

Field hockey shuts out Villanova, falls to Terps in last two contests

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The 14th-ranked field hockey team (11-6, 2-6 ACC) closed out its regular season this weekend with mixed results.

Although their 5-0 defeat of Villanova Sunday left the Demon Deacons undefeated in their non-conference schedule, their 4-2 loss to Maryland Saturday put the Demon Deacons further away from an NCAA Tournament berth.

The third-ranked Terrapins jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first half Saturday, after the game was postponed due to rain Friday evening. Megan Callahan scored two goals in the half, and added another in the second half for the hat trick.

Callahan started the scoring just six minutes into the contest when she picked up her own rebound after hitting the post on her initial shot. She upped the score to 2-0 just two minutes later when she put in a rebound off a penalty corner.

Down 3-0 at halftime, Head Coach Jennifer Averill was obviously not pleased with her team's effort.

"Our communication and our focus — our desire to take risks, those were two things that we could have totally controlled, and we didn't," Averill said. "I think we were really focused and prepared and ready to play Friday night, and then it was postponed and we didn't get pumped up and ready to play again Saturday."

"Paralysis by analysis is just killing us." Several second half adjustments helped the Deacons leap back into the game.

"(We went into the second half) with the type of mentality to just go for the ball and take risks," Averill said. "All of a sudden we had this new eagerness and they went out and did it with two goals. All of a sudden we were back in the game."

Freshman Lisa Andries started the second



Joe Weeks

Freshman Kelly Simon prepares a corner hit in the Demon Deacons' game against the Villanova Wildcats Sunday.

half comeback at 41:55 when she dove and deflected a centering pass from freshman Kelly Simon into the cage. Eight minutes later the Deacons made it a 3-2 game when junior Mary Moore converted on a drive from a penalty corner. Again Simon assisted on the goal.

The Deacons had several more chances to tie it, but the upset bid was broken with seven minutes remaining when Callahan put in her third goal of the game to make it 4-2.

"We had four corners in a row that we were unable to capitalize on, and it would have

been a 3-3 game," Averill said. "We won the second half, but we lost the first half badly. We didn't execute, we were playing reserved and without much enthusiasm, and we paid for it."

The Deacons were able to recover Sunday, posting a 5-0 shutout over Villanova. Junior Nicole Serluco and freshman Amy Marchell each scored two goals in the contest.

Serluco scored the game-winner on a penalty stroke at 6:55 of the first half. She added another goal when she converted on a penalty corner just seven minutes later.

Marchell scored on a pass from freshman Jessica Schultz to make the halftime score 3-0.

Marchell added another second half goal, and sophomore Amy Allen closed out the scoring with 20 minutes to go in the game.

"It was a great win," Averill said. "Amy Marchell is a workhorse. She's gone through the entire season without scoring, and in that game she finally exploded for two goals. She has a sprained ankle the size of a grapefruit."

"The freshmen were outstanding, such as Julie Jenkin, Leslie Rush, Amanda Janney

and Hadley Hicks. They have seen a very limited time out on the field and played a tremendous game."

Averill said that she was happy with her team's record outside the ACC, but she expected nothing less than an undefeated season.

"I'm pleased with our non-conference results, and I'm excited that we went undefeated in non-conference, but we should have," Averill said. "In my eyes, every team that we've played was beatable (in and out of the ACC)."

Averill has high expectations for the ACC Tournament, which will be held this weekend in College Park, Md.

The Demon Deacons (the fourth seed) will face Duke (the fifth seed) Friday, and the winner will play No. 1 seeded North Carolina Saturday. The winner of that game will advance to the finals to either face Virginia or Maryland.

"I still think we can win the ACCs," Averill said. "I think Duke is a fantastic team. I think they can win the tournament, I think Carolina can win the tournament, I think Virginia can win the tournament, and I do definitely think Wake Forest can win the tournament. There's five outstanding teams."

Averill is content to concentrate on her first round opponent for now, and feels there are several keys to a Duke win.

"Our main focus is Duke right now," she said. "We can't allow offensive corners against us. They have a kid who can hit the ball 150 miles an hour."

"The second thing is that we have got to play disciplined individual defense. I need to see the appetite of my team that was there the first half of the season."

"They all want it. It's just a matter of what they do when they want it. I don't want to end this season. There's something special about this team. It's a special group of individuals here."

Football

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The Devils proceeded to capitalize on the Deacons' five turnovers on the day, and came up with a 28-0 halftime lead.

"We just killed ourselves early on," Caldwell said. "We had three fumbles and a blocked punt."

"We're down 28-0, and that's a tough one to come back from, but the kids didn't give up and fought hard in the second half."

As has become customary for the Deacons this season, they made a second half comeback. After giving up an early third quarter touchdown by Marshall to make the score 35-0, the Deacons scored three consecutive times.

LaRue threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to senior Marlon Estes to get the Deacons on the board with 9:31 remaining in the third quarter. The Deacons failed to score on the two-point conversion, and the score was 35-6.

The Deacons scored again just seven minutes later. A 19-yard LaRue pass to junior Dan Ballou got the Deacons in scoring position with a first-and-goal at the Blue Devil eight. LaRue completed a five-yard pass to sophomore Darrell Braswell, and then threw two incomplete passes. With fourth-and-goal at the three, LaRue completed a touchdown pass to sophomore Thabiti Davis.

The Deacons again failed on the two point conversion, and the score was 35-12.

With 13:40 remaining in the fourth quarter, LaRue again showed his passing proficiency with a 44-yard pass to Braswell. With a first-and-10 at the Duke 16, the Deacons slowly worked their way backwards to a fourth-

and 15 at the 21-yard line, due to penalties and losses of yardage.

The Deacons decided to go for it on fourth down, and the decision paid off when LaRue completed a 21-yard TD pass to Ballou. This time the Deacons were able to score on the two-point conversion to make the score 35-20.

A comeback seemed in reach, as the Deacons were only down 15 points with 12:06 remaining in the game. After holding the Blue Devils to a four-and-out, the Deacons had possession of the ball when a seemingly perfect LaRue pass to Estes was intercepted by a Blue Devil. Estes seemed to be pushed out of the way by his defender, but the officials ruled it incidental contact. Alonzo Moyer picked off the pass and returned it 40 yards for a touchdown. A successful point after made the score 42-20.

"I thought I saw exactly what happened," Caldwell

said. "(Estes) was tripped as he was going for the ball. Without question, if he had not been tripped, the ball would have hit him right in the numbers."

This shift in momentum seemed to take the wind out of the Deacons' sails. The game remained the same score until LaRue completed his final touchdown pass to Estes with 3:43 to go in the game. This TD was a two-yarder, and again the two-point conversion was no good.

"We were moving the football, but we just fumbled it away too much," Caldwell said. "We didn't change a thing (in the second half). We just executed a lot better."

LaRue said, "When we play and concentrate on our assignments, don't make mental errors and protect the football, we move the ball really well."

Saturday, the Deacons will again try to get their first ACC win in front of the homecoming crowd against Georgia Tech at Groves Stadium.

Caldwell again a Tidy Bowl Champ

The Demon Deacon football squad took the field Saturday in Durham for what has become its annual appearance in the Tidy Bowl.

The Tidy Bowl has no regular venue, although Groves Stadium has seemed to play a major role in the event the past several years. The event's site is not determined by corporate sponsorship or a bowl coalition.

This fictitious bowl appearance is the code name for the game in the ACC every year that essentially determines who finishes last in the conference.

This is the one bowl game that nobody wants to win. Losing this bowl (that is, winning the game) actually helps your program, because you get to avoid the distinction of being the cellar dweller in a football league not known for its gridiron glories.

Unfortunately, the Deacons are on a three-year streak of appearances in the Tidy Bowl, for which the school receives no bonus money.

In 1994, the Deacons travelled to Atlanta and "upset" Georgia Tech 20-13. This gave them their only ACC win of the year, and sent the Yellow Jackets to an embarrassing 1-10, 0-8 ACC record and a claim to the Tidy Bowl championship.

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FROM THE PRESSBOX

Their first showing of the recent run was in 1993, when the season's greatest highlight was dimmed by nightmarish play-calling late in the game. In a last-game conference showdown, the 1-6 Deacons were leading the 1-6 Maryland Terrapins by six points late in the fourth quarter.

With 2:35 left in the game, the Deacons were facing a fourth-and-goal from the one when Head Coach Jim Caldwell elected to let John Leach go for a TD plunge instead of kicking an 18-yard field goal to ensure the win.

Sure enough, Leach was stopped, and the Terps took over on downs. Scott Milanovich then marched his team 99 yards into the endzone. Final score: 33-32 Maryland. Tidy Bowl championship for the Deacons.

This year's contest against Duke showcased the third different opponent the Deacons have faced, with each of the previous two having turned their fortunes around.

Despite a valiant effort by Rusty LaRue to turn the tide in the second half, his Deacons could not overcome a 35-0 deficit. LaRue's leadership at the helm of the no-huddle offense

was inspiring as he threw his way to a 55-for-78, 478 yard performance.

It is uncertain whether or not Caldwell enjoys the struggle for this dubious trophy, because he declared after the game that this lone glimmer of excitement the team has generated all year will not become a trend.

"I'm not a pass-happy guy," he said. "I think that football is a game of toughness and attrition, and at some point there's a team that's gotta say 'ouch.' You can be pass-happy all day long, and you really don't do any damage."

I don't know about that last part. I was under the impression that 41 completions, 336 yards and four touchdowns counted as doing severe damage to a team. On the other hand, 16 yards rushing on 16 carries did not seem like a war of attrition, unless you count the damage done to the grass at the line of scrimmage every time a Deacon back was pounded into it.

Anyway, barring a miracle in the season's final two games, the Deacons will hold onto another Tidy Bowl win under Caldwell's reign — leading me to wonder which championship he is talking about when he discusses the necessary ingredients for a championship team.

SCOREBOARD

Field Hockey

Team	ACC Standings			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
North Carolina	8	0	0	19	0	0
Maryland	6	2	0	15	3	0
Virginia	3	5	0	13	7	0
Wake Forest	2	6	0	11	6	0
Duke	1	7	0	9	11	0

Assists

Heather Hale, UVA	17
Nicole McMaster, UVA	15
Kim Schroll, UNC	15
Tamara Gehris, Duke	15
Abbi Keller, UNC	14
Mary Moore, WFU	14
Goals Against Average	
Jana Witherow, UNC	0.56
Michelle Cusimano, UVA	1.26
Alana Eliwatt, Md.	1.13
Wendy Mumford, WFU	1.71
Heather Moles, Duke	2.20

Women's Soccer

Team	ACC Standings			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
North Carolina	7	0	0	20	0	0
N.C. State	6	1	0	16	3	0
Maryland	4	3	0	14	4	0
Duke	4	3	0	13	5	1
Virginia	4	3	0	14	3	2
Clemson	2	5	0	14	5	0
Wake Forest	1	6	0	9	8	3
Florida State	0	7	0	4	13	1

ACC Statistics

Save Percentage	
Meredith McCullen, Clem.	.867
Tracy Noonan, UNC	.846
Sari Rose, WFU	.836
Melissa Carr, Duke	.817
Katherine Mertz, NCS	.805
Melissa Juhl, FSU	.783

Football

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

This Week

Friday-Monday: Women's Tennis at Rolex Qualifier
Field Hockey at ACC Tournament, College Park, Md.
Thursday-Saturday: Women's Soccer at ACC Tournament, College Park, Md.
Saturday: Football vs. Georgia Tech, 1 p.m., Groves Stadium
Men's Soccer at Clemson, 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Team	ACC Standings			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Virginia	4	0	2	15	0	2
Maryland	3	1	1	11	5	1
Clemson	3	2	0	11	4	1
Duke	3	2	1	11	4	1
Wake Forest	2	3	0	11	6	1
N.C. State	1	4	1	6	6	3
North Carolina	0	4	1	10	6	1

Assists

Mike Fisher, UVA	12
Damian Silvera, UVA	10
Josh Henderson, Duke	9
Wolde Harris, Clem.	9
Miles Joseph, Clem.	8
Brian Kelly, Duke	8
Danny Care, Clem.	7
Serge Daniv, WFU	7
Ben Olsen, WFU	7

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