

2008 GAME RECAPS

Wake Forest 41 BAYLOR 13 - Thurs night FOX. BU got off a 14 yd punt after going 3 & out in front of a 1/2 empty stadium w/just 30,000 on hand for Briles debut. WF got a 40 yd FG. WF then went 62/12pl for a TD and then drove 48/11pl for a TD, 17-0 (14:23 2Q). BU went 44/7pl for a TD with the drive kept alive by a 4th & 1 conversion at the WF34, 17-6 (2:54). WF went 45/10pl for a 42 yd FG (:53), leading 20-6 1H with a 182-118 yd edge. WF got a 11/2pl drive for a TD, 27-6 and then drove 65/6pl with a 43 yd TD pass on 3rd & 13, 34-6 (3:04 3Q). BU went 76/12pl for a TD, 34-13 (12:39). Later BU fmbld the punt at its own 10 and 3 plays later WF got a TD, 31-13 (4:38).

WAKE FOREST 30 Mississippi 28 - The 1H UM had a 199-136 yd edge but fmbld a punt at its own 14 setting up a WF 2 play TD, 7-0. UM went 94/9pl for a TD, 7-7 after 1Q. UM went 83/9pl for a TD and led 14-7 (11:45). WF converted on 4th & 1 on a 64/16pl drive and nailed a 21 yd FG w/:01 left 1H 14-10. UM was int'd at the WF24 and int'd at their own 25 on their opening two 3Q drives. WF got a 27 yd FG, 14-13. After a 31 yd punt, WF went 41/7pl for a TD, 20-14 after 3Q's. WF fumbled a punt at its own 30 and 2pl later UM got a TD, 21-20 but WF drove 80/8pl for a TD, 27-21 (11:37). Two poss later UM went 80/15pl incl a pair of 4th down conv's. Their 4th & 2 TD pass apparently gave them the win, 28-27 (1:01). WF got 3 FD's, the final one by pass interf and Swank nailed a 41 yd FG w/:03 left.

Wake Forest 12 FLORIDA ST 3 - This was as sloppy game. FSU had 7 TO's as Ponder QB'd the 1H and Richardson the 2nd and they combined for 5 int's. Sam Swank, WF's normally reliable K, missed an amazing 3 FG's breaking a streak of 9 straight and Riley Skinner fmbld at the 2. FSU was int'd on its 1st play and fmbld on their 3rd play of the game. WF got a 48 yd FG and missed a 27 yd FG. FSU missed a 52 yd FG (7:16 2Q). WF led 3-0 with a 163-101 yd edge 1H. Each team went on a long drive for a short FG early 3Q, 6-3. WF got a 33 yd pass setting up a 49 yd FG, 9-3. WF missed a 48 yd FG (14:54). FSU was SOD at the WF37 (6:38). FSU threw int's on their 1st play of the next 2 drives and then on the 3rd play of their final drive and WF added a 31 yd FG w/2:07 left.

Navy 24 WAKE FOREST 17 - TO's were key as WF suffered 6. At the half Navy had a 198-122 yd edge. They got an early int and drove 51/8pl for a TD. Navy then went 74/15pl for a TD, 14-0 (14:59). WF went on a 47/10pl drive but fmbld at the Navy24. WF was int'd and ret'd 21 yds to the 27. Navy added a 35 yd FG, 17-0 (4:13). After a 55 yd KR, WF fmbld at the Navy58 then was int'd at the Navy40 w/:40 left 1H. Navy fmbld the opening KO 3Q and WF got a TD 6 plays later, 17-7. WF then went 35/6pl for a 23 yd FG, 17-10 (8:16). WF fmbld at the Navy45 but WF was int'd and ret'd 12 yds to the 37. Navy went 63/3pl for the clinching TD, 24-10 (3:45). WF went for a TD w/1:18 left incl a 4th & 2 conv but Navy rec'd the onside kick.

WAKE FOREST 12 Clemson 7 - CU gave another anemic performance on offense w/just 21 yds rushing and hit 15 of 35 passes. WF was without starting K Swank. WF went 62/14pl and settled for a 42 yd FG. CU early 2Q had negative yds and did not get their 1st FD until mid-2Q. In the 3Q, CU went 70/8pl and stunningly led 7-3 after 3Q's despite being dominated. Harper on 3rd & 4 was int that was ret'd 9 yds to the 16 and WF got a 32 yd FG (1:57). The key play of the game, WF on 3rd & 24 from its own 8 and CU with all the momentum, converted with a 28 yd pass for a FD. WF continued on a 78/15pl drive for a TD w/5:28 left. CU converted on 4th & 17 with a 19 yd pass but ran out of luck with a 4th & 20 pass falling incomplete. WF got a FD on 3rd & 2 and took a knee.

MARYLAND 26 Wake Forest 0 - WF got its 1st shutout loss since '98 and 1st ACC shutout loss since 1996. MD piled up 470 yds and WF was playing without K Sam Swank. MD went 58/9pl for a TD. MD fmbld at its own 35 but WF missed a 41 yd FG. MD fmbld at its own 30 but WF missed a 47 yd FG. MD went 47/7pl for a 40 yd FG, 10-0 (6:41 2Q) and then went 52/10pl for a 39 yd FG, 13-0. At the half MD had a 252-106 yd edge. MD opened the 3Q with a 46/7pl drive for a 35 yd FG then went 72/11pl for a 26 yd FG, 19-0. WF was SOD at the WM28 on 4th & 6 and 2 poss later the Terps got a 50 yd TD pass to Oquendo (4:33) 26-0.

MIAMI, FL 16 Wake Forest 10 - WF ran the ball on each of its 1st 22 plays and on the day rushed for 195 yds (came in avg 95 ypg, 2.6) but Skinner hit just 3 of 8 for 57 yds. WF took its opening drive 66/10pl for a TD. UM went 57/5 play for a 36 yd FG, 7-3. WF went 63/9pl but settled for a 24 yd FG, 10-3. At the half WF had a 184-110 yd edge and led 10-3. UM got a 40 yd KR and a pers foul to start the 3Q at the WF30 and nailed a 52 yd FG, 10-6. UM went 65/6pl for a TD, 13-10 (8:03). UM went 53/9pl but was SOD on 4th & 1 at the WF28. WF was sk'd and fmbld and UM, 7pl later, got a 43 yd FG, 16-10. WF went 45/11pl but missed a 40 yd FG, 5:53.

WAKE FOREST 33 Duke 30 (OT) - Duke fmbld the opening KO at its own 22 and WF got a TD. Duke went 74/10pl for a TD. WF was SOD at the Duke3 but blk'd a punt for a safety and then drove 23/10pl for a 24 yd FG, 12-7 (11:52 2Q). WF had a 140-100 yd edge 1H. WF had a TD, 19-7. Duke went 55/5pl for a TD, 19-14 then went 70/10pl for a TD & the lead, 20-19 (2ptng). WF rec'd the onside K and a pers foul on Duke set and WF would get a 44 yd FG for the lead (1:22). Duke went 68/7pl and settled for a 20 yd FG and the lead, 23-22. Duke fmbld the punt at its own 33 and WF got a TD 2pl later, 30-23. Duke went 45/7pl for a TD. Duke went 43/10pl and set up for the game winning 42 yd FG but they missed wide right. In OT, WF got a 28 yd FG and Duke, was int'd in the EZ.

WAKE FOREST 28 Virginia 17 - WF went 66/11pl for a TD on its opening drive. UVA was int'd and WF drove 53/3pl with a 58 yd TD pass on 3rd & 15, 14-0 (2:36 1Q). UVA drove 57/6pl for a 33 yd FG, 14-3 (13:18). WF went 71/15pl for a TD, 21-3 (4:29). WF got a 53 yd IR TD by Patterson w/3:16 left in the half to take command, 28-6. WF had a 190-288 yd edge at the half. UVA was SOD at the WF8 (3:47) but they drove 69/4pl for a TD, 28-10 (13:57). UVA drove 65/10pl for a TD, 28-17 (8:57). UVA punted w/5:14 left and WF punted w/2:40 left and UVA8 got 1 FD and was int'd.

NC STATE 21 Wake Forest 17 - NCSt went 67/12pl for a TD, 7-0. 2 punts. WF got a 2nd & 10, 64 yd TD pass, 7-7 (1:17). WF's next drive went 50/11pl but they were int'd at the 15 and NCSt drove 82/12pl for a TD w/1:39 left in the half, 14-7. WF went 69/7pl for a 7 yd TD pass w/:04 left in the half to tie it at 14. WF was SOD at the NCS17 and 2 poss later NCSt fmbld at its own 13. WF got a 24 yd FG, 17-14 (:08 3Q). NCSt went 69/11pl for a TD w/10:17 left. WF punted w/8:58 left and 4:36 left they took over w/2:50 left at their 33. They got 1 FD and converted on 4th & 7 for a FD to midfield. After an other FD on 4th & 6 they were sk'd w/:41 left at the NCS29.

Boston College 24 WAKE FOREST 21 - BC lost starting QB Crane (broke collarbone). The D's dominated w/the 2 combining for 45 pts. BC had a 14-9 FD edge but a 234-221 yd edge. BC drove 30/9pl for a 30 yd FG and 2 poss later went 64/11pl for a 30 yd FG, 6-0. BC got a 34 yd IR TD to lead 13-7 but bkup QB Davis fmbld and WF ret'd it 15 yds for a TD, (14:10 2Q) 13-7. WF was int'd and ret'd 26 yds to the 16 w/:53 left and BC added a 30 yd FG, 16-7 and at the half BC did have a 148-52 yd edge. Davis fmbld again and WF ret'd it 20 yds for a TD, 16-14. 7 punts. WF blk'd a punt and rec'd at the 1 and got a TD on the next play, 21-16 w/their 3 TD's coming on 1 yd of off. WF missed a 47 yd FG w/5:02 left after a 22 yd drive and BC went 70/9pl converting on 3rd & 5 and 3rd & 13 and their TD w/1:12 left gave them the lead.

WAKE FOREST 23 Vanderbilt 10 - Light rain, 39°, 6 mph winds. VU had its bowl clinched but WF was 1 of 10 bowl eligible ACC teams for 9 spots. VU used 3 different QB's. WF fmbld a punt at its 20 setting up a VU33 yd FG. WF then went on a 55/11pl drive for a 42 yd FG, 3-3. VU was int'd at the 2 and WF went 98/12pl for a TD, 10-3 (10:39). WF had a 214-138 yd edge 1H. Each team fmbld to open the 3Q. WF then went 52/5pl for a TD, 17-3 (7:02). VU went 69/14pl for a TD 17-10 (14:55). VU was int'd by Alphonso Smith and ret'd 6 yds to the 8. Two plays later WF iced it with a TD, 23-10 (3:12).