Whitlock earns second ACC Player of the Week Award

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – Wake Forest’s Nikita Whitlock has been named the Atlantic Coast Conference’s Defensive Lineman of the Week.

Whitlock, a 5-11, 250-pound redshirt senior nose tackle from Wylie, Texas (Wylie) had five tackles, two sacks and three quarterback hurries in Wake Forest’s 34-10 win over Maryland on October 19.

Whitlock set the tone early on for the Deacon defense as he sacked Maryland quarterback C.J. Brown on the Terps’ first play from scrimmage which set up a 2nd-and-24 and Maryland would wind up punting. Wake Forest scored on the ensuing possession. On Maryland’s second possession, the Terps drove to the Wake Forest 17 when Whitlock tackled Brown for no gain and then on 3rd-and-17, he forced an incompletion by Brown with a QB hurry. The Terps missed the ensuing field goal. On Maryland’s third possession, Whitlock sacked Brown for a loss of 15 yards leading to another punt. Whitlock had a tackle for no gain in the third quarter and two quarterback hurries in the fourth quarter, by which time Maryland was double and triple-teaming him.

This is the Whitlock’s second Player of the Week award as he was also honored following Wake Forest’s win over Army in September.

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