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Men's golf grabs course record in Red River win

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The Demon Deacon men's golf team recorded its first tournament victory of the year in grand style with a record-setting performance at the Dallas Athletic Club. The Demon Deacons shot three consistent team rounds of 277-279-278 for a total of 834 to break the Taylor Made/Red River Classic record of 835 by one stroke. In capturing the championship, the Deacons played above their No. 13

national ranking as they defeated 11 other ranked teams. The Demon Deacons also bettered second-place finisher New Mexico, who notched a team total of 845, by 11 strokes. Senior Ray Floyd was the strongest Demon Finisher in Texas, as he finished tied for second in the individual competition. Playing in his first tournament of the year, the Demon Deacon did not look at all rusty in posting three superb sub-par scores of 67-69-69 for a total of 205 which was 11 strokes under par.

Floyd's score was only three strokes behind individual champion Chris Wollman of Ohio State. Floyd Wollman by two strokes going into the final round until Wollman pulled out an amazing 64 final round to claim the title. Junior Todd Lynch had another stellar performance as he recorded his second straight seventh-place finish and third straight top-10 finish in as many tournaments. Lynch has been the Demon Deacons' most consistent men's golfer this fall, as he has had no scores above

a 73 in three tournament appearances so far this season. However, this time around Lynch added some flair as he opened up with a typical outstanding 72-73, but then shot a blistering nine-under 63 in the final round. Lynch's final-round 63 was a tournament best and gave him a tournament total of 208, which was a seven-stroke improvement from his previous tournament. Lynch's 208 was just three strokes behind Demon Deacon teammate Floyd and good enough for a tie at

seventh place in the event. Senior Justin Roof started off the tournament red-hot as he was only one stroke behind teammate Floyd after shooting a 68-69 in the first two rounds. Roof cooled off a bit as he shot a final-round 74 to give him a tournament total of 211 which was good enough for a 14th-place tie. The Demon Deacon bettered his previous tournament by three strokes, but most importantly he fired his first two sub-70 rounds of the fall season in the event.

Sophomore Michael Capone and junior Thomas Parker rounded out the final contributors to the Deacons' team title. Capone shot a 74-68-72 for a total of 214, and Parker, playing in his first tournament of the year for the Demon Deacons, shot a 70-77-80 for a total of 227. The Demon Deacons travel to Birmingham, Ala., for their next tournament. The team is next scheduled to see action Monday and Tuesday at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate.

Women's soccer falls to speedy N.C. State

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The Demon Deacon women's soccer team's game against the N.C. State Wolfpack had the makings of a great one. Unfortunately, the Demon Deacons turned up on the short end of the stick in last Thursday night's big match-up against the Wolfpack. Despite a very well-played game that lived up to all its potential, the Demon Deacons were shut out for the second straight game, this time losing 2-0.

making the score 1-0. With 36 minutes remaining, State was awarded a free kick outside the box, and Morlock put home a pretty volley for an important insurance goal. The Demon Deacons threatened in the later stages, but the Wolfpack defense held tight, securing a 2-0 win. "They are a good, well-established team who are really helped by their two gifted forwards," Turner said. "This was obvious in Sanders' goal, and the way Hall kept our defense on their toes throughout the game's entirety."



Turner

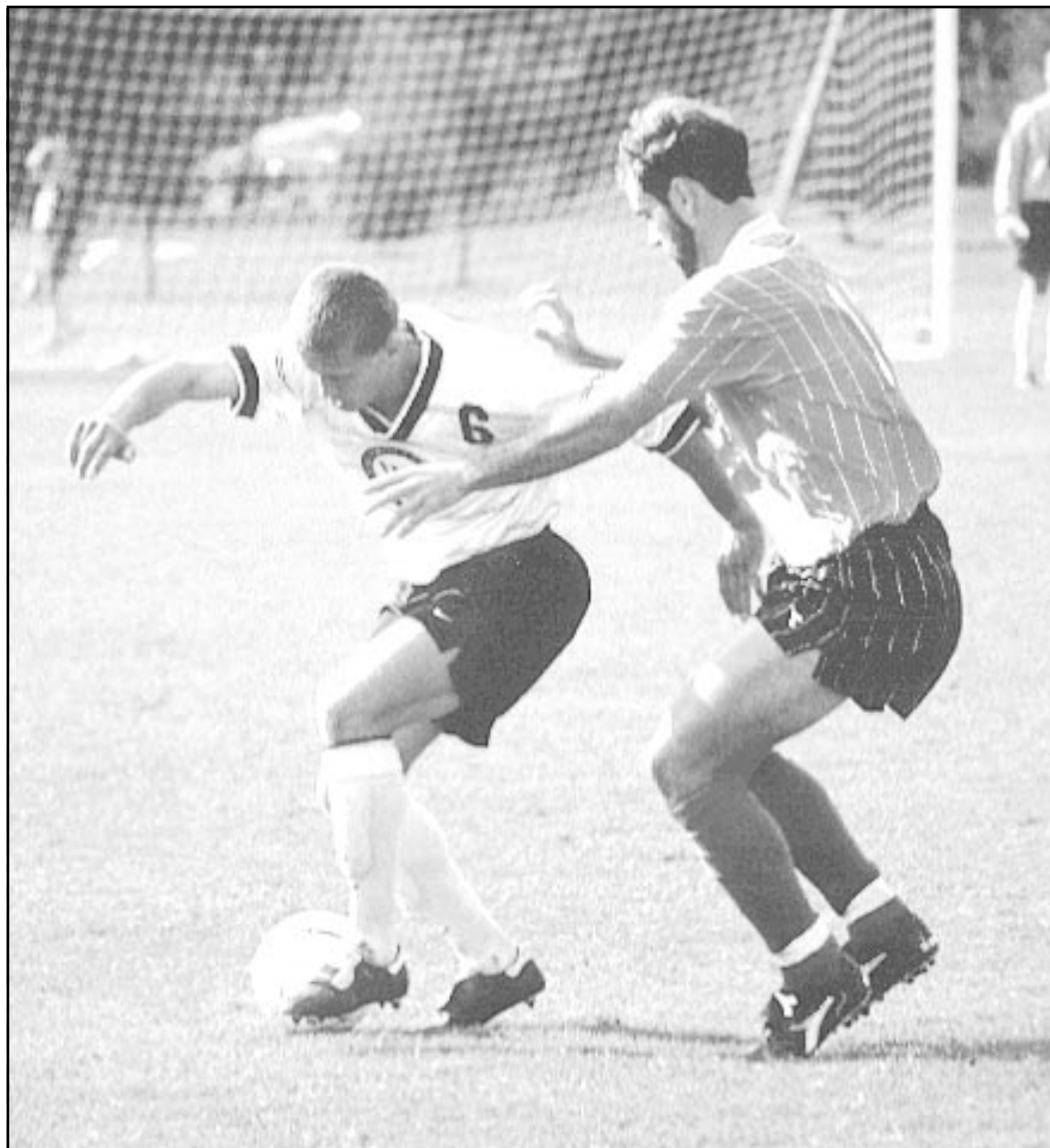
"We out-there them," Head Coach Chris Turner said. "It was the first time since we beat Florida State last year (their first ACC victory) that we completely dominated an ACC team. We just did not take advantage of the opportunities we had, and they did." The loss, the booters' third straight after reeling off eight consecutive wins to start the season, dropped them to 8-3 overall, 1-3 in the ACC for sixth place in the standings. They also dropped to seventh in the Soccer News Southeast regional poll. Much of the credit for State's victory is due to Wolfpack forwards Stephanie Sanders and Monica Hall. "They are among the quickest in the nation," Turner said of the pair. The tremendous speed of Sanders was evident immediately in the game. At the 15-minute mark, State started their scoring when Robin Morlock slid a pretty pass through the Deacon defense. The swift Sanders raced through the defense and was there alone to receive the ball. Demon Deacon freshman goalkeeper Beth Klein, starting her first game, was all that was blocking Sanders' path to the goal, and the obstacle proved inadequate. Sanders scored,

Despite the loss, there was a bright spot for the team, and that came in the performance of Klein. The freshman from Rockville Center, N.Y., started her first game in replacement of junior netminder Jacki Ball, who is out for the season with a fractured leg. "She came up with two huge saves that you don't normally expect a freshman to make," Turner said. "She was tremendous." Good play in back, however, has been seen on this season thus far. It is the once highly potent Deacon offense that has ceased in the last three defeats. This offense scored 35 goals in the first eight games but has scored only one since ACC play began four games ago. It is obvious that this is a major reason the Deacons are falling short to the stiff ACC competition. "We are playing some great teams and we have been concentrating too much on stopping what these teams do," Turner said. "This focus has drawn us from playing our game. This week we are working real hard offensively on finishing and setting up goals."

Deacons dispatch State, Mountaineers

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The men's soccer team reeled off its third-straight victory Sunday by defeating N. C. State in Raleigh by a 1-0 score. Wednesday the team beat Appalachian State 6-1, with six different Demon Deacons making it into the scoring column. The pair of wins moved the team's record to a robust 8-3-1, 2-1 in ACC play. Sophomore Serge Daniv scored the game's only goal against the Wolfpack on an assist from senior Josh Timbers at the 73:02 mark. The two Deacon standouts capitalized on a two-on-two counterattack to provide the decisive goal. The Deacon defense thwarted a barrage of Wolfpack shots to preserve the shutout. The Wolfpack fired off 17 shots and was awarded eight cornerkicks. North Carolina State players Chris Welling and Carson White actually outshot the Deacons by themselves, 11-10. "We had more goal scoring chances," Head Coach Jay Vidovich said. "Both Josh (Timbers), Serge (Daniv), and D.K. (freshman David Kaweesi-Mukooza) got in close and failed to capitalize."



Tripp Harrington

Fortunately, senior goalkeeper Tim Woods turned in another fine performance, registering five saves and recording his second straight shut out against a conference foe. Woods was bailed out twice by freshman Chad Evans, who was credited with a pair of saves. The Demon Deacons played good team defense, and got physical with the attacking Pack, racking up 18 fouls to the Wolfpack's 11. Vidovich said, "We worked hard and were happy with the result." The win kept the Deacons among the contenders for the ACC regular season title, with conference games remaining at No. 1 Duke, at North Carolina, and at home against Clemson, a Top 25 opponent. The team's 2-1 conference record is particularly encouraging, since the two teams predicted to dominate the league, Duke and No. 4 Virginia, also have one loss apiece. The Demon Deacons returned home and trounced regional rival Appalachian State 6-1 Wednesday night. Daniv and sophomore Andrew Laskowski knocked in goals for a 2-0 lead before the

Sophomore Serge Daniv guards the ball from a Maryland opponent in a game last week. Mountaineers struck back at the 35:40 mark. Appalachian's Jeremy Marsh received a long cross from Mark Hemphill behind the Demon Deacon defense and chipped a 12-footer past Woods. The goal seemed to light a fire under the Demon Deacons. "I certainly wasn't happy with the way we gave up a goal, Timmy Woods didn't deserve that," Vidovich said. "We started trying to be too clever. The key to the second half was ... ball circulation and discipline." Timbers and sophomore Kyle Bachmeier responded to the goal with first-half scores of their own. Junior Peyton Smith and senior Matt Aubin got into the act with second-half strikes. The team will host the Monarchs of Old Dominion Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Spry Soccer Complex.

Reynolds rocks as 1996-97 hoops squad makes midnight debut

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One lazily-thrown pass from junior Tony Rutland over the back of his head Monday night set the stage for the 1996-97 Demon Deacon men's basketball team more effectively than all the previous hours of preparation. After standing outside for the better part of Monday evening, listening to the Demon Deacon marching band play straight through nearly every song in its arsenal, and witnessing a media spectacle the likes of which only ESPN2 can provide, a gymnasium full of students was finally, some 35 minutes after midnight compliments of Rutland's toss, served vivid notice: the Demon Deacons are back. Rutland's pass landed in the hands of an airborne junior Tim Duncan, who promptly slammed home the alley oop and ignited the biggest crowd roar of a night which was full of them. Although the late-night ritual is known throughout the country as "Midnight Madness," in actuality the event began for most who attended somewhere around twilight Monday evening. In an effort to guarantee that they found a seat in Reynolds Gymnasium, scores of students lined up around the building until the facility's doors were opened shortly after 11 p.m. The team punctually burst onto the gymnasium floor as Monday turned into Tuesday, and was subsequently



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The 1996-97 men's hoops squad runs onto the floor Monday night. introduced by Head Coach Dave Odom, whose remarks began with the unveiling of 7-1 freshman center Loren Woods, and reached a crescendo with the introduction of the 6-10, 248-pound Duncan. Following the team introductions, the team ran through warm-up drills (which quickly dissolved into a slam-dunk exhibition), and then held a three-point shooting competition. Irony abounded in the long-ball competition, where Duncan teamed with frontcourt mate senior Ricardo

con backcourt 11. Following the three-point contest, the Deacons split ranks to conduct a "gold" vs. "black" intrasquad scrimmage. Woods, along with fellow freshmen Cureton Johnson and Tim Fuller, donned gold jerseys and assumed the role of nationally-televised whipping boys, as they faced a "black" squad which included Duncan, Peral, Rutland (who switched to the "black" squad for the second half of the scrimmage) and senior Sean Allen, all of whom started for the Deacons last season. Thanks to two alley-ooop slams from Duncan, and the smooth, usually uncontested shooting of Peral, the "black team" rolled to an easy 35-14 win. Woods did manage to notch six points and a block for the gold squad in a losing effort. After the scrimmage, the team gathered on the court to provide shooting instructions for junior Marty Trumbore, who as part of an ESPN2 promotion launched a half-court shot that, had it gone in, would have won Trumbore free tuition for next year. However, Trumbore's attempt to bank in the shot was slightly off line, and clanged off of the rim and onto the floor. Following the half-court shot, Odom invited all in attendance down onto the floor of the gym, where the team mingled with the crowd for the event's final quarter of an hour.



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Freshman Loren Woods lays the ball in during Monday's scrimmage.