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Defeat in Death Valley drops Deacons to 2-3

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CLEMSON, S.C. — Despite 131 rushing yards from freshman Morgan Kane, the Deacon football team could not overcome a 21-0 deficit in sustaining a 21-10 loss to Clemson Saturday at Death Valley.

Sloppy first-half defense by the Deacons (2-3, 0-3) led to a quick score by the Tigers just 13 seconds into the game. Tiger wideout Joe Woods caught a lateral pass from quarterback Nealon Greene, and the Deacons were unable to make a tackle as Woods ran 80 yards to the end zone in the first play from scrimmage.

"We didn't play well in the first half, that's obvious," Head Coach Jim Caldwell said. "It was basic fundamentals. We didn't tackle well. We had opportunities to tackle at the line of scrimmage and just didn't do it."

Caldwell said that this play did not get the team down, though. "Sometimes after a play like that players get down and don't respond well," he said. "Our players didn't do that. I don't think (the player) was significant in that sense."

Early in the second quarter Green sprained his knee and exited the game, but this did not prevent the Tigers from continuing to score. Replacement quarterback Billy Luckie continually drove the Tigers deep into Deacon territory.

Running back Raymond Priester, who rushed for 187 yards in the game, scored two second-quarter touchdowns. With 9:25 to go in the half Priester ran the ball into the end zone from eight yards out, after gaining the Tigers good field position with several key runs.

With 2:25 to go in the half, the Tigers increased their lead to 21-0 when Priester again scored a touchdown with a 22-yard run.

"Raymond Priester is a very good running back, but we made him much better by not having more than one

tackler there when we needed to make the stop," Caldwell said.

However, as the half drew to a close, it looked as if the Deacons would make a comeback. Deacon quarterback sophomore Brian Kuklick marched the Deacons 80 yards down the field on nine plays, and finished with a connection to junior Thabiti Davis for a 12-yard touchdown pass. Senior Bill Hollows converted on the extra point to make it a 21-7 halftime score.

Kane finished the first half with 104 rushing yards, which is the first time a Deacon has run for over 100 yards in the first half since the last game of the 1994 campaign.

The Deacons came out quickly in the second half, as Hollows converted a career-long 50-yard field goal just three minutes into the half. But this was all the scoring that either team would do.

Later in the quarter the Deacons had the ball deep in the Clemson zone when Kuklick threw an interception to Tiger Adrian Dingle. The only other real scoring threat the Deacons posed was a 37-yard field goal attempt by Hollows in the fourth quarter, but a bad snap took away the attempt.

The Deacon defense was stronger in the second half, as they improved their tackling and limited the Tigers to just 107 second-half yards.

Senior Tom Stuetzer and sophomore Kelvin Moses led the Demon Deacons in tackles with 13 and 12 stops respectively.

"We played much better in the second half all the way around," Caldwell said. "But we just cannot get behind like that. ... We just didn't execute well enough in the second half."

Kuklick finished the game with 231 yards on 19-of-37 passing.

A driving rainstorm persisted through most of the game, and Caldwell said that it was a factor.

"It changed both of our game plans a little bit," he said. "It did curtail some of the things we wanted to do with our passing."



Kane



Stuetzer

Women's soccer bows to Terps

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This past weekend the Demon Deacon women's soccer team learned that all good things must come to an end. One of the hottest teams in the nation and nationally ranked for the first time in their brief three-year history, the Deacons' winning streak stalled Sunday as they were defeated handily by the No. 6 Maryland Terrapins, 4-1.

The loss to the Terrapins in no way represented the high-scoring, defensively strong Deacon team that fans have seen all season. The Demon Deacons have been consistent in both putting the ball in the net and keeping it away from theirs. In fact, in their first eight games prior to the Terrapins match, the team scored 35 goals while allowing only six. In four of those games, junior goalkeeper Jacki Ball earned shutouts. Sunday, however, was a different matter.

Under the warm, partly sunny skies at the Spry Soccer Complex, the Terrapins' highly aggressive and well-skilled team was the first to get on the board.

At 27:15 of the first half, Robin McCullough, assisted by Erin Taylor, scored a pretty goal on a shot fired from outside the box.

The remainder of the half was played evenly as the Terrapins just edged the Deacons in shots, 7-6. They went into the locker-room with that 1-0 lead.

"It was a questionable goal," Head Coach Chris Turner said of the opponent's first half score. "Jacki was screened by a group of players and their girl hit a nice shot into the upper corner from about 20 yards out. It was a tough one to let up."

However, the second half was a different story. Maryland, who has been in the Deacons' all year long, outshot the Deacons 7-3, and this pretty much summed up how the final 45 minutes were played.

The Terrapins added to their lead 10 minutes in, when Emmy Harbo, off an assist from



Junior Terrapin Auburn, above, attempts to beat a Deacon opponent on the ball Sunday. At right, sophomore Susie Nettlebeck tries to outmaneuver an opponent in the open field. The Deacons fell to Maryland 4-1.



Photos by Tripp Harrington

McCullough, scored. Then, at 65:10, Keri Sarver, unassisted, added another insurance goal, making any comeback by the Demon Deacons a difficult one.

With 10 minutes remaining in the game, a foul was committed in the Deacons' box, and Maryland was awarded a penalty kick. Erin Taylor converted, putting the game, once and for all, out of reach.

"We played well but gave up some bad goals," Turner said after the game. "The score was definitely not indicative of the flow of the game. Our defense played very well; we just did not take advantage of the advantages we had and they did. We still believe that we can play with any team we step on the field with."

The loss was the Deacons' first of the season, making their record 1-1 in the ACC and 8-1 overall.

Last week's exciting victory over the rival Duke Blue Devils helped this week's rankings as the team continued to climb to heights never reached.



Tripp Harrington

Junior Cheryl Zimmerman fires off a shot against Maryland Sunday. The Deacons scored only once on the Terps in losing 4-1.

Field hockey drops three straight after victory over Davidson

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After defeating Davidson following a nine-day layoff, the Demon Deacon field hockey team was looking to use this rest to their advantage against Virginia and William and Mary this past weekend. However, the team suffered defeats to both schools, losing to Virginia, 3-0, and falling to William and Mary 2-1.

The team subsequently followed up its stumble against UVa and the Tribe with a 5-1 loss to North Carolina Wednesday evening at Campus Stadium.

"Virginia is an excellent team," sophomore Jessica Schultz said. "We played hard, but we need to improve our skills to be able to compete with them."

Against Virginia, the team could muster only two shots to Virginia's 11. The team also had only one penalty corner compared to 17 for the Cavaliers. Although the team felt they played hard, they also felt that there



Kara Lassen

A pair of Deacons pushes the ball upfield against Virginia Saturday.

were some missed opportunities.

"It was a hard fought game," sophomore Kelly Simon said. "They are a talented team, but we didn't get many opportunities and when we did, we weren't able to capitalize on them."

Against the Tribe of William and

Mary, the players felt that they again were not able to capitalize on their many offensive opportunities. The team's only goal came when Simon deflected junior Amy Allen's shot into the net.

"We completely dominated the

game," Schultz said. "We did everything we could but we didn't take advantage of the opportunities we got and we just couldn't connect."

Although the Demon Deacons dominated the statistical aspects of the game, the scoreboard reflected the Tribe's ability to capitalize on their opportunities.

"We played hard," Simon said. "But our effort was kind of sporadic; it was not a 70-minute effort. After they scored, we came back, but not for the whole game."

Last night the Deacons faced second-ranked North Carolina. Although they were coming off a two-game losing streak, the players remained optimistic about their chances against the Tar Heels.

The optimism proved not to be very well founded, however, as the Heels left town with a 5-1 win.

The Demon Deacons' only goal of the game came on a Schultz tally with 3:40 left in the game. The home team was outshot 19-12 in the contest.

The team's next game comes



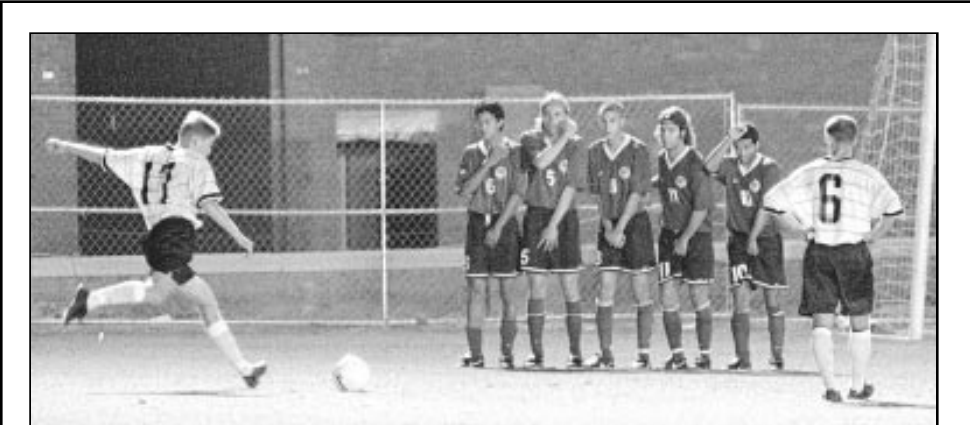
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A Deacon evades a group of Virginia defenders in Saturday's game.

against Richmond Saturday morning. Despite their recent ailments, the Demon Deacons feel that the Spiders could be the cure for their recent troubles.

"If we play like we can we should

beat them," Simon said. "It will be similar to the William and Mary game. If we play hard for the whole game we should win, but if we let them back in it, we will have a lot more trouble with them."



Jordan Wong

Misery loves company

Junior Ihor Dotsenko launches a direct penalty kick against JMU Sunday.

Men's golf warms up in Missouri tourney

By ERIC LAW
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The Demon Deacon men's golf team placed three golfers in the top 10 as the squad tied for third place overall in a field of 15 this weekend at the Missouri Bluffs Intercollegiate in St. Charles, Mo.

In their first tournament of the fall season the Demon Deacons finished fourth; 17 strokes behind the champion Minnesota Golden Gophers. The Deacons bettered that tournament score by 25 strokes as they tied the same Minnesota squad for third place.

Junior Todd Lynch had another outstanding performance, notching his second top-10 finish in as many attempts this fall. Lynch recorded a seventh-place finish with a 213

three-round total. Lynch had a terrific tournament as he improved on each of his previous round totals, posting a 73-71-69.

Lynch's concluding round of 69 was the second-best total of the final round and third-best recorded over the entire tournament. His tournament total was nine strokes better and his seventh-place finish was two ranking spots better than his previous tournament.

Senior Justin Roof, however, made the most impressive gains since the team's last tournament.

"My game just started to come around for me, and the first sign of this turnaround was this past weekend," Roof said.

Roof finished tied for eighth place as he improved a dramatic 21 places from his previous tournament in Minnesota. Roof fired

two 70s after an opening round 74 to end up with a total of 214, just one stroke and one place behind teammate Lynch.

"I just need to keep doing what I am capable of doing, and things will fall into place," Roof said.

Senior Ryan Gioffre also had a strong tournament, barely missing the top 20 with a three-rounds of 71-75-75 for a total of 221. His total was good enough for a tie at the 26th position. Gioffre's finish was 12 spots higher than his first tournament where he ended up tied for 38th place.

Two underclassmen also made significant contributions to the Deacons' third-place finish as sophomores Michael Capone and Juan Vizcaya finished tied for 37th and tied for 44th respectively.