

Sixth-ranked Deacons place fifth at Lady Tar Heel Invitational

Women's golf team struggles to deal with graduation losses and lofty pre-season expectations in season-opening competition at North Carolina

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In its first outing of the year, the women's golf team finished fifth at the Lady Tar Heel Invitational in Chapel Hill this weekend. Senior All-American Laura Philo led the team with a three-round total of two-over, good for a fifth place individual finish out of the 94 players.

For most teams, this would be a fairly solid showing at an event featuring a deep field of 18 teams, but for the Deacons, ranked sixth nationally by the Rolex Collegiate Golf Foundation, finishing fifth to the likes of tourney champ Tennessee and runner-up Kentucky will not be acceptable if they are to be re-

garded as one of the top teams of the land. Head Coach Dianne Dailey was pleased with her team's opening performance, although she said that the team will have to improve if it is to fare well the rest of the season.

"We showed some first team jitters out there, but they did OK for the first tournament," she said. "It's just a matter of a few putts here and a few chips there. I know they can play really well. If we can work on those things, then we'll be as competitive as any team in the country."

It was obvious that the Deacons missed some veteran players lost to graduation. The returning starters, Philo, senior Sonia Bauer and junior Alexandra Armas, carried the top-ranked team in the East, all placing in the top

15 individually. The two freshmen, Kerri Murphy and Kelly Kirwin, were only able to manage one sub-80 round between them for the event. Dailey said she is confident those scores will only get lower with practice and experience.

"We will definitely have to depend on the regular starters. They'll be our core people, no doubt," she said.

Dailey also emphasized that the lineup will likely shift around this season, noting that anybody on the team could see action this year.

In finishing fifth individually, Philo continued to prove why she is worthy of first team All-America status.

She is touted to receive that honor again by

several leading golf publications.

"Laura's playing real well right now. It's only a few putts here and there and she will be winning some individual titles," Dailey said.

Armas also seems to be right on track. After suffering through a wrist injury for much of last season, Armas opened with an impressive tenth-place showing. Dailey cited Horneth solid ball-striking and an improved short game as reasons for Armas' stellar play.

Bauer, also pegged a pre-season All-American, had a nice tournament as well, tying for 15th. She is continuing her strong play from the summer when she made it to the semifinals of the women's British Amateur.

The Deacons look to step it up a notch next week when they get their first taste of the

teams from the West. Teams west of the Mississippi typically dominate women's golf, and this year is shaping up no differently. All the top teams in the land, including top-ranked and defending NCAA champion Arizona, will converge at the Rolex Fall Preview in Columbus, Ohio, for the first major event of the season. Arizona is led by All-American Marisa Baena, the player who one-upped Philo in the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open Amateur this summer. Dailey is not conceding anything to the dominant teams of the West.

"I still think the West will still dominate, but there is a lot more depth and parity this year," she said. "It will be a real challenge for us, but I think we could do very well."

Women's cross country team stands tall against tough foes

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The Demon Deacon women's cross country squad placed third behind two nationally-ranked teams in a hotly contested race Saturday in College Park, Md.

The Deacons lost to No. 24 William and Mary by only two points and to the defending ACC champion, No. 17 North Carolina, by 13 points, at the Maryland Cross Country Open.

The Deacons defeated conference rivals Virginia, Georgia Tech and Maryland, as well as James Madison and Columbia.

The two-time defending ACC individual champion, North Carolina's Karen Godlock, took home first place Saturday with a time of 17:19.

Behind her in second place was Deacon senior Liz Cotter. Cotter's time of 17:31 was six seconds better than that of Georgia Tech's No. 1 runner, All-American Beth Mallory.

However, the Demon Deacons did not have an answer for North Carolina's Sara Majka, who placed fifth overall, five places and 10 seconds ahead of the Demon Deacons' No. 2 runner.

Head Coach Francie Goodridge saw last weekend's meet as an encouraging sign. Goodridge feels that, with some adjustments, her squad has a legitimate chance to defeat the mighty Tar Heels Saturday, when the two teams will meet again, along with Tennessee and Georgetown, at Water Tower Field in a quadrangular meet.

"We had a little tactical error in letting a few

Virginia people get in front of our No. 3," Goodridge said.

Goodridge also believes that a stronger performance from sophomore Liz Moore, who finished an uncharacteristic 42nd Saturday, will improve the Demon Deacons' chances against North Carolina considerably.

"We think we can get some teeth in the middle of their pack," Goodridge said. "We think we're ready to take a shot at a national ranking."

Goodridge was also encouraged by her team's rout of Georgia Tech. She credited the Deacons' depth with the victory, as the team placed five runners between the Yellow Jackets' first and second finishers.

"We saw Georgia Tech as one of the top five in the conference," Goodridge said.

At Maryland, freshman Janelle Kraus continued her phenomenal rookie season, placing 10th overall and second on the team with her time of 17:49.

"Janelle Kraus is one of the best freshmen coming in to the conference," Goodridge said.

Freshman Jill Snyder crossed the line third for the Demon Deacons and 16th overall, edging out a North Carolina runner by three seconds. Senior Chrissy Person was not far behind, in 19th place.

Freshman Emily Selvidio rounded out the Deacon scoring with her 22nd-place showing at the No. 5 slot for the Deacons.

Senior Mia Richardson, returning from a redshirt year, placed sixth for the Deacons, in what Goodridge called "a tremendous improvement."

Fatigued Deacons split two games

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The Demon Deacon women's volleyball team played two matches the past week, dropping a conference match to Duke Friday before rebounding with a win over East Carolina the next day.

Against ECU, the volleyball team was flat-out tired, and it showed on the court.



Cowley

After winning the first game of the set, the Demon Deacons lost a hard-fought second game, despite 53 team attacks, 15-11. The squad had given all they had and had nothing to show for it. The collegiate season had taken its toll on this young team.

So in falling behind in the third game, no one would have blamed the Deacons for just packing it in and moving on.

Down 4-2 in the third game of the East Carolina match, the Demon Deacons reached down and found something extra. Rallying behind the inspired play of every member of the team and especially their freshmen catalysts, Julie Cowley, Katie Horne and Jessica Sammis, the Demon Deacons relent-

lessly pounded out point after point.

When the onslaught had ceased, the Deacons had put 13 straight points on the board and won the game handily 15-4. That game provided the spark the team needed to take the next game and seal the Pirates' fate.

"I'm pleased," Head Coach Mary Jones said. "Our biggest goal this season is to win two ACC matches. You start by taking games. You take enough games, you start taking matches."



Horne

Freshman Sharon Harmsworth has continued to be one of the team's best players in recent weeks, leading the team with 15 kills and a .440 hitting percentage. She also garnered 14 digs to lead the team in that category as well. Junior Carri Walker led the team with a season-high nine aces off her serving and also contributed three blocks.

"We were ready to play," Cowley said. "When we played ECU, we forgot about Duke and won the game. We didn't dwell on the loss to the Blue Devils. Teams don't take advantage of us anymore. We expect that we're going to win, and we don't settle for less."

The Demon Deacons are by no means short on talent. There are presently four Demon Deacons that are in the top ten in six different ACC statistical categories. Cowley is third in the ACC in digs and seventh in assists, and high-flying Sammis is sixth in the conference in attack percentage.


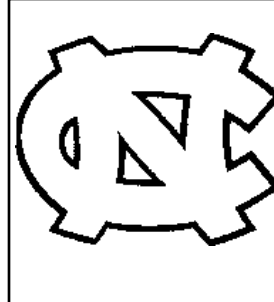
Horne is eighth in the ACC in kills and fourth in digs, and Walker is seventh in aces and in 10th blocks.

Duke presented a tough obstacle for the Demon Deacons to overcome, and the Deacons dropped a hard-fought three-game match to the Blue Devils.

There was no quit in the Demon Deacons as they kept getting closer to Duke in terms of score, but were not able to take a game away from the Blue Devils.

The Demon Deacons were greatly fatigued, both emotionally and physically after their gallant effort against one of the ACC's best teams, North Carolina, the game before. The team just could not get going in the offensive department, finishing the game with an attack percentage of just .017, by miles their lowest of the season. The Demon Deacons had a hard time gelling as a team, and held the short end of the stick in every offense department against Duke.

"Obviously, as our competition gets better, our defense won't look as good," Jones said. "Because we were fatigued, our defense wasn't playing as well."

<h3>Wake Forest</h3> <h3>Demon Deacons</h3>  <p>Series History: Wake Forest leads 61-29-2 Last Meeting: North Carolina 31, Wake Forest 7 (October 21, 1995)</p> <p>1996 Record: 2-3, (0-3 ACC) Head Coach: Jim Caldwell Record at WFU: 8-30-0 (3 years) Career Record: 8-30-0 (3 years) Colors: Old Gold and Black</p> <p>OFFENSE Formation: Multiple Players to Watch: QB Brian Kuklick, RB John Lewis, RB Herman Lewis, WR Thabiti Davis, WR Dan Ballou, OL Doug Marsigli, OL Jeff Flowe, P Tripp Moore, PK Bill Hollows</p> <p>DEFENSE Alignment: Multiple Players to Watch: LB Kelvin Moses, LB Jon Mannon, DB D'Angelo Solomon, DB Tom Stuetzer, DB Major Griffey, DL Robert Fatzinger, DL Harold Gragg</p>	<h3>North Carolina</h3> <h3>Tar Heels</h3>  <p>1996 Record: 3-1, (2-1 ACC) Head Coach: Mack Brown Record at UNC: 52-44-1 (9 years) Career Record: 69-72-1 (13 years) Colors: Carolina Blue and White</p> <p>OFFENSE Formation: Multiple I Players to Watch: RB Leon Johnson, WR Octavus Barnes, WR Na Brown, OL Jeff Saturday, OL Mike Hobgood, OL Byron Thomas, P Derrick DePriest, PK Brian Schmitz</p> <p>DEFENSE Alignment: Multiple 4-3 Players to Watch: DL Greg Ellis, DL Rick Terry, LB James Hamilton, LB Brian Simmons, LB Kivuusama Mays, DB Omar Brown, DB Greg Williams</p>
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SCOREBOARD

■ Volleyball

ACC Standings

Team	Conf.	Overall
	W L	W L
Maryland	4 0	11 2
Georgia Tech	2 0	18 1
North Carolina	3 1	10 5
Duke	2 1	5 6
N.C. State	2 2	12 5
Clemson	1 1	8 7
Virginia	1 3	11 4
Wake Forest	0 3	8 7
Florida State	0 4	3 10

■ Football

ACC Standings

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

■ Men's Soccer

ACC Standings

Team	W L	W L
Virginia	1 0	6 0
Maryland	1 0	4 2
Duke	1 1	6 1
Clemson	1 1	5 2
N.C. State	0 0	4 1
Wake Forest	0 1	4 3
North Carolina	0 1	2 2

■ Women's Soccer

ACC Standings

Team	W L	W L
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North Carolina 4 0 8 0
Maryland 1 0 11 0
Wake Forest 1 1 8 1
Clemson 1 1 7 2
Duke 1 1 5 4
N.C. State 0 0 4 2
Virginia 1 2 6 3
Florida State 0 3 7 3

■ Field Hockey

ACC Standings

Team	W L	W L
North Carolina	3 0	8 1
Virginia	2 1	8 1
Duke	1 1	5 4
Maryland	1 3	5 3
Wake Forest 0 2 5 4		

■ This Week

Thursday: Women's Soccer at Virginia, 4 p.m.
Friday: Women's Golf at Rolex Fall Preview, Columbus, Ohio
Men's Tennis at Southern Intercollegiates, Athens, Ga.
Women's Tennis at Gamecock Classic, Columbia, S.C.
Saturday: Football vs. North Carolina, Groves Stadium, 6:30 p.m.
Women's Golf at Rolex Fall Preview, Columbus, Ohio
Men's Tennis at Southern Intercollegiates, Athens, Ga.
Women's Tennis at Gamecock Classic, Columbia, S.C.
Sunday: Men's Soccer vs. Maryland, Spry Soccer Complex, 3 p.m.
Women's Golf at Rolex Fall Preview, Columbus, Ohio
Men's Tennis at Southern Intercollegiates, Athens, Ga.
Women's Tennis at Gamecock Classic, Columbia, S.C.
Monday: Field Hockey vs. Duke, Campus Stadium, 4 p.m.
Men's Tennis at Southern Intercollegiates, Athens, Ga.
Wednesday: Volleyball at UNC-Charlotte, 7 p.m.