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Golf squad works overtime for Lady Paladin win

Armas leads second-ranked Deacons to gutsy sudden-death win over Volunteers in South Carolina event

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Buoyed by their previous, up-ranked week's Rolex Fall Preview, the second-ranked women's golf team captured their first tournament of the season in dramatic fashion when they won the Lady Paladin Invitational in sudden death over Tennessee last weekend in Greenville, S.C.

Junior Alexandra Armas paced the team with a third place individual finish.

The Deacons came out charging on the event's first day. They shot a combined opening round of 300, their lowest total for the fall. Senior Sonia Bauer led the team with a two-over 74 while All-Americans Armas and senior Laura Philo shot scores of 75. Freshman Kelly Kirwin rounded out the scoring for

the Demon Deacons with a 76.

On Saturday the Deacons opened up a three shot lead on the University of Florida with Armas surging ahead with a one-under 71, the low round of the tourney for the squad. Her play caught the attention of Head Coach Dianne Dailey.

"Alexandra just played some good solid golf," Dailey said. "She has been anxious to break par all year."

The Deacons took sole possession of first place after round two despite higher scores from the rest of the team. The team had a combined second round of 304. Bauer carded

a 77 while Philo and sophomore Stephanie Schinkel, making her first appearance in a collegiate event for the Deacons, posted two rounds of 78.

The Deacons were unable to stave off a Tennessee team that got hot in Sunday's last round. The Volunteers shot a 298 to the Deacons 304. Philo saved her best round of the tourney, a 73, for the last day. Schinkel did the same with her round of 77. Unfortunately, Armas and Bauer shot their worst rounds for the event, shooting 76 and 78, respectively in the round.

The final round miscues left the team tied with Tennessee. The sudden death playoff did not look promising for the Deacons, as all five players missed the green with their approach shots. The Deacons relied on their course management skills to get out of trouble,

as the Deacons were able to scramble for par. The team chipped in two from the sand while sinking a lob shot in the bottom of the cup in addition to converting from 20 yards off the green to take the trophy. Dailey was proud of her team's tenacity.

"They played very steady all week. There were some tough pin placements," she said. "They deserved this victory, especially after the way they played in the play-off," she said.

Individually, both Philo and Bauer kept their streaks of high finishes alive. Philo tied for seventh in the field of 114 while Bauer tied

for 14th. Schinkel and Kirwin came in at 57th and 62nd, respectively.

This weekend the second-ranked Deacons will have to be on their games when they head to La Quinta, Ca., and prestigious PGA West in the first ever match play event in collegiate golf. The Deacons take on a San Jose State team stacked with some of the best players from around the world.

Despite their current No. 2 ranking behind Arizona, the Deacons are the eighth-seeded team and last team invited in the event. The seedings are based on last year's final rankings. According to Dailey, the top-seeded team from San Jose State will provide a stiff challenge for her squad.

"It should be a good match, but I think we are going to be real tough in the match-play format."



Armas



Dailey

Hockey hides victory between ACC losses

BY GREG WILSON
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After falling to a superior Virginia team by a score of 2-0, the Demon Deacon field hockey team took its aggression out on Virginia Commonwealth, winning 11-0 Sunday afternoon at Canning Stadium. Although the Demon Deacons were over-matched against the Cavaliers, they took out their aggressions from losing six of their past seven games against VCU, dominating nearly all aspects of the game.

Wednesday night saw the Deacons again run into some trouble in conference play, as the team fell 7-1 to the North Carolina Tar Heels in Chapel Hill.

"Against Virginia, we really played well together," sophomore Kelly Simon said. "However, we were just a little bit over-matched."

The Deacons were not able to contain the fourth-ranked Cavaliers. Virginia took 24 shots to the Deacons' five and had 11 penalty corners to just two for the Deacons. After taking a 1-0 lead into the half, Virginia exploded in the second half.

After shutting down a few Deacon attacks, the Virginia offense shifted into high gear, gaining nine of their 11 penalty corners in the final 35 minutes of the game. It took a strong defensive effort to limit the damage to only one goal in the second half. Neither of the Cavaliers' goals came off of penalty corner opportunities.

However, against Virginia Commonwealth, the Deacons turned the tables. The Deacons tied a school record by scoring 11 times in their final home game. The Demon Deacons had an incredible 42 shots to just one for VCU and had 16 penalty

corners while shutting out the Rams in that category. Several seniors, playing in their final year, left their mark on the contest. Goalkeeper Wendy Mumford recorded her sixth career shutout while Amy Shenasky scored twice and Susan Bowman and Mary Moore each contributed a goal. "I think we really played to our potential," Simon said. "We found one extra gear for the seniors' last home game and I think it really showed throughout the game."

The blowout may have been just what the Deacons needed heading into their final two regular season games. Although the Deacons then fell to the Heels in Chapel Hill, on Sunday, the team will visit Maryland for their final regular season game.

The Deacons are hanging onto an outside shot of making the NCAA Tournament, but will need to do well in their final two games and the ACC tournament. The conference tournament begins Nov. 7 in Durham where Duke will host the rest of the conference.

"We still have a legitimate shot at making the NCAA's," Simon said. "However, we will need to play extremely well in our last two games and then make a strong run in the ACC Tournament."

However, last night's game put a damper on the team's hopes of making it to the NCAA's. North Carolina beat the Deacons by a score of 7-1. The Deacons were not able to capitalize on their scoring chances and were simply over-matched by a strong, top-ranked Tar Heels team. However, this Sunday, the Deacons will try to avenge a 6-1 blowout loss to Maryland and gain some momentum heading into the ACC Tournament.



Simon

Soccer beats ODU, falls to Duke

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The men's soccer team turned in another impressive performance Sunday with a 3-0 home win over Old Dominion, and then lost a hotly-contested affair to Duke Wednesday night in Durham.

The 20th-ranked Demon Deacons (9-4-1, 2-2-0) made short work of the Monarchs (2-12-0, 1-3-0) on their way to recording their sixth shutout in their last 10 games.

Sophomore Serge Daniv scored four points in the match on one goal and two assists, pushing his season point total to 20.

Freshman David Kaweesi-Mukooza headed in the first goal of the match at the 36:56 mark. Daniv passed the ball from the left side of the field to senior Josh Timbers in front of the Monarchs' goal. Timbers delivered a well-placed pass to Kaweesi-Mukooza for the score.

Daniv set up junior sweeper Ihor Dotsenko for the team's second goal at 51:35. Daniv drew the defense to the middle of the field, then dished off to Dotsenko. Dotsenko faked one Monarch defender out of his cleats, giving him time to place a 10-yard shot over the keeper's head.

Just moments later, Daniv put the finishing touches on his dominating performance with a goal of his own in the 54th minute. Sophomore Kyle Bachmeier fed Daniv left of goal, allowing Daniv to outmaneuver the hapless Monarch goalie for the final score of the contest.

"Serge (Daniv) is a clutch player," Head Coach Jay Vidovich said. "When he gets an opportunity he usually capitalizes on it."

The Deacon dominance was complete, as they outshot the visitors 21-4.

The win was the fifth straight for the Deacons, who are currently in second place in the conference standings.

Much of the team's success can be credited to its defense, which has held opponents to a 0.81 goals-against average on the season. Only twice have the Deacons given up more than one goal. Virginia scored two and Santa Clara four. Both are Top five teams.

The Demon Deacon defense has been particularly stingy of late, allowing two goals in



Junior Kevin Rice attempts to evade two Old Dominion defenders, above, while sophomore Kyle Bachmeier shoots on goal, right.



Photos by Kara Lassen

the squad's last seven matches.

Senior goalkeeper Tim Woods (four-and-a-half shutouts) has struck together several impressive performances during the win streak, as have his understudies, freshman Sean Conner and junior Jason Lowe.

Freshman defender Chad Evans and Bachmeier, a midfielder, have also come up big in crucial situations, with two and one back-saves respectively.

"Overall the team is executing our defensive strategy," Vidovich said. "We are trying to press a lot, everybody on the field, from Timmy Woods to Serge Daniv up front."

The team came up just short Wednesday in a hard-fought game in Durham, falling 1-0.

Vidovich said "They (the Blue Devils) have a

lot of team speed and a lot of good individual players, a lot of firepower."

"We're concentrating on defense. They go flat in the back and we're hoping to capitalize on that."

The next home match is against South Carolina at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Goodridge's team runs into rough conditions in Arizona meet

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The Demon Deacon men's cross country squad came within less than one-half mile of achieving something amazing Saturday at the Arizona Invitational in Tucson, Ariz.

After 7,000 meters, the Deacons stood in second place out of 33 teams from across the country. After 8,000 meters, the team was in third.

Unfortunately for the Deacons, the Arizona course was 8,600 meters long, and the Deacons wound up the gun stuck in ninth place, three points behind eighth-place Michigan State.

"We ran out of gas big time in the last 600 meters of the meet," Head Coach John Goodridge said. "All of our runners, except (junior) Nolan Swanson, lost considerable places in the last 600."

The Deacons ran straight into adversity before arriving in the Southwest. The team experienced difficulty with its connecting flight and arrived in Arizona at 5 a.m., Winston-Salem time, and then had to run the race on the high-altitude Arizona course, which Goodridge compared to a motocross track, full of tight turns and rolling moguls. This course is the one where the NCAA Championships will be



Carlton Ward

The Deacons burst from the starting line in their Oct. 5 meet in Winston-Salem.

decided Nov. 20.

"It was a very, very difficult and challenging course," Goodridge said. "It was one of the most physically and mentally challenging courses I've seen."

Nevertheless, the Deacons, along with the rest of the field, came out of the gate very aggressively. Three runners,

Nebraska's Cleophas Boor and Jonah Kipiarus and UCLA's Mebrahtom Keflezighi, led the pack at the mile, with a split of 4:29. Senior Jon Russell completed the first mile in hot pursuit of the leaders before trailing off and finishing 43rd.

"The guys almost pulled off what would have been a very surprising finish,"

Goodridge said of the team's effort.

Junior Nolan Swanson held his own coming-out party in Arizona this weekend. He stuck with the front pack throughout the entire race, hanging in the top 20 before finishing 15th out of over 200 runners.

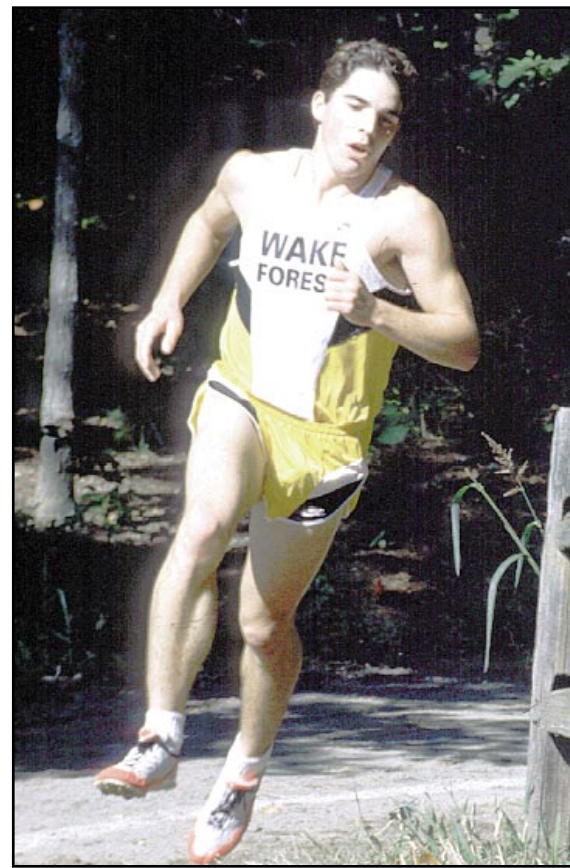
"He ran a superlative race," Goodridge said of Swanson. "This was a real breakthrough race for him at the national level."

Junior Pat Fitzgerald and senior Ben Boyard third and fourth in the Deacon lineup. Junior Matt Shady placed fifth on the team in his first national-level cross country meet. Shady was given the opportunity to run because Goodridge held junior No. 3 man Eric Pragle out of the lineup so that Pragle could concentrate on his training for the ACC Championships, Nov. 2.

"We certainly learned a lot from the meet, to have almost run as well as we could have run. It made me feel very good about this team," Goodridge said. "Each of our athletes can come out of the meet with some very positive reactions."

"The word that comes to mind is potential - potential of what might happen, but also of what hasn't happened."

The Deacons' next opportunity to fulfill their boundless potential will be Nov. 2 at the ACC Championship Meet.



Carlton Ward

Senior Ben Boyard rounds a turn in the Oct. 5 meet.