

DEACON NOTES

■ Five teams nationally ranked

According to the most recent national polls, five Demon Deacon teams are currently ranked in the top 25 of their respective sports. Leading the way is the women's golf squad which, as of Monday, was ranked fifth in the nation. The men's golf and the field hockey teams are also among the top 10 in their sport, currently ranked ninth and 10th in the nation, respectively.

Both Demon Deacon cross country teams are also currently ranked. The women's team enjoys a ranking of 13, while the men's team is ranked 25th.

■ Football to redshirt sophomores

Head Coach Jim Caldwell announced Sept. 21 that two sophomore members of the football team will be redshirted this season for medical reasons.

Starting linebacker Jon Mannon will need at least six weeks to recuperate from a bulging disk in his back, while reserve wide receiver Brandon Perry has temporarily withdrawn from the university to recover from pneumonia.

Both players participated in the Demon Deacons' season debut against Appalachian State, but neither has played since.

■ Men's club lacrosse wins debut

The men's lacrosse team began its season Sunday with a decisive 14-4 victory at home against the Appalachian State Mountaineers.

The team will head to Raleigh this weekend to face-off against N.C. State, and will return home next weekend to play a double-header against East Carolina and UNC-Greensboro.

Zawacki keeps winning with class and charisma

By STEVE WELGOS
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It is no wonder that her initials are TAZ, because when opponents grab their tennis rackets and face Terry Ann Zawacki, they certainly have a devil of a time beating her.

The 5-7 senior from Union, N.J. has truly come into her own as one of, if not the best tennis player in the history of the university, and she is poised to lead the Deacons to new heights this season.

Zawacki's accomplishments on the court are numerous, but it is her humble approach to the game and her bubbly personality that set her apart from many of her peers. In a sport where many of the top players are hell-bent upon turning pro and fail to have fun along the way, she has managed to keep a pretty solid perspective throughout most of her career.

Zawacki would like to take on a professional career after the season ends, but it depends how this season plays itself out. She says that she does not want to run around in circles, spending money and not getting anywhere.

"I think it's every player's dream to go on and really be a success, but I'm going to try not to think about it too much right now," she said.

Her line of triumphs at the university leads one to believe that she can accomplish whatever she sets her sights on. When she leaves the Deacon program, she will have left behind a legacy that includes some of the most notable feats an individual has ever produced.

These great expectations became too great of a burden last year and temporarily derailed her mental game. "Every time I

look towards the future I put so much pressure on myself I just can't play," she said of her junior season. "Last year all I was thinking was how good I could be, and when I'd go out there I'd just freeze." Despite a year that was sub-par for her skills, her history of past greatness indicates that she will remain on top of everyone's list of most feared opponents.

On May 17, 1993, Zawacki became the first female player in the program's history to compete in an NCAA Championship singles match, and she was just a freshman at the time. This proved to be an omen of the good things to come, as her impressive performance gained her ITA Southeast Region Rookie of the Year honors.

She followed her freshman year with an even more dominant sophomore campaign. Along with the doubles tandem of Liz Barker, '94, and Dana Evans, '95, Zawacki was part of a trio that was awarded All-American honors, the first such distinction for anyone in the program's history.

An All-ACC performer every year for the Deacons, Zawacki did not follow the road that your typical tennis prodigy does. Zawacki was not reared from day one to be a tennis star, but instead credits her start to her father's desire to form an athletic bond between family members in order to keep them close together.

She is not without a solid athletic background, though. Her dad, Ted, was a member of the Demon Deacon men's basketball team in 1962 that was the only squad in school history to make it to the Final

Four. Also, her older sister, Tracy, was a team MVP for the Deacons and is currently the head coach at Drew University in New Jersey.

Despite the success of her sister here, Zawacki was not weighted down with pressure to follow in her footsteps. "I think that led me to work even harder," she said. "I'd see what she was doing and when she got her first trophy, it was a really neat trophy and I thought that was the neatest thing. It gave me more to work towards, because I wanted to do exactly what she did."

Her strong mental game is evident in her choice of scholastic paths — Zawacki is a psychology major who is interested in either sports or child psychology.

"I love working with children, and I'd like to help out with underprivileged children," she said. "A lot of people try to discourage me and tell me that it would be depressing and that it would make me sad, but that's why I want to help them. It would be worse if I knew I couldn't do anything about it and it would continue."

When she actually gets a chance to enjoy some time to herself, she does not like to just sit around and watch time pass by on the television. Zawacki likes to get outdoors, and the lure of adventure causes her coach to keep an eye on her off-court activities.

"I'd like to go sky diving, but he (Head Coach Lew Gerrard) said 'I don't think so,'" she said. Zawacki has also taken a rappelling class and loved it, and lists

hiking out west as one of her short-term goals. Time permitting, she would also like to try out water skiing, snow skiing, taking a cruise and travelling to Australia.

Aside from some exhausting non-tennis goals, Zawacki has some pretty lofty team and personal expectations as well. She would like to see her team continue its streak of two consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, the only times the team has ever been there. This time, she would like to see them make it past the second round, which has been their stopping point in each appearance so far.

Zawacki sees this team as another top-10 contender, with a chance at cracking the top five for the first time ever. She sees this as a very real possibility because the team is a close unit and the players are very supportive of each other.

Individually, she wishes only to go out and know that she did her best, which would bring her back to the All-American status she enjoyed as a sophomore. She wants to feel good and not have any regrets at the end of the season.

All in all, the university and Terry Ann have been a perfect match for each other, and she has enjoyed her stay here.

"I really like the school a lot," she said. "I like most of the people here — they're really nice and I've made some great friends. I like this team a whole lot. I made the right choice, and everything's turned out really well so far."

A classy young woman who brings grace and dignity to a sport that is filled with spoiled brats, her desire to succeed and ability to keep life in perspective will carry her a long way in whatever direction she decides to travel.



Zawacki

SCOREBOARD

■ Football

Team	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Florida State	3	0	0	4	0	0
Virginia	3	0	0	4	1	0
Maryland	2	0	0	4	0	0
Clemson	1	2	0	2	2	0
North Carolina	0	1	0	1	2	0
Georgia Tech	0	1	0	1	2	0
Wake Forest	0	1	0	1	3	0

Duke	0	2	0	2	2	0
N.C. State	0	2	0	1	3	0

Wake Forest	0	1	0	5	3	0
North Carolina	0	2	0	6	2	0
N.C. State	0	2	0	2	4	1

■ Men's Soccer

Team	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Virginia	2	0	1	6	0	1
Maryland	2	0	1	6	1	1
Clemson	2	1	0	5	2	0
Duke	1	1	0	6	1	0

■ This Week

Thursday-Saturday: Men's Tennis at ITA Clay Court Championships, Baltimore, MD
Friday: Women's Soccer at Virginia Commonwealth, 7 p.m.
Friday-Sunday: Women's Golf at Lady Tar Heel, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Women's Tennis at Gamecock Classic, Columbia, S.C.
Saturday: Football at Virginia, 12 p.m.
 Men's and Women's Cross Country vs. Virginia Tech/Tennessee/Texas A&M, Blacksburg, Va.
Sunday: Men's Soccer at Maryland, 4 p.m.
 Women's Soccer at JMU, 4 p.m.
Monday-Tuesday: Men's Golf at Missouri Bluffs Intercollegiate, St. Charles, Mo.
Wednesday: Men's Soccer vs. Belmont Abbey, 4:30 p.m.
 Women's Soccer at East Carolina, 4 p.m.

Women's soccer drops two of three

By ANDREW TASKA
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The women's soccer team packed its bags this week for a spectacular three game road trip that included two of the toughest challenges the team has faced all season.

The Deacons kicked off their journey on a positive note Sept. 20 by shutting out Appalachian State 2-0. After a short two-day break, the Deacons made their way to Raleigh only to be outplayed by N.C. State 5-1. Next, the Deacons rambled over to Chapel Hill Tuesday where they lost to the top-ranked UNC Tar Heels 3-0.

Bouncing back from last week's loss to Maryland, the Deacons managed to subdue Appalachian State early in the second half when freshman Susie Nettlebeck headed in a cross-field pass from freshman Julie Scott. Twenty-four minutes later, freshman Lisa Olinyk put the icing on the cake when she rocketed a final

goal past the Mountaineer's goalkeeper into the right hand corner.

The matchup against Appalachian State was a triumph for the Deacons in more ways than one. Not only did the team cruise to an easy victory over their rivals from Boone, but the contest also marked the return of sophomore Vanessa Slattery and freshman Rachel Thomas.

Slattery injured her thumb in a game earlier in the season and underwent surgery to remedy the problem Sept. 15. Thomas, on the other hand, was initially believed to have fractured her arm but further testing revealed only a deep bone bruise. Both players saw limited action against the Mountaineers but both appear to be on their way to a full recovery.

The Deacons' high spirits from their recent win were held in check Saturday as they faced off against a phenomenal squad from N.C. State. The Wolfpack sunk their teeth into the Deacon offense early, holding them to a single goal by sophomore

Kate Crowley late in the second half. At the other end of the field, State's ferocious forwards proved too quick for the Deacons, as they chalked up four goals in the first half and tapped another one in at the 71:32 mark to secure State a 5-1 victory.

Despite the setback they suffered in Raleigh, the Deacons walked onto UNC's Fetzer Field searching for their first conference win of the year. Tar Heel forward Robin Confer, however, helped to keep victory well beyond the Deacons' reach as she scored back-to-back goals midway through the opening half.

Fifteen minutes after the break, the Tar Heels slipped another goal past sophomore Deacon keeper Sari Rose to insure the win. Intensity on the defensive end proved the key to UNC's success as they held the Deacons to only one shot on goal for the length of the game.

The team faces its next challenge at Virginia Commonwealth Friday at 7 p.m.

Week Four Football Contest

- Winner receives a \$40 gift certificate to the Diamond Back Grill.
- Circle the winning team in each game (home team is in caps).

VIRGINIA	vs.	Wake Forest
MICHIGAN ST.	vs.	Boston College
Syracuse	vs.	RUTGERS
Alabama	vs.	GEORGIA
Clemson	vs.	N.C. STATE
Texas	vs.	SMU
Virginia Tech	vs.	PITTSBURGH
OHIO STATE	vs.	Notre Dame
BAYLOR	vs.	Texas Tech
DUKE	vs.	Navy

Tiebreaker: Total points in WFU-Virginia game _____

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