

Wake sophomore guard Jeff Teague and the rest of the talented Deacs will play a tough schedule this season.

Wake releases hoops schedule

Deacs to play 15 home games at the Joel Coliseum

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Wake Forest's 29-game regular season schedule was released by the Atlantic Coast Conference office on Tuesday afternoon. The schedule is highlighted by 15 home games at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum,

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participated in the NIT.

The Deacs will return home to open the month of December by hosting Indiana in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge on Dec. 3. Wake will then host Bucknell on Dec. 6 and Wright State (Fox Sports Net) include Boston College, on Dec. 14. The Deacons will Clemson, Duke, Georgia Tech hit the road for their first true and NC State. away game on Dec. 19 at Anaheim Classic and nine Richmond. Wake will then Tournament is set for March play at in-state rival East Carolina on Dec. 22 before returning home to host Radford on Dec. 30. Wake is set to ring in the New Year with a tough road test at Brigham Young on Jan. 3 in Provo, Utah. With its 13-game non-conference schedule wrapped up, Wake Forest will open ACC

play on Jan. 11 by hosting defending ACC champion North Carolina. In its 16game conference schedule, Wake Forest will play five opponents twice in home-andhome series. Those opponents

The 2009 ACC 12-15 at the Georgia Dome in

Wake soccer gets No. 1 ranking

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The Wake Forest men's soccer team picked up its fourth No. 1 ranking of the preseason on Tuesday when Soccer America tabbed the defending national champions as the top-ranked team in its preseason poll.

The Deacons have now received four No. 1 rankings in the preseason, already earning the top spot in preseason polls released by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and adidas, Soccer Times and CollegeSoccerNews.com.

Wake Forest completed a successful preseason last weekend defeating No. 20 Furman 1-0 in the team's exhibition finale. The Deacons opened the preseason with a 5-1 victory over Wofford.

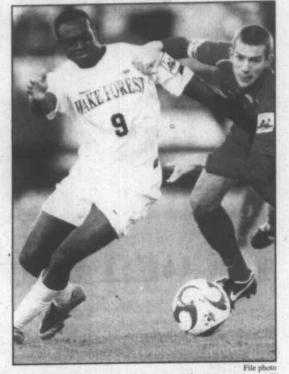
Two other ACC teams join Wake Forest in the top 10 of the Soccer America poll. Maryland was picked fourth, while defending ACC Champion Boston College was tabbed seventh. Other ACC squads to make the top 25 include Virginia (18th), Virginia Tech (20th) and North Carolina (24th).

Three Wake Forest Players Named All-Americans by CollegeSoccerNews.com: Cody Arnoux, Sam Cronin and Marcus Tracy were tabbed as preseason All-Americans by CollegeSoccerNews.com. Cronin and Tracy were named to the first team, while Arnoux was selected for the second team. All three players were recently selected to the Missouri Athletic Club's Hermann Trophy Watch List.

Arnoux, a junior from Wilmington, N.C., led Wake Forest in goals and points in 2007 with 15 and 38, respectively. Arnoux started the 2008 season in similar fashion, scoring three times in Wake's two exhibition games, including providing the game-winner in each contest.

A senior from Winston-Salem, Cronin has started every game since he arrived at Wake Forest. In 2007, Cronin scored three goals and added eight assists for the Deacs. Soccer America tabbed Cronin First Team MVP after the 2007 season, while the NSCAA named Cronin a Second Team All-American

Tracy finished the 2007 season second in goals



Marcus Tracy and the rest of the Deacs will open the season tomorrow against VCU.

(11), assists (9) and points (31). Tracy scored three second-half goals in Wake Forest's exhibition opener against Wofford. The Newtown, Conn. native was named Most Outstanding Offensive Player of the 2007 College Cup after scoring three goals, including two in Wake Forest's semifinal victory over Virginia Tech. Tracy was also named All-ACC Second Team in 2007.

Wake Forest opens its regular season schedule on Friday at 5 p.m. (ET) against Virginia Commonwealth in the Nike Carolina Classic in Chapel Hill. The Deacs will face Florida International on Sunday at 2 p.m. (ET) on the final day of the Nike Carolina Classic



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The Demon Deacons, who will be led by second-year head coach Dino Gaudio, will face 11 teams that participated in postseason play in 2007-08, including seven that made the NCAA Tournament.

Wake Forest will appear on television 21 times, including 13 national telecasts on the ESPN/ABC family of networks (nine times) or on Fox Sports Net (four times). The Deacons will get their share of national television exposure when they compete in the 2008 Anaheim Classic, held Nov. 27-30 at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, Calif. ESPN is the host for the tournament, and all three of Wake's games will be televised on either ESPN2or ESPNU.

Wake Forest opens the season with three straight non-conference home games. beginning with North Carolina Central on Nov. 14. The Deacs will also play host to in-state rival UNC Wilmington on Nov, 19 and Winston-Salem city-rival State on Nov. 24.

From there, it is off to the West Coast for the Deacs where they will open the Anaheim Classic against 2008 NCAA Tournament team Cal State Fullerton. The Titans earned a surprise berth to the Big Dance last season by winning the Big West Conference Tournament. Wake will either play St. Mary's, another 2008 NCAA Tournament team, or UTEP in the second round of the Anaheim Classic.

The Deacs will face Arizona State, Baylor, Charlotte or Providence in the third round of the tournament. Baylor made the 2008 NCAA Tournament field, while Arizona State and Charlotte

Atlanta, Ga. It will mark the first time since 2001 that the conference tournament has been held in Atlanta. Wake Forest will play one exhibition game prior to the start of the 2008-09 season, as the Deacs will host Mount Olive on Nov. 6 at the Joel Coliseum.

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