

DIVISION I FIELD HOCKEY ALL TIME CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET NORTH REGIONAL – SECOND ROUND

UNC 1996

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WAKE 2004

23-1 • NCAA Champions

GAA: .83 GpG: 4.17 MoV: 3.33

The 1996 Tar Heels opened with an incredible five-game shutout streak that reached almost 400 minutes; the overtime loss to ODU ended both runs. Undaunted, UNC putting together an 18-game winning streak to close out the season. The first 13 wins closed out the regular season, including a 4-2 victory over ODU; the Heels then won a pair of games in the ACC tournament and entered the NCAAs as the top seed. Led by Jana Withrow in the cage and Tiki Barber and Cindy Werley, the ACC Players of the Year over the last two years, and All-Americans Joy Driscoll and Nancy Pelligreen, UNC set a then-record of 4.17 goals per game, winning the national championship to put an exclamation point on an 18-game run to end the season. UNC outscored its opponents 101-21 over the year, giving up more than two goals in a single game only once all year.

20-3 • NCAA Champions

GAA: 1.26 GpG: 3.98 MoV: 2.91

The 2004 Demon Deacons opened with five straight wins, including the final three by shutout as they outscored opponents 26-3 in the run. A loss to Duke in overtime was followed by another five-game stretch before another overtime loss, this time to UNC, stopped the run. Wake won five more times to close out the regular season at 15-2. A win over UVa in ACCs was followed by another overtime loss to UNC. That meant that the Demon Deacons had lost three games heading into the tournament—as many games as they had lost in the last two seasons combined—but each of those losses was in overtime, meaning Wake Forest never trailed at the end of regulation in any game. The 16-3 Deacons were the number two seed after beating five NCAA-bound teams, including the other three seeds. Despite being sent on the road as the #2 seed, Wake outscored their opponents 11-3 in the opening two rounds before returning home for the semifinals and finals, where they scored six and didn't allow a goal to win their third consecutive national championship. Kelly Dostal earned the Honda Award and ACC Player of the Year, with Claire Laubach, Lauren Crandall and Maeke Boreel also earning All-American honors.

