

WEEK TWO
TOWSON AT WAKE FOREST

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TOWS	14	6	0	0	20
WAKE	14	24	3	10	51

Dortch scores 3 TDs in Wake Forest's 51-20 victory

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. -- Greg Dortch returned two punts for touchdowns and caught a scoring pass, and Wake Forest beat FCS Towson 51-20 in its home opener on Saturday.

Dortch returned punts 60 and 70 yards for touchdowns in the second quarter and hauled in an 8-yard touchdown reception. He finished with 310 all-purpose yards -- 94 receiving, 85 on kick returns and 131 on punt returns -- and became the first Wake Forest player with four consecutive games of at least 200 all-purpose yards.

"I may be biased, I think he's the most exciting player in college football," said wide receiver Alex Bachman, who made a one-handed touchdown grab in the first quarter. "Every time he touches the ball there's a chance something spectacular is going to happen."

Freshman quarterback Sam Hartman passed for 242 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 64 yards and a score for the Demon Deacons (2-0). He threw a 10-yard touchdown to Bachman on the Wake Forest's opening drive and the touchdown to Dortch on the second as the Demon Deacons never trailed.

Tom Flacco, younger brother of Baltimore Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco, passed for 345 yards and three touchdowns for Towson.

Flacco kept the Tigers competitive briefly, responding to each of Hartman's scores with touchdown passes of his own to make it 14-14 at the end of the first quarter.

But Hartman ran in a 14-yard touchdown on the third play of the second quarter to put Wake Forest up for good, and Dortch put it away with his two electrifying returns.

"I'm disappointed," Towson coach Rob Ambrose said. "I thought there were a lot of good takeaways against a tough opponent for us, but we can't give up two punt returns. Those are momentum killers."

THE TAKEAWAY

Towson: The addition of Flacco, a graduate transfer from Rutgers, should be a major boon for the Tigers. Flacco completed 35 of 51 passes and showed he still has the talent to put up big numbers against FBS competition, a promising sign for Towson's games to come against lower-tier FCS foes. By virtue of his pedigree, Flacco gives the Tigers the quarterback edge in almost every game they will play the rest of the season.

Wake Forest: Hartman became the Demon Deacons' quarterback only after projected starter Kendall Hinton was suspended three games for violating team rules, but the true freshman may not give the job back. After passing for 378 yards in the season opener -- most ever by a Wake Forest quarterback in his first career start -- Hartman delivered another sharp passing performance and showed off his mobility with three rushes of at least 10 yards. He now has 778 total yards and five total touchdowns in his first two career starts and is cementing a grip on the starting job.

Scoring Summary -----

	TOWS	WAKE
FIRST QUARTER		
WAKE TD 11:39 Alex Bachman 10 Yd pass from Sam Hartman (Nick Sciba Kick)	0	7
TOWS TD 8:12 Sam Gallahan 24 Yd pass from Tom Flacco (Aidan O'Neill Kick)	7	7
WAKE TD 7:11 Greg Dortch 7 Yd pass from Sam Hartman (Nick Sciba Kick)	7	14
TOWS TD 1:32 Shane Simpson 8 Yd pass from Tom Flacco (Aidan O'Neill Kick)	14	14
second Quarter		
WAKE TD 14:19 Sam Hartman 14 Yd Run (Nick Sciba Kick)	14	21
WAKE FG 11:37 Nick Sciba 35 Yd Field Goal	14	24
WAKE TD 9:49 Greg Dortch 70 Yd Punt Return (Nick Sciba Kick)	14	31
WAKE TD 2:02 Greg Dortch 60 Yd Punt Return (Nick Sciba Kick)	14	38
TOWS TD 0:42 Shane Leatherbury 18 Yd pass from Tom Flacco (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)	20	38
third Quarter		
WAKE FG 3:53 Nick Sciba 27 Yd Field Goal	20	41
WAKE TD 14:03 Cade Carney 1 Yd Run (Nick Sciba Kick)	20	48
WAKE FG 9:04 Nick Sciba 27 Yd Field Goal	20	51

Team Stats

	TOWS	WAKE
First Downs	26	32
Total Yards	410	582
Total Plays	81	81
Avg Gain Per Play	5.1	7.2
Net Yards Rushing	65	340
Rushes	30	54
Yards Per Rush	2.2	6.3
Net Yards Passing	345	242
Comp-Att	35-51	17-27
Yards Per Pass	6.8	9.0
Times Sacked	0	5
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-41
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	6	1
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	7	0
Penalty Yards	68	0
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	30:43	29:17

Individual Stats

RUSHING

Towson	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
13 Shane Simpson	8	18	2.3	12	0
19 Kobe Young	5	16	3.2	7	0
16 Ryan Stover	1	12	12.0	12	0
14 Tom Flacco	15	11	0.7	13	0
3 Shane Leatherbury	1	8	8.0	8	0
Wake Forest	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
36 Cade Carney	19	130	6.8	35	1
Christian Beal-Smith	6	68	11.3	52	0
10 Sam Hartman	9	64	7.1	18	1
22 Matt Colburn II	12	47	3.9	9	0
29 DeAndre' Delaney	7	32	4.6	12	0

PASSING

Towson	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
14 Tom Flacco	35	51	345	6.8	3	1	140.9
16 Ryan Stover	0	0	-	0	-	0	-
Wake Forest	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
10 Sam Hartman	17	27	242	9.0	2	1	155.3

RECEIVING

Towson	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
3 Shane Leatherbury	8	88	11.0	18	1
88 Ryan Rutkowski	5	67	13.4	18	0
9 Sam Gallahan	4	61	15.3	24	1
7 Jabari Greenwood	3	43	14.3	20	0
18 Jabari Allen	4	28	7.0	17	0
11 Brent Richardson	5	27	5.4	7	0
13 Shane Simpson	2	18	9.0	10	1
80 Chris Clark	2	9	4.5	5	0
19 Kobe Young	2	4	2.0	5	0
Wake Forest	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
3 Greg Dortch	7	94	13.4	23	1
14 Sage Surratt	4	63	15.8	41	0
1 Alex Bachman	4	54	13.5	22	1
22 Matt Colburn II	1	25	25.0	25	0
86 Jack Freudenthal	1	6	6.0	6	0