

Sports

Heels need to Wake up vs. Deacs

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Three weeks ago, Wake Forest met a Tar Heel basketball team in the middle of a five-game winning streak. In rematch Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Winston-Salem, the Demon Deacons (8-12, 0-8) will meet a team headed in a different direction. UNC (16-8, 5-3) has lost two straight ACC contests and looked mediocre against a weak Miami team in the interim.

However, some things remain the same. Deacons' rookie head coach Dave Odom is still winless in the ACC; Wednesday's loss to Georgia Tech put his personal streak at eight and Wake's at 10, dating back to last year. In fact, the Deacons have lost 11 of their last 13 games overall, with their only wins coming against powerhouses East Tennessee State and Old Dominion — by a total of six points.

Not exactly a matchup of goliaths, eh? Well, it sounded good enough to NBC, which will send cameras to the new Joel Coliseum to broadcast the contest nationally. The question is, which teams will the nation see?





Will it be that Tar Heel team of the five-game winning streak? Or will it be the UNC squad that has shown up (or rather, hasn't shown up) for the last three games?

What about the Deacons? Can they win their second game in the last 19 tries against UNC? What happened to that team which inspired sportswriters to put them in the ACC first division during the preseason?

The person who would really like an answer to that question is Odom. He inherited a young, talented team with one of the ACC's strongest frontlines, only to see the Deacs nosedive into their usual cellar spot. Injuries, rule-breaking and just a desire to shake things up have forced Odom into shuffling lineups, but nothing seems to help.

In the last meeting, a 73-61 Tar Heel victory, Odom was forced to play without his only legitimate point guard, sophomore Derrick McQueen. The ankle injury that kept McQueen out then is still limiting his playing time, but Odom is more concerned with his flat-out lack of production.

As a freshman last year, McQueen

	UNC	Edge	Wake Forest
Backcourt	King Rice has become a normal point guard again. He needs to reestablish himself. Rick Fox is a point and turnover machine at the two-guard position.		Derrick McQueen has been a disappointment this season. Robert Siler can really leap. However, he has problems when it comes to shooting.
Frontcourt	Scott Williams has been a no-show in the last two ACC games. Pete Chilcutt has been eating up rebounds. Kevin Madden? Well, who knows what's up?	EVEN	Chris King is a real talent, but he hasn't established himself as the go-to guy. Sam Ivy is up and down. Anthony Tucker is the team's best overall player.
Depth	George Lynch and Hubert Davis are still the first two off the bench, and they are still only bench players. Jeff Denny continues to work hard behind King Rice.		Phil Medlin and Ralph Kittley provide more beef than McDonalds. David Carlyle is a streaky shooter. Antonio Johnson is the backup "point guard."
Defense	The UNC defense keyed the resurgence and has disappeared in the slump. The Tar Heels are capable of a stifling man-to-man. All they need is to use it.		Wake is an undisciplined team on both ends, which hurts. In the man-to-man, players tend to lose their man or fail to block out. The Deacs might go zone.
Coaching	Dean's team is uncharacteristically inconsistent. But he's still got some tricks up his sleeve. This game against WF couldn't have come at a better time.		Dave Odom has taken heat for Wake's disappointing year. He might try to get the Deacs up by questioning their pride. Might be playing for next year already.

stepped right into the Deacons' starting point guard spot and became the leading backcourt newcomer in the ACC. Unfortunately, all of his numbers (except assists which remain steady at 5.3 a game) have slid backwards.

His point production has fallen from 9.1 to 6.8, namely because he is shooting only 37.3 percent from the floor, compared to 48.3 last season. He has also been unable to help the Deacons' faltering outside game, which is the worst in the ACC from three-point range. After drilling 21 of 43 treys last year, McQueen has only been able to connect on 7 of 34 this season.

In the last meeting, Odom was forced to replace McQueen with sophomore Anthony Tucker, who is now coming off the bench. Tucker has been a do-it-all man for Odom, starting at both backcourt spots and small forward. The 6-foot-8 transfer from Georgetown is averaging 12.9 points and 6.4 rebounds

a game. The Deacons' frontline standout this season has been Chris King. The 6-8 sophomore was one of the top newcomers in the nation last year, and many predicted All-America status for him this year. While he continues to improve, he has not made the rapid strides expected. An up-and-down season has left him with 6.8 rebounds and 15.2 points a game on 58.8 percent shooting (third in the ACC). He busted out of a four-game slump on Wednesday with a 25-point effort against Georgia Tech.

Senior forward Sam Ivy has been the Deacons' biggest disappointment. After an outstanding sophomore campaign (18.6 ppg., 7.6 rpg.), Ivy's numbers have steadily plummeted to this year's 8.8 ppg. and 5.1 rpg. However, he did

score 23 points and grab eight rebounds in the last meeting with UNC. Odom has used 6-8 senior David Carlyle and 6-3 junior Robert Siler at the off-guard this year with sporadic results. After losing the starting spot earlier in the year, Siler is now provid-

— compiled by Doug Hoogervorst

Beef

line outrebounded UNC 52-34. In fact, 6-4 guard Brian Oliver had 10 rebounds of his own, and 12 of his 14 baskets were layups.

At Maryland, Tony Massenbarg and Jerod Mustaf virtually tripled Williams' 13-point performance with a combined 36 points and 14 boards.

Wednesday, State scored at will inside, with Gugliotta, Thompson, Brian Howard and Hinnant (who's he?) combining for 51 points. UNC simply could not keep up with the Pack's quickness, inside or out. Of State's 35 bas-

kets, 19 came on layups, dunks or tip-ins.

Easy baskets. Fouling out. Weak opposition. What's going on? In a most mind-boggling season, the fact that UNC's inside attack can go on or off like a light switch may be most mind-boggling of all. How can Williams dominate Alonzo Mourning and yet be dominated by Malcolm Mackey?

Whatever the answer, the switch needs to go back on very soon — or the Tar Heels may find themselves watching the NCAA tournament on television instead of playing in it.

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