave Budd was team captain.

1961 and 1962 -- The Deacons, under coach Bones McKinney, captured consecutive ACC crowns. The 1961 team reached the finals of the East Region in the NCAA Tournament before losing, but in 1962, the Deacons reached the NCAA Final Four before losing to Ohio State (photo above). Wake, however, defeated UCLA for third place in the Deacs’ only Final Four appearance. Len Chappell, a two-time All-American (1961 and 1962), was a standout on both Deacon teams and etched his name firmly in the Wake record books. Billy Packer was a first team All-ACC guard in 1961 and Dave Wiedeman was a second team selection in 1962. Frank Christie, a future WFU Sports Hall of Fame member, debuted in 1962.

1968 -- Norwood Todman, a 6-6 forward from New York City, became the first African-American player to wear a Deacon uniform, joining the varsity team for the 1967-68 season.

1971 -- Wake’s Charlie Davis becomes the first African-American player to be named ACC Player of the Year.

1969 -- Powerful center Gil McGregor and sharp-shooting Charlie Davis of New York joined the team. On Feb. 15, 1969, Davis established a school single-game record that still stands by scoring 51 points against American.

1956-57 -- Wake Forest began playing all its home games in Winston-Salem during the 1956-57 season after the campus moved from Wake Forest, NC.

1970 -- Mondo Petillo, a two-time All-American, led Wake to the 1970 NCAA Tournament.

1971 -- Wake's Charlie Davis becomes the first African-American player to be named ACC Player of the Year.

1979 -- Wake's Jim Toddore, a standout player in the 1980s, led the Deacons to a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

1982 -- Wake's John Mason became the first African-American to score more than 2,000 points in a career.

1988 -- Wake's Charlie Davis becomes the first African-American player to be named ACC Player of the Year.

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1975, 1976, 1977 -- Wake Forest captured three consecutive championships in the popular Big Four Tournament. The Deacons would also capture the last event in 1980.

1977 -- The Deacons advanced all the way to the finals of the NCAA Midwest Region, where they lost to eventual national champion Marquette. Wake point guard Skip Brown earned first team All-America honors for the second time.

1978 -- Power forward Rod Griffin was named All-American for the second straight year.

1981 -- Guard Frank Johnson, the “Smiling Deacon,” concluded his career by earning All-American honors.

1984 -- Playing in the NCAA Tournament for the third time in four years, Wake Forest stunned DePaul, 73-71 in overtime of the NCAA Midwest Region semifinals. That game proved to be the final one for legendary Blue Demons' coach Ray Meyer and brought instant recognition to the Wake Forest program. The Deacons fell to eventual NCAA finalist Houston, 68-63, in the regional finals. Only a 29-point performance by a relatively unknown center named Akeem (later Hakeem) Olajuwon kept the Deacons from advancing to the Final Four.

1991 -- Coach Dave Odom and Wake Forest made the first of seven consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and 12 straight post season berths.

1993 -- Rodney Rogers, the 1991 ACC Rookie of the Year, concluded his career by earning All-American honors.

1995 and 1996 -- Two seasons that produced unmatched excitement at Wake Forest came in 1995 and 1996 when the Deacons won back-to-back ACC Tournament championships. In 1995, Randolph Childress scored a tournament-record 107 points and will forever be remembered for his overtime jumper with four seconds remaining to beat North Carolina, 82-80, in the championship game. The Deacons attained a school-first No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament and advanced to the Sweet 16. In 1996, Tim Duncan set an ACC Tournament record with 56 rebounds, including 22 in the title game versus Georgia Tech, when Wake posted a 75-74 victory. The Deacons advanced all the way to the NCAA regional finals before bowing out to Kentucky.

1991-02 -- A new chapter in Wake Forest basketball history began with head coach Skip Prosser taking over the program. Prosser led the Deacs to a third-place finish in the ACC and their 12th consecutive post season appearance.

2000 -- Coach Dave Odom's team put together a late-season run to capture the NIT title at Madison Square Garden. Later, that summer, Wake's Darius Songaila earned a bronze medal at the Sydney Olympic Games as a member of the Lithuanian team.
Few persons have stirred the sport of basketball in the state of North Carolina as much as Horace Albert “Bones” McKinney.

His coaching skills were highly respected. His sideline antics were legendary. His warmth and regard for his fellow-man were without equal.

From his playing days at Durham High School, N.C. State and North Carolina, to his career as a coach at Wake Forest, to his familiar place behind the microphone of ACC basketball telecasts, Bones McKinney lived his life in basketball before audiences everywhere.

Certainly he is known for leading the old Southern Conference in scoring while at N.C. State, and for helping UNC to the NCAA Championship finals in 1946, but it was as head coach of the Demon Deacons that Bones became a regional hero and nationally regarded personality.

A seminary student in 1951-52, Bones was added to the Wake Forest basketball staff that season by head coach Murray Greason. He sat beside Greason on the Deacon bench for five years and even served as head coach of the Wake Forest golf team for a time.

On March 26, 1957, he inherited the title of head coach when Greason became director of athletics.

Red socks, a seat belt on his chair on the bench, sideline gestures, word games with referees—all were part of the Bones McKinney basketball show at Wake Forest. Yet this was a man who knew how to motivate young men and teach the game as well. If not, his sterling record could never have been realized.

“I coach as I played,” he said. “I’m in it all the way. I feel every play, every pass, every call. I react without realizing it.”

Much more than a showman, Bones was a winner, raising Demon Deacon basketball to unprecedented heights. His teams captured the 1959 Dixie Classic and played in five consecutive ACC Tournament championship games from 1960 through 1964, taking the top prize in 1961 and 1962. That ’62 club, of course, advanced to the NCAA Final Four in Louisville, finishing third with over UCLA.

Bones retired from his position at Wake Forest in 1965 after compiling a 122-94 record over eight seasons. He later returned to the bench with the professional Carolina Cougars, but when he is referred to as “Coach,” the immediate association will always be with the Old Gold & Black.

The beloved coach died on May 16, 1997 in Raleigh, NC at the age of 78 after suffering a stroke. His magical touch on Wake Forest Basketball, and even the university itself, though, remains very much alive.

Thirty-four years before in 1963, he had offered these words.

“You and I will pass on. But Wake Forest will live as long as God wants it to live to educate and influence young minds.”

McKinney with All-American Len Chappell.
The Atlantic Coast Conference was in its eighth year and Wake Forest was still searching for its first league championship.

The efforts of Murray Greason, the all-time winningest coach in Demon Deacon basketball history, were not enough in the 1950s. Greason turned the coaching reins over to his assistant Bones McKinney prior to the 1957-58 season and McKinney guided the Deacs to a Dixie Classic title two years later. Yet in the championship contest of that season’s ACC Tournament (1960), Wake Forest fell to Duke, 63-59.

Many of the leading characters from the 1960 club returned the next year, though, and expectations were high for a return to the tourney’s final day.

Wake Forest enjoyed another good regular season, compiling a 15-10 record against an extremely difficult schedule. The Deacons finished second in the ‘61 ACC race, however, with an 11-3 mark, one game behind North Carolina, which won 12 of its 14 league outings.

The Tar Heels would not be a factor in the Tournament, though. They were serving an NCAA probation and did not participate. That left seven member schools and gave Wake Forest the number-one seed, which in that year was especially beneficial since it included a first-round bye and guaranteed the Deacons a free ticket to the semifinals.

In the semifinal round, Wake met Maryland, an opponent it had defeated by 12 and nine points during the regular season. The third meeting would be no different; in fact, the Deacons would dominate the Terrapins and win going away, 98-76, behind the outstanding play of Len Chappell.

Chappell scored 34 points, hitting 10-of-16 field goal attempts and 14-of-17 free throws, and grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds. Dave Wiedeman contributed 20 points and nine rebounds.

The championship game figured to be much more challenging. Wake Forest would have to beat its 1960 nemesis Duke in order to claim the crown and the two teams had split their two meetings earlier in the year.

But this time the Deacons were not to be denied. They broke open an early 13-13 tie with six straight points and led by nine, 42-33, at halftime. The lead would grow to as many as 20 in the second half and Wake eventually recorded its first ACC championship by a 96-81 margin over the Blue Devils.

“Everybody was in the flow, and in the second half we got away from them pretty good,” McKinney recalled later. “We just felt like we knew we were going to win that game.”

Actually the most distressing time of the entire championship experience in 1961 came at halftime of the title contest. A fired-up group of Deacons burst out of their lockerroom in N.C. State's Reynolds Coliseum only to see team co-captain Alley Hart knocked into a glass water cooler located near the dressing room door. The cooler broke and a piece of glass cut Hart’s hand.

Hart obviously was not his usual effective self, scoring only six points. Chappell, though, displayed his ACC player of the year form for the second straight day, scoring 33 points and collecting 14 rebounds to lead all players in both categories.

Billy Packer, Hart’s running mate in the Deacon backcourt, scored 16 points, while bruising forward Bill Hull achieved a “double-double” with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Back on the Wake Forest campus in Winston-Salem, the student body celebrated with a vigor worthy of the accomplishment. One ambitious celebrant even scaled the front of Wait Chapel and covered the word “Wait” with a sign of his own, “Len.”

Chappell was named the Tournament’s Most Valuable Player and was joined on the all-tournament first team by Packer. Wiedeman was named to the all-tourney second team.
Winning the first one in 1961 was hard enough, but repeating as ACC champions? The idea certainly was not out of the question. After all, the Demon Deacons had eight lettermen returning, led by All-American Len Chappell, as well as backcourt ace Billy Packer and sparkplug Dave Wiedeman.

Add the towering Bob Woollard and sophomore standout Frank Christie and veteran coach Bones McKinney had a team that most felt could challenge not only for ACC honors, but perhaps even the national championship as well.

And in the 61-62 preseason poll, there indeed was Wake Forest, voted as the third-ranked team in the country. Only Ohio State (#1) and Cincinnati (#2) were picked higher.

But preseason projections do not a successful team make, and the Deacs struggled early that year. A disappointing 22-point loss to Ohio State in Winston-Salem in December began a string of four losses in five games. At one point in January, the Wake Forest record was an unimpressive 9-8. That mark included two losses to Duke, which was the prime contender to replace the Deacons as league champs.

However, McKinney kept working with his veteran club and it roared into the 1962 ACC Tournament on a six-game winning streak, a late-season surge that improved the Deacons' conference record to 12-2 and earned them the No. 1 seed.

Wake cruised by opening round opponent Virginia, 81-58, behind 18 points from both Packer and Chappell. The next night the Deacons trailed South Carolina at halftime by two (43-41), but rallied behind the brilliant play of their All-American to register an 88-75 triumph. Chappell tallied 38 points in that contest, leading a group of four different Deacs in double figures.

Wake Forest's surprising foe in the title game, though, was Clemson, which had upset Duke in the semifinals, 77-72. Coach Press Maravich had his Tigers utilizing a combination man-to-man and zone defense called the "J unto," and it worked for a while even against the favored Deacons.

The defending champions trailed, 19-17, but then hit 11 of their last 13 field goal attempts of the first half to roll to a 43-28 lead at intermission. Upset-minded Clemson would draw no closer than 12 during the second half as the Atlantic Coast Conference trophy once again went back to Winston-Salem with the Deacons. Final score -- Wake 77, Clemson 66.

Chappell, the Tournament MVP for the second consecutive year, once again was the scoring leader with 31 points, while Packer added 21. Both were named to the all-tournament first team, while Wiedeman was awarded second-team honors for the second season in a row.

"We were the best team," Packer says in looking back at that period in his career. "We really had the best team for three years running, including 1960 and 1961. We were just supposed to win."

Chappell agrees with him, but recalls that the Deacons of 1962 really did not fully appreciate what they had accomplished by capturing back-to-back titles.

"We knew it was our job to win that ACC Tournament," Chappell says. "It was just a matter of course, but at that time the ACC didn't have the long history that it now has. We really didn't know what we had achieved."

The Demon Deacons of 1962, of course, went on to win three straight games in the NCAA Tournament, including overtime decisions over Yale and St. Joseph's. Their third post-season victory over Villanova took them into the Final Four where they met that same Ohio State team that had beaten them at the beginning of the 1961-62 season.

The Buckeyes did it again, but Wake Forest bounced back to down UCLA for third place in the national tourney and finish the year where it was picked in that preseason poll months before.
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Wake Forest 87, Duke 70
Wake Forest 77, Virginia 68
Wake Forest 82, N. Carolina 80

The sellout crowd of 23,311 was standing in anticipation as the teams broke their respective huddles for the final 21.7 seconds of the 1995 ACC Tournament championship game.

Wake Forest and North Carolina had already battled to a deadlock through 44 minutes and were tied 80-80 in overtime. And while the issue was still in doubt, there was no secret as to who was going to take the deciding shot -- Randolph Childress.

After all, his performance to that point is something people still refer to with great admiration today. He scored a career-high 40 points against Duke in the opening round, and then added 30 more in the Deacons' semifinal win over Virginia. He was at 35 when the ball was inbounded for Wake Forest's final possession.

Even though North Carolina did its best to keep him from getting the ball, Childress got open and sliced down the lane for a floating 12-foot jumper that swished through the basket and sent the Demon Deacon faithful into a frenzy. Those two points broke Lennie Rosenbluth's 38-year old tournament record of 106 points by one and gave Wake Forest its first ACC crown since 1962.

North Carolina had four seconds left and made the most of it. Jerry Stackhouse launched a three-pointer and Pearce Landry had a desperation tip at the buzzer, but neither dropped. That set off a postgame celebration which ended with Childress being named the most valuable player and Wake Forest gaining a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Former Deacon and current television analyst Billy Packer called it one of the greatest individual performances he had ever seen in an ACC Tournament. Packer wasn't alone in those sentiments as scores of observers shook their heads in near disbelief of what Childress had achieved.

It started in the opening round when the top-seeded Deacons fell behind Duke 31-13 in the first 12 minutes. After a Wake Forest timeout, Childress began to assert himself and exploded for 20 of his 27 first half points over the next eight minutes without missing a shot.

He made 10 consecutive field goal attempts to close out the half, which included five three-pointers, and gave the Deacons an improbable one-point lead at the intermission.

He sent the Blue Devils running for cover in the second half as Wake Forest extended its lead and settled for an 87-70 victory. Childress finished with 40 points on 13-of-18 shooting, tying him with North Carolina's Charlie Scott for the fifth-highest single-game point total in tournament history.

Virginia proved equally tough in the semifinal as Wake Forest started slowly for the second straight day and trailed the Cavaliers 36-28 at halftime. Childress and Tim Duncan stepped up in the final 20 minutes, however, combining for 35 of Wake Forest's 49 points to secure a 77-68 victory.

Childress finished the game with 30 points, which included six more three pointers, while Duncan tallied 20 points, 14 rebounds and six blocked shots. Ricky Peral had his best game of the tournament, connecting on 5-of-9 field goal attempts for 13 points.

The championship game against North Carolina provided more of the same Childress heroics. He had 15 of Wake Forest's 33 first-half points, and despite trailing by five at the break, the Deacs showed no signs of slowing down.

When Childress netted a pair of free throws with 1:03 to play, it gave the Deacons a 73-69 lead, but Stackhouse made one-of-two free throws and then a stunning three-point jumper with 4.5 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

All that did, though, was give Childress an even bigger stage to perform his magic.
Wake Forest 70, Virginia 60
Wake Forest 68, Clemson 60
Wake Forest 75, Georgia Tech 74

Fans in the Greensboro Coliseum must have felt a touch of déjà vu as they sat in their seats during the final minute of the 1996 ACC Tournament championship game between second-seeded Wake Forest and top-seed Georgia Tech.

After holding a seemingly insurmountable 11-point lead with two minutes and 23 seconds remaining, the Demon Deacons watched Georgia Tech mount a furious rally. Just like the year before when North Carolina came back from a four-point deficit in the final minute to force overtime, the Yellow Jackets were looking to do the same thing.

Wake Forest’s lead was down to 75-74 with 18 seconds remaining when Stephon Marbury came down court with a chance to put Georgia Tech in the lead. With under five seconds to play he drove to the right baseline, but found Rusty LaRue on his hip. His off-balance jumper hit the top corner of the backboard and came to Steven Goolsby, who cradled it with two seconds to play.

Even though Goolsby missed a pair of free throws, Drew Barry’s desperation heave from midcourt failed to drop, allowing Wake Forest to celebrate its second straight conference championship and become the first school in 14 years to win consecutive titles.

For most of the afternoon it appeared as though the Deacons were going to coast to victory. They dashed out of the gate to a 14-3 lead and increased it to 19-5 after only six minutes of action. The Yellow Jackets made a run of their own and closed to within five points at 29-24 with just over five minutes to play, but Wake Forest exploded for 10 straight points to close out the half with a 39-24 advantage.

The Demon Deacon lead grew to 18, but the tide turned when Tony Rutland, who had 15 points on the day, injured his knee while driving to the basket with 14 minutes to play. As a result, the reliable LaRue stepped in and filled the point-guard slot for the first time in his career and kept the offense in sync.

Even though Georgia Tech whittled away at Wake Forest’s lead, LaRue and Tim Duncan combined for 15 points over a seven-minute stretch to keep the advantage in double digits at 71-60. The Yellow Jacket pressure finally forced a couple of turnovers, which combined with missed Deacon free throws, allowed Tech to creep even closer and create an exciting finish.

And whereas the 1995 Tournament belonged to Randolph Childress, this one was all Tim Duncan’s. The junior All-American set a tournament record for most rebounds with 36, which included a championship game record 22 against Georgia Tech. Duncan was a unanimous selection for the Everett Case Award as the ACC Tournament MVP and was later recognized as the 1996 ACC Player of the Year.

Besides being a force on the boards, he led the Deacons with 27 points, six assists, and four blocked shots in the title game. After Rutland’s 15 points, LaRue followed with 14 and Ricky Peral with 10.

Wake Forest’s ACC Tournament run started against Virginia. The Deacons broke open a 37-36 game by going on a 22-7 run over a nine-minute stretch en route to a 70-60 victory and avenged a regular-season loss from one week earlier. Duncan led the way with 19 points and 15 rebounds, while Rutland and Peral chipped in 13 points apiece.

Most figured Wake Forest would face North Carolina in the semifinals, but Clemson upset the Tar Heels in the opening round and looked to make it two straight by upending the Demon Deacons. That bid fell short, however, as Duncan had another outstanding night with 22 points, 19 rebounds, and four assists in a 68-60 win.

Wake Forest was in control most of the night, leading by 11 at halftime thanks to 13 points from Rutland. The Tigers got as close as four with one minute and 51 seconds to play, but Rutland knocked down a three-pointer to ice the win.

Rutland finished the game with 20 points while Goolsby provided a spark off the bench with 11.

Wake Forest’s hot shooting continued in the title game as it blistered the nets at a championship game record 63% clip, making 29-of-46 field goal attempts. The Demon Deacons were even better from behind the arc as they connected on 9-of-14 three-point tries (64.3%).

The championship was the fourth in Wake Forest history and represented the second time it had won back-to-back titles.
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Ernie Wiggins | 1955-57
Winston Wiggins | 1958-60

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Bob Woollard | 1961-63

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- Mitch Cullen
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**ACC Tournament**

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The Atlantic Coast Conference, now in its 50th year, has always determined its basketball champion by postseason tournament play -- a fanfared continuation of a style which began with the formation of the Southern Intercollegiate Conference in 1921. The Tournament has no equal in terms of regional popularity, enjoying the tremendous media and fan attention that other major conferences have attempted to gain by instituting similar events.

The first ACC Tournament in 1954 attracted 38,000 fans for the seven games played in Reynolds Coliseum on the NC State campus. Since then, it has become so popular that there has not been a public sale of tickets since the early 60s.

The event left Raleigh for the first time in 1967, moving to Greensboro, then was switched to Charlotte for three straight seasons. The Greensboro Coliseum served as the home site throughout much of the 70s and 80s with the Landover (MD) Capital Centre (1976, 1981, 1987) and Atlanta’s Omni (1983, 1985, 1989) also hosting the affair.


Wake Forest, which captured the title of the last Southern Conference Tournament which it entered in 1953, won ACC Tournament Crowns in 1961, 1962, 1995 and 1996, advanced to the finals on 10 occasions, and to the semifinal round 25 times.

Wake Forest's ACC Tournament History

**YEAR** | **OPPONENT** | **W/L** | **SCORE**
----------|-------------|--------|---------
2002 | Georgia Tech | W | 92-83 |
2002 | Duke | L | 64-79 |
2001 | Maryland | L | 53-71 |
2000 | North Carolina | W | 58-52 |
2000 | Duke | L | 73-82 |
1999 | North Carolina | L | 52-56 |
1998 | Clemson | W | 56-75 |
1997 | Florida State | W | 66-65 |
1997 | North Carolina | L | 73-86 |
1996 | North Carolina | W | 70-60 |
1995 | Virginia | W | 68-60 |
1995 | Georgia Tech | W | 75-74 |
1995 | Duke | W | 87-70 |
1995 | Virginia | W | 77-68 |
1994 | Georgia Tech | W | 74-49 |
1994 | North Carolina | L (ot) | 82-80 |
1993 | Virginia | W | 57-61 |
1992 | North Carolina | L | 65-80 |
1991 | Virginia | W | 66-70 |
1990 | Clemson | L | 70-79 |
1989 | Duke | L | 64-88 |
1988 | North Carolina | W | 62-83 |
1987 | Clemson | W | 69-62 |
1986 | Duke | L | 60-66 |
1985 | North Carolina | L (ot) | 61-72 |
1984 | Virginia | W | 63-57 |
1984 | Maryland | L | 64-66 |
1983 | North Carolina | L | 70-71 |
1982 | Duke | W | 88-53 |
1981 | Virginia | L (ot) | 49-51 |
1981 | Clemson | W | 80-71 |
1980 | North Carolina | L | 62-75 |
1979 | Duke | L | 56-58 |
1978 | Virginia | W | 72-61 |
1978 | North Carolina | W | 82-77 |
1977 | Duke | L | 77-85 |
1977 | Virginia | L | 57-59 |
1976 | Clemson | L | 63-76 |
1975 | North Carolina | L (ot) | 100-101 |
1974 | North Carolina | L | 62-76 |

**YEAR** | **OPPONENT** | **W/L** | **SCORE**
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1973 | North Carolina | W (ot) | 54-52 |
1973 | Maryland | L | 65-73 |
1972 | Virginia | L | 65-74 |
1971 | Virginia | L | 84-85 |
1970 | Duke | W | 81-73 |
1969 | North Carolina | L | 63-79 |
1968 | North Carolina | L | 72-80 |
1967 | Clemson | W (ot) | 63-61 |
1966 | North Carolina | L | 79-89 |
1965 | North Carolina | W | 92-76 |
1964 | Virginia | L | 79-60 |
1963 | Clemson | W | 86-64 |
1962 | Duke | L | 59-80 |
1961 | Maryland | W | 80-41 |
1960 | North Carolina | W | 56-55 |
1959 | Duke | L | 57-68 |
1958 | Virginia | W | 81-58 |
1957 | South Carolina | W | 88-75 |
1956 | Clemson | W | 77-66 |
1951 | First-round bye |
1950 | Maryland | W | 98-76 |
1949 | Duke | W | 96-81 |
1948 | Clemson | W | 74-39 |
1947 | NC State | W | 71-66 |
1946 | Duke | L | 59-63 |
1945 | Duke | L | 71-78 |
1944 | Clemson | W | 44-51 |
1943 | NC State | W | 66-57 |
1942 | North Carolina | L | 59-61 |
1941 | North Carolina | W | 79-64 |
1940 | North Carolina | W | 77-56 |
1939 | NC State | L | 64-76 |
1938 | North Carolina | W | 95-82 |
1937 | NC State | W | 58-57 |
1936 | Maryland | W (ot) | 64-56 |
1935 | NC State | L | 80-82 |

**Bold** denotes ACC Championship season.

Wake's all-tournament selections

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<th>YEAR</th>
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1954 | Dickie Hemric (1) | | |
1955 | Dickie Hemric (1) | | |
1956 | Jack McDougal (1) | | |
1957 | Jack McDougal (1) | | |
1960 | Len Chappell (1) | | |
1961 | Len Chappell (1) | | |
1962 | Len Wiedeman (2) | | |
1963 | Len Chappell (1) | | |
1964 | Frank Christie (1) | | |
1964 | Bob Leonard (1) | | |
1965 | Bob Leonard (1) | | |
1967 | Paul Long (1) | | |
1969 | Charlie Davis (1) | | |
1970 | Charlie Davis (1) | | |
1971 | Paul Long (1) | | |
1973 | Eddie Payne (1) | | |
1975 | Tony Byers (2) | | |
1977 | Skip Brown (2) | | |
1977 | Rod Griffin (1) | | |
1978 | Jerry Montgomery (2) | | |
1979 | Jerry Montgomery (2) | | |
1981 | Tony Byers (2) | | |
1981 | Frank Johnson (1) | | |
1981 | Frank Johnson (1) | | |
1982 | Mike Helms (1) | | |
1984 | Anthony Teachey (2) | | |
1985 | Delaney Rudd (2) | | |
1987 | Tyrone Bogues (1) | | |
1989 | Chris King (2) | | |
1990 | Rodney Rogers (2) | | |
1994 | Randolph Childress (1) | | |
1995 | Randolph Childress (1) | | |
1996 | Tim Duncan (1) | | |
1997 | Tim Duncan (1) | | |
1999 | Everett Case Award (MVP) | | |
2001 | Everett Case Award (MVP) | | |
2002 | Everett Case Award (MVP) | | |

(e) denotes 1st team selection
(d) denotes 2nd team selection

Future Tournament Sites

2003 Greensboro
2004 Greensboro
2005 Washington, DC
2006 Greensboro
2007 Tampa
Postseason HISTORY

ncaa tournament results

17 Appearances 23-17 Record 1 Final Four Appearance (1962)

YEAR DATE REGION ROUND SITE OPPONENT RESULT SCORE
1939 Mar. 17 National Quarterfinals Philadelphia, PA Ohio State L 52-64
1953 Mar. 13 East Semifinals Raleigh, NC Holy Cross L 71-79
1959 Mar. 14 East Consolation Raleigh, NC Lebanon Valley W 91-71
1961 Mar. 14 East First Round New York, NY St. John’s W 97-74
1977 Mar. 12 Midwest First Round Norman, OK Arkansas W 86-80
1981 Mar. 15 Midwest Second Round Tuscaloosa, AL Boston College L 64-67
1982 Mar. 11 East First Round Charlotte, NC Old Dominion W 74-57
1992 Mar. 20 East First Round Tempe, AZ Arizona W 88-81
1993 Mar. 19 Southeast Second Round Athens, GA Tennessee W 68-82
1997 Mar. 14 West First Round College Park, MD Saint Louis W 79-69
1998 Mar. 12 UNC Wilmington Winston-Salem, NC Wake Forest W 56-52
1999 Mar. 10 Alabama Winston-Salem, NC Arizona W 73-57
2002 Mar. 14 Midwest First Round Sacramento, CA Pepperdine W 83-74

n.i.t. results

5 Appearances 10-4 Record 1 Championship (2000)

YEAR DATE OPPONENT SITE RESULT SCORE
1983 Mar. 17 Murray State Murray, KY W 87-70
1983 Mar. 21 Vanderbilt Nashville, TN W 75-68
1983 Mar. 24 South Carolina Greensboro, NC W 76-61
1983 Mar. 28 Fresno State New York, NY L 62-86
1985 Mar. 14 South Florida Tampa, FL L 66-77
1998 Mar. 12 UNC Wilmington Winston-Salem, NC W 56-52
1999 Mar. 10 Alabama Winston-Salem, NC L 68-72
1999 Mar. 15 Xavier Cincinnati, OH W 76-87
2000 Mar. 14 Vanderbilt Nashville, TN W 83-68
2000 Mar. 21 New Mexico Winston-Salem, NC W 72-65
2000 Mar. 24 California Greensboro, NC W 76-59
2000 Mar. 28 NC State New York, NY W 62-59 OT
2000 Mar. 30 Notre Dame New York, NY W 71-61

ncaa tournament appearances (17)

2002

final fours (1)

1962

most regional appearances

East ................. 6
Midwest .............. 5
Southeast ............ 4
West .................. 2

ncaa tournament record by round

First Round ........... 12-5
Regional Semifinals 5-3
Regional Finals ....... 1-4
National Semis ......... 0-1

all-time postseason results

NCAA ........... 23-17
NIT ............... 10-4
Total ........... 33-21

vs. all opponents in ncaa tournament

Alabama ............. 0-1
Arkansas ............. 1-0
Boston College ....... 0-1
Butler ................. 0-1
Charleston ......... 1-0
Chattanooga .......... 1-0
DePaul ............... 1-0
Holy Cross ............ 0-1
Houston ............... 1-0
Iowa .................. 1-0
Kansas ................. 1-1
Kentucky .............. 0-2
Lebanon Valley ....... 1-0
Louisiana Tech ......... 1-0
Louisville ............ 1-1
Marquette .......... 0-1
Memphis .............. 0-1
N. Carolina A&T ....... 1-0
NE Louisiana ......... 1-0
Ohio State ........... 0-2
Oklahoma State ........ 0-1
Old Dominion ......... 1-0
Oregon ................. 0-1
Pepperdine ........... 1-0
Saint Louis .......... 1-0
St. Bonaventure ....... 1-0
St. John’s .......... 1-0
St. Joseph’s .......... 1-1
St. Mary’s .......... 1-0
Southern Illinois ...... 1-0
Stanford ............... 0-1
Texas ................. 1-0
UCLA .................. 0-1
Villanova .............. 1-0
Yale .................. 1-0
1991
Southeast Region ■ The Omni ■
Atlanta, GA

The Deacons returned to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in seven years and did so in impressive fashion, joining the field as the fifth seed in the Southeast region.

Freshman Randolph Childress led Wake Forest to an opening-round, 71-65, victory over Louisiana Tech with 18 points on 6-of-11 shooting while junior Anthony Tucker chipped in with 17 points and seven rebounds. The Deacons led by only three (66-63) with one minute and 14 seconds remaining, but iced the game at the free-throw line.

Wake Forest played equally well against Alabama in the second round, but fell victim to some hot shooting from the perimeter. The Tide connected on 9-of-18 three-point attempts to pull off a 96-88 victory. Alabama's proficiency from behind the arc offset a brilliant 59% field goal shooting performance by the Deacons, who were led by Chris King's 29 points.

1992
West Region ■ ASU Activity Center ■
Tempe, AZ

Although Wake Forest's second consecutive NCAA Tournament was brief, it marked the first time since the early 1980s that it had made the "Big Dance" two straight years.

As the ninth seed in the West region, Wake Forest was matched against Louisville and watched helplessly as the Cardinals seemingly made every shot in a 81-58 victory. Alabama's proficiency from behind the arc offset a brilliant 59% field goal shooting performance by the Deacons, who were led by Chris King's 29 points.

1993
“Sweet Sixteen” ■ Southeast Region ■
Memorial Gymnasium ■ Nashville, TN
Charlotte Coliseum ■ Charlotte, NC

Wake Forest culminated its best season in nine years by reaching the "Sweet Sixteen" for the first time since 1984.

As the fifth seed in the Southeast, the Deacons started their journey in Nashville with a pair of wins over Tennessee-Chattanooga (81-58) and Iowa (84-78).

Junior Rodney Rogers carried the Deacons with 26 points against the Moccasins and 33 versus the Hawkeyes. Trelonnie Owens and Randolph Childress also played well as Owens scored a career-high 22 points in the opener and Childress chipped in 25 points one round later.

The momentum Wake Forest carried into the Charlotte Coliseum one week later, however, was halted abruptly as Kentucky scored on 13 of its first 14 possessions and ended up posting a 103-69 victory.

1994
Southeast Region ■ Rupp Arena ■
Lexington, KY

The Deacons made their school-record fourth straight trip to the NCAA Tournament and won in the first-round for the third time during that stretch.

Wake Forest, the fifth seed once again, outscraped a determined College of Charleston team in the final minutes for a 68-58 win as Marc Blucas made two key three-point shots to put the Deacons in front to stay. An unheralded freshman named Tim Duncan led Wake with 16 points and 13 rebounds while junior Randolph Childress and senior Charlie Harrison followed with 14 points each.

The Deacons were in good shape in their second-round game against Kansas, leading 49-48 with 10 minutes to play, but the Jayhaws scored 11 straight points to take control and win the game 69-58. Duncan was once again the standout player for Wake Forest as he scored 16 points and grabbed 15 rebounds.

1995
“Sweet Sixteen” ■ East Region ■
Baltimore Arena ■ Baltimore, MD
Meadowlands Arena ■ East Rutherford, NJ

For the first time in school history, Wake Forest entered the NCAA Tournament as a number one seed, gaining the top spot in the East after winning the ACC Tournament.

The Deacons shot a season-high 61 percent from the field in beating North Carolina 87-79 in the opening round. Then, the Deacs outlasted a pesky Saint Louis team by five points to reach the "Sweet Sixteen" for the second time in three years.

Tim Duncan led the Deacons with back-to-back 20-point games, scoring 21 and 25,
respective, in the first and second round.

Randolph Childress led Wake Forest into
the regional semifinal against Oklahoma
State and scored a team-high 22 points
while Duncan grabbed 22 rebounds, but the
Cowboys, who would go on the Final Four,
came away with a hard-fought 71-66 victory.

1996

“Elite Eight” ■ Midwest Region ■
Brady Center ■ Milwaukee, WI
Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome ■
Minneapolis, MN

The Deacons reached the regional finals
for the first time since 1984, but it wasn’t
easy as injuries and illness made each game
difficult.
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