

Men's golf looks to recapture form

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The Demon Deacon men's golf team is looking forward to a fresh fall season, which begins Wednesday. After a disappointing record last year, Head Coach Jack Lewis is optimistic that the team will live up to the high standards established by Deacon golfers in the past.

"I feel like last year would have been a decent year for many other schools, but not for Wake Forest," Lewis said.

"We're looking forward to this year. We've had a lot of players really play well during this summer and our confidence ought to be pretty high coming in for this fall."

Some of those who distinguished themselves over the summer were junior Ray Floyd, Jr. who qualified and played in the U.S. Amateur Championships, as well as junior Justin Roof, whose amateur tour this summer was one of the best in the country.

As a whole, the team is young. They lost two players to graduation, Nick Clinard and John Kelley, while adding six freshmen.

Those freshmen are Michael Capone; Joseph Iman; Jack Lewis, III; Oscar Sanchez; Bradley Simons and Juan Vizcaya.

Lewis expects good things from Vizcaya, who won the Spanish Men's National Championship.

Sanchez and Capone, who qualified for the U.S. amateur tour, are also expected to be especially strong additions to the team.

Sophomores Thomas Parker and Todd Lynch as well as Robert Dean, the only senior team member, are also expected to be team leaders for the Demon Deacons this season.

Rather than seeing the team's

youth as a handicap, Lewis describes it as beneficial.

"Having a young team play together for a little while, rather than having somebody play for a year and then be gone, is an advantage," Lewis said.

"This group ought to be the

Men's Golf

Sept. 15-17	Ping/ <i>Golfweek</i> Invitational
Oct. 2-3	Missouri Bluffs Intercollegiate
Oct. 9-10	Red River Classic
Oct. 22-23	Black & Decker Duke Golf Classic

mainstay of the team for a while."

"I think that having a young team, we're only going to get better and better."

The goals Lewis has set for the group are simple. He will focus on improving the team's fundamentals—course management, course strategy, and short game skills.

"There isn't any one thing in particular (to work on)," Lewis said. "You just have to out-work the other players."

In addition, Lewis feels the team will have some strengths that are keys for success.

Mental strength, which was a problem that the Deacons battled last season, is one of this team's greatest attributes.

Team leadership and chemistry could also help the Demon Deacons become, in Lewis' words, "one of the best teams in the country."

The team's first tournament will be the Ping/*Golfweek* Invitational at Pumpkin Ridge Country Club in Portland, Ore.

Women's tennis tunes up for fall schedule

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For college tennis teams lucky enough to avoid injuries, fall is an uneventful time. Coaches' greatest concerns before the competitive spring season begins often center around tweaking their lineups to best cover for personnel losses to the previous year's graduating class.

For the second consecutive year, the Demon Deacon women's tennis team begins their autumn warm-up season in need of comparatively little roster juggling. In a situation that is markedly similar to that of last year's, Head Coach Lew Gerrard's main objective is deciding how best to replace one graduating senior with two talented freshmen.

The importance of the changes is somewhat magnified, however, by the national stature Gerrard's team has acquired in the past 12 months. Last spring marked the first time in school history that the team cracked the national top-10 (the squad peaked at No. 4 and finished at No. 9).

The team's progress against the nation's elite teams eventually led to a first round bye in this summer's NCAA tournament, and a second-round loss to UCLA.

The team eventually finished their season ranked ninth in the country.

Almost equally important, last spring was defined by a remarkable battle between the Deacons and intrastate rival Duke for conference supremacy.

In both their regular season and Conference Championship meetings, the Blue Devils prevailed by margins slimmer even than indicated by the identical 5-4 scores of both contests, with numerous matches going to decisive, highly-contested third sets and tie breakers.

The tightrope of success on which the Demon Deacons are treading amplifies the importance of any roster change the team makes, however minor it may initially seem.

Absent from this year's squad is 1994-95 captain Dana Evans, which leaves noticeable gaps in the Deacons' doubles and singles lineups.

Evans played every contest for the Deacons last spring in singles play, and teamed with then-freshman Lule Aydin on one of the team's top two doubles teams.

The Evans-Aydin combo, formed for only one season, was effective enough to garner a national ranking: testament to Evans' versatility.

Helping to fill the void left by Evans' departure are freshmen Nicola Kaiwai and Caroline Ullring.

Though their depth, particularly in singles play, was an important key to the success of the Deacons last spring, Gerrard said that he thinks the team, with the addition of Kaiwai and Ullring, is deeper even than last season.

"I think they will be able to help right away," Gerrard said of his freshmen. "I think this is the



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Senior Terry Ann Zawacki follows through on a two-handed backhand in a match last season.

deepest team we've ever had (with Kaiwai and Ullring aboard)."

Luckily for the Deacons, these roster changes

Women's Tennis

Sept. 22-24	at Wolfpack Classic
Sept. 29-Oct. 1	at Gamecock Classic
Oct. 13-15	at Furman Invitational
Oct. 19-22	at Riviera All American
Nov. 3-6	at Rolex Qualifier

leave intact a formidable team nucleus of four seasoned veteran players. Seniors Terry Ann Zawacki and Patty Murren, and juniors Cristina Caparis and Maggie Harris will all return.

Complementing this proven group of singles and doubles talent will be sophomores Aydin (who, as a member of last year's six-person singles rotation, saw substantial action), Terri Hiete, and Bettina Pieri.

According to Gerrard, if the team can produce good results from the upper tier of its singles draw (namely Zawacki, Murren and Caparis) then they should be able to maintain the level of play established by last year's squad.

Conditioning was also a key facet of the Deacons' success last spring. Gerrard, who said that the team worked hard over the summer, sees their physical strength as again being something of an advantage.

The Deacons will see their first autumn warm-up action of the year in three weeks, when they participate in the Wolfpack Classic in Raleigh. Gerrard won't need a definite singles and doubles lineup until 1996, when the team begins its competitive dual-meet season.

Maturing field hockey squad hopes to improve on previous season

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Before last season began, Head Coach Jennifer Averill said that she wanted her team to finish with some wins in the ACC as well as to achieve a national ranking. They did both.

The Deacons finished last season with a 12-8 record (3-5 ACC) and a semi-final appearance in the ACC Tournament.

This season, Averill, in her fourth-year at

the helm, still wants to compete with the best teams in the country, despite some key player losses.

The maturing Demon Deacon squad only lost three players to graduation last year, but the team will also have to play without standout freshman Ginette Verkleij, who led the team in scoring with 15 goals and eight assists last season.

Verkleij was one of the best freshman players in the ACC last season, but she is not returning to the university this year.

"Any player who leaves your program and was such an integral part, as Ginette was, you are going to take a loss," Averill said. "But I use it in a positive light because Ginette taught us so much. The aspects of the game she taught us, we're going to build upon."

"She was without a doubt one of our better defenders and ball distributors, and knowing that, over the summer we prepared some of our other players to fill in those spots."

The team brings in six recruits plus two redshirted freshmen to help fill those voids.

Top recruits include forwards Kelly Simon and Jessica Schultz, midfielder Amy Marchell and back Leslie Rush.

Christen Horsey returns as the only senior on the squad, and she is looked upon to be the



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Senior Christen Horsey evades an opponent in a match against conference foe Duke last season.

team leader again after an All-ACC performance last season. She will likely see action at midfield and back.

Other key midfielders will be Susan Bowman, who will make the transition from the forward line to midfield, and Marchell. Bowman was second on the team in scoring last season with four goals and an ACC-leading 17 assists. She is currently the career assist leader for the Deacons.

"Our midfield is our most dynamic aspect of our team," Averill said. "They have a tremendous amount of talent, explosiveness and speed."

On the defensive end, juniors Kate McLane and Keri Flaherty will fill the side back positions. Junior Nicole Serluco will also be a key part of the defense, and junior Mary Moore will make the move from forward to back.

"Nicole Serluco is playing incredibly well

"We have two totally different style goalkeepers and they will share the workload depending on the opponent," Averill said of his netminders.

The Demon Deacons' schedule is a challenging one this year, and they begin against two tough opponents this weekend. Saturday the team faces California-Berkeley and Sunday they play national powerhouse James Madison. Both games will be played at JMU.

Field Hockey

Sept. 2	California Berkeley
Sept. 3	at James Madison
Sept. 7	APP. STATE
Sept. 10	at Davidson
Sept. 16	VIRGINIA
Sept. 22	VCU
Sept. 24	DUKE
Sept. 27	at North Carolina
Oct. 5	APP. STATE
Oct. 8	at Maryland
Oct. 11	at Duke
Oct. 14	WMU
Oct. 18	UNC
Oct. 21	at Virginia
Oct. 22	at Richmond
Oct. 27	MARYLAND
Oct. 29	VILLANOVA

Men's soccer has tough conference, overall schedule in immediate future

By ROBERT NEELY
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After a four-year absence from the NCAA Tournament, Head Coach Jay Vidovich and the men's soccer team look to return to the big dance.

But the Deacons' dance card will make it difficult, as the team faces ACC competition with all six opponents ranked in the *Soccer America* top-20 as well as a daunting non-conference slate.

Many individuals on the team have improved, according to Vidovich, and three newcomers could start in the season opener as the Deacons seek to replace four departed seniors from last year's squad.

In goal, sophomore Sal Fontana returns as the starter after redshirting last season.

Fontana played in nine games as a

freshman in 1993, notching a 1.18 goals against average and one shut-out.

Fontana is backed up by senior Tim Woods, who split time with Fontana in 1993, recording two shutouts.

"We have two quality goalkeepers pushing each other, and three others backing them up," Vidovich said.

Defensively, the Demon Deacons return senior fullbacks Mike Petry and Mark Young, both of whom Vidovich said have improved greatly since last season. They will be joined in the backfield by junior captain Josh Timbers, who will now move to sweeper.

"Josh Timbers has proven he can contribute back there," Vidovich said. "He reads the game well, and he has skills attacking from the back."

Aaron Budzinski, a senior captain, is still hobbled by a broken leg suf-

fered last season and will not be ready to start the season, but Vidovich said that he expects Budzinski to contribute before the season ends.

Sophomore Ihor Dotsenko will key midfield play for the Deacons as the attacking midfielder, and will be joined by sophomore Kevin Rice, who will play the defensive midfield position.

Vidovich expects three newcomers to contribute at midfield.

Matt Aubin, a junior transfer from Adelphi, is expected to start after redshirting last season due to illness. Aubin is the only player on the Deacon roster to have been to the NCAA Tournament, going with Adelphi in 1992.

Freshman Serge Daniv joins fellow Ukrainian Dotsenko at midfield. Vidovich said that Daniv should be a spark for the Deacon attack.

Freshman Kyle Bachmeier of Winston-Salem is competing with sophomore Todd King for another starting spot at midfield.

At forward, the Deacons return three experienced scorers.

Senior Ryan Scott led the team with eight goals last season, and he will join senior Erik Brandsma, who tallied seven goals last season, and John Michael Hayes, a junior with seven career goals, as the offensive keys for the Deacons.

The Deacons begin their schedule, one of the toughest in the nation, this weekend, hosting the adidas/Wake Forest Classic at Polo Field.

The Demon Deacons face off against Charleston, who reached the final eight last season, Saturday at 4 p.m. and then take on a strong Stanford team Monday at 4 p.m. Davidson will also compete in the tournament.

Men's Soccer

Sept. 2	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON	Oct. 1	at Maryland
Sept. 4	STANFORD	Oct. 4	BELMONT ABBEY
Sept. 9	Wisconsin-Madison @ Milwaukee, WI	Oct. 8	N.C. State
Sept. 10	at Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Oct. 11	at Old Dominion
Sept. 13	LENOIR RHYNE	Oct. 15	FURMAN
Sept. 17	at Virginia	Oct. 18	LIBERTY
Sept. 20	at South Carolina	Oct. 21	at Davidson
Sept. 23	WOFFORD	Oct. 25	DUKE
Sept. 26	APPALACHIAN STATE	Oct. 29	NORTH CAROLINA
		Nov. 4	at Clemson
		Nov. 9-12	at ACC Tournament