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# GAME DAY

**Best bet**  
Rose Bowl:  
Washington State vs. Oklahoma  
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## The big box of football

### Tasty morsel No. 1

Oregon's Seattle Bowl appearance marks the team's eighth straight bowl appearance. The Ducks are looking for their fifth victory during that span and fourth straight bowl victory.

### Morsel No. 2

The Ducks and Wake Forest have played just once, in 1992 at the Independence Bowl. The Demon Deacons came out on top, 39-35, scoring 15 points in the game's final frame.

### Trivia Bowl

Who holds the Oregon record for most passing yards in a single bowl game?

### Rank me

Oregon and Wake Forest in the 2002 NCAA rankings

#### Rushing offense

Wake Forest ..... 8  
Oregon ..... 60

#### Passing offense

Wake Forest ..... 97  
Oregon ..... 45

#### Scoring offense

Wake Forest ..... 66  
Oregon ..... 19

#### Total offense

Wake Forest ..... 33  
Oregon ..... 53

#### Rushing defense

Wake Forest ..... 63  
Oregon ..... 15

#### Passing defense

Wake Forest ..... 86  
Oregon ..... 115

#### Scoring defense

Wake Forest ..... 59  
Oregon ..... 66

### Morsel No. 3

The game marks the first time since 1960 the Ducks will play a bowl game in a cold-weather climate.

### Trivia answer

Akili Smith and Danny O'Neil have both thrown for 456 yards. Smith against Colorado in the 1998 Aloha Bowl and O'Neil against Penn State in the 1995 Rose Bowl.

## Wake thankful for bowl chance

The Deacons have had an up-and-down season that almost ended in Maryland

**Hank Hager**  
Sports Reporter

Normally, a team that finishes the season 6-6 wouldn't even be thinking about landing a spot in a bowl game.

This isn't an ordinary year. Despite finishing seventh in the nine-team Atlantic Coast Conference, Wake Forest (3-5 ACC) was chosen to represent the conference in the Seattle Bowl on Dec. 30.

Heading into their final game of the season against Maryland, the Demon Deacons weren't exactly looking forward to a bowl contest. After all, most pundits suggested before the season that teams would need seven wins to become bowl eligible.

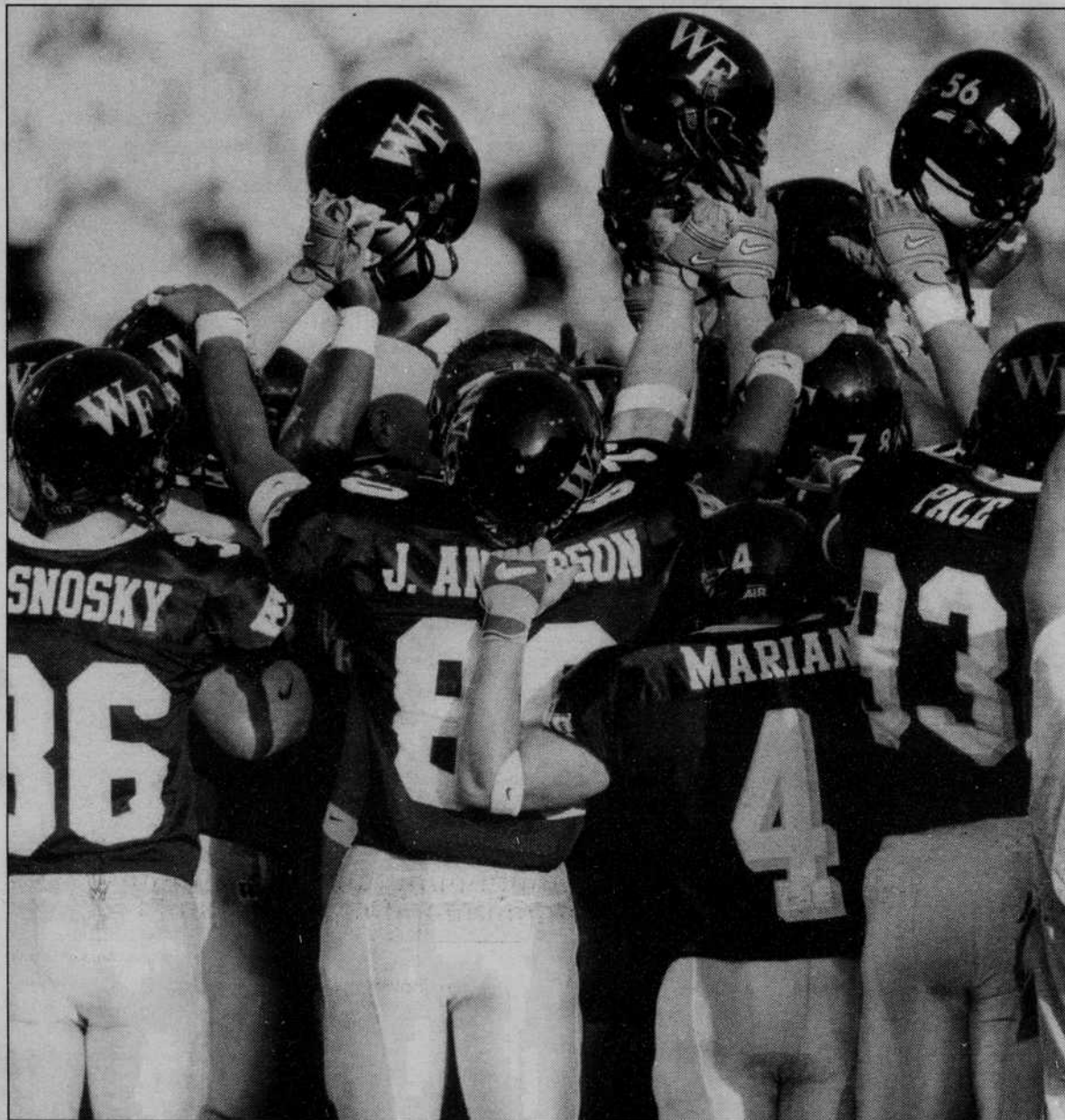
So when Wake Forest lost to the Terrapins, 32-14, its future wasn't looking too bright.

But now, given a chance, the Deacons believe they have some serious talent that Oregon will have to deal with.

"We feel when we go and play, we can beat anybody," sophomore safety Warren Braxton said. "It doesn't depend too much on how that team is doing, it depends on if we are going to come out and play hard or not."

Wake Forest is an inconsistent team, evidenced by the team's final six games of the season.

After a convincing 36-10 win over Duke in early October, the Deacons lost a squeaker, 31-23, to Clemson. After that came a victory against North Carolina, then another

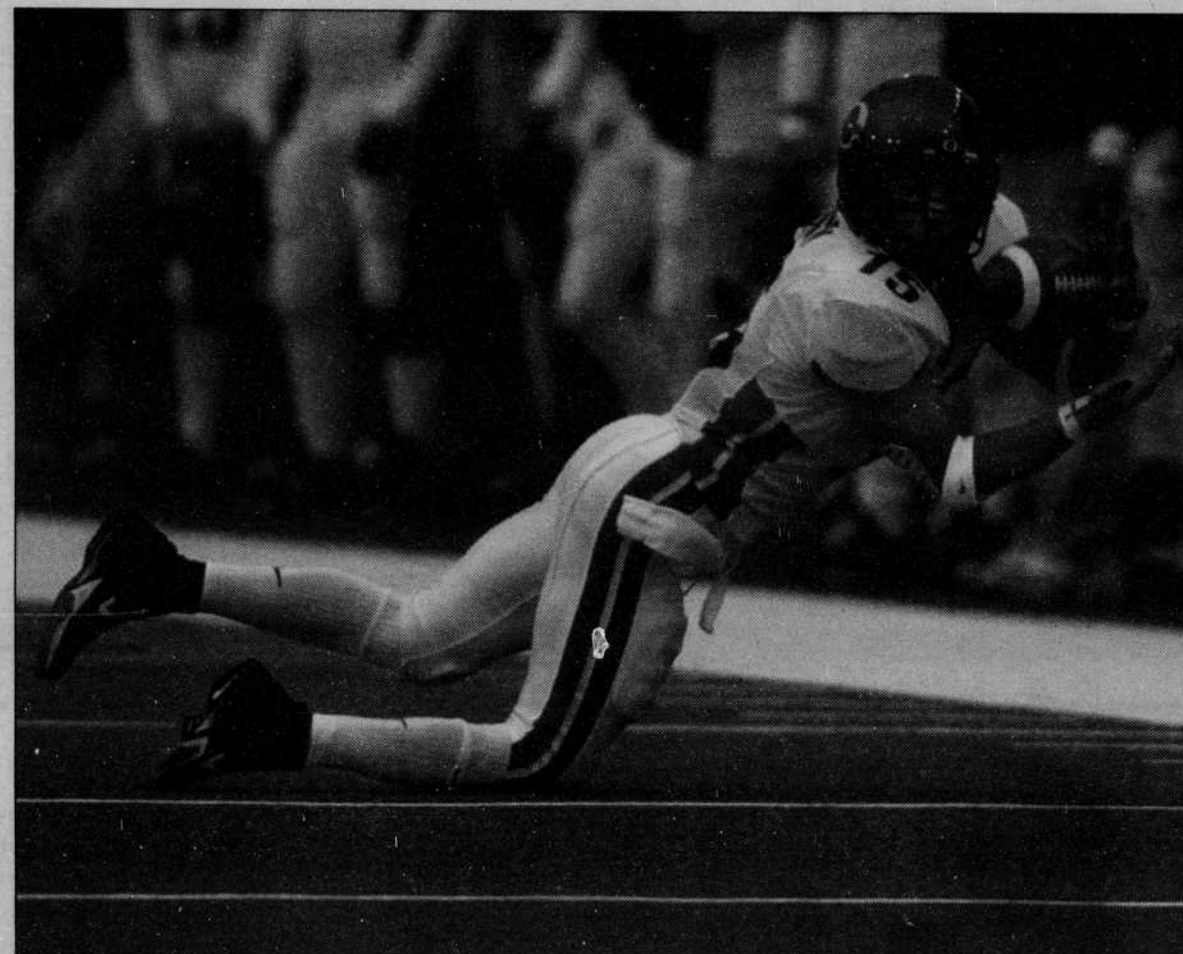


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The Wake Forest Demon Deacons finished the season 6-6 overall, seventh in the ACC, to earn a trip to the Seattle Bowl.

## Seniors reflect, look to win last game



Mark McCambridge Emerald

Oregon senior wide receiver Keenan Howry, who holds the school record for career receptions, will play his last game in Seattle.

Several key Duck seniors will be playing their last game at the Seattle Bowl this month

**Jesse Thomas**  
Sports Reporter

It's a time that comes around just once a year.

While, for many, the reality can be hard to face, the fact is their time has finally come.

The Oregon seniors have just four more quarters of football in a Duck uniform.

It is mixed emotions for the Ducks, and some are not sure how to feel; for others, well, they may never play competitive football after college.

"It's kind of like an unreal experience," senior linebacker David Moretti said. "You don't think it's ever going to come to an end, but you come to the realization that you only have a couple of weeks left. I'm sad, but I have enjoyed my time here; it has been awesome. I just have to be excited about the future and what it holds for me. I'm really excited to have one last game."

And for others, they aren't so sure.

"It's kind of fun, it's kind of scary, it's weird and I can't believe it is already here," senior tailback Allan Amundson said. "At the same time,

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