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# Men's soccer notches first ACC victory

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The men's soccer team fought for its first conference win of the season, a 2-1 decision Sunday against the N.C. State Wolfpack at Polo Field.

The Deacons, who have come from behind to win in two consecutive games, are now 9-4 overall and 1-2 in the ACC.

"It was one of those games that wasn't easy to get the win," Deacon Head Coach Jay Vidovich said. "N.C. State has a lot of talent. In this conference, it doesn't matter what your record is, because it's going to be a war."

The Wolfpack scratched and clawed with the Deacons, earning a 1-0 lead on a goal by Shohn Beachem in the 12th minute.

But N.C. State's aggressive play cost them when Jason Keyes received a red card at 20:52, giving the Deacons a man advantage.

"Physically, they threw everything they had at us," Vidovich said. "I'm happy with our guys keeping their composure and playing soccer through it."

The Wolfpack had 21 fouls to 18 for the Deacons, and received five cards in the match.

The Deacons did not capitalize until the 68th minute, when freshman Trent Lind scored on a breakaway pass up the middle from sophomore Ilija Zlatar to tie the game.

Lind, who also scored Oct. 4 against Belmont Abbey, earned ACC Player of the Week honors for his efforts.

The Deacons seized the lead when a lob from junior sweeper Josh Timbers found senior Ryan Scott, who punched the ball into the left corner of the goal with just under 10 minutes remaining.

"The last two games we've come from behind, and early in the season we weren't capable of that," Vidovich said. "The man advantage almost made it more difficult, because they packed it in and didn't attack."

Senior goalie Tim Woods got the victory for the Deacons in relief of junior Sal Fontana, who he replaced at halftime. Each keeper recorded two saves in the game.

"Tim showed the day before the N.C. State



Thomas Young

Sophomore Kevin Rice is chased by a N.C. State defender Sunday at Polo Field.

game that he was capable of assuming the same role as Sal has," Vidovich said. "If Sal wasn't having a good game, Tim finally demonstrated he was capable of stepping in."

"Now the question is if he can do it day in and day out."

Vidovich received something of an answer Wednesday evening, when Woods got the starting nod in goal and proceeded to blank Old Dominion, as his team squeaked out a 1-0 win on the road against the Monarchs.

Woods was impressive between the posts, twice denying Old Dominion forward Carlos Vasco on breakaways late in the game. A Dotsenko goal at 55:17 gave the visiting team

all the margin they needed to put away their opponents, as Woods stopped all of the 10 shots the Deacon defense allowed the Monarchs.

Over the weekend, the Monarchs handed No. 12 James Madison its first loss of the season.

The Deacons will continue their string of non-conference opponents at home Saturday against Furman, who the Deacons tied 2-2 last year. Vidovich said that the matches against Furman and ODU are important because they are teams that are competing against the Deacons for an NCAA berth in the South region.

The Deacons have another home game, hosting Liberty Wednesday at 4 p.m.

# Women's x-country wins Irish tourney

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In case anyone didn't know, they know by now.

The Demon Deacons' women's cross country team proclaimed itself a national contender Friday at the Notre Dame Invitational in South Bend, Ind. The Deacons placed first out of 27 teams from the east, southeast and midwest.

Seniors Cindy Moreshead and Nicole Stevenson placed first and second out of 172 finishers, establishing times of 17:13 and 17:14 for the 5K course. Five Deacon runners finished in the top 30.

Among the schools which the Demon Deacons trounced were District 3 rivals Alabama and Virginia. The Deacons defeated the second-place Crimson Tide by 54 points.

According to Head Coach Francie Goodridge, the meet could not have gone any better for the 13th-ranked Deacons.

"Even given that this is the fastest course we've run on all season, this was a breakthrough performance for the entire team," she said. "Cindy Moreshead ran her best race ever. It was a breakthrough for her."

In finishing second, Moreshead ran a conservative race, according to Goodridge. Moreshead missed the previous meet at Virginia Tech because of a bad cold. She showed no ill effects this week.

Goodridge also heaped praise on junior standout Liz Cotter. "Liz Cotter was another breakthrough for us,"

Goodridge said. "She clearly established herself nationally at number three." Cotter finished eighth overall with a time of 17:38.

Junior Chrissy Person also caught breakthrough fever at Notre Dame. Person's time dropped from 18:31 at Virginia Tech to an impressive 17:50, crossing the tape fourth for the Deacons and 16th overall. In addition, the team's fifth, sixth and seventh finishers, sophomore Katie Brandy (18:02), freshmen Liz Moore (18:22) and Amy Wallace (18:23) all set personal records for the 5K.

Despite the Deacons' impressive showing, Goodridge wonders whether or not the rankings will reflect the Deacons' success. "Frankly, the rankings aren't all that accurate," Goodridge said. "We might not move up in the rankings."

Even though the national polls may not give the Demon Deacons enough credit, Goodridge does not necessarily mind.

"If you put our results next to all the top teams in the country, we're right there with all of them," Goodridge said. "We might like to go in with a lower ranking and vault to a higher ranking."

The next competition for the Deacon harriers will be Saturday. Twelve runners will attend the Furman Invitational in Greenville, S.C. The District 3 championship is run at Furman every year, so the runners who need to preview that course will run at Furman Saturday.

The remaining athletes will travel to UNC-Charlotte for the North Carolina Intercollegiate.

# Women's soccer reaches milestone with first victory over ranked foe

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The women's soccer team reached a new milestone Friday as it earned its first win against a nationally ranked opponent. The Deacons shutout No. 19 Rutgers 2-0 in a thrilling matchup which served as a major watershed in the varsity program's short two-year history.

Both teams got off to a slow start, and during the first half neither squad was able to cash in on several goal attempts. However, after the break the Demon Deacons came out ready to play and quickly took control of the game.

Freshman Norine Fernbach sounded the attack just two minutes into the half as she capitalized off a corner kick from sophomore Cheryl Zimmerman. Zimmerman, who leads the team in assists with four, air-mailed a perfect cross from the corner to freshman Rachel Thomas, who headed the ball toward the net. After it was deflected by a Rutgers defender, Fernbach made the most of an open

net as she chipped in her fourth goal of the season.

With only 20 minutes left in the game, freshman Susie Nettlebeck rocketed in an insurance goal for the Deacons with a little help from sophomore Vanessa Slattery, who dished out a terrific assist.

The Demon Deacons let their young talent shine through as they outshot the Lady Knights 21-14. Deacon goalkeeper Sari Rose, who picked up her second shutout of the year, had a total of nine saves.

Friday's game was a ground breaking step for the women's soccer program, and the future looks even brighter. Freshman forwards Lisa Olinyk and Julie Scott have formed an unstoppable tag-team. They have 11 goals and five assists to their name.

Olinyk and Scott are backed up by another tandem powerhouse consisting of fellow freshmen Fernbach and Thomas, who have chalked up another six goals. The Deacons also have a fantastic backfield which includes Zimmerman, freshman Meredith Lester and sophomore Kelly Ann Newell, all of whom

have started in every game this season.

The Deacons were unable to maintain their winning ways after the Rutgers game, as they returned to action Wednesday afternoon and promptly sputtered their way to a 0-0 tie with the UNC-Charlotte 49ers.

Though they outshot their guests 20-10, the Deacons were unable to solve 49er goaltender Heather Bridgewater. The home team came closest to notching a score when Olinyk's second-half shot caromed off of the goal crossbar and was promptly snared by Bridgewater.

The 49ers were similarly thwarted by the net's height restrictions when an overtime shot by Benji Lewis again found iron instead of mesh and was subsequently contained by the Deacons.

The tie moved the Deacons' record to 6-5-3 and put their opponents at 5-7-1 on the season.

Overall, the Demon Deacons appear to have all the tools necessary for a successful season and promise to be one of the more exciting teams to watch in the coming weeks.



LeeAnn Hodges

Freshman Andrea Pelletier battles for control of the ball against Rutgers Friday.

# Defensive struggle highlights close 9-6 Deacon football loss to Terrapins

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Heading into Saturday evening's matchup with the Maryland Terrapins, the Demon Deacons' curve of gradual improvement seemed to intersect with the Terps' recently rapid rate of decline at a point which appeared to guarantee a close game.

The home team was returning to Winston-Salem after showing Virginia just enough in its spirited loss to leave

everyone in Charlottesville a little uneasy. In contrast, the Terrapins stumbled into Groves Stadium still occupied with removing the last of the stingers the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets had deposited in them during their 36-3 blowout loss in Atlanta.

Indeed, when the fourth quarter of the Family Weekend showdown rolled around, the teams found themselves separated by only six points. The underdog Demon Deacons were showing the home crowd their much-improved defensive pursuit, while effectively containing their op-

ponents' explosive passing game.

Unfortunately for the Deacons, when the decisive play of the game took place on a Maryland third down and long situation in the fourth quarter, the Deacons found themselves thwarted by an attack of bad luck and faulty play in the secondary.

That the home team was not buried quickly by the Terrapin aerial arsenal is testament to the defensive strides that Head Coach Jim Caldwell's team is making these days. The Deacons went toe-to-toe with their guests in the first half, holding the Terps scoreless and taking a 3-0 lead after junior Bill Hollows' 33-yard field goal with 11:22 left before halftime.

"We are finally getting to the point where, week in and week out, we are going to be a very competitive football team," Caldwell said.

He also had good things to say about his team's defensive effort.

"They played very well," Caldwell said. "This Maryland offense is one of the best in the country. If you can hold Maryland to nine points, you have to win that ball game, because that doesn't happen very often."

The Terrapin quarterbacks, besieged by sporadic, well-timed Deacon blitzes, were able to pass for only 119 yards in the first two quarters. The Terps were similarly challenged on the scoreboard, as they were unable to break up the Deacons' shutout until they answered their field goal with a 19-yard kick of their own with 1:18 left before the intermission.

Though the Terrapins promptly drove 72 yards for a touchdown (and a failed point after) on the first possession of the second half, the Deacons proved to have no second-half defensive collapse in the works, as they recovered and did not allow another Maryland score the remainder of the game.

After a second Hollows field goal cut the Maryland lead to 9-6 with 9:10 left in the fourth quarter, the Deacons seemed poised to pounce on their lackadaisical guests.

The Terrapins, after receiving the ensuing kickoff, sputtered their way to their own 25 yard line, where they were eventually confronted by a pivotal third-and-16 situation.

The anatomy of the play which followed, and which probably stands as the most important for the Deacons' season to date, includes at least three important occurrences.

First, Terp quarterback Brian Cummings capitalized on less-than-ideal pass coverage and found wideout Mancel Johnson all alone in the middle of the field near the Terrapin 46-yard line.

At the same time, senior defensive back Alexis Sockwell applied his body to Johnson's with a force sufficient to dislodge the ball and send it squirting out into Deacon territory. The play was dubiously ruled a fumble, when an incompleteness would have resulted in a Maryland punt.

Third, the live ball remained agonizingly on the ground until Terp receiver Geroy Simon realized what was happening and recovered it at the Deacon 43.

Thus rescued, the Terrapins were able to maintain possession until there were only 67 seconds left in the contest. The Deacons assumed possession of the ball on their own 10-yard line after Maryland could not convert a fourth down pass attempt. Though the Deacons subsequently moved the ball to their 38 yard line, senior quarterback Rusty LaRue had his pass tipped and intercepted to close the book on the Deacons' upset bid.

"It was a heck of an effort," Caldwell said. "I told the kids I was proud of the way they played. They have no reason to hang their heads. We played tough."

Though their defense has made noticeable improvements, the Deacons will need to light up a few more scoreboard bulbs next week if they hope to stay close to Florida State when they travel to Tallahassee.

The top-ranked Seminoles, who have already torched one opponent for 77 points this season, will be looking to regain their scoring momentum after posting a paltry 41 points against intrastate rival Miami Saturday.



Thomas Young

The Deacon defensive line gets ready for a play against Maryland Saturday at Groves Stadium.