

'Cat Wallace receives NBA weekly honor

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Charlotte Bobcats forward Gerald Wallace was selected by the NBA as Eastern Conference Player of the Week for the week ending Nov. 29.



Forward Gerald Wallace in action.

The honor was Wallace's fifth, joining previous awards for the weeks ending Nov. 28, 2005; March 25, 2007; April 8, 2007 and Jan. 20, 2008. San Antonio Spurs forward and former Demon Deacon Tim Duncan received the Western Conference award for that week.

Wallace averaged 25.3 points, 13.7 rebounds, 1.7 steals, 1.3 assists and 1.0 block and shot .543 from the field (25-46), .385 from beyond the three-point line (5-13) and .808 from the free-throw line (21-26) as the Bobcats defeated Toronto, Cleveland and Washington for a perfect 3-0 week.

Wallace tallied a season-high 31 points and 13 rebounds in Wednesday's 116-81 win over Toronto, then followed that up with 31 points and 14 rebounds in Friday's 94-87 victory over Cleveland, becoming the first Bobcats player ever to record consecutive games of at least 30 points and at least 10 rebounds. It was the third time in franchise history that a player had consecutive games of 30 points or more and the second time it had been done by Wallace.

Wallace also scored 14 points and grabbed 14 rebounds last Saturday at Washington to lead the Bobcats to their first road win of the season. He led the Bobcats in scoring and rebounding in all three games during the week, posting double-doubles in every game to extend his current streak to six straight games.

On the season, Wallace is averaging 15.9 points, 11.8 rebounds, 1.8 steals, 1.3 assists and 0.7 blocks in 40.6 minutes per game. He leads the NBA in minutes played, ranks third in rebounding and ranks 11th in steals.

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Petersburg, Va.) was named Pre-Season All-CIAA. He played in only a handful of games this season, but still managed to amass six tackles for a loss and 3.5 sacks. Smith (CB, Dublin, Ga.) was named CIAA Defensive Player of the Year, as well as

being selected First Team All-CIAA. He also earned Division II Defensive Player of the Week honors for his record setting performance against Elizabeth City State, where he bested the former mark on interception return yards with 194 yards for three touchdowns. On the season, he had four interception returns for touchdowns, as well as two fumble returns

for touchdowns. He was third on the team in tackles with 49 and had 4.5 tackles for a loss as well as nine interceptions.

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the Bears held a commanding 39-26 advantage on the boards and scored 20 points off of second chance opportunities.

Sophomore Kevin Thompson, a 6-foot-8 Baltimore product, led the Bears in pounding the glass for a game-high 14 rebounds to go along with 10 points. Freshman swingman DeWayne Jackson chipped in 8 of his 10 points in the second half. Holmes, who entered the game off of a 9-point performance against #22 Louisville, exploded for 18 points in the first half to keep the Bears close. MSU trailed 53-46 at halftime.

"I couldn't wait to play a game after the loss on Sunday to Louisville," said Holmes. "I only played 16 minutes, and I was upset that I fouled out and we lost that game. I knew that I could do



Jackson

better." The Razorback loss snapped a 45-game winning streak at Bud Walton Arena against nonconference opponents. That was the second-longest streak in the nation. "When you win right before Thanksgiving,"

explained Bozeman, "the turkey tastes a little bit better."

"We're going to go back with the guys being extremely happy, and I'm proud of them because they really worked hard for it."

ST. AUG'S PIERRE FEATURED IN SI

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Saint Augustine's College standout track and field sprinter Barbara Pierre, a senior from Winter Haven, Fla., is in the Nov. 23 issue of Sports Illustrated magazine.

She appears in the Faces in the Crowd section for winning the CIAA women's cross country individual title.

"My first thought was, 'Wow!' because that is a huge sports magazine," Pierre said.

Pierre led the Lady Falcons to the CIAA team championship on Oct. 22 with a time of 20:10.6. Pierre is a world-class sprinter, which makes her victory unique. She competed for Haiti in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Pierre was featured in SI for her rare ability to run both short-distance and long-distance races.

"This was my focus since this past summer," Pierre said about her cross country victory. "I wanted to start the year right. My

coach [George Williams] believed I could win. That gave me more courage to do it."

Pierre is a two-time NCAA Division II national outdoor champion in the 100-meter dash, and she is the defending three-time national indoor champion in the 60-meter dash. She shares the national 100-meter record and owns the 60-meter record.

"We are very proud of Barbara, and we hope that she continues her success," said Williams, who has coached the Falcons to 31 NCAA Division II national track and field championships.

In addition to being in Sports Illustrated, Pierre is also on the magazine's Web site at <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/scorecard/faces/2009/11/23/>.

Pierre is the second Lady Falcon in two years to be mentioned in Sports Illustrated. Former standout Kwonya Ferguson was featured in Faces in the Crowd in the March 26, 2007 issue.



Pierre

Deacs

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the ACC in receptions following the ACC Championship game and the bowl games, it would mark the third straight year that a Deacon has led the conference in receiving.

Kenny Moore was the ACC's leading receiver in 2007 and D.J. Boldin earned that acclaim in 2008. DeGeare started all 12 games at left tackle as a senior. He led the offensive line in knockdown blocks three times and graded out at better than 90 percent in games



Okoro

against Miami and Florida State.

Griffin also started all 12 games as a senior, split between right tackle and right guard. His top games included grading out at 98 percent against Miami and Boston College and at 90 percent against Maryland and Clemson. Griffin had a season-high nine knockdown blocks against Navy on Oct. 24.

Okoro was not only an honorable mention selection at corner but also received votes for Rookie of the Year and Defensive Rookie of the Year. Okoro recorded 38 tackles on the season and led Wake Forest with three interceptions and 11 pass breakups. His three interceptions are the second-most ever by a Deacon redshirt freshman.

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