

# DEACON NOTES

## Deacons smash Asheville in home opener, 17-5

The bats were a swingin' in the Deacons' home baseball opener as the team racked up 19 hits in their 17-5 routing of the University of North Carolina-Asheville Bulldogs Feb. 18 at Hooks Stadium.

Junior Andrew Riepe led the team in hits with four, while junior Jon Palmieri was a second with three. Junior Ben Danosky knocked three balls out of the park for the Deacs, senior Will Rikard had two homers and sophomore Stephen Sullivan added another.

The winning pitcher in the contest was freshman Danny Borrell. Five other pitchers saw action for the Deacs: senior Pete Princi, sophomore Jeremy Ward, junior Matt Briggs, and freshmen Scott Siemon and Josh Bartlett.

The win improved the Deacons to 4-0 while dropping the Bulldogs to 0-8. The Deacons' next action will be against the University of New Orleans in the Holiday Inn/Medical Center Classic Feb. 20-22 in Houston.

## Caldwell announces 16 new recruits for football team

Sixteen prospects from nine different states, the District of Columbia and Canada have officially accepted football scholarships by signing a national letter-of-intent Feb. 4, Demon Deacon Head Coach Jim Caldwell has announced.

"We feel that this is the best recruiting class we have had," Caldwell, who is entering his sixth year at the Deacon helm. "We

were able to satisfy our needs in every area and are confident that the individuals in this class will make major contributions toward the improvement of our program in the future."

The group includes nine linemen/linebackers/tight ends, six backs and wide receivers and one kicking specialist.

## Boyd places ninth in track's Valentine's Classic

Senior Ben Boyd led the Deacon men's track and field team by finishing the 3,000 meters with a time of 8:26.94 to place ninth in that category at the Virginia Tech Valentine's Indoor Track & Field Classic held Feb. 14 in Blacksburg, Va. The Deacon track and field teams will compete next in the ACC Championships Feb. 20-21 at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.

## Kelly named director of 1999 NCAA Final Four

Michael Kelly, director of athletic operations and facilities since 1995, has been named Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Organizing Committee for the 1999 NCAA Final Four.

Kelly, a 1992 alumnus, will serve as the local organizing committee's liaison to the NCAA and will be responsible for compliance with all NCAA policies, guidelines and regulations pertaining to the men's basketball national championship and surrounding activities.

The 1999 Final Four will be held March 27-29, 1999, at Tropicana Field, a 40,500-seat domed stadium in St. Petersburg, Fla.

# Deacs drop 14th in a row

## Team continues slide with losses to Georgia Tech and Maryland

By Erin Korey  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Friday the 13th seemed to be an unlucky day for the women's basketball team as it dropped its thirteenth game in a row, falling to Georgia Tech, 58-53.

Sophomore Alisha Mosley scored a career high 18 points, all in the second half, to keep the Deacons within striking distance. Tech, however, capitalized on the Deacs' inability to score in the finishing stretch and prevented the Deacons from getting any closer than three in the second half.

Tech's strong defense kept junior Heidi Coleman, who has consistently been one of the team's top scorers, to only five points.

The Deacons started off the game strong with a five-foot jumper by junior Emon McMillian in the first 20 seconds to gain the initial momentum. The Deacons' excitement was squashed, though, as Tech went on an 11-0 run with 11:58 left to take the lead by six.

The Deacons battled back in the final minutes when junior Cynthia Kelley sunk two free throws to recapture the lead right before half time.

The second half brought an all-too-familiar sight to the Deacon team as the Yellow Jackets whittled away at the Deacs' confidence.

With 11:56 left, Mosley hit two free throws to tie the game, but Tech answered it with a foul shot of their own. The Yellow Jackets' veteran, Carla Munnion, came off the bench to score 21 points for the team, 16 of which came in the second half as she battled Mosley.



Carlton Ward/Old Gold and Black

Junior guard Cynthia Kelley leaps in front of an opponent.

Mosley hit 2 of 3 three pointers in the last four minutes to help the Deacs pull close to the lead, but Munnion and company were too strong for the Deacs to handle.

Following up the loss to Georgia Tech, the Deacons traveled to 19th-ranked Clemson hoping to avenge the final second stunner they received on Jan. 15. Clemson, however, wasn't to be messed with this time, downing the Deacs, 64-41.

The Deacons were up against Clemson's scene-stealer Ito Umoh, who scored a

game-high 18 points and topped the 900-point career mark at Clemson.

The Deacons were led by freshman standout Olivia Dardy, who chipped in with 11 points and six rebounds.

Plagued by turnovers and low shooting percentage, the Deacs could do little to defend their basket.

Sophomore Alisha Mosley and junior Heidi Coleman combined for three long-range baskets but did little else as the team's leading scorers.

# Deacons a hit in first week, win three straight

By Jeremy Noel  
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The Demon Deacon baseball team got its 1998 season off on the right foot by sweeping three games last weekend, Feb. 13-15, at Brooks Field in Wilmington.

The Deacons took two games from host UNC-Wilmington, including a 5-1 win on Feb. 13 and a 7-3 comeback victory on Feb. 15. The Deacs defeated Radford by a convincing 9-3 margin.

In the season opener, the Deacons used a solid combination of offensive power and dominating pitching to shut down UNC Wilmington.

The Deacon offense was led by junior Ben Danosky, with two home runs and four runs batted in, and senior Will Rikard, who finished with three hits in four at bats and scored two runs.

The first of Danosky's homers came in the top of the second inning. With the Deacs holding a 1-0 lead, Danosky hit a two-run shot over the right field fence that scored Rikard, who had led off the inning with a double. The homer built the Deacon advantage to 3-0.

Danosky continued his assault on the Seahawk pitching in the sixth inning when his second two-run

blast of the game once again scored Rikard and ensured the final 5-1 score.



Danosky

five hits, while striking out nine batters, the second most of his career. He walked five.

After MacDougal left the game, sophomore Eric Schmitt came on to pick up the save, striking out six in three scoreless innings.

Saturday, the Deacs again used a power game matched with strong pitching to overwhelm their opponent.

An offense led by senior Sunny Chiou and solid pitching led by sophomore Jeremy Ward carried the Deacons to a 9-3 win.

The Deacs belted four home runs

in the contest, led by Chiou who had two homers in the game.

Chiou's first round-tripper was a solo shot in the fifth inning to give the Deacs a 2-0 lead, and he followed that up in the next inning with a two-run blast that scored Danosky and upped the lead to 6-0.

Sophomore Ricky Mendez had a solo homer to open the scoring for the Demon Deacons in the first inning and freshman Corey Slavik homered in his first collegiate at bat in the eighth.

Senior Josh Otten was one of four Deacons with two hits in the game as he went 2-for-3 with a run scored. The other Deacons with two hits included Chiou, Mendez and Danosky.

Sophomore Jeremy Ward turned in a strong performance on the hill for the Deacons, picking up his first win of the year as he allowed two runs, only one of which was earned, on five hits while striking out five Highlanders in six and two-thirds innings of work.

Freshman Danny Borrell made his collegiate debut and pitched two innings, allowing one run after following Stephen Sullivan in relief of Ward.

In the final game of the weekend, the Deacons found themselves trailing UNC Wilmington 3-2 in the top

of the ninth inning but were able to come back and record a 7-3 victory.

The Demon Deacons once again looked to the long ball as a key to victory as two homers in the top of the ninth fueled the five-run rally.

The first of the homers was a solo shot by junior Jon Palmieri to lead off the top of the ninth and knot the score at three runs apiece.

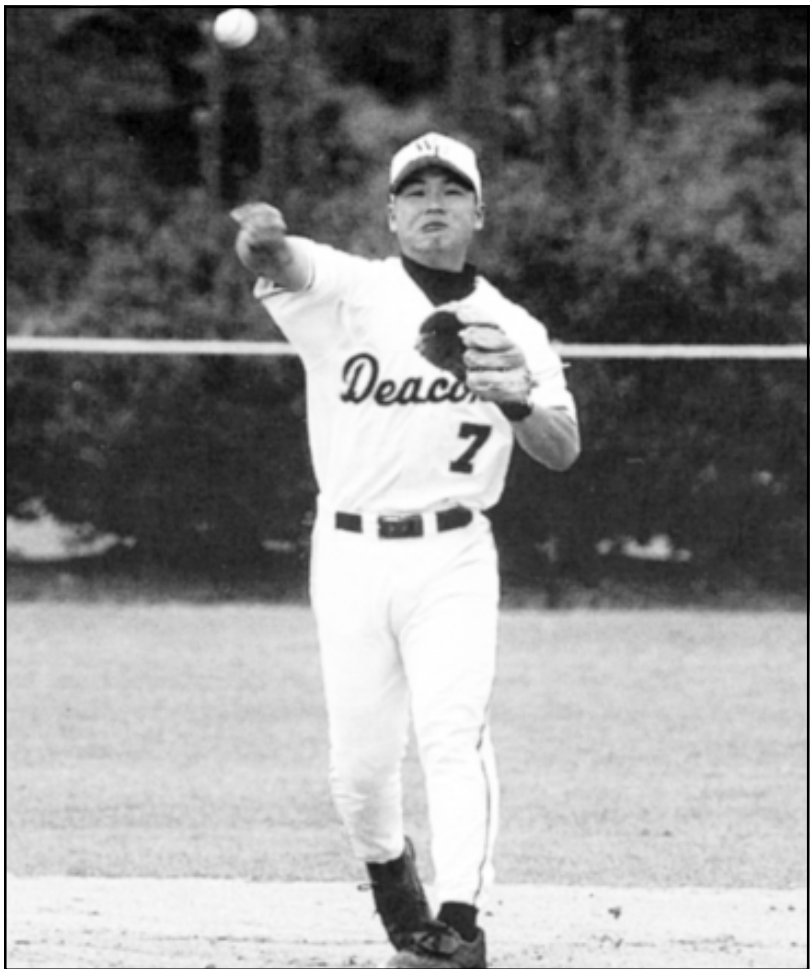
Ben Danosky followed Palmieri's homer with a single and later advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Andrew Riepe.

After UNC Wilmington decided to walk Scott Siemon to put runners on first and second with one out, Will Rikard battled to a 2-2 count by fouling off several pitches before taking a Lee Grant fastball over the left field fence to give the Demon Deacons a 6-3 lead.

The Deacon rally was capped by a run scored on a Seahawk error later in the inning.

Palmieri finished the game with two hits and two RBIs while Rikard went two-for-three with three RBIs. Sophomore Eric Schmitt picked up his first win on the year by pitching two scoreless innings in relief of starter John Hendricks.

Hendricks went seven innings in his first outing of the season and gave up three runs on five hits and one walk while striking out eight.



Courtesy of Sports Information

Senior Jimmy Chiou fires a ball to first base. Chiou hit two home runs in the Deacs game against UNC-Wilmington.

# SCOREBOARD

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Standings

	ACC	Overall
Duke	12 1	23 2
UNC	12 1	26 1
Md.	8 5	15 8
Clem.	5 7	15 10
GaT.	5 7	16 9
FSU	5 8	16 10
WFU	4 8	12 11
NCSU	3 9	13 11
UVA	2 10	10 15

### Statistics

Rebounds	Avg.
Antawn Jamison, UNC	10.8
Matt Harpring, GaT.	9.8
Norman Nolan, UVA	8.0
Shane Battier, Duke	7.2
Corey Louis, FSU	7.0
Rafael Vidaurreta, WFU	7.0

### Three-point goal percentage

Pct.	
Shammond Williams, UNC	.484
Tony Christie, Clem.	.446
Curtis Staples, UVA	.441
Archie Miller, NCSU	.436
Steve Goolsby, WFU	.433

## W. BASKETBALL

### Standings

	ACC	Overall
Duke	11 3	18 6
NCSU	10 3	19 4
Clem.	11 4	20 6
UNC	10 4	20 5
UVA	9 6	18 7
Md.	6 7	13 10
FSU	4 10	8 16
GaT.	3 10	10 13
WFU	0 16	4 22

## BASEBALL

### Standings

	ACC	Overall
Duke	0 0	10 0
WFU	0 0	4 0
Clem.	0 0	5 1
UVA	0 0	2 1
NCSU	0 0	5 2
GaT.	0 0	3 3
UNC	0 0	1 3

## THIS WEEK

Feb. 19  
Women's Tennis at National Team

Indoors Madison, Wis.  
Men's Basketball at Maryland, 9

Feb. 20  
Women's Tennis at National Team  
Indoor Tournament  
Baseball vs. N. Orleans in Houston, 2  
M. Tennis vs. Northeast Louisiana, 6

Feb. 21  
Women's Tennis at National Team  
Indoor Tournament  
Men's Basketball vs. Florida State, 12  
Baseball at Rice, 2  
Men's Tennis vs. Virginia Tech, 4

Feb. 22  
Indoor Track ACC Championships in Blacksburg, Va.  
Women's Tennis at National Team  
Indoor Tournament  
M. Tennis vs. William and Mary, 10 am  
Baseball vs. NW Louisiana at Houston

Feb. 23  
Indoor Track ACC Championships  
Men's Golf at Puerto Rico Classic

Feb. 24  
Men's Golf at Puerto Rico Classic  
Baseball at Elon, 2:30  
Men's Basketball at UNC, 9

# Woods a lone bright spot in the Blue Devils 78-47 win

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best in the ACC, that caused all these problems.

"I was really pleased with our defense," Krzyzewski said. "They were all over the court."

The Deacons made a game of it early on, matching Duke shot for shot in the opening ten minutes. Senior guard Tony Rutland continued from where he left off in the Georgia Tech game Feb. 11 (Rutland scored nine points in the final minutes). He scored five of the Deacs first seven points, lifting his team to an early 7-6 lead.

However, Duke, which was one of the deepest teams in the ACC, quickly wore out the Deacs.

"They have a lot of players and rotate them a lot to keep them fresh," Odom said. "We tried to do as much of that as we possibly could, but it was difficult."

Freshman Robert O'Kelley hit a baseline jumper for two of his team-high 12 points at the 12:39 mark to cut the Duke lead to one, 13-12, but after the shot, it was all downhill for the Deacs.

The Blue Devils went on a 28-6 run to close the half and went into the locker room with a commanding 41-20 lead.

The Deacs were unable to get out of the funk they ended with in the first half.

On their first possession of the second half, O'Kelley committed a turnover and set the tone for what would be a Duke-dominated half.

The Deacons struggled all day to find open shots from the perimeter.

Inside, the Blue Devils were too talented and experienced for the Deac's young post players.

The result was a team unable to score enough to keep up with the second-best team in the country.

"We need to learn to attack the inside more," Odom said.

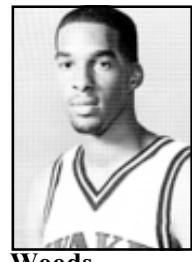
"Our low-post game, I feel has improved a little bit but needs to

improve a little more."

One bright spot in the loss was the play of Woods. In his second game back with the team, the 7'1" center playing with force in the paint, blocking five shots, grabbed seven boards, and scoring six points.

"Woods, once they get accustomed to having him back in, is a force, especially defensively," Krzyzewski said.

"He certainly alters a lot of shots and blocked quite a few tonight. I can see that when they get accustomed to him, they will take a step up."



Woods