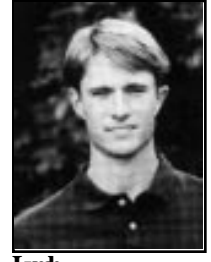


Men's golf squad concludes successful fall season on high note

Team, led by junior Todd Lynch and sophomore Oscar Sanchez, achieves second-place finish at the Dunes Collegiate Golf Tournament

By ERIC LAW
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The Demon Deacon men's golf team closed out its fall season in impressive fashion with a strong second-place finish at the Golfworld/Palmetto Dunes Collegiate Golf Tournament.



Lynch

The Demon Deacons were just four strokes off the team title pace of Texas Christian University in a field composed of nine out of the top 10 ranked teams in the nation.

The Demon Deacons began the final round in a three-way tie for second, but trailed TCU by what appeared to be an insurmountable 15 strokes.

However, the Deacons tore up the final round as the team fired a blistering 8-under 280 team score which enabled them to cap-

ture second place by themselves while bettering the next team finisher by nine strokes. This final 8-under team round was also eight strokes better than the next-best team score for the concluding round as they closed the gap on first place by 11 strokes.

Junior Todd Lynch summed up the team's final round heroics.

"TCU thought the tournament was over, and we knew that it wasn't," Lynch explained.

Lynch had yet another solid tournament performance as he earned his fourth top 10 finish in five fall events. Lynch posted a 71-72-68 for a total of 211 for the tournament.

He saved his best golf for last, as his final round 68 was the best score by the entire golf squad in the tournament.

Lynch's tournament total of 211 earned him his highest individual finish this fall with a tie at fourth place.

Lynch attributed his excellent performance at this tournament and for his entire fall season to his mental approach.

"I have been thinking my way through the whole tournament, because my golf game has not really changed but my mental development has heightened my level of play," Lynch said.

Sophomore Oscar Sanchez also had an impressive tournament as he cracked the top 10 for the first time this fall.

Sanchez took a different route than teammate Lynch while shooting his best score in the first round as he finished up with a 69-71-72 for a total of 212.

Sanchez's tournament total was only one stroke behind Lynch and earned him a seventh place finish.

Junior Ray Floyd Jr., was next for the Deacons as he shot a 74-76-69 for a total of 219 which was good enough for a tie at 23rd place, but just one stroke off the top 20.

Senior Ryan Gioffre finished right behind Floyd, Jr., as he posted a 73-76-71 for a total of 220 which tied him for 28th place, and only one stroke back of Floyd.

Senior Justin Roof rounded out the Deacons' terrific team performance as he opened with an excellent one-under 71-72, but slipped a bit in the final round as he shot a 79 to finish up with a 222 and a tie at 42nd place.

The Demon Deacons came into this tournament with a No. 4 national ranking and improved on this already high mark by topping the three teams ahead of them in the polls.

The Demon Deacons finished up the fall

season nipping at the heels of a national championship as they jumped up to No. 2 in the nation, only a few points behind No. 1 Oklahoma State.

Lynch again provided some words of insight into the team's amazing run this fall season as he had this remark for head coach Jack Lewis before this past tournament.

"We have five guys who honestly believe they could win this and every tournament they played in," Lynch explained.

We will next see this intense confidence of the men's golf team in action at the end of February when they open the spring season with a tournament in Puerto Rico. The squad looks to continue their winning ways of this fall into the upcoming spring season in order to make it to the top of the collegiate golf world.



Sanchez

Men's tennis team fares well in Indoor Championships at UNC

By DAVID MCGLINCHY
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The 1996 Rolex Region II Indoor Championships were held Nov. 6-10 at North Carolina. Five members of the Demon Deacon men's tennis team completed, and they combined for five victories. Sophomore Daniel Merkert went into the competition seeded second overall. The top two finishers in the main draw of the singles advanced to the Rolex National Indoor Championship. Merkert went as far as the fourth round in the field of 64 before losing to eventual finalist Doug Root of Duke.

Merkert began strong by beating Amando Santos of Hampton, 6-4 6-1, and Wilbur Calendar of Howard, 6-4 6-2. He routed Hyon Yoo of Virginia, 6-0 6-1, before his losing effort against Root.

Freshman Andres Guzman was an automatic qualifier. He opened against Appalachian State's Pedro Lopez and showed off every facet of his game while drubbing Lopez, 6-1 6-1.

In reference to his first match Guzman said, "I played well. Everything went in."

In his second match Guzman fell to the other finalist, Keith Brill of South Carolina, but not without giving a gutsy performance and making him earn every point of his 6-3 6-2 victory.

Freshman Mike Berger was the last of the Deacons to compete in the main draw but lost in his first match. He played close against Jon Pestal of Davidson before falling, 7-5 6-3.

In the qualifying singles, sophomore Lars Ziehn walked through the first round courtesy of Alan Odic of Coastal Carolina. He lost to eventual main draw qualifier Luis Robles of Hampton, 6-4 6-3, in the second round. Junior Jimmy Chou bowed out in the first round, however, to Jeff Smith of North Carolina State.

Merkert and Ziehn represented the Deacons in the main draw of the doubles competition. They took their first match against a team from North Carolina, 6-2 5-7 6-3, then defeated a team from South Carolina, 6-4 7-6(0) before losing to William and Mary's Lee Harang and Trevor Spracklin, 6-3 7-6(4).

"The guys are great. We're a nice team. Things are going to go our way this season," Guzman said of the team's chemistry.

Deacons aiming to complete goals

By JOSHUA HOFFMAN
OLD GOLD AND BLACK REPORTER

The volleyball team laid out many goals at the start of the season. One of them was to win all of their out-of-conference matches. With a 10-6 record against those teams, the squad has performed as well as they had hoped to versus their out-of-conference opponents.

Another one of those goals was to play team defense, the aspect of the game Head Coach Mary Jones tries to stress the most to her players in practice and games. In observing the way the team plays tenacious defense and takes pride in their defensive play, the Demon Deacons are living up to that goal as well.

Their third goal, perhaps the most ambitious of the lot, was to win a match against an ACC foe.

In light of the success the squad has

seen in its inaugural season, this goal didn't seem so far out of reach.

But after 14 ACC matches, the Demon Deacons have 14 ACC losses. The squad now has two matches left in which to accomplish this task.

"We're concentrating on the end of the season," freshman Julie Cowley said. "When this season is over, we'll start thinking about next year."

In the final home game of the season, the Demon Deacons played visiting William and Mary. In the first game, the Demon Deacons came out gunning, and went straight at their opponent.

With Cowley supplying the ammunition in the form of her 35 assists, the Deacons went on the offensive, but eventually dropped the match.

"We're all a little disappointed right now because our goal was to win all

non-conference matches," Cowley explained. "We had the opportunity to beat WM, but we couldn't take it from them."

Despite the loss, the Demon Deacons played solid volleyball. Led by freshmen Sharon Harmsworth, who had 10 kills and 16 digs and Katie Horne, who finished the match with 11 kills and 12 digs, the Demon Deacons showed their firepower. Freshman Jessica Sammis' 11 kills and 17 digs led the team in both categories.

Against North Carolina State, the Demon Deacons were unable to get into gear offensively. The Wolfpack shut down the Demon Deacon attack, and subsequently, the Demon Deacons were unable to get anything started.

Behind the play of Horne, who led the team with 11 kills and also registered ten digs, and junior co-captain Carri Walker, who chipped in with seven kills and eight digs, the Demon Deacons presented their opponents with a tough challenge.

"We were prepared to play after the first game, which is something that we've been trying to do all season," Cowley explained.



Jones

Women's basketball starts season with 68-51 loss to Athletes in Action

By ERIN KOREY
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The Demon Deacon women's basketball team got its season off to a slow start Wednesday night with a loss to the Athletes in Action, a Christian amateur team. Although the game was an exhibition contest the 9-2 AIA came out strong and dominated the game, 68-51.

The Deacons took the lead early in the first minute, but then proceeded to trail AIA the remainder of the game.

One aspect of the Deacons' play that proved them inferior to AIA was their inability to answer the AIA's scoring streaks. Their strong defense kept the Deacons at a loss for shots. More than half way through the second half, the Deacons left eight points unanswered.

The Deacons were led by senior forward RaeAnna Mulholland with 11 points and five rebounds. Strong under the basket, she kept the Deacons in sight of the lead for most of the first half.

Prior to the game, Demon Deacon graduate guard Nicole Levesque, '94, was given an award by Deacon Head Coach Karen Freeman. As a Deacon player, Levesque was the all-time leader in scoring and assists. She contributed to the AIA win by scoring 10 points and four rebounds.

The Deacons were handicapped without starting sophomore forward Heidi Coleman who underwent arthroscopic surgery on her knee last week. "Heidi's physically able to play, but we didn't want to risk any further injury on an exhibition game," Freeman said.

Not only did Coleman not play, the team was also at

a loss with junior Nancy Helms injured and junior Carri Walker finishing up the volleyball season.

Stepping up in Coleman's place was freshman forward Alisha Mosley. She showed exceptional poise on the court under the pressure of calling the plays and controlling the game. "She did all she was asked to do," Freeman said.

The Demon Deacon bench came alive with two consistent players of the night. Sophomore forwards Jenn Miklic and Emon McMillian provided vital points to the Deacon attack.

The team showed strong defense by keeping AIA to 31 points in the first half and 37 in the half. They showed that they could play consistent defense against a strong opponent.

The problem the Deacons faced was the attack. "We

were short offensively. The amount of free throws we were able to shoot shows us being aggressive. But we need to convert those free throws into points," Freeman explained.

The Demon Deacons only sunk 11 out of their 21 free throw opportunities. Although senior center Tracy Connor contributed nine points for the Deacons, she was only able to complete three out of seven free throws.

The surprise of the night was AIA guard Nancy Lieberman-Cline. At age 38, Cline is considered one of the best — if not the best — women's basketball player ever to play. She led the AIA with 19 points, nine of those points three-pointers, giving evidence to the reputation that preceded her.

Freeman does not think last night's game is any example of what is to come from the Demon Deacons. "If we continue with defensive intensity and combine that with a better offensive, we will definitely improve," Freeman said.

SCOREBOARD

Men's Basketball

USA Today-CNN Coaches' Preseason Poll

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| Team | 7. Villanova |
| 1. Kansas (13) | 8. North Carolina |
| 2. Cincinnati (11) | 9. Michigan |
| 3. Wake Forest (2) | 10. Duke |
| 4. Kentucky (3) | 11. Iowa St. |
| 5. Utah | 12. Syracuse |
| 6. UCLA | 13. Arkansas |
| 7. North Carolina | 14. Fresno St. |
| 8. Villanova(1) | 15. Massachusetts |
| 9. Michigan | 16. Texas |
| 10. Duke | 17. New Mexico |
| 11. Iowa St. | 18. Stanford |
| 12. Syracuse | 19. Arizona |
| 13. Massachusetts | 20. Clemson |
| 14. Stanford | 21. Boston College |
| 15. Texas | 22. Minnesota |
| 16. Arizona | 23. Iowa |
| 17. Clemson | 24. George Washington |
| 18. Arkansas | 25. Marquette |
| 19. Fresno St. | |
| 20. Iowa | |
| 21. Boston College | |
| 22. New Mexico | |
| 23. Tulane | |
| 24. Indiana | |
| 25. Louisville | |

AP Preseason Rankings

- Cincinnati
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Wake Forest
- UCLA
- Utah

Men's Soccer

	ACC Standings			
Team	Conf.	Overall	W	L
Virginia	4	0	15	1
Maryland	2	2	10	5
Wake Forest	3	3	11	6
Duke	3	3	11	6
Clemson	2	3	10	6
North Carolina	2	3	8	7
N.C. State	1	3	9	5

Volleyball

	ACC Standings			
Team	Conf.	Overall	W	L
Virginia	4	0	15	1
Maryland	2	2	10	5
Wake Forest	3	3	11	6
Duke	3	3	11	6
Clemson	2	3	10	6
North Carolina	2	3	8	7
N.C. State	1	3	9	5

Maryland	11	0	18	4
Georgia Tech	7	3	24	4
Clemson	6	4	14	11
Duke	6	4	9	9
Virginia	5	6	20	7
Florida State	5	7	8	14
North Carolina	4	6	14	10
N.C. State	3	6	18	9
Wake Forest	0	11	9	16

Football

	ACC Standings			
Team	Conf.	Overall	W	L
Florida State	7	0	8	0
North Carolina	5	1	8	1
Clemson	5	2	6	3
Virginia	4	3	6	3
Georgia Tech	4	3	5	3
Maryland	2	4	4	5
N.C. State	2	4	2	6
Duke	0	6	0	8
Wake Forest	0	6	2	7

Receiving Leaders

- Harvey Middleton, GaT 5.5
- Ne Brown, UNC 5.2
- Desmond Clark, WF 4.7
- Thabiti Davis, WF 4.4
- Jimmy Grissett, NCS 4.0
- Leon Johnson, UNC 3.4
- Freddie Jones, UNC 3.4

Women's Soccer

ACC Standings

Team	Conf.	Overall	W	L	W	L
North Carolina	7	0	20	1		
Duke	3	3	9	9		
Clemson	3	3	15	6		
N.C. State	3	3	11	8		
Virginia	3	3	12	6		
Maryland	2	3	17	4		
Wake Forest	2	5	13	7		
Florida State	2	5	12	7		

Field Hockey

	ACC Standings			
Team	Conf.	Overall	W	L
North Carolina	8	0	20	1
Virginia	5	3	16	3
Maryland	3	5	14	6
Duke	3	5	12	9
Wake Forest	1	7	7	12

This Week

- Thursday-Sunday: Men's Soccer at ACC Tournament
- Friday: Volleyball at Clemson
- Saturday: Football vs. Duke, 12 p.m.
- Volleyball at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Australia, after football game, Joel Coliseum
- Women's Cross Country at NCAA Regional Championships, Greenville, S.C.
- Sunday: Women's Basketball vs. Foreign Team, 2 p.m., Joel Coliseum
- Wednesday: Men's Cross Country at NCAA Championships, Tuscon, Az.