

DEACON NOTES

Deacons take on Terrapins

After having last weekend off, the Demon Deacon football team travels to College Park, Md. this weekend to take on the Maryland Terrapins.

Both teams are winless in the ACC (the Deacons are 0-4, Maryland is 0-3 in conference play) and both are in the throes of four game losing streaks.

The series' recent history bodes well for the Terrapins' chances. The Demon Deacons have surrendered three games in a row to their opponents from the Mid-Atlantic and six of their last seven. The Deacons' only win over Maryland in the last seven years was a 30-23 win in 1992.

Tickets for tourney on sale

Tickets can be purchased for the 52nd annual CIAA Tournament at the Joel Coliseum box office. The Coliseum will host the tournament Feb. 24 through March 1, 1997.

Tournament tickets for admission to all games are \$85 per book. Best seats are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For additional information, call the Coliseum box office at 725-5635.

Volleyball nipped by Virginia, UNC-Charlotte

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Strong competition has a knack for bringing out the best a team has to offer.

Such was the case for the women's volleyball team in the third game of their match against the Virginia Cavaliers last Saturday. Down two games to none in the match, the Deacons heard the call of competition, and answered.

Rallying behind the steady setting of freshman Julie Cowley, the Deacons unleashed a fury in that third game, 15-5. Cowley asserted herself as the team's anchor, harnessing 44 of the team's 48 assists.

She showed her versatility by picking up 14 assists on defense. Freshmen Sharon Harmsworth, Jessica Sammis and Katie Horne also played a significant part in keeping the Demon Deacons in the match.

On the front line, the defense was led by junior co-captain Carrie Walker with a contribution in seven of the team's nine blocks. Despite their gallant effort, the Demon Deacons lost this match three games to one.

"We knew October was going to be a tough month," Head Coach Mary Jones said. "Our greatest weakness is our strength, and with our lack of depth and how young the team is, it's going to be a struggle all season long."

Against Maryland, the Demon Deacons had perhaps their most defining moment as a team

thus far in their short history. Down 14-8 in the third game, the Demon Deacons came together in winning the game 17-15.

The Demon Deacons lost the match 3-1, but that win, after coming back from six points in the hole and facing match point showed great maturity.

The attack against Maryland was led by Sammis and her 10 kills, followed by Harmsworth and Horne, each with nine. Equally impressive was Sammis's defense against the hard-hitting Terrapins with nine digs.

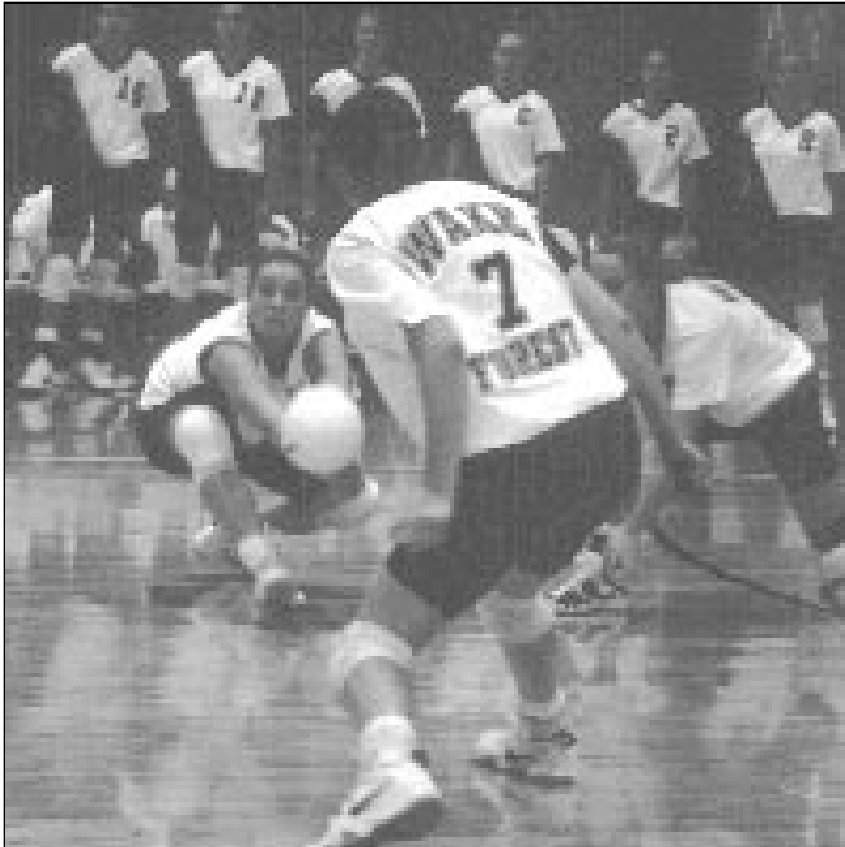
Leading the match two games to none against the UNC-Charlotte, the Demon Deacons were unable to keep up the intensity they displayed in the previous games and lost the match.

The Demon Deacons had several bright spots in players like Horne, with 12 kills, Sammis with 10, and Amber Grahn with nine.

Cowley was her usual steady self, taking 36 of the team's 40 assists herself as well as leading the team with 12 digs.

"We should have won the UNC-Charlotte game," Jones said. "We were the better team. We have to learn how to finish a match. Sometimes we feel that our goal is to just win one game. Our goal should be to win matches."

"To actually be competing with ACC teams is better than I'd thought we'd ever do and this point," Jones said. "As a whole, we're progressing as a team. We need to change offensively and we need to improve on defense. Our lack of strength stands out, but we're young."



Freshman Julie Cowley digs the ball as freshmen teammates Katie Horne and Jessica Sammis approach her quickly for support, in a recent home match.

Field hockey ends losing streak

By GREG WILSON
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The Demon Deacon field hockey team broke out of its losing streak with an emphatic 2-0 win at Duke University last Thursday night.

Junior Amy Allen and senior Susan Bowman scored to help the Demon Deacons avenge a 1-0 loss to the Blue Devils just three nights earlier.

However, Sunday, the team lost their eighth game of the season to Ball State 2-1 at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va..

The road win gave the team much-needed confidence and snapped their five-game losing streak through the past two weeks. The victory was the Demon Deacons' first against an ACC opponent this year.

The team was pleased with their ability to come back after the loss Monday and defeat Duke. The Deacons are hoping to use the victory to gain some much needed momentum for their remaining ACC games.

"The win made us feel confident again," Allen said. "We worked together well, which is something we hadn't been doing in the previous games."

However, against Ball State, the Demon Deacons were unable to capitalize on the momentum they had gained in the previous game.

The Deacons jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first half on a goal by sophomore Jessica Schultz, and they looked to be in control of the game before giving up two second-half goals to the Cardinals.

"We have had a lot of trouble reacting to other team's scores," Allen said. "After they scored, we were not getting the balls and we were really kind of lethargic."

"We scored first, but then they scored, and that really kind of took the wind out of us," Allen said of the Ball State game.

With the exception of their second game against Duke, the Demon Deacons have continued their trend of not capitalizing on opportunities.

Against the Cardinals, the Deacons took nine shots in the second half and had four penalty corner opportunities, but they could not convert on any of their chances.

In contrast, Ball State had only three shots and three penalty corners but scored twice in the second half. This trend has been apparent in several of the Deacon's games.

In many games this season the Demon Deacons have outshot their opponents and controlled the flow of the game only to end up on the losing end of the scoreboard.

This occurred most notably in the Demon Deacons' game against Richmond on October 5. The Spiders were winless before facing the Deacons and were outshot nearly two to one but still managed to win the game in overtime.

Next up for the Deacons is a home game against Virginia, Saturday at 1 p.m. The Demon Deacons are hoping to make a late run to gain a berth into the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history.

Men's tennis performs well, earns two titles in Clemson Fall Classic

By PATRICK KELLEY
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The men's tennis team put in a strong showing this week at the 22nd annual Clemson Fall Classic. Among the top performers were freshmen Mike Berger and senior Josh Osswald, who finished first in the No. 2 and No. 4 singles flights, respectively, with 3-0 records.

Berger defeated Ken Wasserman of Clemson, 6-4, 7-5, Mark Way of Tennessee, 6-2, 6-4, and Laio Teikeira of Lander to finish at 3-0 in his flight. In the No. 4 singles flight, Osswald beat Luis Garcia of Clemson, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, and knocked off Tennessee's Bill McGugin, 7-5, 6-4, before taking out Michael Byman of Lander, 6-1, 7-0, to move on to the championship match of his flight.

Osswald went on to defeat Matt Lee of Georgia Tech, 6-2, 5-7, 6-1, in the first-place match of his flight while Berger fell to Adam Abney of Florida in his match, 7-5, 6-3.

The top doubles team for the Demon Deacons was Berger and Osswald which defeated the Clemson team of Bruce Li and Ken Wasserman, 8-6, and Lander's team of Person and Kam, 8-6. Their only loss was Tennessee's Mark Way and Kasper Rasmussen, 8-4, in the second

match as they finished up with a 2-1 record and in first place in the No. 1 doubles flight. The pair then defeated the Florida State duo of Niks and Ingram in the final match, 8-2.

In the No. 1 singles flight, junior Jimmy Chou finished in fourth place with an 0-3 record after losses to Li of Clemson, 6-4, 6-3, Roger Ilias of Tennessee, 7-5, 6-3, and Claes Persson of Lander, 6-2, 6-3. Freshman Lars Ziehn came in fourth at No. 3 singles, losing all his matches.

Sophomore Kunel Premnarayan came in fourth at No. 5 singles flight with losses to Pablo Bellagamba of Clemson, 6-1, 7-5, Thomas Mozur of Tennessee, 6-0, 6-4, and Jacob Svensson of Lander, 6-0, 6-0. In an extra match added to the final, Premnarayan defeated South Carolina's Freddy Oporto 6-3, 6-2.

In the No. 6 singles flight, freshmen Ogden Phillips came in third with a 1-2 record. He opened up the flight with a 2-6, 6-0, 6-2 loss to Richard Reyes of Clemson before bouncing back with a 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 win over Tennessee's Daniel McGurgin. He finished up with a 6-3, 6-2 loss to Maurice Szydzowski. Phillips then knocked off Sharpe of Appalachian State, 6-0, 6-6, 6-2.

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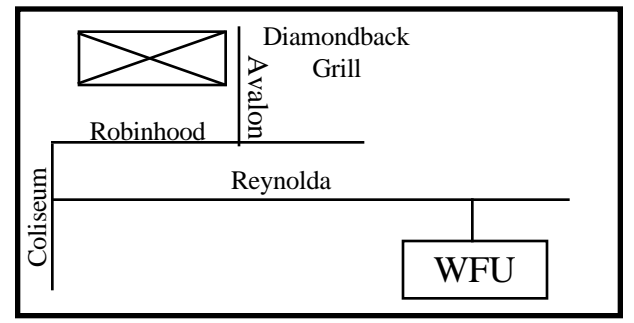


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