

Cross country teams prepare for upcoming District Championships

Men need a top-three finish to qualify for NCAA championships in Iowa

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The fate of the men's cross country season hangs in the balance of Saturday's NCAA District 3 Championship meet, to be held at Furman University in Greenville, S.C.

The Deacons' task is simple: place in the top three in the district, and move on to Ames, Iowa for the NCAA National Championship Meet Nov. 20. Place fourth, and the season is over.

To advance to Iowa, the Deacons will have to reverse the downward spiral they have experienced since the beginning of October.

The team started off the season on a tear, winning the Wake Forest Invitational and a meet at Appalachian State, and placing a close second at

Virginia Tech. However, the Deacons faltered come October with disappointing performances at the Notre Dame Invitational Oct. 5 and at the ACC Championship Meet Oct. 28.

"This team still hasn't put it all together and run their best race of the year," Head Coach John Goodridge said. "Hopefully it will be this weekend."

The Deacons may, in fact, need their best race of the year to advance to the NAAs. Goodridge predicts a tight team race involving many squads that have provided tough tests for the Deacons throughout the season. Eighth-ranked N.C. State defeated the Deacons handily at ACCs, and Southeastern Conference runner-up Tennessee, currently rated 12th in the nation, beat the Deacons by two points at Virginia Tech. However, the Dea-

cons defeated North Carolina at the ACCs, Southern Conference champion East Tennessee State at Virginia Tech and defending District champion Alabama at Notre Dame.

All five of these teams, plus Florida and Ohio Valley Conference champ Western Kentucky, should challenge the Demon Deacons for the top-three places. In order to come out ahead of this logjam, the Deacons will need clutch performances from all seven runners, who will be chosen by Goodridge.

The health of sophomore Eric Dunn had been of some concern following his subpar performance at the ACC meet. As it turns out, Dunn is recovering from an upper respiratory infection. "We're just hoping he comes around and helps us the way he's done all season," Goodridge said.

Women look to atone for disappointing performance in ACC Tourney

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Having received a mammoth slap in the face at the ACC Championship Meet Oct. 28, the women's cross country team is hoping to pack a wallop of its own Saturday at the NCAA District 3 Championship meet at Furman University in Greenville, S.C.

The Deacons must place first or second in the district, or be one of six at-large teams nationwide, in order to qualify for the NCAA Championship Meet Nov. 20. If they do not meet these standards, their season will end in bitter disappointment.

North Carolina State unexpectedly manhandled the Demon Deacons at the ACCs, claiming the conference crown and handing the Deacons their first loss of the season. Now, two days before judgement day, Head Coach Francie Goodridge firmly believes that this time her squad is ready.

"It will challenge the team to regroup, to get tough and to want to win the next one," Goodridge said. "They're 100 percent healthy. They've trained well and are now

resting well, and we should be ready for anything."

Goodridge can expect her two best runners, seniors Cindy Moreshead and Nicole Stevenson, to be at or near the front of the pack Saturday, as they have been all season. However, Goodridge will need production from junior Liz Cotter and sophomore Katie Brandy, who contributed mightily for the Deacons this year but struggled in the ACC Championships.

The District field will be the strongest the Deacons have faced all year. "Auburn out of the Southeastern Conference looks real strong," Goodridge said. "(With us) having been beaten by N.C. State (in the ACCs), they continue to pose a challenge. Florida comes in with a couple of good meets under their belts."

As cross country coaches are accustomed to doing, Goodridge has spent hours comparing the Deacons' statistics with those of the teams who will challenge her team Saturday. Goodridge likes what she has seen from these comparisons. She said emphatically, "We know we can compete with them effectively."

"This is show-me time. The team has been ready all season. Now it's time to do it."

SCOREBOARD

Football

ACC Standings

Team	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Virginia	6	1	0	7	3	0
Florida State	5	1	0	7	1	0
Clemson	5	2	0	6	3	0
Maryland	4	2	0	6	3	0
Georgia Tech	4	3	0	5	4	0
North Carolina	2	3	0	4	4	0
N.C. State	1	4	0	2	6	0
Duke	1	5	0	3	6	0
Wake Forest	0	7	0	1	9	0

ACC Statistics

Receiving	
Jermaine Lewis, Md.	7.0
Andre Cooper, FSU	6.1
E.G. Green, FSU	5.4
Marlon Estes, WFU	5.3
Octavus Barnes, UNC	4.9
Leon Johnson, UNC	4.8
Marc Wilson, Duke	4.7
Darrell Braswell, WFU	4.6

Tackles

Kivuusama Mays, UNC	13.6
Anthony Simmons, Clem.	12.6
Ron Rogers, GT	12.4
Keith Brooking, GT	12.3
Tucker Grace, WFU	11.6
Brian Simmons, UNC	10.9
James Farris, UVa	10.4
Ratcliff Thomas, Md.	10.1
Sam Cowart, FSA	9.9
Ron Melnick, NCS	9.9

Total Offense

Danny Kanell, FSU	280.1
Spence Fisher, Duke	264.4
Mike Thomas, UNC	241.8
Rusty LaRue, WFU	224.7

Field Hockey

ACC Standings

Team	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
North Carolina	8	0	0	21	0	0
Maryland	6	2	0	17	4	0
Virginia	3	5	0	13	8	0
Wake Forest	2	6	0	11	7	0
Duke	1	7	0	10	12	0

ACC Statistics

Assists	
Heather Hale, UVa	17
Kim Schroll, UNC	16
Abbi Keller, UNC	16
Nicole McMaster, UVa	15
Tamara Gehris, Duke	15
Mary Moore, WFU	14

Goals Against Average

Jana Witherow, UNC	0.65
Alana Eliwatt, Md.	1.12
Michelle Cusimano, UVa	1.25
Wendy Mumford, WFU	1.73

Save Percentage

Jana Witherow, UNC	.882
Michelle Cusimano, UVa	.853
Wendy Mumford, WFU	.841
Heather Moles, Duke	.819
Alana Eliwatt, Md.	.802

Men's Soccer

ACC Standings

Team	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Virginia	4	0	2	16	0	2
Maryland	4	1	1	12	5	1
Clemson	4	2	0	13	4	1
Duke	3	2	1	11	5	1
Wake Forest	2	4	0	11	7	1

N.C. State	1	4	1	8	6	3
North Carolina	0	5	1	10	7	1

Women's Soccer

ACC Standings

Team	Conf.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
North Carolina	7	0	0	23	0	0
N.C. State	6	1	0	17	4	0
Maryland	4	3	0	16	5	0
Duke	4	3	0	14	6	1
Virginia	4	3	0	14	4	2
Clemson	2	5	0	14	6	0
Wake Forest	1	6	0	9	9	3
Florida State	0	7	0	4	14	1

ACC Statistics

Save Percentage	
Tracy Noonan, UNC	.867
Meredith McCullen, Clem.	.852
Sari Rose, WFU	.820
Katherine Merz, NCS	.807
Melissa Carr, Duke	.791
Melissa Juhl, FSU	.783

This Week

- Thursday-Sunday:** Men's Soccer at ACC Tournament
- Thursday-Monday:** Men's Tennis at Rolex Region 2 Qualifier
- Friday-Sunday:** Women's Golf at Golf World Invitational
- Saturday:** Men's and Women's Cross Country at NCAA District Championships
- Men's Basketball vs. Nancy of France (exhibition), 7:30 p.m., Joel Coliseum
- Monday:** Women's Basketball vs. Athletes in Action (exhibition), 7 p.m., Joel Coliseum

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