

# Wake's memorable run ends in round of 16

## Deacons fall to Virginia, 4-1

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Wake Forest gave Virginia all it could handle as five singles matches went to three sets, but the fourth-seeded Cavaliers defeated the Demon Deacons, 4-1 in the round of 16 at the NCAA Championships in Athens.

"I'm so proud of our guys," head coach Jeff Zinn said. "We gave our absolutely best effort on every single court and we pushed Virginia to the limit."

Virginia needed four hours and 18 minutes to seal the victory. It was finally decided at number six singles where Virginia's Teddy Angelinos outlasted freshman Andrew Brasseaux 7-6 (11-9), 3-6, 6-1. Brasseaux struggled with cramps in both quadriceps and both calves in the third set. He took an injury timeout trailing 0-2 and was hampered the rest of the match.

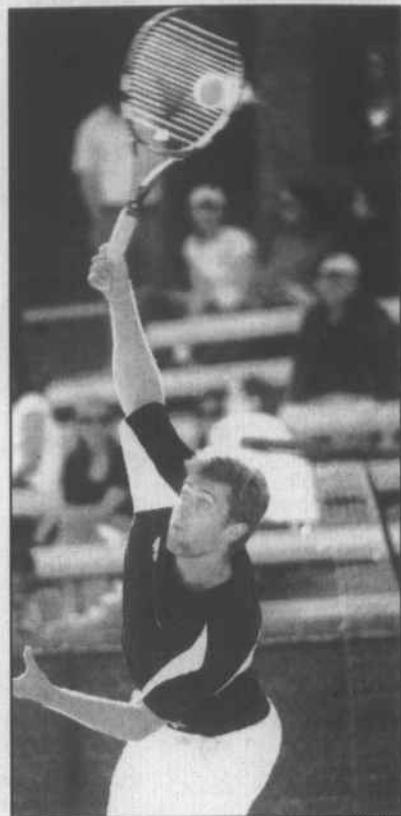
As the match was decided, the Deacons appeared to be on their way to victories on courts at number one and number four. At number one, 10th-ranked Todd Paul was primed to knock off second-ranked Somdev Devvarman. He was serving to win an epic battle, leading 7-6 (10-8), 4-6, 6-5. On court four, Mariusz Adamski was leading Marko Miklo 4-6, 6-2, 6-5. Neither Paul (0-4) nor Adamski (0-2) had ever defeated their Virginia counterparts.

The Cavaliers got on the board first by capturing the doubles point. The Deacons were not sharp early, falling behind on all three courts by a break. Virginia won at number two, but Wake Forest rallied on courts one and three. At number one, Paul and Adamski, the nation's ninth-ranked team, trailed 3-7 but came back to tie seven-all. The match was decided in a tiebreaker, one that Devvarman and Treat Huey, the second-ranked team, won 7-5, to clinch the doubles point.

In singles, the Deacons started well, winning the first sets at numbers one, two and five. At number three, Virginia's Dominic Inglot, ranked 115th, defeated Andrew Hamar, 6-3, 6-2. It was the only match decided in straight sets.

At number two, 25th-ranked Treat Huey of Virginia rallied past 69th-ranked Cory Parr, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2. That gave the Cavaliers a commanding 3-0 lead, but there was plenty of fight left in the Deacons.

Freshman Steven Forman prevailed in three sets at number five against Houston Barrick, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Paul and Adamski took the lead in their matches late in the third set. Brasseaux, who dropped a heartbreaking first set tiebreaker 11-9, played exceptionally well and rallied back to win the second set before running out of steam more than three hours into the match.



Wake's Cory Parr dropped a three-set heartbreaker.

The loss marked the first career dual loss for Brasseaux who entered Thursday's competition with a 5-0 mark.

Wake Forest's most successful season in history ends at 23-7. The Deacons broke the school record for wins and made the Sweet 16 for the first time in program history. Hamar will forever be remembered for his electric come-from-behind victory against Clemson that allowed the Deacons to reach the Sweet 16 for the first time. Wake Forest's only other senior, Todd Paul, will compete in the NCAA Singles and Doubles Tournament with Adamski beginning yesterday.

"This year's team has laid the foundation for what we hope will become an annual trip to the Sweet 16. This is a great environment for college tennis and I believe everyone on our team will be hungry to come back next year," Zinn said. "I can't say enough about our two seniors, Todd Paul and Andrew Hamar. I'm so appreciative for everything they've done for our program. They have meant so much to Wake Forest."



Mitch Mustain, the 2006 quarterback for the West team of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, presents Col. Tom Nickerson of U.S. Army Accessions Command with a football signed by all of last year's U.S. Army All-Americans.

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School, Concord), Dwayne Allen (TE, Terry Sanford High School, Fayetteville), Tony Morgan (RB-CB, Garner High School), Austin Johnson (LB, Hickory High School), Quinton Coples (DE, Kinston High School) and Terrell Manning (LB, Scotland County High School).

Other in-state players included Robert Blanton (DB, Butler High School), Eddie Whitley (CB, Butler High School), Jacob Charest (QB, Butler High School), Spencer Adams (S, Butler High School), Tobias Palmer (RB, Northwood High School), Duane Maddox (LB, Crest High School) and Nick Becton (OL, New Hanover High School).

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl is one of the year's most anticipated high school sporting events, featuring the most talented high school athletes in the country before they transition to

the collegiate level. Past games have introduced America to stars like Reggie Bush, Vince Young, Ted Ginn, Brady Quinn, and Adrian Peterson. A record 24 U.S. Army All-Americans were selected in the 2007 NFL Draft, including a record eight first-round picks.

"The U.S. Army is proud to recognize these fine young men from North Carolina as 18 of the nation's top 400 high school football student-athletes. The U.S. Army is committed to supporting high school football and all of the great coaches and athletes who participate," said U.S. Army Colonel Thomas Nickerson, Director of Strategic Outreach, U.S. Army Accessions Command. "These fine student-athletes demonstrate some of the key qualities exhibited by Army Strong Soldiers—including leadership, commitment to excellence and a desire to make a difference as members of their teams—and we're pleased to provide

these young Americans with additional training and experiences that strengthen them mentally, emotionally and physically."

Of the 400 nominated athletes, 80 will ultimately be selected and invited to play this year's Bowl. The U.S. Army All-American Bowl Selection Committee is comprised of Tom Lemming, America's most respected evaluator of prep football talent, USA Today contributor and College Sports Television (CSTV) host; Scout.com, the nation's No. 1 independent online recruiting network; and SportsLink, producer of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl and National Combine.

Official selections for the 2008 U.S. Army All-American Bowl will begin at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Kickoff Event in early October, when the Selection Tour begins. The tour will conclude in December after 80 U.S. Army All-Americans have been named.

for the event are already selling quickly. As a matter of fact, tickets for the 2008 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball East Regional, which will be at Charlotte Bobcats Arena, (March 27 & 29) are now sold out.

A random drawing is presently taking place this month to select ticket recipients. Applicants will be notified by June 1 if their application was selected to receive tickets. Those who do not receive tickets through the drawing may request to be placed on a waiting list in the event any tickets become available.

To be placed on waiting list, send email with name, day and night phone number and number of tickets to NCAA08@bobcatsse.com or call 704-688-9008.

### What a shame

It seems as if there's been quite a bit of negative news about NFL players on TV lately. I was hurt to see a friend of mine on the negative side of the news again. Earlier this week, the Cincinnati Bengals released A.J. Nicholson, who was entering his second year in the league.

The release came hours after he pleaded not guilty to a charge that he hit his girlfriend. She insists she accidentally hit herself with a cell phone, and police misread what happened. (I'm smiling as I typed this.) Nicholson was charged with misdemeanor assault last week, and despite his girlfriend's claim the case went forward.

A.J. said: "Like a lot of other couples, we had been arguing. But I am to blame here. I exaggerated the situation. The police officer misinterpreted my upset and emotional demeanor."

I'm just wondering what's next for Nicholson. The league is getting tougher on guys with any problem. And, teams are joining in with the new commissioner's mission. I just hope Nicholson gets another shot. Please stay out of the news for the wrong reasons.

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A.J. Nicholson

given an opportunity to change. It just upsets me that every year there is always something negative spoken about the Winston-Salem Falcons. No organization is perfect."

"If you let something become torn down it will take time to build it back up," Daniels continued. "We have a new board and some great people that are making strides, but we are still at the center of negativity. I have been a loyal Falcon parent for seven years and I do not plan on going anywhere. I want to see growth, but I want to be judged on the present not the past."

I have noticed a difference in the way things operate with the Falcons and other organizations the last two years. The Falcon organization has been going in a new direction — with a new board and all. And, I know Tim Wilson (a police officer) wouldn't allow any illegal things to take place under his watch. He's a Falcon coach.

I know that some organizations will continue to have it a little harder than others. There will still be (Playoff) fundraising ideas and programs withheld from predominantly black organizations (ask the Indians). There will continue to be ridiculous rules to make it harder for bigger kids to play a sport they should be playing. But, organizations can't start making it harder for another. It's hard enough to get things by the front office.

Last but not least — allow kids to be kids and play with each other. Don't let the name of a field determine whether or not an organization will play another.

Sweet 16 tickets already sold out

The Sweet 16 is a little over a year away, but tickets

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field may frighten 5-6 year olds. Yeah, you read that correctly. The Falcons play on a field that is called Death Valley. Last time I checked, the Clemson and LSU football teams play home games in stadiums with the same name. I don't think their young fans are too scared to attend those college games because of fear from the field's name.

That's ridiculous if you ask me — and some people have. Organizations shouldn't choose not to play a team at their field simply because it may be uncomfortable for them to view the action. That seems to be the issue with the Dolphins, Broncos and Falcons because I don't remember the last time I saw a kid crying to his coach after READING the name of a field. The Falcons deserve to host games against the Broncos and Dolphins just like other teams. It's really kind of coming across as racist. That's a horrible example for the kids. Actually, refusing to play a (predominately black) team is making everyone involved look pretty bad. I wonder what will be told to the kids when they ask why they aren't playing the Falcons at Paisley Middle School this year. I doubt anyone will be telling the kids that the name of the field is the reason they aren't playing.

### What's really the problem?

If someone wants to talk about some of the problems of the past then that's something else. I have even criticized certain actions that have taken place in the past. Some you have heard of parents drinking (alcohol) or smoking (weed) at the games.

Someone even tried to show me beer bottles in a garbage can at a game. (I'm not saying any names). But that was in the past. And the past is the past unless we're talking about history. There comes a time to simply move forward.

"People make mistakes and I don't think it is fair to keep throwing that in their faces," said Falcon parent and supporter, Anissa Daniels. "I think everyone should be

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Asheville NC 28801

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Charlotte, NC 28203

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A fee of Fifty dollars (\$50.00), payable to TGS Engineers, in cash, certified check or company check is required. The fee for the plans, specifications and contract bid documents is not refundable.

Each proposal must be made on the blank forms provided in the bound copies of the "Contract Documents." The proposal forms shall not be removed from the bound copies. The entire copy of the "Contract Documents" must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and addressed to:

Mr. Bobby White  
Caldwell County  
905 West Avenue, NW  
Lenoir, NC 28645

The name, address and license number of the bidder must be plainly written on the outside of the envelope and the envelope marked (in letters of "X" or more) "BID FOR PHASE I - LENOIR TANS-LOAD FACILITY."

No proposal shall be considered or accepted by the County unless, at the time of its filing, the same shall be accompanied by a deposit with the Caldwell County a certified check on some bank or trust company insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the bid proposal amount. In lieu of making the deposit as above provided, such bidder may file a bid bond executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds; conditioned that the surety will upon demand forthwith make payment to the Caldwell County upon said bond if the bidder failed to execute the contract in accordance with the bid bond. This deposit shall be retained if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract within ten (10) days after the award of the bid or fails to give satisfactory surety as required in N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 143-129.

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Caldwell County, NORTH CAROLINA

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