

WEEK SEVEN
LOUISVILLE at WAKE FOREST

Louisville earns wild 62-59 win over No. 19 Wake Forest

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. -- Louisville started piling up points early behind its quick-strike special teams and big-play receivers. Wake Forest's league-best offense joined in with a late flurry. It added up to one of the highest-scoring games in Atlantic Coast Conference history -- and a signature victory for the Cardinals' new coach. Louisville held off No. 19 Wake Forest's late rally to upset the Demon Deacons 62-59 on Saturday night in the second-highest-scoring game in ACC history. The combined 121 points was second only to the 137 scored in Pittsburgh's 76-61 victory over Syracuse in 2016. The teams combined for 1,188 total yards in this one. "All praise to the offense. They came out and just did everything they needed to do," Louisville nose tackle G.G. Robinson said. "We won. It's still tough to look at 600 yards of offense we gave up. But a win is a win so it is a big win over a big-time opponent and we can definitely see why they're the No. 1 offense in the ACC."

Freshman quarterback Evan Conley ran 41 yards for a critical touchdown with 2:15 remaining after throwing two touchdown passes to Dez Fitzpatrick, and Hassan Hall returned a kickoff 100 yards for a score to help the Cardinals (4-2, 2-1) spoil Wake Forest's first national ranking in 11 years.

"It's going to help us to know that we can fight and compete with anybody out there," first-year coach Scott Satterfield said.

Wake Forest (5-1, 1-1) trailed 52-31 with less than 6 1/2 minutes remaining before rallying, with backup Sam Hartman -- the starter for most of 2018 -- throwing two touchdown passes in 35 seconds. He hit Scotty Washington from 22 yards before his 21-yarder with 3:37 left to Jack Freudenthal -- who recovered the onside kick that set up his scoring catch.

Conley took a fourth-and-1 keeper 41 yards for a touchdown to give the Cardinals a 62-52 lead with 2:52 remaining -- but that left plenty of time for the Demon Deacons to counter, with Hartman leading them 92 yards in seven plays and scoring on a 1-yard keeper with 1:10 remaining.

The onside kick squirted downfield, Tutu Atwell came away with it in a pileup with 1:05 left and the Cardinals ran out the clock to seal their first big victory under Satterfield.

"We can talk all we want about the last play, but the bottom line is that if we show up ready to play today, it never comes down to that," said Wake Forest coach Dave Clawson, whose team fell behind 28-7 one play into the second quarter.

"We just showed up and laid a dud in the first quarter," he added.

Micale Cunningham threw a 55-yard touchdown pass to Seth Dawkins and a 9-yarder to Atwell before leaving in the second quarter with an injury. Conley took over and finished 12 of 18 for 196 yards with touchdowns of 15 and 50 yards to Dez Fitzpatrick. "Every time they needed a play," Clawson said, "they got it." Jamie Newman threw three touchdown passes to Sage Surratt -- covering 12, 3 and 47 yards -- and finished 24 of 41 for 251 yards, but was intercepted twice.

THE TAKEAWAY

Louisville: The Cardinals took yet another huge step toward putting the misery of their 2-10 finish in 2018 behind them. They earned their first victory over a Top 25 opponent since their Lamar Jackson-led 63-20 rout of then-No. 2 Florida State in 2016, and their first against a ranked team on the road since Charlie Strong and Teddy Bridgewater won at No. 24 West Virginia in 2011.

Wake Forest: So much for the possibility of two unbeaten teams facing off in Death Valley when Wake Forest visits No. 1 Clemson on Nov. 16. The Demon Deacons' first appearance in the Top 25 since 2008 figures to be undone by a series of mistakes and an inability to keep up with the speedy Cardinals. Their seven-game winning streak -- which dated to last season and matched the 1944 team's as the longest in school history -- also is history.

HAPPY RETURNS

That big yardage total doesn't include the three big field-flipping returns by the Cardinals. In addition to Hall's big return, he also brought the second-half kickoff 83 yards to the Wake Forest 15 to set up Conley's first touchdown pass. And Atwell had a 50-yard punt return. Wake Forest's coverage team struggled so badly that they opted for short, high kickoffs. "Our special teams were atrocious tonight," Clawson said. "We didn't even trust ourselves to cover it."

POLL IMPLICATIONS

It certainly seems like Wake Forest will drop a few spots -- if not all the way out of the poll -- but this result also might benefit Satterfield's old school: Appalachian State (5-0), which was three spots back of the Top 25 last week. Satterfield was a quarterback for the Mountaineers in the 1990s and spent six years as their head coach before taking the Louisville job before this season. "More importantly, it's helping our team," Satterfield said. "But anything to help the Mountaineers as well."

INJURY REPORT

Cunningham was hurt after he took off toward the left sideline early in the second quarter. Nasir Greer hit him low, causing the quarterback to do a complete head-over-feet flip and lose the ball, with Traveon Redd scooping it up and returning it to the Louisville 4. Cunningham briefly entered the team's sideline medical tent, then quickly returned to throw on the sideline but never got back in the game because Satterfield said he wasn't 100% healthy.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
LOU	21	10	14	17	62
WAKE	7	14	10	28	59

Scoring Summary -----

	LOU	WAKE
FIRST QUARTER		
LOU TD 9:28 Javian Hawkins 8 Yd Run (Blanton Creque Kick)		0
4 plays, 28 yards, 1:35	7	
LOU TD 5:34 Seth Dawkins 55 Yd pass from Micale Cunningham (Blanton Creque Kick)		7
7 plays, 92 yards, 3:02	14	0
WAKE TD 1:59 Sage Surratt 12 Yd pass from Jamie Newman (Nick Sciba Kick)		7
13 plays, 75 yards, 3:35	14	7
LOU TD 1:45 Hassan Hall 100 Yd Kickoff Return (Blanton Creque Kick)		7
0 plays, 0 yards, 0:00	21	7
SECOND QUARTER		
LOU TD 14:50 Tutu Atwell 9 Yd pass from Micale Cunningham (Blanton Creque Kick)		7
3 plays, 13 yards, 0:32	28	7
WAKE TD 12:26 Sage Surratt 3 Yd pass from Jamie Newman (Nick Sciba Kick)		14
7 plays, 74 yards, 2:24	28	14
WAKE TD 10:15 Cade Carney 1 Yd Run (Nick Sciba Kick)		21
3 plays, 4 yards, 1:14	28	21
LOU FG 2:06 Blanton Creque 32 Yd Field Goal		21
9 plays, 32 yards, 4:36	31	21
THIRD QUARTER		
LOU TD 14:38 Dez Fitzpatrick 15 Yd pass from Evan Conley (Blanton Creque Kick)		21
1 play, 15 yards, 0:22	38	21
WAKE TD 9:38 Sage Surratt 47 Yd pass from Jamie Newman (Nick Sciba Kick)		28
7 plays, 86 yards, 1:43	38	28
LOU TD 5:54 Hassan Hall 8 Yd Run (Blanton Creque Kick)		28
7 plays, 70 yards, 3:44	45	28
WAKE FG 4:10 Nick Sciba 34 Yd Field Goal		31
7 plays, 42 yards, 1:44	45	31
FOURTH QUARTER		
LOU TD 9:14 Dez Fitzpatrick 50 Yd pass from Evan Conley (Blanton Creque Kick)		31
3 plays, 56 yards, 1:12	52	31
WAKE TD 6:19 Kenneth Walker III 3 Yd Run (Nick Sciba Kick)		38
9 plays, 59 yards, 2:55	52	38
LOU FG 5:35 Blanton Creque 36 Yd Field Goal		38
5 plays, 33 yards, 0:44	55	38
WAKE TD 4:12 Scotty Washington 22 Yd pass from Sam Hartman (Nick Sciba Kick)		45
7 plays, 69 yards, 1:23	55	45
WAKE TD 3:37 Jack Freudenthal 21 Yd pass from Sam Hartman (Nick Sciba Kick)		52
2 plays, 47 yards, 0:35	55	52
LOU TD 2:15 Evan Conley 41 Yd Run (Blanton Creque Kick)		52
4 plays, 50 yards, 1:22	62	52
WAKE TD 1:10 Sam Hartman 1 Yd Run (Nick Sciba Kick)		59
7 plays, 92 yards, 1:05	62	59

Team Stats	LOU	WAKE
First Downs	22	40
Passes for First	12	20
Rushes for First	9	16
Penalties for First	1	4
Third Down Efficiency	6-14	7-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	0-0
Total Yards	520	668
Total Plays	69	102
Avg Gain Per Play	7.5	6.5
Net Yards Rushing	225	245
Rushes	44	46
Yards Per Rush	5.1	5.3
Net Yards Passing	295	423
Comp-Att	17-25	33-56
Yards Per Pass	11.8	7.6
Times Sacked	1	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-4	-11
Interceptions	1	2
Punts	4	6
Punt Average	39.8	44.7
Penalties	8	8
Penalty Yards	90	59
Fumbles	2	3
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Time of Poss	32:09	27:51

Individual Stats

RUSHING

LOUISVILLE	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Evan Conley	7	79	11.3	1	41
Javian Hawkins	20	60	3.0	1	27
Micale Cunningham	4	59	14.8	0	32
Hassan Hall	11	30	2.7	1	8
Team	2	-3	-1.5	0	0
WAKE FOREST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Christian Beal-Smith	14	123	8.8	0	25
Cade Carney	17	95	5.6	1	27
Jamie Newman	9	13	1.4	0	9
Kenneth Walker III	4	10	2.5	1	5
Sam Hartman	2	4	2.0	1	3

PASSING

LOUISVILLE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Evan Conley	12	18	196	10.9	2	1	99.4
Micale Cunningham	5	6	99	16.5	2	0	99.1
Tutu Atwell	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	1.2
WAKE FOREST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jamie Newman	24	41	251	6.1	3	2	46.2
Sam Hartman	9	15	172	11.5	2	0	90.3

RECEIVING

LOUISVILLE	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Dez Fitzpatrick	5	125	25.0	2	50
Tutu Atwell	7	85	12.1	1	28
Seth Dawkins	3	68	22.7	1	55
Keion Wakefield	2	17	8.5	0	17
WAKE FOREST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Sage Surratt	12	196	16.3	3	47
Kendall Hinton	13	134	10.3	0	27
Jack Freudenthal	5	51	10.2	1	21
Scotty Washington	2	28	14.0	1	22
Jaquarii Roberson	1	14	14.0	0	14