

Baseball drops two games to Yellow Jackets

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ball down and get ground balls and we didn't do a good job behind him in that game."

The second game of the double-header was much different than its two predecessors as the Deacons used a stellar pitching performance by sophomore Mike MacDougal and solid hitting to take a 7-0 victory in the finale of the three game series with Georgia Tech.

MacDougal (4-1) tied a career high with ten strikeouts and only allowed two walks in the complete game outing.

"It was his best outing of the season and he looked like the MacDougal of old. We have worked with him on getting his rhythm and timing back and he had a great game," Greer said.

The Deacons gave MacDougal all the runs he would need against Tech as they struck for four runs in the bottom of the first inning.

The inning was started by Ricky Mendez who drew a one-out-walk

and scored on Jon Palmieri's 12th double of the season.

Palmieri led the Deacs' offensive attack as he finished the game two-for-four with two doubles, two RBIs and two runs scored. Will Rikard followed Palmieri with his first triple of the season to increase the margin to 2-0.

The scoring in the inning was capped by Ben Danosky who belted his seventh home run of the season to center field off Jackets' starter Cory Vance.

Andrew Riepe put the Deacs ahead 5-0 in the sixth inning with his fifth homer of the year and the Deacons added two runs in the seventh to ensure the final 7-0 margin.

The Deacons looked to continue on the winning track but ran into a strong pitching performance by UNC-Charlotte's Jason Stanford

and dropped a 7-0 decision to the 49ers at Hooks Stadium.

The 49ers were able to jump out to an early lead in the third inning as they touched Deacon starter freshman Danny Borrell (2-2) for three runs.

The inning was highlighted by an RBI single by Gerald Parr that scored Eric Shanks.

Parr later scored on a balk by Borrell.

Charlotte then added three more runs with two outs left in the seventh inning off Demon Deacon reliever Eric Schmitt. The inning was highlighted by a two-RBI single by Robinson.

"We left 14 runners on base and we just didn't hit in the clutch in that game. That will happen with a young team and their pitcher threw a great game against us as well," Greer said.

Borrell picked up his second loss of the year as he went six and two-third innings and allowed five runs on six hits.

The Deacs fell to 17-10 on the season with the loss to the 49ers.



Mendez



Junior Ben Danosky fans on a pitch against Davidson in the Deacs' 14-9 win March 26.

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Women's golf lands in eighth

By Jon Giokas
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The Demon Deacon women's golf team prepared for the biggest week of their regular season by competing in the Lady Gamecock Classic in Columbia, S.C. March 20-22.

The Deacs struggled to a relatively disappointing eighth place finish out of the 12 teams in the field.

The Deacs came home with a three-day team total of 947, 30 shots behind the Duke Blue Devils.

The Devils' Jenny Chausiriporn finished at even par, 216, to win the individual championship by a whopping 11 shots over a group of three players in second place.

Deacon senior Alexandra Armas had some trouble in the first two rounds, shooting 81 and 80, but appeared to break out of her recent slump with an even par 72 in the final round to place 15th.

Sophomore Kerri Murphy was the only other Deacon in the top 25, as she finished 24th with a total of 237, 17 over par.

Junior Kristen Wagner finished 30th, and sophomore Kelly Kirwin and freshman Marta Prieto took home 45th and 52nd place, respectively.

The Deacons could perhaps be excused for looking ahead to this weekend, when the team will co-host the Bryan National Collegiate with the University



Senior Alexandra Armas will look to lead the Deacs as they host the Bryan National Collegiate this weekend.

Courtesy of Sports Information

of North Carolina-Greensboro.

The competition will feature many of the top teams and individuals in women's college golf.

The action will take place March 27 through March 29 at the Bryan Park Golf Club in Greensboro. Admission is free for students and will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Top-ranked Gators put the bite on Deacons, 8-0

By Jessica Reigle
Old Gold and Black reporter

It was a disappointing week for the Demon Deacon women's tennis team as it won only one of three matches. The Deacs began the week by claiming an Atlantic Coast Conference victory over Florida State, but they then lost two consecutive matches to seventh-ranked Texas and top-ranked Florida.

The Deacs began their full week of competition by defeating Florida State, 6-3, on March 14. Four singles wins from freshmen Mariel Verban, Dorothee Kurz, and Jackie Houston as well as sophomore Annemarie Milton contributed to the Deacon victory.

The Deacs also claimed two of three doubles matches to secure the win. Junior Nicola Kaiwai and Kurz paired up to defeat Florida State's Sasha Hanna and Kylie Thompson, 9-8, at the No. 1 doubles spot.

The Deacons' Milton and junior Caroline Ullring also won their doubles match, 8-4.

"The team is playing very well. They're working hard and it is showing up in the matches," said Head Coach Lew Gerrard.

Unfortunately, the Deacons dropped a tough match to Texas March 19 at Leighton Stadium.

Texas defeated the Deacs 7-1. Verban

claimed the lone Deac win over Laura Berendt, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3. This match continued Verban's outstanding play which has consistently led the Deacons throughout the season.

Verban, however, got no help from her teammates as the Deacs lost five of six singles matches to the Longhorns.

Unable to recover from their match against Texas, the Deacons lost an extremely difficult match to top-ranked Florida March 21, 0-8.

The Gators' powerful singles lineup overwhelmed the Deacs. Kaiwai fell in two sets at No. 1 singles to 17th-ranked Dawn Butth, and Mariel Verban lost to Florida's Stephanie Nikitas, the 56th best player in the nation, at No. 3 singles.

Aydin gave her opponent a tough match at the No. 2 singles spot, but was defeated in three sets.

The Deacon doubles teams did not fare much better as both doubles teams lost to strong Florida pairs. The 11th-ranked Deacs' record is now 8-4.

The Deacons challenge third-ranked Duke today in Durham. The team then faces a busy weekend. They will host 12th-ranked Tennessee on March 28 and Clemson on March 29.

Deacons' Boyd and Swanson improve on personal records

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Reggie Austin improved his best 200-meter time by running a 21.87 in the preliminaries. Junior Steve Trezvant also ran his best time of the year in the 800-meter, finishing in 1:55.45, eighth overall.

Swanson was followed closely in the 3,000-meter by fellow senior Ben Boyd, who finished second with a time of 8:23.11. Boyd also finished seventh overall in the 1,500-meter with a time of 3:53.15. Both times were personal bests for Boyd.

Senior Jay Penry ran his best time ever in the 10,000-meter, fin-

ishing third overall in 31:24.97, over a minute faster than his previous best time.

Also placing for the Deacons was freshman John Stone with a time of 10.95 in the 100-meter, good enough for third overall.

In the 400-meter, senior Garrett Putman placed fourth in 48.98. Placing in the 1,500m with Swanson was senior Pat Fitzgerald who ran a 3:51.99 to earn a fourth place finish.

Senior Jon Russell won the 5,000-meter in a time of 14:42.85. Senior Hunter Kemper also placed in the 5,000-meter, finishing in 15:06.02 to earn sixth overall.

"It was solid team effort across the board. Competition conditions

were not always ideal. There was a little rain and wind throughout the meet. This made some of the events, particularly the field events, a little more difficult. Overall, our athletes responded well to being hosts. They had a lot of pride and their competitive efforts demonstrated this," said Goodridge.

The team also expressed their thanks to all the fans that showed up to support them. "Two days in a row the Freakin' Deacons showed up and were supportive of our athletes. We appreciated this support and were a little surprised to see them," Goodridge said.



Kevin Stevens and Joe DeGutis prepare to hand off the baton in a relay event.

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SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL Standings

	ACC	Overall
FSU	7 0	23 7
Clem.	3 0	24 3
UNC	4 1	17 8
NCSU	5 2	18 6
GaT.	5 3	16 8
Duke	3 5	23 7
WFU	3 5	18 10
Uva	1 7	14 8
Md.	0 8	5 14

Statistics

Batting Average	Avg.
Jason Harris, Clem	.434
Brian Ward, NCS	.417
Matt Padgett, Clem	.412

Jon Palmieri, WFU	.402
Jeremy Salazar, FSU	.400
Adrean Acevedo, NCS	.391
Brian Sherlock, Uva	.387
Danny Borrell, WFU	.382

Pitching

	ERA
John Bentley, FSU	1.97
Kevin Shrout, Uva.	2.13
Kurt Blackmon, NCSU	2.38
Derrick DePriest, UNC	2.48
Stephen Cowie, Duke	2.78
Ryan Snare, UNC	2.82
Matt Addition, Clem.	3.00
Chuck Crowder, GaT	3.02
Eric Schmitt, WFU	3.12
John Hendricks, WFU	3.25
Wes Crawford, FSU	3.26
Jeremy Ward, WFU	3.31

Doubles

Jon Palmieri, WFU	13
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Jay Hood, GaT.	12
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Strikeouts

Kurt Blackman, NCS	62
Chuck Crowder, GaT.	54
Ryan Snare, UNC	54
John Hendricks, WFU	51
Sam Glasnapp, Clem.	50
Alex Jonas, Clem.	48
Clay Hallman, NCSU	48

THIS WEEK

March 27

Men's tennis at Maryland, 10 a.m.
Baseball at Clemson, 7:15 p.m.
Men's and women's track at Raleigh Relays
Men's track at Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif.
Women's golf at Bryan National Intercollegiate in Browns Summit

March 28

Women's tennis vs. Tennessee
Men's tennis at Virginia, 1 p.m.
Baseball at Clemson, 2 p.m.
Men's and women's track at Raleigh Relays
Women's golf at Bryan National Intercollegiate in Browns Summit

March 29

Women's tennis vs. Clemson
Baseball at Clemson, 2 p.m.
Women's golf at Bryan National Intercollegiate in Browns Summit

Mar. 30

Men's tennis vs. Georgia Tech, 2 p.m.

Mar. 31

Baseball vs. Elon, 3 p.m.

Apr. 1

Baseball at Davidson, 3 p.m.

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