

Women's x-country wipes away field; Stevenson, Moreshead break record

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For two Deacon women's cross country runners, the only thing better than breaking a record is to break it twice.

Seniors Nicole Stevenson and Cindy Moreshead both completed the 5,000-meter course at Moses Creek Park in Blowing Rock in record time, crossing the finish line together at 17:17 Saturday. These performances led the team to a comfortable win over Appalachian State, UNC-Charlotte, Navy, UNC-Asheville,

Marshall and Davidson.

The record was formerly held by Clemson's Mareike Reasing with a time of 17:40, set in 1993.

Four Deacons, sophomore Katie Brandy, juniors Liz Cotter and Chrissy Person and freshman Liz Moore, finished in places five through eight, thus rounding out the team scoring. The Deacons' 21 points easily won the meet, bettering the 90 points scored by both Appalachian State and UNC-Charlotte.

The women's harriers flexed considerable muscle in this meet. The top six Deacons, plus freshmen Becky



Sophomore Katie Brandy and seniors Nicole Stevenson and Cindy Moreshead pull away from the rest of the field this weekend.

Pollack and Amy Wallace, established times that ranked in the top 10 in the history of the Moses Cone course.

"This was our best opener ever," Head Coach Francie Goodridge said. Goodridge also mentioned that the times from the Moses Cone course from Saturday compare favorably to times from that course from competitive teams in the past, even though prior races at Blowing Rock were held later in the season, when runners have a firmer base of conditioning. "We're definitely on our way to a great year," Goodridge said.

She stressed, though, that the rest of the season will not be a cakewalk for the Deacons. Their next test will be Sept. 16 when they host the Wake Forest Classic.

Among the competitors there will be ACC rival North Carolina, which returns their top two runners from last season.

"Getting a measure of Carolina will be important early in the season," Goodridge said. "I think we'll also see some good teams at Virginia Tech, and at Notre Dame we will compete with other regions of the country, which will help us take another level."

Hockey triumphs over No. 1 JMU

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When freshman forward Jessica Schultz scored the game winning goal in overtime Sunday, Head Coach Jennifer Averill realized an objective that she has been striving for ever since taking the coaching job four years ago.

Her field hockey team came into the national spotlight this weekend with a stunning upset over defending national champion and No. 1-ranked James Madison. Schultz scored the game winner in overtime for the 3-2 victory.

This is only the second win ever for the Deacons over a nationally ranked opponent. Last season, the team captured a 2-1 victory over then No. 19 Maryland.

"This is something that we've been trying to accomplish for the last four years, and pulling an upset like this was great," Averill said. "But on the other hand, I think our kids honestly believed they could win going into this game."

"This was a huge moral victory for the Wake Forest field hockey program, and it helps establish us on the map." James Madison started off the scoring in the first half when Jen Wilds got the ball past junior goalkeeper Wendy Mumford.

"Their (James Madison's) first goal against us was huge for us," Averill said. "I think it was because they finally did what they were supposed to do on us, which is score, and it was almost a relief. After that we settled down and really focused."

Junior Nicole Serluco answered the wake-up call when she tied it up later in the half. Juniors Mary Moore and Susan Bowman assisted on the play. The score remained tied at halftime.

Redshirt freshman Lisa Andries scored her first career goal 13 minutes into the second half to break up the tie, but the Dukes knotted it up again just over three minutes later with a goal from Carole Thate.

Schultz scored the game-winner just over five minutes into the OT for the victory. She faked the goalkeeper wide and netted the goal while sprawling to the turf. Freshman Amy Marchell assisted on the play.

The goal was the culmination of an overtime that was full of action and scoring opportunities on both ends of the field. The overtime in field hockey is played with six field players plus a goalkeeper, so the field is more wide open to scoring chances.



Junior Susan Bowman looks to pass in a match last season against James Madison. The Deacons lost to the Dukes, the eventual national champions, 7-0 last year, but defeated them Saturday for a tremendous victory.

"I think I had a delayed reaction to the win because the game up to that point was so full of excitement that we were just emotionally and physically spent," Averill said. "It was exhilarating to say the least."

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The overtime game-winner was the second on the weekend for Schultz, as she netted the winner in the Deacons' season opener Saturday over California-Berkeley 2-1 in double overtime. This game was

played at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Va.

With under six minutes remaining in the second overtime, Schultz broke a 1-1 tie with her first career goal.

The game was scoreless through the first half, despite the Deacons dominating play. Serluco scored her first goal of the season in the second half off a penalty stroke, but Berkeley tied it up a few minutes later.

The score remained 1-1 through the end of regulation and one overtime, until the Schultz goal.

The two clutch goals by Schultz earned her ACC Player of the Week honors, as well as her coach's praise.

"She's an extremely talented player," Averill said. "She's the type of player who has one thing in mind, and that's scoring."

"Jessica, along with the majority of the freshmen this weekend, played with a lot of heart and with a lot of intensity. They really had fun."

"These games helped us understand that our goals are attainable."

The Deacons host ASU today at 7 p.m.

Men's x-country reigns victorious at Blowing Rock

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In defeating four teams at Moses Cone State Park in Blowing Rock Saturday, the men's cross country team subscribed to the trusty theory that strength is found in numbers.

The Deacons used its incredible depth to defeat rival Appalachian State 28-29, as well as UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Asheville and Davidson without five of their top performers who were omitted from the lineup in order to provide experience for some up-and-coming runners.

Head Coach John Goodridge explained the lineup change. "We held out five returning runners to give certain members of the team an opportunity to compete at a higher level and a higher team position," he said. "These individuals have the potential to play key roles for us, and by keeping out our top runners, we put these guys in a competitive position."

The Deacons responded to the challenge. Appalachian's Tommy Hollander and Seth Peoples finished the 8,000-meter course in first and second place, but Deacon sophomore Nolan Swanson and senior Paul Kinser finished third and fourth overall with times of 25:31 and 25:38.

However, clutch performers for the Deacons were sophomore Matt Shady, junior Eric Pragle, and sophomore Hunter Kemper. Shady and Pragle passed ASU's third and fourth runners with one-half mile to go, securing the fifth and sixth overall spots for the Deacons.

In addition, Kemper blew by the Mountaineers' Judd Sarver in the final push, beating him by six seconds, thus placing 11th overall with a time of 26:21 and ensuring the Deacon victory.

The win over Appalachian State was especially sweet for the Deacons because the Mountaineers edged them out at the NCAA District meet a year ago, thus eliminating them from the NCAA Championship meet.



Sophomore Nolan Swanson, junior Eric Pragle and senior Paul Kinser lead the pack.

Kuklick rallies football team to avoid whitewash against Mountaineers

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If during the first half of last Thursday night's game at Groves Stadium there was ringing in the ears of any spectators, it most certainly did not come as a result of the student section jingling its keys before Deacon kickoff.

The home team, en route to being all but buried as their guests rolled up 24 unanswered points, was only able to kick off once in the first two quarters of play, and that was to start the game.

No, the jingling in the ears of witnesses to Thursday's spectacle would have arisen from elsewhere — most likely as a result of Appalachian State firing their celebratory cannon after each of their scores. In the first half of the Demon Deacons' inaugural action of 1995, cannon blasts were aplenty, as the visiting Mountaineers scored early and often for a 24-22 victory.

As it turned out, those accustomed to hard-fought battles between these two teams were not disappointed if they chose to stick around until the waning seconds of the fourth quarter. Also spared heartbreak were those Deacon fans who wanted a quarterback they could rally behind. The Deacons seem to have found him

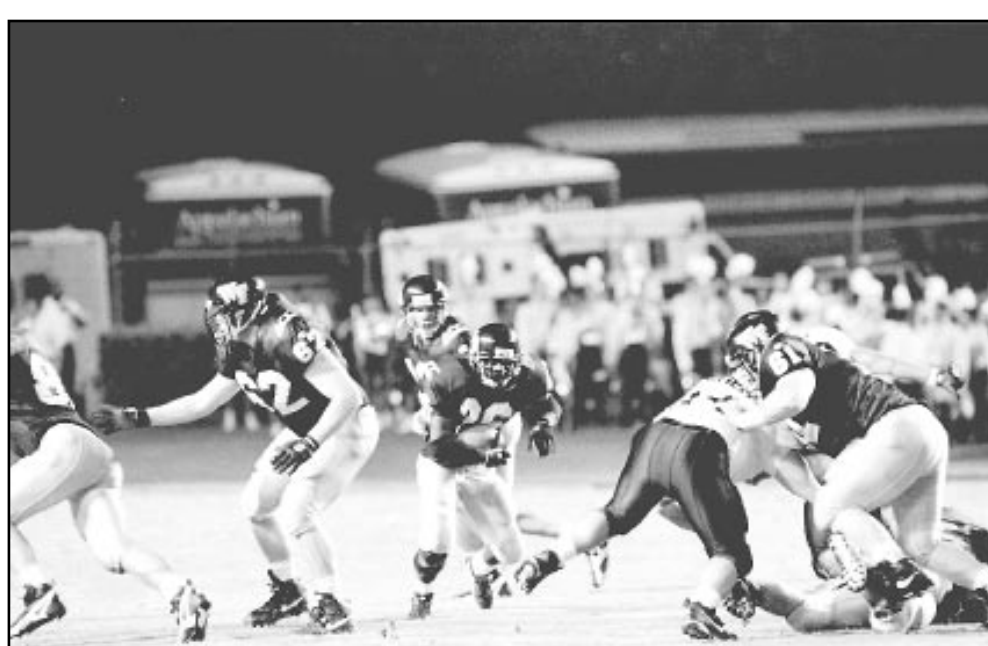
in sophomore Brian Kuklick.

A loss, yes, but for the Deacons, a loss that was in some ways heartening. Not since the elder days of 1992 had the Groves Stadium sod been able to cushion the falls of receivers landing after having caught two perfectly thrown touchdown passes.

Kuklick, after starting the second half to replace ineffective starter senior Rusty LaRue, was denied an impressive comeback victory only because a first half Deacon defensive meltdown allowed ASU to ground out running yards at will, and spotted the visitors three touchdowns and a field goal.

Aided by a Deacon punt after a missed hand-off and a sack on their first possession and a fumble on their second, ASU moved chiefly on the legs of running back Damon Scott to pile up a quick 17-0 lead.

The Deacons ended up punting on their only other two complete possessions of the half (they had possession of the ball when the first half expired), and ASU was able to



The Deacon offensive line opens a hole for sophomore Hermann Lewis last Thursday.

preserve its halftime shutout with a dominating performance from its rushing game. Scott finished the first half with 76 yards rushing on 18 carries, while Mountaineer quarterback Scott Satterfield added 83 yards on 12 rushes.

When the first half expired, the Mountaineers had held the ball for 20:42 of the first two quarters, to the

Deacons' 9:18 of possession. Head Coach Jim Caldwell had harsh words for the effort his squad showed during the first half of the game.

"We just flat laid down in the first half," Caldwell said. "We didn't play well at all."

"I'm thoroughly upset with the way our team played in the first half. That was embarrassing. It really was."

With Kuklick's arrival in the second half the Deacons' fortunes showed signs of turning.

Kuklick lofted a perfect 39-yard touchdown pass to senior wideout Marlon Estes with 12:17 remaining in the third quarter, and though the Demon Deacons' subsequent attempt at a two-point conversion failed, an offside penalty on ASU allowed Kuklick to again hit Estes for the two-point play, and the Deacons had cut ASU's lead to 24-8.

Later in the third frame, the Kuklick-Estes connection again clicked for the Deacons, as the quarterback, after a 28-yard scamper by running back Hermann Lewis, hit Estes with another flawless pass in the backright corner of the end zone. A successful extra point narrowed ASU's lead still further to 24-17.

The Deacons' comeback attempt did not stop there, as Kuklick and Estes again drew Mountaineer blood in the fourth quarter when they hooked up on a 33 yard pass that put the Deacons on the ASU doorstep. A three-yard Lewis touchdown run

ensued, and the Deacons had scored their 22nd straight point to cut the deficit to 24-22.

The Demon Deacon miracle bid ended there, though, as the team was unable to put together a drive on their next possession and was forced to punt.

Though ASU started their possession on their own 15-yard line after being penalized for blocking in the back, the Deacon defense could not hold, and a 14-yard first down by Mountaineer fullback Aldwin Lance enabled ASU to run out the clock and leave Winston-Salem with a win.

Of his team's second-half revitalization, Caldwell said that no change in scheme, or comparable major alteration, was responsible.

"We didn't do anything different than we had done previously," Caldwell said. "The kids just played with a lot more emotion."

The coach refrained from saying whether or not Kuklick's second-half performance had won him the starting nod for next week's game at Tulane.

"We'll wait until we get an opportunity to look at the film," Caldwell said, indicating that a review of both quarterbacks' performances was necessary before next week's starter would be named.