



#22 Josh Gattis

► Wake Forest ► Safety
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2006 Awards & Honors

- Honorable mention preseason All-American by *Sports Illustrated*
- 1st Team All-ACC
- Jim Thorpe Award watch list
- 2-Time ACC Defensive Back of the Week

pass against Virginia Tech... had a career-high 13 tackles, a fumble recovery and a pick against the Tar Heels... intercepted a pass on NC State's final drive to clinch a Deacon victory... has either intercepted or broken up a pass in nine of the team's 13 games this year, including seven of the last eight... had eight tackles in the opener against Syracuse... had three tackles, 1.5 for loss and two pass breakups against Duke... made six tackles at Connecticut... had six tackles, a half tackle for loss and a pass break-up at Ole Miss... had four tackles against Liberty... had four tackles and one interception against Clemson... had seven tackles, one for loss, a forced fumble that caused a safety and the game-clinching interception in front of friends and family at NC State... named ACC Defensive Back of the Week for his performance against the Wolfpack... posted a career-high 13 tackles at North Carolina, including eight in the first quarter... also had an interception and a fumble recovery against the Tar Heels and was named ACC Defensive Back of the Week for the second straight game... had six tackles, including one for loss, with an interception and pass break-up against Boston College... played just 22 snaps at Florida State because of a severely sprained ankle, but recorded two tackles, including one for loss and a pass break-up... had five tackles against Virginia Tech, including one-half for loss and an interception... made six tackles at Maryland... had three tackles and a pass break-up in the ACC Championship against Georgia Tech.

2005: An honorable mention Sports Illustrated All-American... second team All-ACC selection... chosen to the Raleigh News & Observer's All-Big Four Team... named Wake Forest's "Most Outstanding Back"... led the ACC with 15 special teams tackles... led the team, tied for second in the ACC and ranked eighth nationally with five interceptions... was one of only three players in the country to return two interceptions for touchdowns... tied for the team lead and ranked third in the ACC with 12 pass break-ups... recorded 72 tackles, the second-most on the team... forced one fumble and recovered one fumble... played in all 11 games and started nine... intercepted passes in three straight games against Boston College, NC State and Duke... took the ones against the Eagles and the Wolfpack back for touchdowns... had picks in back-to-back games to the start the season against Vanderbilt and Nebraska... made seven tackles against the Commodores and broke up a pass... broke up two passes at Nebraska with seven tackles... returned to the starting lineup against East Carolina after slowed by a preseason concussion... made six tackles against the Pi-

2006: Invited to play in the Senior Bowl and East-West Shrine Game... honorable Mention Sports Illustrated All-American... first team All-ACC... ACC Defensive Back of the Week on October 16 and October 30... the only player in the ACC to win the award twice in 2006... Jim Thorpe Award watch list... the only player in the ACC with both five interceptions and 70 tackles... tied for third in the ACC with five interceptions... tied for sixth in the ACC with 12 passes defended... third on the team and 28th in the ACC with 73 tackles... called "perhaps the ACC's top defensive back" by the Charlotte Observer... dubbed "the most mentally sharp kid I've ever coached" by defensive coordinator Dean Hood... according to head coach Jim Grobe, Gattis "does what playmakers do and sees things that other kids don't"... played in 13 games this season and started 12 (played, but did not start at Florida State because of a sprained ankle)... third on the team with 73 tackles, including 45 solo stops... has seven pass breakups, five interceptions, 5.5 tackles for loss, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery... intercepted passes in four straight games against Clemson, NC State, North Carolina and Boston College... also intercepted a

rates... had six stops and a fumble recovery in the Maryland game... tallied seven tackles against Clemson... made seven stops with a pass break-up in the Florida State game... recorded a season-high nine tackles at Boston College with an interception return for a touchdown and a pass break-up... had six tackles and returned an interception for a score in the NC State game... intercepted a Duke pass and made seven tackles... broke up one pass at Georgia Tech and made four stops... had six solo tackles against Miami with a forced fumble and a pass break-up.

2004: Played and started at free safety in all 11 games... one of four defensive players to start every game... the team's second-leading tackler with 71 stops... made 50 solo tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, one sack, four pass break-ups, two interceptions, an ACC-leading three fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles... his two interceptions ranked second on the team... had a monster game against Virginia Tech with seven tackles, one for loss, a sack, a forced fumble and two fumble recoveries... posted a career-high 10 tackles against North Carolina with a tackle for loss and a pass break-up... made nine tackles against Maryland and NC State, respectively... made eight tackles against Miami with a tackle for loss... had seven tackles against Duke with a forced fumble and a sack... posted six tackles at Clemson in the season opener with an interception... tallied five tackles against both Boston College and Florida State... had three tackles and an interception against East Carolina... made two tackles in the North Carolina A&T game.

2003: A key contributor on special teams and as a reserve free safety... appeared in all 12 games... totaled 34 tackles on the season, with 14 stops and one forced fumble coming on opponent punt and kickoff returns... named to The Sporting News ACC All-Freshman Team... recorded an assisted tackle in his collegiate debut at Boston College... tallied three solo stops versus Purdue... tied a team high with seven tackles -- six solo -- against East Carolina... came up with three solo tackles at Virginia... came off the bench to lead the Deacs' with seven solo tackles and set a career-high with eight total tackles against Georgia Tech... also forced the only Yellow Jacket fumble... had one solo stop and fell on an onside kick at Duke... recorded five tackles against Florida State, four of which were solo stops... recorded two solo tackles against Clemson, including one on a punt return... made one solo stop on a punt return at North Carolina... recorded two tackles and forced a fumble on a punt return against Connecticut... had one solo tackle, which was a stop for negative yardage on a punt return, against Maryland.

2002: Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background: A 2001 all-conference, all-area and all-state selection despite playing in only eight games due to an ankle injury... a preseason honorable mention All-American by Tom Lemming... ranked as the 15th-best prospect in North Carolina by Super-Prep... totaled 65 tackles, seven pass breakups, five interceptions and a blocked punt in eight games... helped lead Northern Durham HS to an 11-3 record in 2001, advancing as far as the third round of playoffs before falling to eventual state champion, Independence... invited to participate in the East-West All-Star game... tallied 110 tackles and one interception as a junior... coached by Gary Merrill, a former teammate of WFU recruiting coordinator Ray McCartney at Guilford College... also earned four letters in track, recording a meet time of 14.1 in the 110 high hurdles... owned tremendous speed, clocking in a 10.5 in the 100 meters... was the 2002 4-A state champion in the 300m hurdles and finished runner-up in the 110m hurdles... ranked seventh nationally in 60m indoor sprint... earned Nike All-American status in the same event... was an all-state selection and conference runner of the year as a junior... also earned a varsity letter in basketball. **Personal:** Majoring in sociology... born January 15, 1984 in Durham, N.C.... son of Joe Gattis, Sr. and Joyce Gattis... has an older sister, Tiwonda Blount and brother, Joe, Jr.

Career Defensive Statistics

	G-GS	Tck	TFL	Sks	Int	PBU	FR	FF
2003	12-0	34	0	0	0	0	0	2
2004	11-11	71	3.5/17	1/8	2/43	4	3	2
2005	11-9	72	0	0	5/126	7	1	1
2006	13-12	75	3.5/8	0	5/0	6	1	1
Career	47-32	253	7.0/25	1/8	12/169	17	5	6

Career Highs

Tackles: 13 at North Carolina, 10/28/06
 Solo Tackles: 9 at North Carolina, 10/28/06