

# Deacons will miss Boggles

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This year's edition of the Wake Forest Demon Deacons has a lot of questions to answer. Number one on the list is who is going to fill the hole left by Tyrone "Muggsy" Bogues? Head coach Bob Staak doesn't plan to use just one man, but rather what he calls "two playing guards" to share the ballhandling duties.

"We'll have better athletic ability this year, better depth," Staak said. "I think we'll be better sized than we have been."

Staak does have some talented freshmen coming in, guys like Robert Siler, Daric Keys and Todd Sanders. They, along with returning lettermen Sam Ivy, Greg Keith, Ralph Kitley, Tony Black, Antonio Johnson and Cal Boyd, will try to help the Deacons improve on the 3-28 ACC record they have compiled over the past three years.

It will not be easy, with Bogues and three-year starter Mark Cline gone. But during Staak's first two years, Wake Forest has established something that might help the squad out this year: a gritty style of play

that allowed the Deacons to play in an ACC-record five overtime games last season. All of those games were played against teams with much more talent than themselves.

Some attribute this style of play to Bogues, who at 5-foot-3 was at times the most dominant player in the ACC. But Staak feels the grittiness is a team characteristic.

"I think the one thing we've done in two years is remain consistent with how hard we play," Staak said. "There are very few times that we've ever gone out and not played as hard as we could play, at least to our capacity."

For the fourth consecutive year, Wake Forest's roster is dominated by underclassmen, as it has no recruited seniors on the team. This makes the Deacons the league's least experienced team. Maryland, who was the only team below Wake Forest in the ACC standings last year, had one of the best recruiting classes in the country. On the other hand, the Deacons have only one newcomer, Siler, who attracted any attention from the other ACC schools.

Enough about what Wake Forest

lacks. The Deacons have Ivy and Boyd, along with Black and the freshmen. Staak is especially excited about Ivy.

"Sam Ivy is the No. 1 player we're counting on this year," Staak said. "He's up to 225 pounds. He's a lot stronger. This is a guy who if it weren't for such a great player as J.R. Reid, might've been the rookie of the year in the league."

Boyd feels this year's team should do fairly well.

"I feel as a whole we are a better team than last year, even though we don't have any superstars," Boyd said. "I'm looking forward to running some point for us this year. Coach Staak likes the idea of us running the two-guard offense this year, and he feels like we have the guards to play No. 1 and No. 2."

The big question will be at the center position, where Ivy played last year. But at 6-foot-7, Ivy is more suited for the power forward spot. This leaves 6-foot-11 Keith and 6-foot-10 Kitley as the Deacon centers. Both are sophomores who saw more action last year than they were ready to see. That could help them this year, as both need to contribute if Wake Forest is to be competitive.

The Deacons' main strengths this season should be their ability to play a lot of people, therefore playing the aggressive defense Staak enjoys.

"We're going to be playing a lot of people, so you better get a scorecard," Staak said. "They'll be coming in left and right."

As for the conference race this season, Staak knows that his young ball club probably will not challenge for the league championship. If Wake Forest improves this year, then it will have something to build upon over the next several seasons.

But as Staak puts it, this season may not just be a rebuilding year after all.

"Before it's all said and done, I think we might have something to say about what happens in this league."

## Wake Forest Roster

Forwards						
No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Age	Class	Hometown
25	David Carlyle	6-7	210	20	So.	Winston-Salem, N.C.
40	SAM IVY	6-7	220	19	So.	St. Louis, Mo.
5	Daric Keys	6-6	195	18	Fr.	Marion, Ind.
34	Todd Sanders	6-6	195	18	Fr.	Pittsboro, N.C.
Centers						
3	GREG KEITH	6-11	230	19	So.	Norwich, Conn.
33	RALPH KITLEY	6-10	240	19	So.	Spencer, N.C.
30	Tom Wise	6-9	225	18	Fr.	Winchester, Va.
Guards						
22	TONY BLACK	6-4	190	19	So.	Florence, S.C.
10	CAL BOYD	6-1	165	20	Jr.	Smyrna, Ga.
11	Mitch Cullen	6-3	195	21	Sr.	Barrington, R.I.
23	ANTONIO JOHNSON	6-4	180	19	So.	Southern Pines, N.C.
21	Robert Siler	6-3	190	18	Fr.	Siler City, N.C.

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