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Women's tennis takes three flight titles at Furman Invitational

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For anyone who has never seen Furman's campus, just know that it is gorgeous. The grounds are complete with rose gardens, fountains and a large reflecting pool. The brilliant play of the Deacons in this weekend's Furman Fall Tennis Classic far surpassed the beauty of this campus. Seniors Terry Ann Zawacki and Patty Murren, as well as freshman Nicola Kaiwai all won their respective brackets in commanding fashion.

Zawacki bounced back from her disappointing play two weeks ago with a masterful string of matches in the No. 1 singles bracket. She first trounced Emma Doyle of Middle Tennessee State 6-1, 6-1. Zawacki then beat Tennessee's Sara Pritchard 6-2, 7-5. In the final Zawacki had little trouble in quickly thrashing tough Georgia foe Anne Chauza 6-1, 6-2.

Murren found herself on a similar road in winning the No. 2 singles bracket. She first played Mandy Yelley of Oklahoma State and quickly eliminated her 6-1, 6-1. In the semi-

finals, Murren faced stiff competition from Clemson's Emma Peetz. Murren finally won in three sets 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7). In the final Murren beat Volunteer Manisha Malhotra 6-4, 6-4.

Kaiwai also looked dominant in winning the No. 5 singles bracket. She did not lose a game in beating Furman's Frances Price, winning 6-0, 6-0. Then Kaiwai defeated Tennessee's Emily Woodside 6-3, 6-1. In the final she faced Sophie Ljuvovic and won 6-3, 6-2.

Other Deacons also played well at Furman.

At No. 3 singles, junior Christina Caparis almost made it four titles for the team. She first beat Devrin Carr of Clemson 6-2, 6-3 before disposing of Gamecock Tracy Kotseos 3-6, 6-0, 6-4.

In the final Caparis was upended by Clemson Tiger Jan Barrett 5-7, 6-0, 6-3 in three sets.

At No. 4 singles, junior Maggie Harris lost her first match but then won one to reach the consolation final. There she lost to Oklahoma State's Linda Magid 2-6, 3-6.

Freshman Line Ullring and sophomore Terri

Hiete also won a match in their brackets. Ullring beat Kadri Kanepi of Oklahoma State 6-1, 6-1, but he bid to reach the final was spoiled by Sophie Ljuvovic.

Hiete had little trouble in defeating Tennessee's Heather McEvoy 6-3, 6-0. She then lost in straight sets to Kappy Kellett of Georgia 6-4, 6-4.

The great play of Zawacki and Murren could not have come at a better time. This week the two seniors will be attempting to qualify for the Riviera All-American Tournament in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Harrier duo cross line 1-2

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The Demon Deacon women's cross country team suffered its first loss of the season Saturday at the Furman Invitational in Greenville, S.C.

The Demon Deacons finished second out of 23 teams, barely losing to the University of Virginia, 45-50, in a driving rainstorm. The Demon Deacons defeated the Cavaliers by more than 100 points at the Notre Dame Invitational Oct. 6.

The team's chances in the invitational took a major blow even before the race started. Junior Liz Cotter, the Deacons' No. 3 runner, was scratched from the lineup prior to the race in order to protect her sore foot from potential injury in the sloppy conditions.

Head Coach Francie Goodridge deemed the loss a learning experience. "It was a disappointment," Goodridge said. "It was meant to be a warmup. It showed us our weak points and what we need to overcome for the ACC Championship.

"We found out things we had to find out."

As has become customary, the senior duo of Cindy Moreshead and Nicole Stevenson finished 1-2 overall, Moreshead being given the nod this time. They both received times of 18:03. Unfortunately for the Deacons, Virginia captured the fifth, sixth, seventh and 10th overall places ahead of the Deacons' third finisher, sophomore Katie Brandy.

Brandy came in 12th with a time of 18:58, four seconds ahead of the next runner, Deacon junior Chrissy Person. Freshman Becky Pollack, the Deacons' fifth-place athlete, crossed the finish line 22nd overall with a time of 19:29.

The Demon Deacons' next test will be Oct. 28 at the ACC Championship meet, their most important test of the season thus far. As the 13th-ranked team in the nation, the Demon Deacons will be the odds-on favorite to take home the crown, but the meet definitely will not be a cakewalk for the team.

"Virginia and North Carolina State pose a real threat for the title. You certainly don't take anything for granted," Goodridge said. "We'll be a target team. Certainly we're the team to beat."

The Deacons will have an added advantage at the championship meet, because the race will be held in its own backyard. Goodridge explained that the team will spend some practice time scouting out the course, starting at Water Tower Field and extending through the Reynolda Gardens trails, for places where the Deacon runners can gain a strategic edge.

However, Goodridge was careful not to exaggerate the importance of the home-course advantage. "We should be able to win on any course," she said.

The Demon Deacon B team ran at the North Carolina Intercollegiate at UNC-Charlotte Saturday. Freshman Stephanie Howard ran a time of 19:56, finishing 38th overall to lead the Deacons.

Hockey wins two, drops 6-0 decision to Carolina

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The 14th-ranked Demon Deacon field hockey team lost to No. 1 North Carolina last night in a 6-0 ACC contest at Campus Stadium. The team picked up two wins on the week against William and Mary Saturday and Duke last Thursday.

The Deacons were unable to avenge a 1-0 defeat to the Tar Heels earlier in the season in the matchup Wednesday evening at Campus Stadium. Carolina's Nancy Pelligreen started off the scoring early, when she put the ball past junior Deacon keeper Wendy Mumford just three minutes into the contest. After Mumford stopped a penalty stroke midway through the first half, the flood gates opened for the Tar Heels. They proceeded to score two other goals in the first period to make to score 3-0.

A change in goaltenders did not do the trick for the Deacons in the second half. Junior Chaney Peavler was hit for three more tallies to make the final 6-0. The Deacons were unable to stop an overpowering undefeated Carolina team. Some highlights came on the final goal when Ashley Hanson had a breakaway from 30 yards out. She dribbled the ball in on Peavler and put it past her to the left on a diving backhand shot.

Junior Nicole Serluco helped the Deacons overcome a 1-0 deficit against the William and Mary Tribe when she scored the game winning goal on a penalty stroke with under 19 minutes remaining in the game. It was her seventh goal of the season, which found the back of the cage in the lower left corner.

The Deacons (9-4, 2-4 ACC) went down 1-0 to the 17th-ranked Tribe at 14:55 of the first half when Amanda Longstreth scored past Mumford. With nine minutes remaining in the half, William and Mary had a chance to go up 2-0 when Saskia Bendsorp was awarded a penalty

shot. Mumford stood tall in goal, as Bendsorp was not able to convert.

"That was a big save for Wendy," Head Coach Jennifer Averill said.

With 6:35 to go in the half the Deacons tied the game. Junior Amy Shenasky stole a Tribe outlet pass and dribbled into the circle from the left side untouched. She drove the ball to the right side and put it past the Tribe goalkeeper for her fifth goal of the season.



Glenn Thompson

Senior Christen Horsey takes a free hit against William and Mary.

"Shenasky had a fantastic game," Averill said. "She has really picked up her game lately and has played more aggressive."

The game remained tied until Shenasky was taken down from behind by a Tribe defender in the circle. The Deacons were awarded the stroke and converted on Serluco's goal.

The Demon Deacons came back from a two goal deficit last Thursday and scored an overtime victory

over the Duke Blue Devils in Durham.

Freshman forward Jessica Schultz scored both the game-tying and the game-winning goal in the 3-2 Deacon win.

Averill was not pleased with her team's play after the Duke game, but was happy to see the team recover against William and Mary.

"After the William and Mary game I did feel that we had bounced back from the (Oct. 8) Maryland loss,"

Averill said. "But I was still concerned with our play after the Duke game even though we showed incredible courage and tenacity to come back from a 2-0 score."

Duke held the 2-0 halftime lead courtesy of two goals by Melissa Panasci. Nine minutes into the second half Shenasky scored an unassisted goal to get the Deacons back into the game, and with 5:28 remaining Schultz sent the game into overtime with her team-leading 10th goal of the year.

"She (Schultz) is one of the best finishers on our team," Averill said. "But other players on the team need to pick up their games in order for us to be successful."

Schultz scored her 11th at 7:05 of overtime on a breakaway to give the Deacons their second win over the Blue Devils this season. Both Mumford and Peavler tended goal for the Deacons, while Peavler made three saves in the overtime.

"They (the Deacon players) knew that they escaped and were extremely lucky to have won that game," Averill said. "They knew they were playing sloppy and allowing Duke to win."

The Deacons will take a road trip north this weekend when they travel to play Virginia Saturday and Richmond Sunday. The Deacons will then return home Oct. 27 for their last two games of the season before the ACC Tournament Nov. 3.

Merkert leads men's tennis team at Carolina Classic

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While many students were flocking from campus for fall break, the men's tennis team was making its own travel plans. Their destinations, the Georgia Tech Fall Classic and the Carolina Classic, divided the squad into two units.

One group of the squad journeyed down Tobacco Road to the University of North Carolina. The Carolina Classic featured competitive teams from across the nation.

The Demon Deacons turned in one of the best performances of all schools by playing competitively in all of their matches. Daniel Merkert, a sophomore transfer from Germany, provided some especially brilliant play for the squad.

Despite playing in only his second tournament as a Demon Deacon, Merkert won four consecutive matches (one by injury default) to reach victory in the Blue flight.

In fact, Merkert was so dominant that he yielded only seven games in all of his matches combined.

In his first two matches, Merkert quickly disposed of opponents from Notre Dame and North Carolina, 6-3, 6-1, respectively. In the finals of his flight, Merkert faced a seasoned veteran in Peter Ayers of the Duke Blue Devils. Ayers put up little fight as

Merkert dominated, 6-1, 6-1.

"He's starting off real well," Head Coach Ian Crookenden said, who believes that Merkert will be ranked as one of the top 25 men's singles players in the nation.

Also in the Blue flight, senior Michael Stump gathered a solid victory. The first set of Stump's match against Mike Sprouse of Notre Dame went to a tie-breaker. Stump fought of his tough opponent by a margin of 7-6 (4). After falling 4-6 in the second set, Stump regrouped to take the decisive third set, 6-4. Stump lost against Ayers 6-1, 7-5 in the following round.

Junior Charles Einwick also turned in impressive results in his run at the Gold flight title. In the first match, Einwick faced little challenge from his Michigan



Stump

opponent in winning 6-2, 6-4. The second round presented increased difficulty for Einwick. Despite a tight first set that ended with Einwick winning the tie-breaker, 7-6 (2), he eventually pulled away 6-3 in the second set to secure the win.

Einwick met considerable challenge in his third match. Jordan Szekeley of Michigan proved to be more than Einwick could handle by winning in straight sets, 7-5, 6-3.

The only other Demon Deacon to win a singles match at the Carolina Classic was sophomore Jimmy Chou.

Playing in the Black flight, Chou advanced to the second round by defeating Brian Harris of Notre Dame, 6-4, 6-2. However, Chou did not manage similar

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Men's soccer goes undefeated on week with Furman tie, 1-0 Liberty victory

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A banged-up men's soccer team came home to two tough non-conference games and recorded a win and a tie this week.

Sunday, the Deacons fought to a scoreless stalemate with Southern Conference leader Furman, playing to a 0-0 tie in overtime.

Wednesday, the Deacons (9-4-1, 1-2 ACC) slipped past a tough Liberty squad, 1-0.

But perhaps the most formidable opponent for the Deacons has been injuries. The Deacons faced the Liberty Flames with over half of the starting lineup plagued by injuries.

Sophomore Iljia Zlatar, who had an assist in the Demon Deacon win over N.C. State, suffered a severe ankle sprain against Old Dominion. Head Coach Jay Vidovich said that he hopes Zlatar will be back by the Clemson game Nov. 4.

Sophomore Ihor Dotsenko, who scored the winning goal in the team's win last week against Old Dominion, sat out the Furman game due to injury.

Kyle Bachmeier, a freshman midfielder who Vidovich called a mainstay of the team, was unable to play in the overtime period of the Furman game.

Freshman Serge Daniv, the Demon Deacons' leader in points with 17, played at about half-speed against the Furman Paladins and sat out the Liberty game. Senior Mark Young, a defensive stalwart for the Deacons, played through an injury to the groin muscle. Senior forwards Erik Brandsma and Ryan Scott are also not at full speed.

The Deacons overcame the injury bug and a solid Furman squad to earn a tie in a game that matched two



Kristin Thompson

Sophomore midfielder Kevin Rice watches the bouncing ball against Furman Sunday. The Deacons ended up tying the game with the Paladins 0-0.

teams vying for an NCAA berth.

"Furman is a good team, and they were very motivated to beat Wake Forest," Vidovich said. "We came out flat. Fatigue caught up to our guys."

"I was very happy with the play. There was no way our guys would give in and lose. We just weren't mentally focused to get the result in the beginning."

Senior Tim Woods, in his second start in goal of the year, recorded nine saves for the Deacons to preserve the result.

"Tim has shown he is capable of playing," Vidovich said. "Now we need him to prevent problems instead of just curing them."

Woods, who also had nine saves in a shutout against