

DEACON NOTES

Stadium to be dedicated

The W. Dennie Spry Soccer Complex will be officially dedicated Saturday when the Deacons host the Clemson Tigers in their final game of the season. The event is free and is open to the public.

The stadium seats 3,000 spectators and is fully lit for night matches. The structure includes locker rooms, concession areas and restrooms.

"This facility is one of the finest in the country," Demon Deacon Head Coach Jay Vidovich said. "It may be the best soccer-only stadium in the nation. This is something we and the players have looked forward to for a long time, and it will have an impact on our recruiting and the future successes of our team."

Trainer resigns post

Steve Yates, the university's head athletic trainer since 1980, has resigned to enter private business. Yates accepted a position as director of a sports medicine/physical therapy clinic in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Yates spent nine years as head athletic trainer at VMI prior to coming to the university.

Stringfellow injured

Sophomore men's basketball forward William Stringfellow will be sidelined for a month with a broken hand. Stringfellow fractured a bone in his right hand during the team's Oct. 25 practice. The team is optimistic that he will be ready by the squad's regular-season opener against VMI Nov. 24.

Deacons first in polls

The Demon Deacon men's basketball team will fare quite well in the upcoming season, if polls conducted during the ACC's Operation Basketball are any accurate indication. The Deacons received 65 first-place votes to take first in the preseason ACC finish poll, while the Clemson Tigers received the next-highest amount of first place votes with 14.

Senior Tim Duncan received the most votes for the preseason All-ACC team at the event, garnering 89 votes to Georgia Tech's Matt Harpring, with 82.

Soccer falls to Chapel Hill in another close contest, 1-0

By VINTON BRUTON
OLD GOLD AND BLACK REPORTER

The men's soccer team fell to North Carolina Sunday in Chapel Hill by a characteristic 1-0 score.

The Tar Heels' Carey Talley headed in the winning goal at the 55:02 mark, just 10 minutes into the second half. Talley connected on the header from six yards out.

The game dropped the Deacons' record to 10-6-1 overall, 2-3 in the ACC, while Chapel Hill improved to 8-6-1, 2-2-1.

The Demon Deacons have lost three of their last four games. Duke, Furman, and now the Tar Heels have dispatched the Deacons 1-0 on the road. In all three games the team has outplayed its opponent, but failed to capitalize on scoring chances.

"We are giving up a goal at the wrong time," Head Coach Jay Vidovich said. "We are playing pretty good, particularly after the other team scores on us, but we're coming up short."

"We miss an opportunity and they score and hold on for dear life."

The Tar Heels outshot their guests 16-15, but the Deacons held the advantage in second-half shots 11-9. The Demon Deacons were awarded nine cornerkicks to North Carolina's five.

The team's defense has been stellar all season long, allowing more than two goals only once, in an early season 4-2 loss to South Florida. Conversely, the offense has been a hit-and-miss affair. The team buried several weaker opponents under a torrent of goals, and has squeaked by stronger opponents by shutting down their offense and taking advantage of counterattack opportunities.

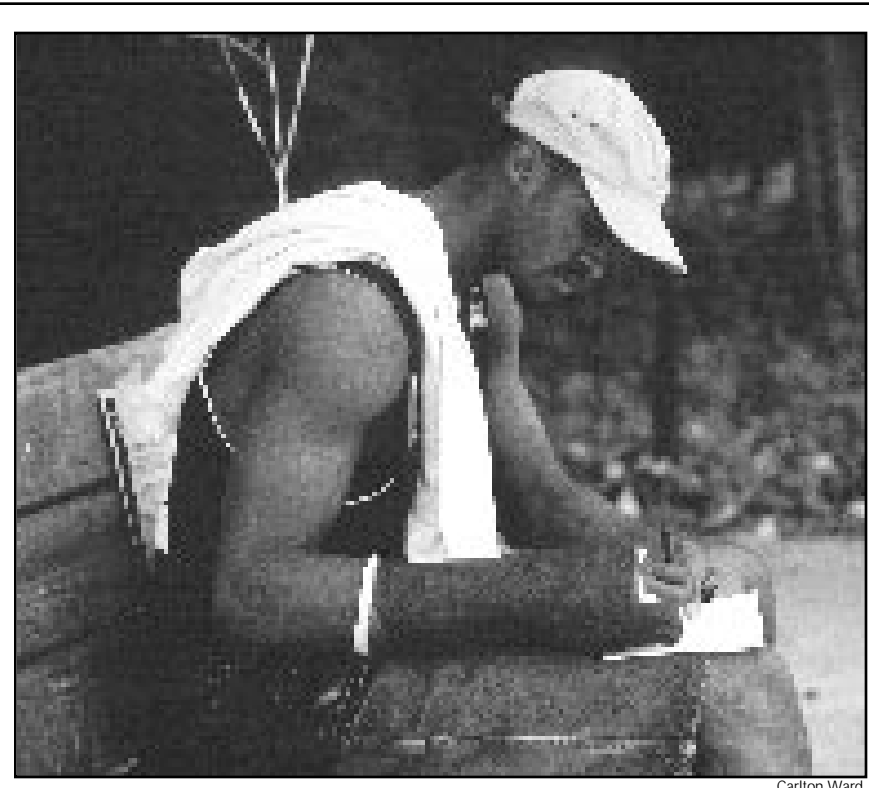
"Goal-scoring chances are tough to come by, especially with our competitive schedule," Vidovich said. "Every team is ready for us and is playing for a 'W', or more specifically, not to lose."

The loss to North Carolina may have serious postseason implications for the Demon Deacons. They must even their conference record with a win against Clemson in the regular season finale in order to keep their NCAA Tournament hopes alive.

Vidovich said, "Without a win (against Clemson), there are no postseason implications."

"Our way in is we need a 'W' against Clemson. They are the only team, other than Virginia, that has cemented a (NCAA) bid."

The Demon Deacons face Clemson Saturday at 7 p.m. at Spry Soccer Complex. The brand-new, state-of-the-art soccer complex will be dedicated prior to the start of the game.



Carlton Ward

Breaking a sweat

Sophomore William Stringfellow, a forward on the men's basketball team, struggles to write with a cast on his right hand on a recent, warm October day. Stringfellow fractured his hand in practice and will be side-lined for a month.

Injuries prove painful for runners

Women's cross-country team has disappointing ending to successful regular season

By ADAM ROTHSCHILD
SPORTS COPY EDITOR

The Demon Deacon women's cross country squad got its collective heart broken Saturday at the ACC Championship Meet at College Park, Md.

After a promising regular season from a young team which had graduated two All-Americans from the year before, the Demon Deacons, freshly bitten by the injury bug, placed a disappointing fifth in the conference.

"We had to go into the meet with two of our top five on the sidelines," Head Coach Francie Goodridge said. "It was crushing for us to lose two of our top five."

Freshmen Emily Selvidio and Jill Snyder had been suffering with leg ailments for some time, but the effects of those injuries, Goodridge said, were worsened by the brutal Arizona course the team ran two weeks prior to the ACC meet. Selvidio was suffering

from severe shin splints, while Snyder fell victim to severe knee tendonitis.

"Their injuries were solvable, but they came at the wrong time of the year," Goodridge said. "We had to make the decision to pull them out."

As a result, the Demon Deacons' fabled depth was zapped, and the team finished fifth, only five points behind the third-place Virginia Cavaliers.

On the bright side for the Demon Deacons, senior Liz Cotter continued her excellent season, placing ninth in the meet and earning All-ACC honors. This one meet is itself indicative of Cotter's remarkable improvement throughout her career; Cotter finished 69th in last year's ACC Championship.

Senior Chrissy Person, freshman Janelle Kraus and sophomore Amy Wallace, along with Cotter, formed a front-four pack unlike any other the Demon Deacons have

run in this season. Only 29 seconds separated the foursome.

"We had the best pack race we've ever had," Goodridge said. "Unfortunately, no one else came through at No. 5."

The Demon Deacons' depth, strong all season long, withered at Maryland, and sophomore Katie Clarke, who was added to the squad late in the season, was the Demon Deacons' fifth finisher, ahead of several runners who have placed consistently for the Demon Deacons this year.

Karen Godlock of North Carolina won her third consecutive ACC Championship with a time of 16:22 over the 5K course. North Carolina State won the team crown, followed by North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Virginia, Clemson, the Demon Deacons, Georgia Tech, Duke, Maryland and Florida State.

The Demon Deacons will try to rebound from this weekend's performance Monday at the NCAA Regional Championships in Greenville, S.C. They will again be without the services of the injured freshman Snyder and Selvidio.



Cotter

Tennis

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round matchup with Tennessee Tech's Diana Pous, and followed up the victory with a 6-3, 7-6 (5) win over Sophie Ljucovic of South Carolina. Aydin's run came to an end with a 6-4, 6-2 loss to Duke's Karin Miller, the top seeded player in the tournament, in the third round.

Also seeing action in Chapel Hill were Deacon senior Cristina Caparis, sophomore Bettina Pieri, and freshman Anne Marie Milton. Caparis fell in three sets in her first-round match, while Pieri toughed out a 6-3, 6-3 win over Kentucky's Caroline Kirk before falling in the second round.

Milton tallied a 6-0, 6-1 first-round win before falling to Duke's Kristin Sanderson (seeded third).

"I was very pleased with the performance of our freshman (Milton)," Gerrard said. In doubles play, the team of Aydin and Kaiwai won a pair of matches before falling to the Duke pair of Webb and Miller, while Harris and Pieri teamed up for a pair of 8-2 wins before likewise falling to a Duke team (Fix and O'Sullivan) 6-3, 6-4.

"We're still trying to come up with the right combinations," Gerrard said about the Deacons' doubles teams.

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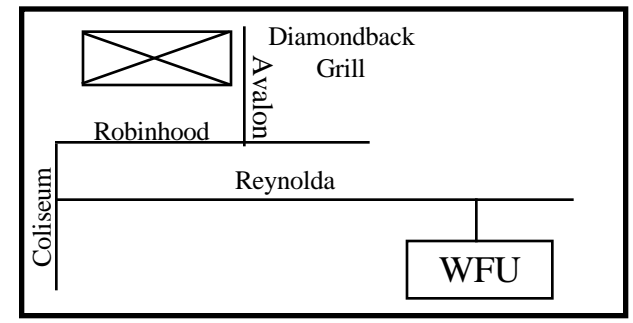


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