

DEACON NOTES

■ Madness set for midnight

The Demon Deacon men's basketball team will officially open practice for the 1996-97 season before a national television audience Monday at midnight in Reynolds Gymnasium. The Deacons will be one of three teams featured in an hour-long telecast on ESPN2 that evening.

The event is open only to students, faculty, and staff and will include the introduction of the 1996-97 Deacons by Head Coach Dave Odom, an abbreviated intrasquad scrimmage, and a three-point shooting contest.

Additionally, a special promotion sponsored by ESPN will have a selected student attempt a halfcourt shot with the chance of winning a full year's tuition, including room and board, if the shot is successful.

■ Cross country team ranked

The Demon Deacon men's cross country team jumped from 17th to 13th in the nation in the latest poll. The Deacons are currently undefeated on the season and in their last two meets have placed the top five runners in both races. Saturday saw the Deacons thump a field which included North Carolina, East Carolina, UNC-Wilmington and VMI on their home course.

In addition, Demon Deacon junior Jon Russell was also named ACC Performer of the Week Tuesday for the second time this year. Russell won Saturday's meet and also took top honors in the Sept. 24 dual meet with Virginia.

■ Intrasquad game approaches

The Demon Deacon baseball team will stage a Black and Gold intrasquad game this weekend in Hooks Stadium. The teams will play a best-of-five series, and games will take place in double-headers on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's contests will begin at 11 a.m., while Sunday's games will begin at 1:30 p.m.

If the series goes to a decisive fifth game, the final contest will take place Wednesday.

■ Cycling club to compete

The university's cycling club will send two riders to compete in the Collegiate National Mountain Bike Championships at Butler Ski Area in Kentucky.

Senior Jim Rutberg and sophomore Taylor Carrington, both Sport Category amateur mountain bike racers, will compete Oct. 19 in a 16 to 20-mile-long mountain bike race which includes 2,500 vertical feet of climbing.

The two riders qualified for the championships through competitions last summer. For more information about the championships or information about the cycling club, please contact Rutberg at Ext. 6531.

Deacons fumble away victory to visiting UNC

By SCOTT PLUMRIDGE
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Buried by a host of its own turnovers, the Demon Deacon football squad lost for the fourth consecutive time. This week's opponent, North Carolina, played nearly flawless football in upending the Deacons by a score of 45-6 at Groves Stadium Saturday night.

Early on, it appeared that the Demon Deacons were ready to challenge the Tar Heels. Following a first-quarter Tar Heel touchdown, the Deacons rallied for a score of their own. Behind the adept passing of sophomore quarterback Brian Kuklick, the Demon Deacons blazed down the field to the Tar Heel 15-yard line.

On third down and one yard to go, Kuklick connected with redshirt freshman running back Morgan Kane for a nifty 15-yard touchdown screen pass. Following the touchdown, the Deacons were unable to convert the point-after kick as a Tar Heel player blocked senior placekicker Bill Hollows' attempt. Nevertheless, at 7-6, it appeared that the Deacons could give the Tar Heels a run for their money.

The Demon Deacon effort was short-lived, however. Upon receiving the Moore kick, Tar Heel return man Leon Johnson wove in and out of the Demon Deacon special teams unit on the way to reaching the end zone on a 94-yard touchdown scamper.

Disheartened, the Deacons failed to regain the momentum that had led to their touchdown just moments before. In many instances the Deacons began to move the ball but came up empty-handed, usually resulting

from one of their six turnovers.

"We turned the ball over more in that ball game almost than we did in the first half of our season," Head Coach Jim Caldwell said.

The Deacon passing game proved to be especially effective, in terms of yardage gained, against the Tar Heel defense. Receivers sophomore Desmond Clark and junior Thabiti Davis made six catches apiece, several of which were strung together with crafty post-catch runs. In completing 21 of 31 passes for 251 yards, Kuklick displayed a solid passing arm.

It was the passing game, however, that contributed greatly to the failure of the Deacon scoring efforts. Despite Kuklick's impressive numbers, several poor decisions and forced passes would lead to interceptions and the end of multiple Deacon drives, keeping the offense permanently out of the end zone.

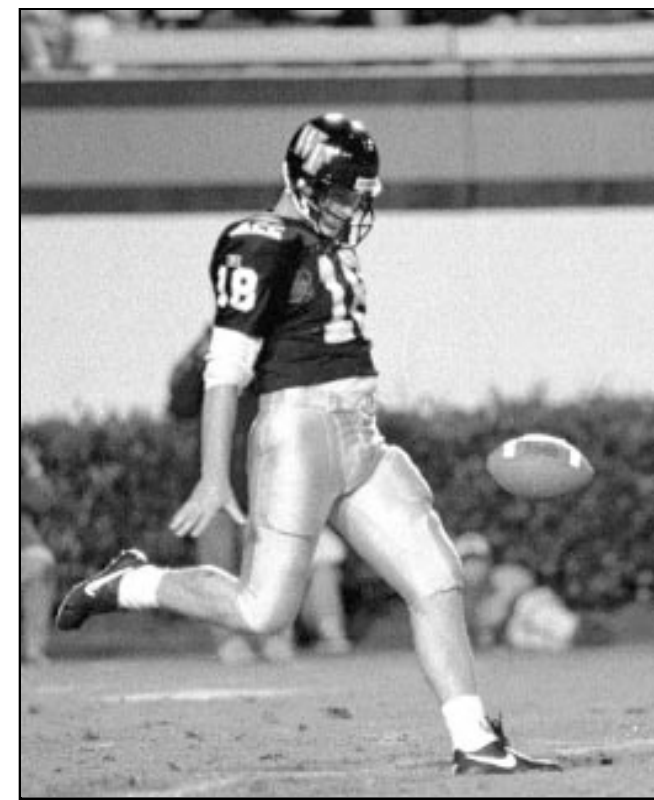
"Our offense moved that football pretty well," Caldwell said. "We just couldn't finish off some drives."

Defensively, the Demon Deacons could do little to slow the Tar Heel charge. Led by the efficient passing of quarterback Chris Keldorf and the scoring instinct of Johnson, the Tar Heels looked like a bowl contender. On the day, the Heels outgained the Deacons 497-313 in total yards.

The Deacons have a bye this coming weekend.

"We'll take a little time off to heal up a few bumps and bruises," Caldwell said.

After the brief respite, the Demon Deacons will go back to the drawing board to prepare for their game at Maryland.



Sophomore punter Tripp Moore launches the ball to UNC. Jordan Wong

Women's tennis plays well in USC Fall Classic

Deacons experience success in several brackets of tournament boasting some of best tennis talent in the Southeast

By PAUL GAETA
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This past weekend the Demon Deacon women's tennis team took part in the University of South Carolina Fall Classic, one of several warmup tournaments for the upcoming spring season.

Despite the abundance of talented teams in the event, the Demon Deacon players managed to perform quite well.

Play kicked off Friday afternoon in Flight A and B singles. Competing for the Demon Deacons in the top flight were senior Maggie Harris and sophomore Nicola Kaiwai. Harris started the tourney with a disappointing loss to a Georgia opponent, immediately putting her into the loser's bracket. After victories in the second and third round of the loser's bracket, respectively, and a bye in the third round due to default, Harris was pitched against South Carolina's C. Reigner to determine who would finish ninth overall.

The two split the first two sets, Reigner winning a close first 6-4 and Harris win-

ning the second easily 6-2. Yet, whatever momentum Harris gathered in that second set was quickly pushed away as she was defeated in the third set, 6-1, thus clinching a ninth place showing for the USC standout.

Kaiwai took a different path in these Flight A singles matches. A victory over William and Mary's J. Jones enabled her to advance to the winner's bracket, but her stay was short-lived as an opponent bounced her into the loser's bracket with a 6-3, 6-2 defeat.

After a win over Clemson's D. Carr, Kaiwai advanced to play for the title of fifth place against L. Nikolaus of William and Mary. Kaiwai, however, would have to settle for sixth on this day as she was easily defeated 6-1, 7-5.

Competing for the Deacons in A-2 singles were senior Cristina Caparis and junior Lule Aydin, both of whom had successful showings. After Caparis cruised through the first three rounds of play in the winner's bracket, she was placed against Michelle O of William and Mary in the flight championship.

Caparis' streak of victories, however, was halted as O powered her way to a 6-2, 6-4

victory and tournament championship.

Although Aydin didn't have quite as successful a showing as her teammate, her results in the Classic were still very respectable. The junior from Pennsylvania was victorious in her first two matches but bowed to the champion, O, in the third round 1-6, 6-2, 6-1. Aydin went on to capture third place as her opponent, William and Mary's T. Toro defaulted in the consolation match.

Sophomore Carolina Ullring and junior Terri Hiete were the Deacons' representatives in Flight B singles. The two dominated the field of play as both cruised through the first three rounds only to meet each other in the finals. Hiete had her way in this match, defeating her teammate 7-5, 6-1.

The Demon Deacon's doubles representatives also fared well in all four of the double flights. Kaiwai and junior Bettina Pieri teamed up to compete in Flight A. After a first-round victory, the partners dropped a match to a team from Georgia, placing them into Sunday's consolation match against the Merchant-Bleecker team

from Florida. Unfortunately, the Gators' team had their way with the Deacons, defeating them 8-5.

In Flight B doubles, Aydin and freshman Annemarie Milton followed a similar route to that of their teammates in A doubles. After a first round victory, the team lost in the second to a team from Georgia, 8-4. They then went on to defeat Stout and Wallihan for a third place finish.

The team of Caparis and Harris dominated the field of play in Flight C Doubles. The team coasted through their first three rounds and then defeated the Ljucovic and Kotseos team from South Carolina easily in the final, 8-2.

The Demon Deacon team of Heite and Ullring, who finished 1-2 in Flight B-2 singles, ended the tournament with a bang for the Deacons.

After defeating teams from UNC in the first round and Indiana in the second, the Demon Deacon partners were pitched against William and Mary's Klavora and Eisner in the final. It was a close match, but the Deacons pulled away in the end, defeating them 9-7.

Football Contest Week Seven

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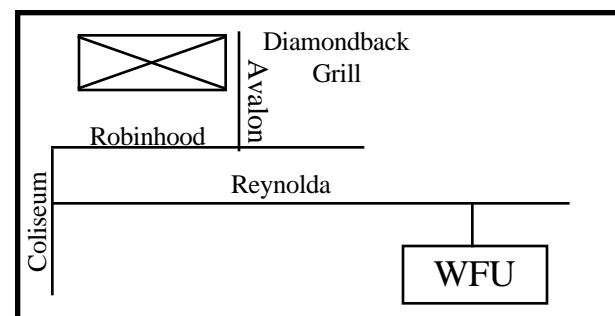


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