

Men's soccer notches second-ever win over Heels

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The men's soccer team overcame seven missing starters to knock off North Carolina Sunday at Polo Field in the final home game of the season.

With their 2-1 win, the Deacons (11-6-1, 2-3 ACC) had beat the Tar Heels for the first time since 1982 and only the second time in history.

"The key to this team is that no matter what's been thrown at us, someone's found a way to pick it up and find us a win," Head Coach Jay Vidovich said. "For us as a team it was special to beat UNC."

The Deacons took an early lead just 5:23 into the game on their first real scoring chance of the game.

Freshman Kyle Bachmeier found senior Erik Brandsma in the right corner, and Brandsma's centering pass was headed in by junior Matt Aubin, who was in the starting lineup due to the many injuries.

The Demon Deacons held onto the lead throughout the first half thanks largely to solid defensive play, keyed by the performance of sophomore Ihor Dotsenko, who was playing sweeper.

Dotsenko replaced junior Josh Timbers, who played about half the game at midfield but could not play in the backfield due to injury.

"Ihor knows how to lock up and win a game," Vidovich said. "That was a key factor."

The Demon Deacons, who outshot the Tar Heels 10-9, added a goal on a brilliant play by Demon Deacon freshman Andrew Laskowski, who had missed a prime

scoring chance in the first half.

But Laskowski seized the moment in the 49th minute when he stole the ball from a Tar Heel at midfield, drove into the box and laced a shot into the goal from 15 yards out.

"Both (Aubin and Laskowski) came through in this game and played well," Vidovich said.

The Deacons still must face injuries as they prepare for the regular season finale at Clemson Saturday. Timbers will once again be held to a minimal role after re aggravating his foot injury in the UNC game.

Freshman Serge Daniv, the team's leading scorer, has shown positive signs in rehabilitation and may be able to play against Clemson. He is recovering from a fractured ankle and shin.

Sophomore Iljia Zlatar, who suffered a severe ankle sprain last month, may be able to play.

Junior John Michael Hayes, who sat out the UNC game with a concussion suffered against Duke, should return for Saturday's game.

Senior Mike Petry remains out indefinitely, and freshman Trent Lind is questionable after he sprained an ankle in the UNC game.

Demon Deacon Senior Ryan Scott will miss the remainder of the season with a broken wrist, and senior Aaron Budzinski, a co-captain who has not seen action all season due to a broken leg suffered last year against N.C. State, will not play this year.

Because of the injury, however, Budzinski does have the option to redshirt and return next season.



Joe Weeks

Junior John Michael Hayes attempts to evade a Duke defender Oct. 25.

The Deacons will also face Clemson in the first round of the ACC Tournament, which begins Nov. 9 in Durham.

Saturday's game in Death Valley between the Tigers and Demon Deacons will determine who finishes fourth in the conference, behind Virginia, Maryland and Duke.

The two games against the Tigers are vital for the Deacons in their quest to reach the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1991. Vidovich said that the

Deacons must record one win to earn a berth.

A win over Clemson, coupled with the team's earlier victory over South Carolina, would give the Deacons positive results over the top two teams in the South region, which consists of the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

The Deacons have also beaten the College of Charleston and tied Furman, two teams also contending for berths.

Philo a surprise jewel in the crown of formidable women's golf squad

By ANDY SISK
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Hard-working, dedicated and tenacious are just a few of the adjectives that describe one of the best players on the talented women's golf team and the surprise 1995 ACC Champion junior Laura Philo.

Philo recently was ranked No.6 in the Titleist/Golfweek rankings based on a tremendous summer season that saw her win her first women's collegiate golf major, the North and South.

She also finished second in the Eastern Championship and advanced to the final 16 at the prestigious U.S. Women's Amateur, where she proceeded to fall to eventual champion

Kellie Kuehne on the 18th hole.

This is not bad when one considers that only last fall Philo was just struggling to qualify for a spot among the top five so that she could get a chance to play for the Deacons.

Now, when the ACC Championships roll around next May, Philo will be among the favorites to win the title.

The modest junior who calls Amelia Island, Fla., home, attributes her recent string of successes to her work ethic.

"Over the (semester) break last year I really worked on my game," Philo said.

It showed. Philo began shooting better scores, but she lacked the

needed level of consistency to win. With a respectable spring season, she broke through at the ACC Championships, becoming the first player ever to win an individual title during the Stephanie Neill era.

Philo looks back to that event as a definite turning point.

"I did not get to play on (the 1994) ACC Champion squad," she said. "I wanted to say I played on an ACC champion squad."

She used the momentum from that first ever collegiate win to mount a serious challenge for what, in the NCAA Championship, is college

golf's most prestigious title.

To the surprise of many, Philo topped the leader board after the first round of the event, shooting her first ever 69 in the process.

"Looking back on it now, that was probably the most exciting day of my life, although at the time I didn't show it," she said, adding that she felt very nervous.

Philo fell out of the lead but remained in contention until a 78 dropped her back.

A solid final round, though, saw her finish the tournament an impressive sixth. Ever since then, she has

challenged in nearly every tournament this fall. In two of three events, Philo recorded two top-five results, including a tie for second. Although the team has no formal team leader, Philo has emerged as one of the go-to players.

Philo first touched a golf club when she was only two years old. Her family operated a driving range while she grew up in Albany, N.Y., providing Philo with easy, early access to the game.

She started playing competitively when she was nine, but did not get serious until her junior year in high school.

Philo received scholarship offers from Ohio State, Tulane and Minne-

sota, but she decided to come join the Deacons

"I wanted a small school," she said. "I figured I would go to Wake Forest because they had the best (combination) of academics and golf."

Philo said that she is very impressed with the golf program at the university.

She hopes to make a stab at the pro tour upon graduation, but the accounting major who has twice made the Dean's List said that if nothing else, golf should help her in any career she chooses.

In her rare spare time, Philo volunteers for the Athletes Care Team. To relax, the junior goes to the movies and hangs out with her friends.



Philo

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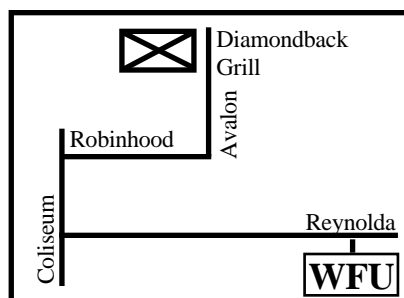
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