

Hockey remains undefeated, leaps into national top 10

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It seems that nothing can go wrong for the field hockey team as they have yet to lose a game this season.

They have also cracked the top 10 for the first time ever in the national rankings this week, at No. 7. The winning streak continued with two dominating victories this week. The team captured wins over Davidson, 3-0, and Appalachian State, 8-0.

Head Coach Jennifer Averill was pleased with the rankings, but she said that she is trying not to place too much emphasis on it. "I expected to be in the top 20 somewhere, but being ranked this high came very much unexpected," she said. "But the significance

of the polls means nothing right now. It will come into significance when we're struggling for an at large bid (to the NCAA Tournament).

"Our focus isn't the polls right now. It's every game that we prepare for, one at a time."

The game at Davidson Sunday was a difficult one for the team to play, because the Wildcats play on a grass field. The Deacons' game is more conducive to short passing and the turf.

Despite this hindrance, the Deacons outshot Davidson 33-5 in taking a commanding win.



Serluco

Freshman Lisa Andries and junior Nicole Serluco both scored goals in the first half of action. Andries was assisted on her goal by freshman Amy Marchell.

Marchell got involved in the scoring herself in the second half, when she converted at 49:54 with an assist from freshman Kelly Simon.

Averill was impressed with the play of the freshman. "Amy Marchell had an outstanding game," she said. "She's more explosive and dynamic than we thought."

Junior Wendy Mumford recorded her first shutout of the year in goal for the Deacons.

Last Thursday the Deacons had the opportunity to exhibit their offensive talents in an 8-0 romping over Appalachian State under the lights at Campus Stadium.

Freshman Jessica Schultz, junior Amy Shenasky and senior Christen Horsey each scored two goals in the contest. Andries started off the scoring just 1:45 into the game, knocking in a rebound shot, and four other Deacons followed with goals in the first half for a 5-0 lead.

Horsey scored her two tallies in the second half off corner plays, while freshman Hadley Hicks scored her first Deacon career goal to account for the rest of the scoring.

The Deacons dominated the entire game,



Horsey

outshooting the Mountaineers 35-0, but Averill said that there were still things that her team learned from a game like that.

"At halftime we tried to focus in on other aspects of our game and work on the more difficult skills that we otherwise wouldn't be able to do," Averill said. "We still used this game as a learning tool."

The Deacons look ahead to this weekend when they will have their first ACC matchup of the season against Virginia. The Cavaliers will come into the game undefeated and ranked just behind the Deacons in the polls, at No. 8.

"I'm optimistic," Averill said. "It's going to be a hard fought battle, and we need to keep mentally prepared and focused."

The game will be played at Campus Stadium Saturday at 11 a.m.

Kuklick sidelined for season in 35-9 Tulane trouncing

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Nine days after losing to Division I-AA Appalachian State, the Demon Deacon football team traveled to New Orleans to play its inaugural Division I game of the season against the Tulane Green Wave.

On their way to besting the Deacons 24-22, the Mountaineers must have made some impact on their foes, for after taking their positions on the plastic Superdome grass, the Demon Deacons proceeded to perform their best impersonation of a I-AA team, handing the Green Wave two early fumbles and three first quarter touchdowns, for an eventual 35-9 loss.

When Green Wave linebacker Monte Burke crashed into shore with a football that sophomore Demon Deacon running back Herman Lewis had left lying on the Demon Deacon 10 yard line, the Green Wave had finished crafting a 21-0 first quarter lead, two touchdowns of which were direct results of Demon Deacon turnovers in their own territory.

The Deacons have had enough problems generating a running game in recent years, but the task became significantly more difficult when it had to be accomplished against a defense which, sitting on a three-touchdown cushion, needed to take no chances with its pass rush and could instead settle back and wait for the ball to come to them.

The Deacons were only able to come up with 11 rushing yards in the first half of Saturday's affair, and Lewis, the team's primary ground-gainer, managed a sum total of zero first-half yards on 15 carries, and finished with -2 yards for the game.

Head Coach Jim Caldwell noted the difficulty his team had in fighting back from its early predicament.

"The 21-point deficit, especially considering the way in which we surrendered the points, was a difficult obstacle for us to overcome," Caldwell said. "For the second week in a row we never really had an opportunity to play our game."

Perhaps the most crucial problem the Deacons encountered in the Crescent City occurred in the second quarter when sophomore starting quarterback Brian Kuklick was hit after a scramble and suffered a season-ending fracture of his right arm.



Kuklick

After the game, Caldwell noted that the extreme nature of Kuklick's injury may have been distracting to his team. "The injury to Brian may have had an impact because of the severity of it," Caldwell said.

Kuklick's injury is especially troublesome for the team because it represents the loss of the player who was the Demon Deacons' most mobile field general. The offensive line has been struggling so far, having enabled the running game to produce just 126 yards in two games.

Thus the prospect of the less-mobile senior Rusty LaRue behind center for the remainder of the year does not bode well for the squad. In just over one full game of action so far this season, LaRue has already been sacked for 32 yards in losses.

However, the quarterback put up pretty solid numbers after replacing Kuklick Saturday, completing 18-of-27 attempts for 158 yards. Seven of the yards came on LaRue's first touchdown pass of the season to senior wideout Marlon Estes, and accounted for the Deacons' only touchdown of the evening.

Estes continues to be the team's chief offensive threat, as his 12 catches this season have him tied for the conference lead.

In stark contrast to the Deacons' current state of affairs, the Clemson Tigers steam into Winston-Salem Saturday on somewhat of a roll. After trouncing Western Carolina 55-9 in their first game of the year, the Tigers gave a spirited performance in losing respectably to Florida State 45-26 last weekend.

"Clemson has been extremely impressive in its first two games," Caldwell said. "Offensively, they are piling up yardage and points and have been outstanding in running the football."

"They are a big, strong and physical team on both sides of the ball."

The Deacons' conference debut Saturday should provide some preliminary indication of how rough the rest of the season should be. Clemson, while playing well, is most certainly not the most imposing opponent the Demon Deacons will face in 1995.

With Kuklick gone and the offensive line hurting with sophomore starting tackle Jeff Flowe out indefinitely, the spectacle of Rusty LaRue being dragged to the Groves Stadium sod could prove a commonplace one for the remainder of the season.

Freshmen lead women's soccer to two wins

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Women's soccer chalked up two big victories at home this week by knocking off both UNC-Asheville and Georgia Southern.

Saturday, the Deacons picked up their second straight shutout by defeating the UNC-Asheville Bulldogs 2-0. Freshmen Rachel Thomas and Lisa Olinyk snapped a scoreless tie in the final 15 minutes by scoring off back-to-back corner kicks.

The Demon Deacons extended their winning streak to three Tuesday afternoon by finishing off Georgia Southern late in the game, securing a 3-1 victory. Sophomore Vanessa Slattery tapped one past Georgia Southern's goalkeeper early in the contest while Olinyk added two goals of her own to lift her team to a 4-1 record.

For the third consecutive game, the team made efficient use of its young lineup by starting eight of its 12 freshmen against UNC-Asheville.

Freshman Julie Scott made a run at the opposing goalkeeper early in the first half but her shot barely missed to the outside corner. With the score 0-0 to start the second half, sophomore Alli Costa made a drive of her own from 20 yards out, only to have her shot deflect off the crossbar.

With 12:32 remaining, Thomas finally managed to head one in the goal off sophomore Cheryl Zimmerman's lofty corner kick. Just three minutes later, Olinyk used her head to knock in the game-winning goal, giving Zimmerman yet another assist.

The Deacons continued their success against Georgia Southern by maintaining the same high-level intensity that earned them an easy win just three days earlier. Only 14 minutes into the match, Slattery slipped past Georgia Southern's defenses, giving the Deacons an early 1-0 lead. Thirty minutes later, Olinyk capitalized on a pass from junior Susie Nettelbeck, drilling it into the goal off a Georgia Southern defender.

Georgia Southern's squad suffered yet another setback when team member Sandy Bonfim was ejected after receiving her second yellow card within six seconds. Thus, Georgia Southern was forced to make due with



Kristen Thompson

Sophomore goalkeeper Jacki Ball makes a save against UNC-Asheville Saturday at Polo Field.

only 10 players for the final 77 minutes of the game. Nevertheless, Georgia came within one goal of the lead with 21 minutes left in regulation as Carol Furness ran the length of the field to lay the ball in the upper corner.

Olinyk secured the non-conference win for the Deacons when she converted on an assist from freshman Gina Watson, ending the contest 3-1.

The team plays Georgia Friday at 4 p.m. on Polo Field.

Men's soccer ties for first in Wisconsin tourney

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Nothing has come easily for the men's soccer team this season.

Playing without three projected starters, the Deacons knocked off Lenoir-Rhyne Wednesday to up their record to 3-2.

The win followed on the footsteps of the team's share of the title at the Panther Invitational in Madison, Wis.

The Deacons, playing a man down, defeated Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2-1 to earn a split on the weekend. Friday, the Deacons fell to No. 7 Wisconsin-Madison 1-0. Each of the three teams was 1-1 in tournament play.

"I'm happy that we're playing good soccer, but our players have to mature and have to play soccer to get the result," Head Coach Jay Vidovich said. "We've given away two games (this season) that we could have, should have won."

The Deacons played in the tournament without senior starters Mike Petry, Ryan Scott and Aaron Budzinski, all suffering from injuries.

But the injury bug did not stop there for the Demon Deacons. Freshman Serge Daniv was slowed throughout the week by illness, which limited his effectiveness on the field.

Against Wisconsin-Milwaukee, freshman Kyle Bachmeier opened the

scoring for the Deacons with his first career goal.

With the score tied at one late in the match, junior captain Josh Timbers was issued his second yellow card, causing his ejection from the game.

Playing a man down, the Deacons rallied. Daniv, who had not started, crossed a pass in front of the goal which ricocheted off of a Milwaukee player into the goal. The own-goal gave the Deacons a 2-1 win.

Friday, the Deacons fell to Wisconsin-Madison in a hard-fought 1-0 loss. The Deacons played the Badgers well, but allowed a goal in the 38th minute for the final margin.

Sophomore Ihor Dotsenko, who Vidovich said began to lead the team from playing good soccer to playing to win, along with senior defender Mark Young made the all-tournament team for the Deacons.

In the game against Lenoir-Rhyne, the Demon Deacons played without the services of Petry and Budzinski, along with Timbers, who served the mandatory one-game suspension that accompanies an ejection.

Even though they were forced to play without three team members, the Deacons had little trouble pancaking Lenoir-Rhyne 5-0 Wednesday afternoon.

The Demon Deacons peppered the opposing goalkeeper with 38 shots, while not allowing a single shot on their own goal.

The shot total was two shy of the school record of 40, and the game marked only the third time in Demon Deacon history that the team did not allow a shot on net.

"This was a confidence-builder for our offense," Vidovich said. "We got a lesson in being aggressive with the ball, and I hope that will carry over into our next match."

The Demon Deacons received goals from five different players on the day. Junior John Michael Hayes started off the scoring at the 14:10 mark of the first half. Dotsenko, assisted by Daniv, along with junior Matt Aubin added first period tallies.

The onslaught continued in the final half when Daniv scored, assisted by senior Erik Brandsma, followed by freshman Trent Lind, who put in the final tally of the day.

The road for the Deacons does not get easier as they face four-time national champion and No. 1 Virginia Sunday in Charlottesville.

"What will help is that we've played four quality teams," Vidovich said. "I feel we're capable of playing with them if everyone executes the game plan."

"Virginia's very strong. They come at you from everywhere."

The Deacons then travel to play nationally-ranked South Carolina Wednesday. They return home Sept. 23 to face Wofford.



Jordan Wong

Freshman Serge Daniv battles for control of the ball yesterday in a 5-0 trouncing of Lenoir-Rhyne at Polo Field.