

DEACON NOTES

LaRue: caution, flammable

Senior quarterback Rusty LaRue continued his torrid passing performance of late with a 41-of-65 showing against Georgia Tech Saturday. The 41 completions LaRue totaled against the Yellow Jackets moved his total in the last two games to 96 and broke the prior NCAA record of 82 set by Houston's David Klingler in 1990.

LaRue's 501 yards through the air against the Yellow Jackets pushed his total over the past two contests to an ACC two-game record of 979. The Demon Deacon signal caller also set conference two-game marks for total number of plays (154), passes attempted (143) and completions (96).

LaRue's passing proficiency earned him the title of one of the conference's Players of the Week for the week of Oct. 30.

Simon, Moore capture honors

Freshman forward Kelly Simon was named to the 1995 All-ACC field hockey team Nov. 2. Simon started all 17 games for the Demon Deacons in her first year of action, notching one goal and five assists during the season.

Junior forward Mary Moore was selected for the ACC All-Tournament team following the squad's first round 2-1 loss to the Duke Blue Devils Friday. Moore, who tallied 14 assists for the Deacons this season, was a major defensive force all season as well as during the team's 2-1 tournament loss to the Duke Blue Devils.

Three scholar-athletes honored

The university recently named three student athletes as its 1995 Scholar-Athletes of the Year. Cited for their performance on the field and in the classroom were men's award-winner senior Deacon quarterback Rusty LaRue and women's co-winners seniors Cindy Moreshead and Maura Carney.

Neill, '95, a Woman of the Year

Stephanie Neill, '95, a four-time All-American performer for the Demon Deacon women's golf team, was named the North Carolina winner of the NCAA Woman of the Year award.

Neill was one of 52-state level winners of the award, which is given to recognize excellence in athletics, academics and community leadership.

Field Hockey final four nears

The NCAA National Field Hockey Championships will be held at Campus Stadium the weekend of Nov. 18-19.

The semifinals of the event will be held Saturday and the finals will follow Sunday.

Zawacki roughs up competition at Rolex regionals

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The final women's tennis tournament of this fall tune-up season was another great weekend for senior Terry Ann Zawacki and another horrible tournament for her competition.

Zawacki won her bracket and advanced to the finals of the Rolex Region III Qualifying Tournament in Lexington, Ky. In doing so, she qualified for the Rolex National Indoor Championships to be held during February in Dallas.

Other Deacons also played well at this event held at the University of Kentucky.

Zawacki first played Mina Scinicarello of North Carolina State, beating her 6-1, 6-1. In the next round, Zawacki had even less trouble in defeating East Tennessee State's Kristy Wagner 6-1, 6-0. Then she easily eliminated Emma Peetz 6-2, 6-1.

Zawacki then had some trouble in disposing of Blue Devil Kristen Sanderson. She ultimately won 6-4, 7-5. In the semifinals, Zawacki beat Tennessee's Manisha Malhotra 6-4, 6-4. She was then scheduled to play Vanessa Webb of Duke in the

final, but because of time considerations, the two opted not to play the final. They had already advanced to the national tournament at that point.

Head Coach Lew Gerrard said: "The courts were unbelievably fast. Terry Ann's big strength is her power of return of serve, and that paid off for her."

Other players also had good performances in Kentucky. Senior Patty Murren won her first match easily over Charleston's Mary Avert 6-2, 6-0. She then defeated Esra Bayburt of Tennessee Tech 6-2, 6-2. Next Murren was upended in the fourth round by Malhotra 3-6, 4-6. Gerrard said, "Patti played very well and Malhotra was extremely hot and played too well that day on that surface."

Junior Christina Caparis also advanced to the fourth round. She first defeated Furman's Brannon Morris 6-3, 6-0, and Vanderbilt's Leah Morelos 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. Clemson's Sophie Woorons defeated Caparis in the next round. Woorons, who reached the semifinals, won 6-2, 6-1.

"I felt the courts were too fast for Christina's style of play," Gerrard said. "She was also suffering from a back problem that restricted her movement."

Junior Maggie Harris played extremely well also. She first trounced Tara Harden of Furman 6-1, 6-1 and Duke's Wendy Fix 6-3, 6-0. In the fourth round, Harris triumphed over Clemson's Devrin Carr 6-4, 6-2. Harris' run of victories promptly ended when she met Duke's Webb, who did not give up a game in defeating Harris. "Maggie played very well," Gerrard said. "She had been out (with injury) for quite a while," he said.



Zawacki

The play of both Deacon freshmen also was noteworthy. Line Ullring dominated Emilie Johns of Tennessee-Martin 6-2, 6-2, before losing to Duke's Laura Zifer 6-4, 6-1. Nicola Kaiwai easily defeated Kathy Herring of host Kentucky 6-1, 6-3 and Maria Wolf of Campbell 6-0, 6-3. In the next round, Webb defeated Kaiwai 7-6 (7-0), 6-2.

Gerrard said, "Nicola had a very good

match against Webb. She is improving week-by-week and she will be a big contributor."

In doubles, Harris and Kaiwai teamed up and made it to the semi-finals before Malhotra and Margie Lepsi of Tennessee eliminated them 6-2, 6-3.

"Harris and Kaiwai are going to develop into a good team," Gerrard said. "They beat a very experienced Duke pair in the fourth round. In the final they did not play well, though."

With her wins in this tournament, Zawacki, who is ranked 26th in the nation in the preseason singles poll, improved her fall record to 28-5 and her career record to 154-73.

Gerrard said, "With her fall performance, Terry Ann could move up to around 10th (in the nation)".

Now that the fall tournaments are completed, the Deacons will concentrate on improving their play for the spring.

"We have a team that can perform at least as well as last year," Gerrard said. "There has been improvement up and down the line. I am looking forward to a successful spring."

Sub-par coaching dooms quality gridiron performance

"We're present-time oriented."

Such were the words spoken by Head Coach Jim Caldwell in a press conference after his team had found itself on the short end of Saturday's 24-23 final score against Georgia Tech.

Almost, coach.

For the vast majority of the game, Caldwell's team had played a competent, present-tense football game against a Georgia Tech team which, then at 3-3 in the ACC, was a very respectable opponent. The coach's Demon Deacons had seized enough moments to put their guests up against the ropes at several junctures of the game.

The home team, which ultimately racked-up 501 net offensive yards, was concentrating on the present intently enough to make confetti out of the Tech defensive playbook and laughing-stocks out of the opposing linebackers whose tackles (and coverages) were regularly being broken for huge gains by Deacon receivers.

Unfortunately, although the Deacon team most certainly was concentrating on the present during the Homecoming game, it appeared the same could not be spoken of Caldwell himself.

If the coach's mind, as his remarks suggest, was actually in the current time frame during Saturday's debacle, it evidently was in another stadium watching another football game.

Caldwell ultimately made three (count 'em, three) ill-advised calls during the game which, in sum, were just enough to foil his team's most convincing bid for a conference win so far this season.

Upon scoring on the Yellow Jackets with 4:46 remaining in the first half to take a 13-7 lead (their first of the game), the Deacon point after touchdown unit lined up in

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FROM THE PRESSBOX

its characteristically odd formation, with the linemen positioned to the far left of the snapper, holder and kicker.

What should have happened next was a shift of the line to the traditional in-front-of-the-kicker formation, and the booting of a successful PAT to run the underdog Deacon lead to 14-7.

Instead, compliments of present-time-oriented Caldwell, the Homecoming crowd was treated to the sight of junior holder Tom Stuetzer taking the snap and running (sans blocking, for the linemen were still lined up near the Tech band) unsuccessfully for the end zone.

Scratch one point for the home team.

However, Caldwell did have a chance to redeem himself later in the game. After his team had rallied in the second half to score a go-ahead touchdown and take a 22-17 lead, he could have elected to try his luck with the two-point play and sacrifice absolutely nothing in terms of his team's position in the game.

A failure would have left his team five points ahead of the Yellow Jackets, which strategically is nearly the exact same situation as being ahead by six points.

While either a five or a six-point lead would have left the Deacons vulnerable to a loss as result of a Tech touchdown, a successful two-point conversion would have put the Deacons ahead by seven points, 24-17.

But no. Instead, the Deacons kicked the extra point to remain six points (that is, a point less than a touchdown) ahead of the Yellow Jackets.

OK, fine. Perhaps post-touchdown strategy is not

Caldwell's forte. He'd make up for it later in the game, right?

Caldwell was actually given a third chance to guide his team to a win later in the game when the Deacons, on the final drive of the game, were again mercilessly slicing through the middle of the Tech defense.

With less than a minute to go in the game and his team down a point (review the previous paragraphs for reasons as to why this should not have been possible), Caldwell faced the decision of whether to go for it on a fourth-and-one situation from the Tech 30, or attempt a 47-yard field goal.

Here, finally, Caldwell evinced the present-time orientation he claims to possess.

His mind had to have been on the present, because had he thought back to what he had witnessed during the three hours immediately prior to this point in the game, he would have realized several things.

First, Caldwell would have remembered that senior Rusty LaRue had already thrown for 501 yards and scrambled several times for impressive gains, and just maybe could have come up with one more yard, either through the air or on the ground.

Second, it would have occurred to the coach that junior kicker Bill Hollows had earlier missed a 23-yard field goal facing the same direction into which he was about to be placed again: into the wind.

But again, no. In a move that completed the comedy of coaching errors which was Saturday's game, Caldwell sent Hollows out to try the kick.

He missed.

The Deacons lost by one point.

Presently, the Deacons are 0-7 in the ACC.

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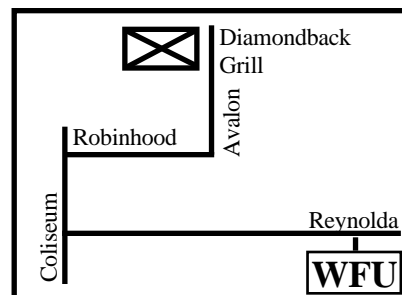
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