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## Strong showing in Ohio has golf team taking aim at national title

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The women's golf team established itself as a bona fide contender for the national championship when it posted a head-turning second place finish at the Rolex Fall Preview in Columbus, Ohio. Top-ranked Arizona took the title by 15 shots.

After a disappointing fifth-place result at last week's Lady Tarheel event, the sixth-ranked Deacons were looking to prove that they were still worthy of their lofty ranking. With nine of the top 10 teams entered in the Preview, the Deacons more than silenced their critics, placing three golfers in the top 20 of the deep field of 106.

First-team All-American senior Laura Philo

again paced the team with a seventh-place finish, turning in rounds of 80, 76 and 74. Senior Sonia Bauer posted consistent rounds of 77, 78 and 77, good for a 10th-place tie. Junior Alexandra Armas rebounded after a first-round 86 to shoot scores of 76 and 73 and finish tied for 17th.



Philo

"I was so proud of how they hung in there on such a tough course. This was probably our best tournament as far as course-management and strategy are concerned," Head Coach Dianne Dailey said, noting the rock-hard greens and tucked pin

locations. "They kept their focus and were very patient. They played really, really well."

The high scores were testament to the course's difficulty. The Deacons claimed second place by a comfortable five-shot margin despite a three-round total of 66 over par. Dailey attributed the scores to the caliber of the competition and that this course will host the NCAA Championships in May.

"This was not the kind of course you can attack. Our players realized that," Dailey said. "Our players were thinking on every shot today."

Philo continued to come up with the goods. According to Dailey, it will not be long until her senior wins some individual events.

"Laura is playing so solidly right now," she said. "She is about to get real hot and break

through with some under-par scores."

Bauer notched her first top-10 finish of the year despite being hampered by a sprained ankle and a brace. Her coach cited her gutsy play and thinks her scores will drop lower next semester when the brace comes off.

Armas found out the first day how the Ohio course can punish aggressive players. After carding a disastrous 86, Armas recovered with a 76 before closing with the low round of the tourney for the Deacons, a one-over 73.

Though the three upperclassmen anchored

the team, freshmen Kerri Murphy and Kelly Kirwin played crucial roles in the victory. Murphy again cracked the top 40, tying for 36th with rounds of 79, 77 and 83. Kirwin also helped the cause with rounds of 81, 89 and 81 to tie for 77th. Despite that low individual finish, Kirwin was instrumental in the team count towards that score. Kirwin's first and third round scores of 81 made the difference between second and third.

The Deacons have the week off before making a trip to the Furman Invitational.

"We've got some work to do on our short games, but overall we are really excited with where we are at," she said. "The Fall Preview showed this team that they are capable of being the No. 1 team in the land."

## Injury-riddled hockey team suffers through losing spell

By GREG WILSON  
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Riddled with injuries, the Demon Deacon field hockey team dropped two more games in the past week, losing to Richmond, 4-3, in overtime Saturday, and losing to Duke, 1-0, Monday night. The losses were the fourth and fifth straight losses for the team.

"We've got seven (injured) players on the bench but we really can't blame our losses on that," sophomore Amanda Janney said. "Of course it's not helping us, but we have to play through it."

Janney is just one of the seven players sidelined by injuries. The most serious injury belongs to sophomore Hadley Hicks who tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee and will be out for the remainder of the season after undergoing surgery today. Also out is sophomore Julie Jenkin, who has a partial tear of the ACL in her left knee as well. She is out indefinitely. Freshman Kelly Malinoski is also out with stress fractures in her left femur and right tibia.

In losses to William and Mary and to Richmond, the Demon Deacons outshot and had more penalty corners than their opponents. Against Richmond, the Demon Deacons doubled the number of shots the Spiders took, and had 20 penalty corners compared to just seven for Richmond.

However, Richmond on their opportunities, scoring on four-of-nine shots. The Demon Deacons also ran into a hot player in Richmond's Amy Otavina, who had two goals and two assists in the game.

"We really just aren't finishing in the games," sophomore Jessica Schultz said. "It isn't just the forwards, it is the whole team. We're getting the shots, we just can't find the back of the cage."

Against the Blue Devils, the teams were more evenly matched, but the Demon Deacons again came out on the losing end of the scoreboard. However, the Demon Deacons had a strong effort but again could not capitalize on their opportunities.

The game was close throughout, but the Blue Devils were able to hold off the



LeeAnn Hodges

Deacon senior Mary Moore moves the ball upfield in Saturday's contest.

Demon Deacon offensive attacks.

"We played a really good game and had a chance to win," Schultz said. "We were pretty evenly matched but, again, we just didn't finish when we got the opportunities."



Janney

The Deacons will get a chance for revenge today when the Devils come to Campus Stadium for a rematch of Monday's game.

The game against the Blue Devils is a rescheduled contest which will make up the game which was unexpectedly canceled several weeks ago.

The Deacons' first game against the Blue Devils was pre-empted when an oil spill on Interstate 85 prevented the referees from making the game in time. Despite the losses, the team has compiled a ranking streak that dates from the final ranking period of 1994.

The streak has covered 11 straight polls and was highlighted by a ranking of seventh in the nation early in the 1995 season.

In the latest poll, the Demon Deacons dropped a spot to 15th in the country after their losses.

## Deacons sweep home meet

By ADAM ROTHSCHILD  
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Cross Country Head Coach John Goodridge arrived at the Wake Tower Field Saturday for the Wake Forest Invitational feeling horrible with a 102-degree temperature.

The impending Deacon victory proved an effective panacea.

"It was just what the doctor ordered," Goodridge said of the win.

The 13th-ranked Demon Deacons skunked ACC rival North Carolina and three other teams Saturday in Winston-Salem, scoring the minimum 15 points and notching the first six finishers.

"It was really a remarkable day for us," Goodridge said. "Just about every single runner hit a personal best."

How remarkable was the meet for the Deacons?

The course record on the Wake Forest Trails is 24:29, set by North Carolina State's Jose Gonzales at last year's ACC Championships.

The Demon Deacons' front-running duo of juniors Jon Russell and Nolan Swanson finished only three seconds behind that mark in



A group of Demon Deacon runners pulls away from the pack above, and senior Jon Russell paces the Deacons at right.

Saturday's race in Winston-Salem.

Furthermore, and perhaps more impressively, the second-place time at the ACC meet was 24:48, only one second faster than the Demon Deacons' sixth finisher in Saturday's event.

"The top eight runners ran just very, very well," Goodridge said. "Our scoring top five had just an excellent split of 12 seconds, with significantly fast times."

"Tactically, they just executed extremely well, and off of an extremely fast pace. They're very confident in their strength right now," Goodridge said.

Juniors Eric Pragle, Eric Dunn, Pat Fitzgerald and Ben Boyd rounded out the Deacon onslaught up front.

Goodridge said he realizes the Demon Deacons' early-season success on the weekends has stemmed from its rigorous workouts during the week.

"I'm very impressed with our level of training this fall," Goodridge said. "Clearly, we have done some things in our preparation at a higher level than in the past."

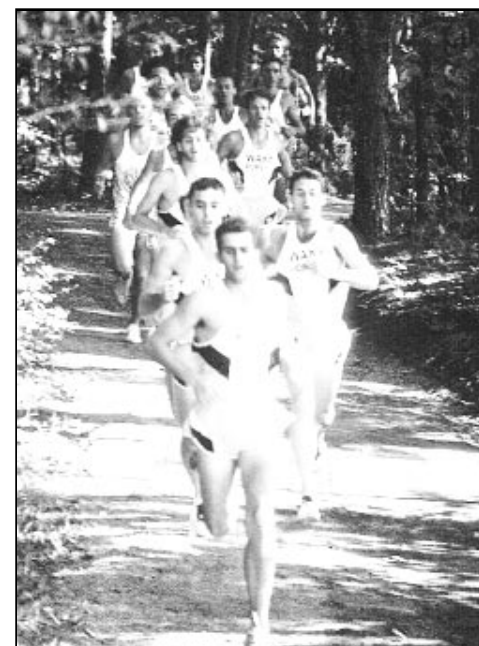
"Through each of our races, the team has executed better and better each meet, and it just really came together in this competition with North Carolina. This was clearly a very meaningful win."

The Deacons now have a weekend without a competition before the championship season begins.



Carlton Ward

Junior Eric Pragle rounds a bend during Saturday's race. Pragle finished second.



Photos by Carlton Ward

The Deacons' next meet is a fall break trek to Tucson, Ariz., for the Arizona Invitational.

This meet will not only allow the Demon Deacons to preview this year's NCAA National Championship course, but will also provide the squad with the chance to experience some fierce competition from all over the country.

The ACC awaits the Demon Deacons at the conference championship race Nov. 2.

"We know that this is not the culmination of our season," Goodridge said. "We have other opportunities and challenges ahead of us."

## Men's soccer toughs out 1-0 win over 15th-ranked Terrapins

By VINTON BRUTON  
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Senior Josh Timbers scored off an assist from freshman Burr Williams to upend the visiting No. 15 Maryland Terrapins 1-0 Sunday.

Williams slid a pass between two Maryland defenders, hitting Timbers on the fly. Timbers nailed the ball past the diving Terrapin goalkeeper, Russell Payne, while on a dead run.

The goal, which came at the 72:15 mark in the second half, put the exclamation mark on an outstanding defensive effort by the homestanding Deacons.

The visiting Terrapins managed only four shots for the game, two of which were turned away by senior goalie Tim Woods.

"This is a very good win because we needed one against a good opponent," Head Coach Jay Vidovich said. "We came up short against UVa and James Madison. They (the Deacons) really needed this win."

Maryland certainly fits the bill of a quality opponent. The Terrapins (4-3-2, 1-1-2 ACC) have tied No. 4 Virginia and trounced No. 1 Duke 4-1 so far this season.



Tripp Harrington

Sophomore Serge Daniv ducks behind an opponent in Sunday's game.

Vidovich cited the play of sophomore Trent Lind (who started at marking back rather than at his usual slot at forward), Timbers, and Woods as instrumental to the victory.

Woods' hold on the starting goalkeeper role has been precarious all

season due to the presence of freshman Sean Conner, a Parade High School All-America selection last year. Conner got the starting nod in last Wednesday's 7-0 dismantling of Wofford.

"That's why Timmy (Woods) is

doing so well," Vidovich said. "We have two very capable goalkeepers. Competition always brings out the best in us."

In this contest Woods got a lot of help from his defense, and even a little from the goal post.

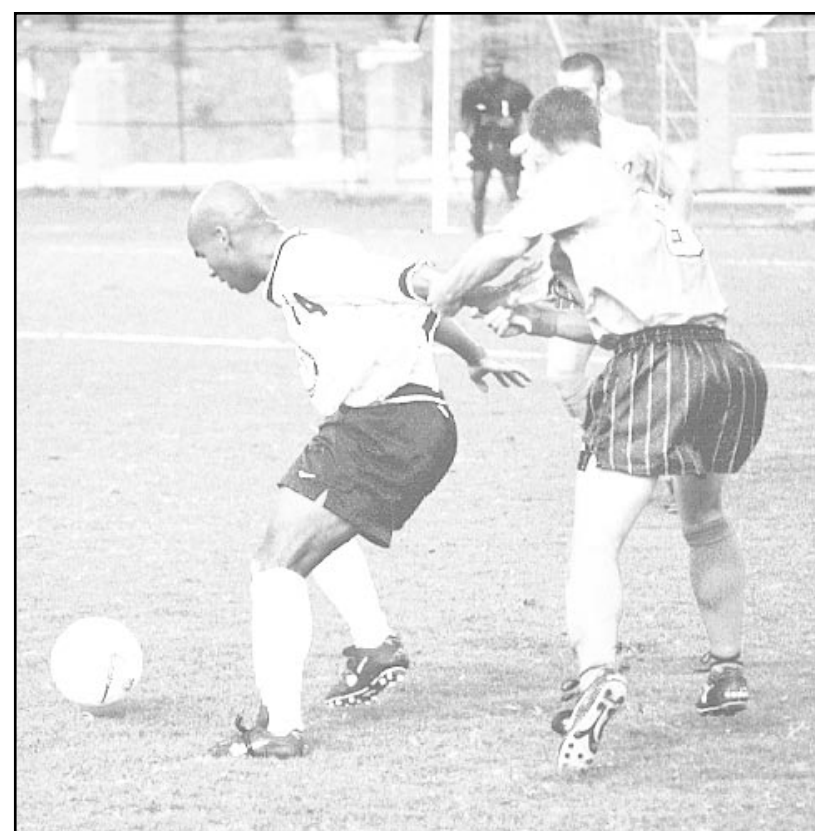
In the second half, Maryland midfielder R.T. Moore appeared to have Woods beat, but his shot ricocheted off the right sidebar.

The goal post played no favorites, however. Deacon sophomore Serge Daniv was likewise denied in the first half when his blast careened off the crossbar.

The statistics reflect the fact that the Deacons were the aggressors in this ACC battle. Although the Terrapins were awarded three cornerkicks to the Deacons' one, the home team outshot Maryland 10-4.

The victory improves the team's record to a solid 6-3-1 overall, 1-1-0 in the ACC. The team will have a chance to solidify its presence in the ACC title race when it travels to Raleigh to face in-state rival North Carolina State Sunday.

The next home match is at 7 p.m., Wednesday against the Appalachian State Mountaineers.



Tripp Harrington

Freshman David Kawesi-Mukooza is held by a Maryland foe Sunday.