

DEACON NOTES

■ Kicker booted from team

Head Coach Jim Caldwell has dismissed senior placekicker Bill Hollows from the team for the remainder of the 1996 season for undisclosed disciplinary reasons.

Hollows handled all of the team's placekicking responsibilities (including kickoffs, extra points, and field goals) the past three years. So far this season, he had hit on eight of 13 field goal attempts, and six of seven PATs. Hollows also nailed a 50-yard field goal, the fourth-longest in team history.

Freshman Matt Burdick, who has not appeared in a game this season, will assume kicking duties for the Deacons.

■ Many Deacon squads ranked

As of Monday, the Deacon golf squads spearheaded a conglomerate of teams in the national rankings of their respective sports this autumn. The women's golf team is currently the second-ranked team in the country. The Demon Deacon men's golf squad is currently ranked 20th in the country.

Both Deacon soccer teams also currently hold places in the national rankings. The Deacon men's soccer squad is listed at No. 20, while the women are ranked 24th.

Finally, the Demon Deacon men's cross country team currently stands at No. 12 in the national rankings, and Head Coach Lew Gerrard's women's tennis team is currently ranked No. 17 in the nation.

Women runners battle through tough conditions

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The Demon Deacon women's cross-country team battled through several adverse circumstances to finish tied for 14th place at the Pre-NCAA Meet in Tucson, Ariz., Saturday.

The Deacons' 348 points saddled them behind conference nemeses North Carolina, who finished eighth, and 10th-place Virginia, whom the Deacons have already defeated this season.

The brightest light for the Deacons Saturday was senior co-captain Liz Cotter. Cotter's 14th place finish, out of over 200 runners, was good enough to beat the No. 1 runners from three nationally-ranked teams. Cotter also defeated last spring's NCAA 1,500-meter runner-up.

"Liz Cotter more than established herself in the national ranks," Head Coach Francie Goodridge said.

However, the other six Deacons had a difficult time in the 2600-foot altitude. At the race's second kilometer, sophomore Alison Guiney went down. Then, at the two-mile mark, sophomore Liz Moore was forced to stop. Moore spent the rest of the afternoon in a Tucson emergency room, hooked to an IV. The remaining runners were unable to free themselves from the clutches of the race's huge pack.

"Inexperience showed in their ability to move into the position we had established prior to the race," Goodridge

said. "Overwhelmed by the sheer masses of runners, the team race for Wake Forest was left in the dust. Where a sixth-place finish was clearly possible, we tied for 14th."

However, the team's finish, while somewhat disappointing, was not completely disastrous. According to Goodridge, the team still has an opportunity to receive an NCAA bid, even if it does not receive a bid automatically by finishing first or second in the regional meet Nov. 16.

"We beat Utah, Florida, Texas, Arizona State and 16 other teams, so the meet was both a major learning experience as well as a decent showing," Goodridge said.

Freshman Jill Snyder placed second for the Deacons, her highest position of her young career. Snyder placed 79th overall. Senior Chrissy Johnson placed third, freshman Emily Selvidio fourth, and freshman Janelle Kraus fifth for the Deacons.

In other action, the women's "B" squad ran Saturday at the North Carolina Collegiate Championship in Charlotte. Remarkably, the Deacons' "B" team finished behind only two other teams in the meet, both of which were comprised of the top representatives from their respective schools. Appalachian State dominated the meet, scoring 37 points in the Mountaineer victory. Duke placed second, only one point ahead of the Demon Deacons' second unit.

Senior Mia Richardson's 18:08 time led the Deacons' Charlotte effort, placing third overall after barely being edged out of second in a final dash for the tape. Sopho-



Senior Liz Cotter fights off an incoming opponent in a recent meet at the university. This past weekend Cotter finished 14th of 200 in the pre-NCAA meet in Tucson, Arizona.

more Amy Wallace's seventh-place showing announced that she is back to form following her battle with a virus. Wallace ran a 18:17.

Sophomore Katie Clarke and freshmen Olivia Laney and Kristi Hubbard rounded out the Deacons' top five. Each of the top five runners recorded personal record times in the meet.

"We had a fabulous performance at Charlotte," Goodridge said. "It may well be the depth of our team that will get us to top performances in the coming ACC, NCAA Regional and NCAA Championships."

Goodridge said that, based on this weekend's performances as well as those from the entire season, the lineup of Cotter, Kraus, Snyder, Pereson, Moore, Richardson and Wallace will represent the Deacons at the Nov. 2 ACC Championship Meet at College Park, Md.

Towering Woods lone standout in Deacon's '96-97 recruiting class

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The Demon Deacon men's basketball team will enter the 1996-97 season in the aftermath of one of its most interesting recruiting seasons in recent history. Headlining the Deacons' recruiting efforts is the signing and arrival of 7-1 freshman center Loren Woods, who will bolster the Deacons' hopes in the post-Duncan era.

Beyond Woods, however, the Demon Deacons ran into a host of difficulties trying to fill up the other two scholarships they had to work with this past off-season.

Woods and high-scoring power forward Shon Coleman signed with the Demon Deacons in November and Joakim Blom, a deft-shooting forward from Europe gave the coaches a verbal commitment.

What began as a wonderfully fruitful recruiting year turned into a great nightmare, however, as Coleman and Blom failed to qualify academically. This meant Woods would be the only recruit arriving on campus.

Odom said, "Shon Coleman enrolled at Spartanburg (S.C.) Methodist Junior College. He wanted two years for intensive study and play, not one (which a prep school would offer)."

Odom also said, "Blom is still in Sweden playing with his local team, working 40 hours a week, and studying for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). If he makes his score, he will be a viable recruit for next year."

The April signing period initially promised to produce some results for the squad.

Many quality prep school players were still looking at the Demon Deacon program during the recruiting period, but none signed the binding national letter of intent to play basketball for Odom this season.

Near the top of Odom's wish list were 6-1 point guard Atiba Prater from Dunwoody High School in Dunwoody, Ga., and guard/forward Jerry Johnson from Atlanta. Prater is an excellent floor general who could pass and score, while Johnson was a powerfully-built scoring machine.

Prater signed with Vanderbilt because he did not want to sit on the bench behind junior guard Tony Rutland. Johnson signed with Louisville because he too wanted to get more playing time, and also wanted to be a part of the Cardinals' storied

tradition of athletic guards.

The Demon Deacons' other possible recruiting targets, including forward Damon Thornton, center Josh Sankes, and combo forward Chris Carrawell, a high school teammate of Woods, also chose to sign elsewhere.

"Jerry Johnson was the only one of these recruits who made a campus visit," Odom said.

"We decided to hold with our current guards for now. Had we known that Coleman wouldn't make grades, we would have recruited Thornton harder. We were disappointed about (losing) the others, but we are concentrating on who we do have, not who we lost. We are very happy with Loren Woods."

Rutland ruptured his anterior cruciate ligament near the end of last season and junior guard Jerry Braswell broke his left foot this

summer. Both are continuing rehabilitation and hope to be ready by the beginning of the season, although Braswell is projected to miss the first couple of weeks.

"We are encouraged that Rutland will make a full recovery, and Jerry's foot was x-rayed and the cast was taken off," Odom said. "A pin was inserted to help the healing, but we will hold him until November 1 before he can begin running again."

The Deacons' situation is further complicated by transfer losses. Backup point guard Armond Wilson and forward Antonio Jackson both transferred in the hopes of getting more playing time at their new schools.

Odom said, "We were disappointed that Armond left and felt his decision was premature, but he wanted to get more playing time and didn't think he could crack the lineup in the next few years."



Odom

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