

# DEACON NOTES

## O'Kelley earns all-rookie honors in ACC and nation

Freshman Robert O'Kelley was named ACC Rookie of the Year by the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association. He is only the second freshman in the school's history to receive this honor.

The first was Rodney Rogers in 1991. O'Kelley was also named to the 1998 Freshman All-America first team squad selected by *Basketball Times* magazine.

## Deacs to host Wake Forest Relays this weekend

Beginning on Thurs., Mar. 19, the Wake Forest outdoor track and field teams will host the Wake Forest Relays.

The three day event will be held in Kentner Stadium and will last through Saturday afternoon.

## Deacons bounce ETSU in rain-shortened contest

The Demon Deacon baseball squad defeated East Tennessee State University, March 18, for the second straight day by a score of 9-0. With this win, the Deacons swept the two-game series.

Freshman ace Danny Borrell was the winning pitcher in the contest, which was called after 6.5 innings for darkness and rain.

Two Deacs had home runs: sophomore Ricky Mendez knocked out a two-run homer and junior Ben Danosky added a solo shot.

## Field hockey announces recruits for 1998 season

Field hockey Head Coach Jennifer Averill

announced the signing of four players for the 1998-99 school year. All four will enroll as freshmen in the fall of 1998.

Katie Kubic, from Virginia Beach, Va., is a second-team high-school All-American with outstanding skills. A versatile player, she can play center midfield as well as on the left and right sides.

Carrie Neidhardt hails from Washington Crossing, Pa., and is a first-team high school All-American.

Nienke van Ruiten is the team's only international recruit, hailing from Bussum, Netherlands, but she is the second player in three years to join the Deacs from the Netherlands. She played for the Ladies' First Team of Gooishe in the Netherlands.

Jennie Shelton will join the team from Palmyra, (Pa.) High School. She is a first-team all-state and first-team Mid-Pennsylvania forward.

## Men's soccer signs three during recruiting season

Men's soccer Head Coach Jay Vidovich announced the signing of three players for the 1998-99 school year.

Two will enroll as freshmen while the other will transfer in with sophomore standing.

Christian Lonteen was a first-team all-conference and all-state selection as a high school senior in 1997, earning conference player of the year honors.

He is from Rolling Meadows, Ill. Jamal Seale, from Overland Park, Kan., was the 1997 Kansas Gatorade Player of the Year and a member of the U.S. Under-17 National Team.

He also earned all-state honors as a junior and senior in high school.

Greg Krauss transfers to the Deacs from Ohio University, originally hailing from Clearwater, Fla.

Krauss was a member of the 1998 U.S. Olympic Team pool and earned all-state honors his junior and senior years in high school.

# Tigers oust Deacs in ACCs

By Scott Payne  
Sports Editor

It was a tale of two halves for the Demon Deacons in their 75-56 loss to the Clemson Tigers in the first round of the ACC Tournament in Greensboro March 6.

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It was a story retold far too often. As has been the case several different times this season, the Deacs opened the first half with guns blazing, jumping out to a double-digit lead, only to collapse in the final twenty minutes in an embarrassing fashion.

"Losing a basketball game is one thing. Losing a basketball game and becoming somewhat splintered offensively, not somewhat, but very splintered, like we did is the thing that is so disappointing to me," said Demon Deacon Head Coach Dave Odom of his team's thirteenth loss of the season.

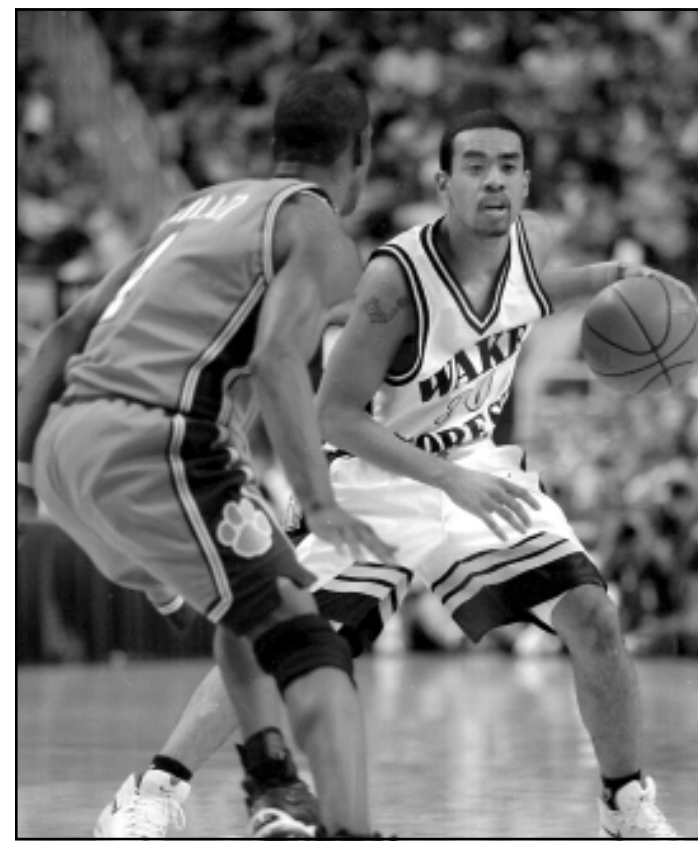
The loss mirrored the defeat the Deacs suffered one month prior to Clemson Feb. 7 in Littlejohn Coliseum, which saw the Deacons take command early only to lose their composure and the game.

From the opening tip it looked as though the Deacs were going to cruise past the Tigers as freshman Robert O'Kelley knocked down three-straight three point bombs.

Every shot the Deacons put up in the first half seemed to go in, achieving a smoking 61.5 shooting percentage from the field in the first twenty minutes.

O'Kelley had 19 points in the first half alone, including five three-pointers, as the Deacs opened up a 26-15 lead with just over 11 minutes left in the half. Particularly notable was a four-point play in which he got fouled while making his fourth three of the half.

But despite their accuracy from the field in the first half, the Tigers were able to close the gap to eight points by



Senior Tony Rutland controls the ball in the Deacs 19-point loss during the first round of the ACC Tournament on March 6.

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Old Gold and Black

half time at 40-32, led by the 13-point contribution of Terrell McIntyre, who single-handedly kept the Tigers in the game.

When the second half started it was obvious that the momentum of the game had shifted to Clemson as they turned up the defensive pressure and chopped away at the Deacon lead. When McIntyre hit a three-pointer with just over 13 minutes remaining, the score was tied at 49 apiece.

The Tigers put the game away with a 15-0 run in the middle of the second half, sparked by an alley-oop dunk by Clemson's Tony Christie with 8:34 left in regulation, putting Clemson ahead 62-54.

"We kind of got out of our offense in the second half, and I think we got

caught up in their pressure and their runs and tried to quickly come to down and score to counter their runs," senior Tony Rutland said.

"But I don't think we ran but maybe two plays in the second half and the rest was basically one-on-one, come down and shoot the ball."

Rutland finished with 13 points in his final ACC game and left to a standing ovation from the crowd.

O'Kelley, who seemed unstoppable in the first half, was blanketed by a variety of Tiger defenders and scored only four points in the second half.

"Clemson pushed out on (O'Kelley) defensively and he got frustrated. Robert, for all of his good points has not yet learned to let others help him sometimes," Odom said.

# Tracksters out fast in season opening event

## Person, Snyder and Kraus sweep spots in 1,500m

## Swanson breaks former school record in 3,000m in Charlotte

By Sean Blue  
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The women's track and field team opened their outdoor season where they left off in cross-country, dominating the distance events at the UNC Charlotte invitational held March 14.

In the 1,500m senior Chrissy Person and sophomores Jill Snyder and Janelle Kraus swept the event with times of 4:31.61, 4:34.05 and 4:38.17, respectively. Kraus also won the 3,000m in 9:59.21 and Amy Wallace finished third. In the 800m summer Shaw took second in 2:18.54.

"There wasn't much competition (in the 3,000m), so I was just running it as a workout. In the 1,500m Chrissy and Jill both ran real good races. It was a good opener for the team," Kraus said.

The Deacs didn't limit themselves to just the distance events, though. Junior Brooke Chapman finished fourth overall in the 200m with a time of 59.49.

In the 400m intermediate hurdles, sophomore Carrie Gilchrist finished in 1:05.90, good enough for second in the event. Shaw continued her success on the day by winning the pole vault with a vault of nine feet.

The Demon Deacs also earned points in the relay department when the 4X400m relay team took third with a time of 3:57.46.

"We were pretty happy with the meet. We had a hard week of training and everyone felt tired. This was a meet to get our feet under us and a chance to race outdoors," said Kraus.

The next meet for the Deacs will be the Wake Relays to be held today through Saturday. The event will include some of the nation's best running programs.



Courtesy of Sports Information

Sophomore Jill Snyder, pictured here in a cross-country meet, finished second in the 1,500m at the Charlotte Invitational.

"We're excited to be racing at home. It's one of the funnest things we do all year. A lot of people don't get to see us because we don't race around here and this is a chance for people to see us race," Kraus said.

By Sean Blue  
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The men's track and field team opened its outdoor season with a series of achievements and records March 14 at the UNC Charlotte Invitational.

Two Deacons won their events, while 13 others Deacs placed in the top five. Senior Nolan Swanson placed first in the 3,000m with a time of 8:17.82, beating the old school record of 8:18.00 held by former All-American John Sence. The Demon Deacs swept the 3,000m with seniors Ben Boyd (8:27.11) and Jon Russell (8:37.55) placing second and third, respectively.

Also winning his event was junior Steve Trezvant with a time of 1:56.68 in the 800m.

Sophomore Reggie Austin finished the 200m in 22.33 seconds, good enough for fifth place in the event. Senior Matt Shady finished fifth in the 1,500m with a time of 3:58.11, as well.

In the 400m, sophomore Chris Cody ran a strong 50.25 to take second place overall in the event. In his debut in the 3,000m steeplechase, sophomore Christian Laugon placed third in 9:29.00. Senior Garrett Putman finished the 400m hurdles in 54.98 seconds, just barely missing the school record of 54.80 seconds by .18 seconds.

The Deacs also placed third in the 4X100m relay (42.68) and fourth in the 4X400m relay (3:24.60).

In the field, the Deacs earned points in the shot put and discus from freshman

Da'Vaugh Mellerson and junior Brad Perkins, respectively. Mellerson threw 14.54m to earn third place in the shot, and Perkins threw 42.88m to take fifth in the discus.

"We were coming right off spring break and a very frustrating and difficult winter in which we had several injuries and health problems. We also had a lot of guys that had been red-shirted and weren't very race sharp. Plus, we have a lot of young athletes. We were very encouraged by what we saw. Austin's double in the 200m and opening leg of the 4X100m relay was encouraging. Steve Trezvant was injured all winter and didn't compete. It was nice to see him start the season on a winning note. Senior Jon Russell was also injured all winter and had been unable to train," Head Coach John Goodridge said.

The Demon Deacons will host the Wake relays at Kentner Stadium today through Saturday. The relays will host 36 teams in which over 1500 athletes will compete.

"We're looking forward to the meet. We have a good attitude and an opportunity for a lot of athletes to show improvement and make steady progress. We have a chance to better a lot of school records. Garrett Putman will again go after the 400m hurdles record and Swanson is hoping to improve his 3,000m record. We have a very inexperienced group in the decathlon. Only one, sophomore Mat Udvari, has ever competed in it before. However, we have about five guys and they all have a chance of beating the school record, which Udvari set last year. Our 4X100m relay team is also hoping to break the school record," said Goodridge.

# Men's tennis drops two of three on trip to Sunshine State

By Paul Gaeta  
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While most students were experiencing some rest and relaxation during the spring break, the Demon Deacon men's tennis team stayed at work playing three matches.

But whoever the Deacs' schedule maker is didn't go too hard on the team, as the Deacons played all three matches in sunny Florida.

Despite the warm weather and break from classes, however, the squad dropped two matches to Florida State, March 9, and to Miami, March 13, while defeating Florida International March 12.

The Deacons started their tour of the Sunshine State in an ACC match against the 9-1 Seminoles.

The doubles duo of junior Myles Clouston and freshman Raul Munoz got the Deacons started on the right foot with a close 9-7 win over Ty Braswell and Alex Golub at first singles in the first match of the day.

The Deacs' fate, however, quickly changed. Senior Jimmy Chou and sophomore Andres Guzman at second singles and sophomore Michael Berger and freshman John Hansen at third singles each lost at scores of 8-4.

The two losses in doubles put the team down one point early.

The Deacs continued to struggle in singles play. Clouston and Munoz were the only team to win their singles matches.

Clouston defeated Braswell, 6-1, 6-3, at first singles. Munoz was victorious at sixth singles, 6-3, 5-7, 6-1,

over State's Jay Travis.

The Deacs were unable to muster any other victories and lost the match 5-2.

The Deacons went south for their next match against Florida International. Unlike their previous match, the team won the early doubles point with victories by Clouston and Munoz and Berger and Hansen.

The team continued its momentum through singles play. Each member of the doubles team who was victorious earlier in the day went on to win their singles matches. Berger defeated International's Jaime Fillol in a close match at third singles, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

Hansen won his first singles match of the break with a 6-2, 6-0 win over FIU's Luis Rodriguez.

With a 1-1 record on the week, the Deacs stayed in Miami for a rubber match against the Hurricanes.

The match proved the closest of the week with Miami pulling it out in a squeaker, 4-3. The two doubles teams who won their matches against International continued to play well, winning their two matches and earning the team a point.

In singles, freshman Lars Kubiersch lost 6-1, 6-1 to Rudy Rake in his first match at first singles of the week. Clouston and Berger won at second and third singles, respectively.

However, the tandem were the only two able to win at singles.

Munoz lost a heartbreaker in the sixth and deciding match of the day, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6, to Miami's Johan Lindqvist.

The tough loss gave the Deacs a 1-2 record on the trip and evened their record to 6-6 overall.