

Wake takes St. John's title with 54-47 Wichita State win

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The Wake Forest women's basketball team took the St. John's Division title at the Paradise Jam with a 54-47 win over Wichita State on Saturday afternoon in St. Thomas, Virgin Island.

After trailing Wichita State (1-4) throughout most of the first half the Demon Deacons (5-1) picked up the pace for the final 20 minutes and limited the Shockers to 33 percent shooting.

Camille Collier led the Deacs with 17 points, followed by Alex Tchanguou who put up 15. Courtney Morris proved to be a tremendous force on the glass, posting nine rebounds, including several key defensive grabs in the second half. Mekia Valentine and Alex Tchanguou each pulled down eight boards, helping add to the Demon Deacon total of 50, a season high for 2007.

The Deacons had trouble penetrating the Shocker offense during the opening minutes, allowing Wichita's Daria Frazier to put up three unanswered layups for an 11-8 WSU advantage. WFU head coach Mike Petersen called a timeout to slow the Shocker momentum and on the next possession Collier landed a 3-pointer to put the Deacons within two (13-11).

Collier's work behind the arc continued to light up the WFU point tally and a good 3 with five seconds remaining in the half tied contest. Collier was 3-4 beyond fifteen feet during her fast half minutes (12).

Tchanguou gave the Deacons their first lead of the game since the 15:30 mark in the first half when she broke through the Shocker defense with a layup 15 seconds into the final period (28-26).

The teams tied for the seventh time with 12 minutes remaining after WSU's Marcy Sudbeck capitalized on a turnover from Mekia Valentine. Corrine Groves returned the lead to the Deacons favor with a jumper at 10:23 and Deacs continued to stretch the lead until the end of the game.

Juniors Corinne Groves and Alex Tchanguou picked up all-tournament honors for their weekend performances. Tchanguou was also named tournament MVP for her clutch work throughout the games, including her 16-point, five-rebound mark in Wake Forest's upset over No. 10 Texas A&M last Friday.

Note: The Wake Forest women's basketball team posted a 53-46 upset over No. 10/11 Texas A&M last Friday afternoon. The win marked WFU's highest ranked victory outside of the Demon Deacon home court in the program's 36-year history. The Deacs also picked up a win over previously unbeaten Indiana.



Wake's Alex Tchanguou picked up tournament MVP honors over the weekend.

Justice wins ACC's Blocking Trophy

Senior offense lineman picks up post-season award

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Wake Forest senior center Steve Justice has been named the 2007 recipient of the Jacobs Blocking Trophy. The award is given annually to the Atlantic Coast Conference's top blocker and determined by the league's head coaches.

Justice is a 6-4, 284-pound

senior from Port Orange, Fla. (New Smyrna Beach). A three-year starter, he has graded



Justice

out at better than 92 percent on the season and is the team leader in knockdown blocks. Justice has started 37 consecutive games at center for the Demon Deacons and helped Wake Forest to a record of 23-14 during his starts.

"Steve is as good an offensive lineman as we have ever had," said Wake Forest head coach Jim Grobe. "He has exceptional skills, is a team leader and an outstanding young man. He has a bright future in football and he is one player that we will truly miss next year."

Justice is the first Deac to win the Jacobs Blocking Trophy since Ben Coleman in 1992. Other Wake Forest recipients of the prestigious award include Paul Kiser (1986), Nick Ognovich (1945, 1946, 1947), Elmer Barbour (1943) and James Ringgold (1939).

Justice will be honored at the ACC Coaches and Awards Luncheon on Friday in Jacksonville, Fla., and also at the Dr. Pepper ACC Football Championship on Saturday, Dec. 1.

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with some of the soldiers. She said that entire experience was overwhelming.

"It was still a wonderful experience," Moore said.

Cheerful start

Moore, who attended N.C. State, surprisingly didn't start cheering until after college. At N.C. State, she was a member of the N.C. State Dance Team, which was known as the Howlin' Hunnies. Moore was a member of the dance squad for four years, and became the coach for two years after that.

"I love teaching young adults and children," Moore said. "I have (also) taught classes as well as coached high school cheer and dance teams."

She's also performed for AFL II's Cape Fear Wildcats and ABA's Charlotte Krunk. Before joining the Redskin

cheerleading squad this season, Moore was a Washington Redskins Ambassador last year. But she's more than a dancer and cheerleader with a big heart. She's also very intellectually sharp. She has a background in chemistry, and currently works as a Business Systems Analyst for an IT support firm.

"I like the balance of being an analytical thinker by day and using my creative expression by night," Moore said. "There is never a boring day. I do have other ambitions, though. This dream takes a lot of hard work. When my body tells me it's time to stop then I'm sure I'll be satisfied. I'm not saying that I want this dream to end, but who knows what's next."



Photo courtesy of J. Moore

Jaquie Moore has showcased her cheering talents on a variety of fields and stages.

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But Sloan was the Demon that tried to slay the Mustangs toward the end of the half by hitting two-straight baskets late in the second quarter. Carpenter also hit for Reynolds, but Parkland's Kierree McCray was good on a basket to conclude the first half that narrowed the Demons lead to 7 points going into the locker room.

"I didn't get worried when they made their run," Wiley said. "I felt like we had let off the intensity and pressure. I even told the guys we needed to get back to executing like we know how."

Reynolds definitely got down to business to start the second half with timely baskets from Young, Welch and Sloan — among others. The Demons went on an early 8-to-1 run to start the third quarter. But David Griffith and Kierree McCray refused to allow the Mustangs to get destroyed at home. Griffith put Parkland's first 7 points of the half on the board. Then, McCray and Alleyne went to work for the Mustangs. But Parkland had no answer for the Reynolds guards and swarming pressure. The Demons almost completely took control of the contest late in the third quarter heading into the fourth to cruise to the 16-point victory.

"But I still saw some things that I really like," concluded McCarter. "We just have to work harder each game. It's only the first game of the season. I saw a lot of good things. I also saw some areas we need to improve upon. I'm looking forward to working on those things. Overall, I applaud the effort of my guys. We'll get better."

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