

Stump an on- and off-court ace

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Though the men's tennis team has produced mediocre results the last few seasons, senior Michael Stump has been a bright spot.

Do not let his mild-mannered demeanor off the court confuse you. As a sophomore, Stump earned a national individual ranking his first year on the squad. That same season Stump claimed his first singles title, turning back all comers at the University of South Carolina event. Throughout his collegiate career the native of Germany has consistently played at the No. 1 seeded position. Stump personifies not just his role as athlete but also as student.

A business major, Stump hopes to get his MBA from Stanford or Harvard after he graduates. His exemplary on-the-court performance combined with his academic accomplishments inside the classroom led him to be named MVP of the tennis team, a feat Stump feels is his greatest athletic accomplishment while at the university. But the soft-spoken German does not like to dwell on past achievements.

"I don't really like to look back," he said. "I'd rather focus on the future."

That foresight led Stump to declare a business major. He spent the past two summers interning for a major business firm in Frankfurt, which is one of the major financial centers in Europe.

The senior admits that the pressure of three to four hours of tennis prac-

tice along with his rigorous course load each day can get to him.

"It's kind of a double pressure," Stump said of being a student athlete. "The pressure gets to me more because I try to take (both) seriously."

Stump first stepped onto a tennis court at the age of 10 at the prodding of his parents, both avid tennis players. He played junior and satellite tournaments and developed his game to a level high enough to be consid-

never regretted his decision to become a Deacon, although he admits the classes have been more than enough work.

"I expected it to be easier than it was," he said. "But I really enjoy the small class sizes. I like the way of teaching here."

Upon graduation, Stump plans to get his MBA and return to his native Germany. Before that time comes, he said that he and the tennis team have some goals to achieve of their own. Stump predicts a turnaround.

"It will definitely be the best season we've had," he said. "We have the age and the experience to be a good team. We have the strength to be one of the top 25 teams."

When asked about his individual goals, Stump did not seem as concerned.

"My personal goals are to have a good year with the team," he said. "If I get a personal ranking then it's just a byproduct of playing well for my team."

Stump also said that he was pleased with the unity of this year's team, something that he feels is crucial to the squad's improvement. This team is much more cohesive, he said.

During the precious moments away from the courts and the classrooms, Stump enjoys hanging out with fellow Sigma Chi fraternity members. His other interests include soccer, swimming, musicals and traveling.

If things go well for the studious Stump, he plans to work as a consultant. Smart and soft-spoken with an incredible work ethic, Stump's accomplishments speak well for all of the Demon Deacon student athletes.



Courtesy of Sports Information

Michael Stump has been a force on the court and in class.

ered for scholarships from American universities. Stump recalls that he did not just want to go to any college in the U.S. Heeding the advice of alumnus and fellow German Sigmar Degler, Stump visited the campus and looked no further.

"It was just amazing, the campus and the facilities," he said of his first impression of the school. "(After the visit) I was pretty much interested in coming here."

Though Stump referred to his first few weeks at the university as "a big culture shock," he said that he has

Women's soccer ends four game winless streak with 6-2 dismantling of ECU

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A blowout win Wednesday afternoon against East Carolina salvaged a week for the women's soccer team that had, up to that point, yielded only a loss and a tie.

Wednesday found the Demon Deacons at ECU, where, led by Julie Scott's pair of goals, they notched a 6-2 win to even their record

this season at 5-5-1.

The Demon Deacons continued to struggle through their lengthy seven game road trip last week as they battled against formidable squads from both Virginia Commonwealth and James Madison. Despite tough all around play from the Demon Deacons, victory just was not in the script as they tied VCU 0-0 and fell to James Madison 3-1.

Coming off a loss to the top-ranked Tar

Heels just three days earlier, the Deacons looked to redeem themselves Friday as they faced Virginia Commonwealth.

The Deacon squad went straight for the throat during the opening minutes, quickly putting the Lady Rams on the defensive. But VCU managed to withstand the attack, preventing each of the Deacons' 25 shots on goal from ever reaching the back of the net. VCU contributed a mere two goal attempts during

the contest.

Nevertheless, the Lady Rams dug in their heels after the intermission and did not budge an inch during the remainder of the game. VCU goalie Pascale Lecurie got her hands on everything the Deacons fired at her, nabbing eight saves on the evening and forcing the game into double-overtime. During extended play, the team still came away empty-handed, and the game concluded in a scoreless tie.

Frustrations continued to escalate Sunday afternoon when the Deacons matched up against James Madison. The Deacons got off to a slow start, allowing a swift goal during the first seven minutes.

The second half, however, belonged completely to JMU. The Dukes launched two goals past sophomore netminder Sari Rose during the first 10 minutes after the intermission, and the Deacons failed to recover.

SCOREBOARD

Field Hockey

Team	ACC Standings			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
North Carolina	4	0	0	11	0	0
Maryland	2	1	0	8	1	0
Virginia	2	2	0	8	3	0
Wake Forest	1	2	0	6	2	0
Duke	0	4	0	5	6	0

Men's Soccer

Team	ACC Standings			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Virginia	3	0	1	8	0	1
Maryland	3	0	1	7	2	1
Duke	2	1	0	8	1	0
Clemson	2	1	0	6	2	1
Wake Forest	0	2	0	6	4	0
North Carolina	0	3	0	6	3	0
N.C. State	0	3	0	2	5	1

ACC Statistics

Save Percentage	
Matt Jordan, Clem.	.800
Sal Fontana, WFU	.754
John Morton, Duke	.740

Women's Soccer

Team	ACC Standings			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
North Carolina	3	0	0	10	0	0
Virginia	2	0	0	9	0	2
Maryland	3	1	0	9	1	0
N.C. State	2	1	0	8	1	0

Duke	3	2	0	6	4	0
Clemson	1	3	0	7	3	0
Florida State	0	3	0	3	6	1
Wake Forest	0	4	0	4	5	2

Football

Team	ACC Standings			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Virginia	4	0	0	5	1	0
Florida State	3	0	0	4	0	0
Maryland	2	1	0	4	1	0
Clemson	2	2	0	3	2	0
Georgia Tech	1	1	0	2	2	0
North Carolina	0	1	0	2	2	0
Duke	0	2	0	2	3	0
Wake Forest	0	2	0	1	4	0
N.C. State	0	3	0	1	4	0

This Week

Thursday: Field Hockey vs. Appalachian State, 7 p.m., Campus Stadium

Thursday-Sunday: Men's Tennis at Southern Intercollegiate

Friday: Women's Soccer vs. Rutgers, 4 p.m., Polo Field

Women's Cross Country at Notre Dame Invitational

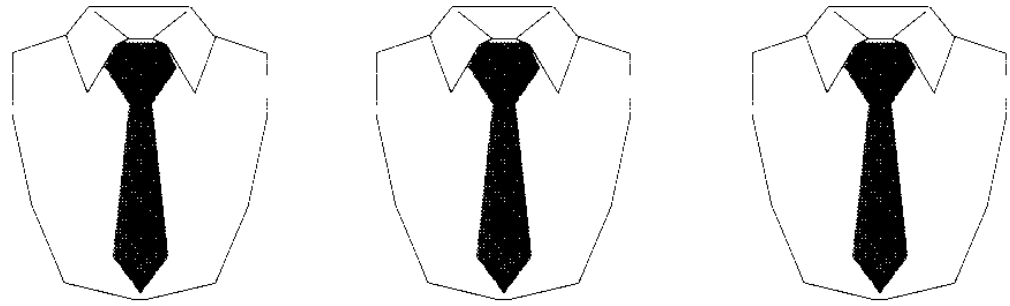
Saturday: Football vs. Maryland, 6:30 p.m., Groves Stadium

Sunday: Field Hockey at Maryland Men's Soccer vs. N.C. State, 3 p.m., Polo Field

Wednesday: Field Hockey at Duke, 4 p.m. Men's Soccer at Old Dominion

Women's Soccer vs. UNC-Charlotte, 4 p.m., Polo Field

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