

DEACON NOTES

■ Deacon hoops highly ranked

The Demon Deacon men's basketball squad will open its season ranked prominently in the two highest-profile national polls. The Deacons are listed at third in the *USA Today*/CNN coaches preseason poll, and are ranked fourth in the Associated Press rankings.

The coaches' poll lists Kansas as the top team in the country, while the AP ranks Cincinnati No. 1.

■ Goolsby has surgery on knee

Junior guard/forward Steven Goolsby underwent arthroscopic knee surgery Nov. 7 to repair a torn lateral meniscus in his left knee. Team physician Dr. Walt Curl, who performed the surgery, said that the damage to the knee was more pronounced than expected, but that Goolsby should return to the team in time for the season opener Nov. 24 against VMI.

"Steven is doing well and will hopefully be back practicing with the team in a couple of weeks," Curl said. "After seeing the severity of the tear, I am very glad that we went ahead and performed the surgery at this time. He likely would not have been able to play an entire season under his condition."

■ Timbers honored by ACC

Senior Josh Timbers of the Demon Deacon men's soccer team received ACC Player of the Week honors for the part he played in the Deacons' 2-1 win Sunday over Clemson in Winston-Salem. Timbers assisted on the first goal of the evening and scored the winning goal in the second half.

Timbers is currently tied for first on the team with 19 points. He has six goals and seven assists on the season.

■ Deacons expect full houses

The Demon Deacon men's basketball team will play to large crowds in all of its ACC games in Winston-Salem this season. According to the university's sports marketing and promotions office, all of the Demon Deacons' eight ACC home games this season are virtual sell-outs.

The ticket crunch for ACC games is the result of season ticket sales and the sales of four-game ticket packages. The only scenario in which individual tickets will be available for ACC games this season will be if university students do not pick up their full allotment of tickets.

Tickets are currently on sale for all non-conference games, including contests against VMI (Nov. 24), Davidson (Nov. 29), Massachusetts (Dec. 14), Campbell (Dec. 21), Virginia Tech (Jan. 28), and Wofford (Jan. 29).

Women's golf team has worst tourney of the fall

By ANDY SISK
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Without the services of one of its key starters, the third-ranked women's golf team suffered through its worst finish of the fall season, placing ninth out of 12 teams at the prestigious GolfWorld/Palmetto Dunes Intercollegiate at Hilton Head Island, S.C., last weekend.

Senior All-American Laura Philo paced the squad as usual, birdieing the last hole of the tournament to tie for seventh. Though she came up short in winning an individual title this fall, Philo never finished outside of the top 10 in any of her tournaments this fall.

According to Head Coach Dianne Dailey, Philo has solidified herself as one of the premier players in collegiate golf.

"Laura has played so solid all season for us," she said. "I think that birdie on the last hole is a sign of things to come in the spring."

Unfortunately Dailey could not heap the same praise on her other former All-American, junior Alexandra Armas. Armas' scores have been plagued with inconsistency throughout her college career, varying between high finishes and disappointing bogey-filled efforts.

At Hilton Head, Armas opened with an eight-over round of 80.

Things got worse for Armas in the second round as the blast of winter air cooled off her swing. She soared to a 13-

over par 85 before figuring out the conditions for a 79 to tie for 45th.

According to Dailey, such a performance from one of her go-to players will not result in Demon Deacon wins, especially when the team is minus one of its top three players as senior Sonia Bauer recovers from her ankle injury.

The Demon Deacons dug themselves a hole on the first day when they shot their highest combined round of the season, a 321. Only Philo broke 80 when she shot 77. When asked what accounted for the high score, Dailey said the wintry weather may have affected the course.

"We are pretty strong in our course-management skills, and the students have overall good short games," Dailey said. "We do need to work more on giving ourselves better opportunities. We need to get our iron shots a little bit closer to the hole."

Round two saw only slight improvement, as the Demon Deacons could only improve by two shots over their initial effort.

Philo and sophomore Kristen Wagner, playing in her first collegiate tournament as a Demon Deacon, turned in rounds of 77. The Deacons found themselves a distant 31 strokes behind co-leaders Louisiana State and Duke entering Sunday.

Although out of the title chase, the Demon Deacons posted one of the lower rounds Sunday with a 307. Philo led the team again with an impressive one-over 73 while

Wagner wrapped up an impressive debut with a 76 that put her tied for 27th in her first event. Dailey was proud of the way her redshirt freshman handled the pressure.

"Kristen Wagner had a very nice tournament. She was able to stay focused and not let her nerves get to her," she said. "I think this can only have a positive effect on her for the upcoming spring."

Freshman Kelly Kirwin was the next Demon Deacon finisher, shooting 79 the last day to place 43rd. Kirwin was the only freshman to see action in every tournament this fall, and Dailey said she is pleased with the progress she is making.

"I think Kelly is really trying to solidify herself as one of the starters," Dailey said.

The other Demon Deacon to make the trip was sophomore Trina Casburn. She struggled in the conditions and wound up 55th.

The Demon Deacons now turn their attention to honing their individual swing changes. Dailey said all the players are eager to work on their games.

With some work on their iron games and a clean bill of health, Dailey said she likes her chances for a successful spring.

"Sonia Bauer should be ready to go for us in time for next season. I think with the experience we have and with the potential of all of the younger players, we will continue to be right up there with the best in the country next season," Dailey said.

Caldwell unhappy as Seminoles destroy Deacons in Orlando rout

By SCOTT PLUMRIDGE
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As expected, the Demon Deacon football squad fell prey to the mighty Florida State Seminoles in last weekend's gridiron battle. Ranked No. 3 in the country, the Seminoles dismantled the Demon Deacons 44-7.

The game, despite being played at the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, was technically a home game for the Deacons. The Deacons played in front of their "home team fans" who were smothered in Florida State maroon and gold.

In its incipient stages, the game held a glimmer of hope for the Deacons. Trailing by two touchdowns late in the first quarter, the Deacons came to the line at their own 20-yard line. Seconds later, the unexpected occurred.

Sophomore running back Morgan Kane, aided by a blocking hole the size of Texas, blazed through the line of scrimmage and motored upfield. Virtually untouched, Kane outran the Seminole secondary for an 80-yard touchdown.

Kane's touchdown was the first and only unexpected event of the day. Returning to business as usual, the Seminoles quickly suppressed the Deacon euphoria by re-establishing their devastating game plan.

On the following two possessions, the Florida State passing attack was put in gear to lead the

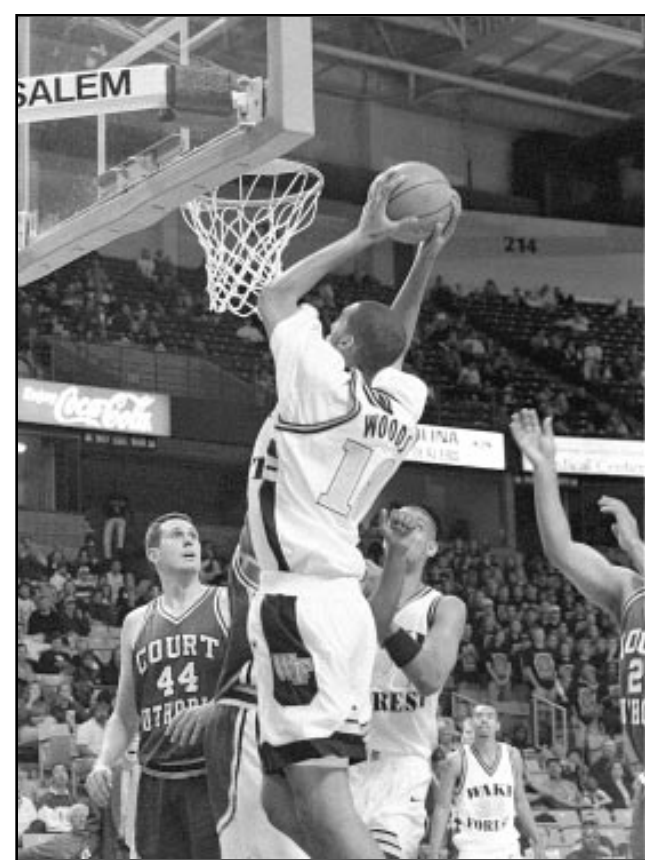
Seminoles to two touchdowns. Add in a ravenous Florida State defense, spearheaded by lightning-quick defensive ends Renard Wilson and Peter Boulware, and the Deacons were out of the game almost as soon as they appeared to be in it.

With a 28-7 halftime lead, the Seminoles came out in the second half intent on finishing off the Deacons for good. Once again, the Florida State defense easily blazed a trail to sophomore quarterback Brian Kuklick, who was sacked four times on the day. "On offense, we had difficulty blocking them all day and should have been better in that respect," Head Coach Jim Caldwell said.

The suffocating Seminole defensive unit helped set up their offense good field position throughout the game. The offense took advantage of the favorable positioning and continued to effectively move the football. A touchdown and three field goals rounded out the second half scoring for the Seminoles.

Despite losing by a margin smaller than those against less-potent foes North Carolina and Maryland, Caldwell was still not happy with the squad's performance. "Florida State has a very good football team, but I still feel we should have given them a closer contest and we are not pleased with the final result in any way," he said.

Caldwell's troops did show some encouraging play. Defensively, the Deacons limited the Seminole rushing attack, powered by Heisman Trophy hopeful Warrick Dunn, to a meager 121 yards.



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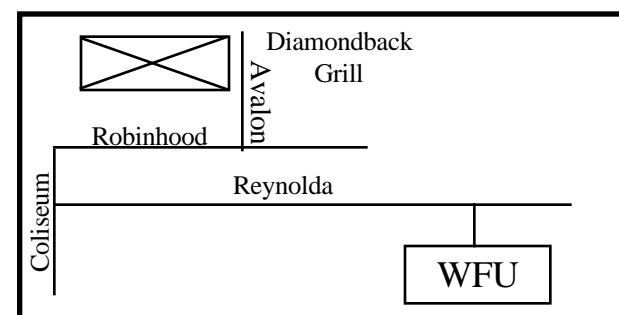


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