

DEACON NOTES

Former football great Duckett dies unexpectedly at age 38

Kenny Duckett, a Deacon wide receiver from 1978-1981, was found dead at his home in Winston-Salem yesterday.

Emergency medical personnel discovered Duckett's body after he missed a scheduled dialysis treatment. Duckett had been waiting, unsuccessfully, for a kidney transplant since 1993 but had been unable to find a suitable transplant. Duckett, a 1977 graduate of Reynolds High School, was redshirted after breaking his ankle during his freshman season but lettered the next four years for the Deacs.

During his junior year, Duckett led the team with 50 receptions and set a school record with 12 touchdown receptions, which still stands.

Duckett played for three years with the New Orleans Saints, who drafted him the third round of the 1982 draft, and one year with the Dallas Cowboys.

Deacon golf teams ranked in latest Collegiate Golf Rankings

The Demon Deacon golf teams remain ranked in the latest MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings but dropped a few spots from the previous week.

The women's team, ranked 19th in the nation last week, dropped two spots to 21st, while the men's team dropped one spot from 31st to 32nd in the nation. In the individual rankings, senior Alexandra Armas remained at the top of the field, ranked 11th in the nation.

The women's next match will be the ACC Championships in Greensboro, N.C., April 17-19. The men's team will also be competing in the ACC Championships April 17-19 in New London, N.C. Women's basketball signs star recruit from Raleigh

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The North Carolina Independant School Player of the Year signed a national letter of intent to play women's basketball at this university next year.

Elizabeth Rogers, who was named the North Carolina Player of the Year for Independent schools both her junior and senior years, became the fourth person to join the lady Deacs class of 2002.

Rogers was a 5-foot-10 guard/forward at Ravenscroft High School in Raleigh who averaged 18.5 ppg, 3.8 rpg and 3.8 apg last year. Shooting 51 percent from behind the arc and 60 percent overall during her senior year, Rogers led her team to two conference championships and one state title during her four years at Ravenscroft. Over the course of her high school career, Rogers earned three first team All-State honors and All-Conference honors while leading her team to an impressive 107-5 record.

New Deacon athletic operations and facility director named

After serving as assistant athletic director of athletic operations and facilities management at Campbell University and assistant to the competition manager for baseball at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Davis Whitfield has been named the new director of athletic operations and facility management for the Deacons athletic program.

Whitfield is a 1993 graduate of UNC Chapel Hill, where he received his bachelor's degree in physical education, exercise and sports science. Whitfield also earned his master's degree in sports administration from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1995.

Men's tennis drop rain-delayed match to North Carolina, 1-6

The men's tennis team could have waited a little longer to make up its match against North Carolina that had been postponed in March due to rain. Despite the continuing strong play of junior Myles Clouston and freshman Raul Munoz at first doubles, the Deacs dropped the match 1-6.

Clouston and Munoz won their match 8-6, but the Deacs were unable to come up with another doubles win. The Deacs' only point came from Munoz, who defeated Tony Thomas 6-4, 6-3 in four singles.

The Demon Deacons will return to play tomorrow at 2 p.m. when they host N.C. State at Leighton Stadium.

Runners focus on ACCs

By Sean Blue
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The women's track and field team competed in the Charlotte Invitational April 10-11 as a final warm-up before beginning the toughest and final leg of its season, starting with the ACC Championships April 17-19 in Orlando.

Going into this weekend, several Deacs were ranked at the top of their respective events within the ACC. Senior Chrissy Person and sophomore Jill Snyder own the first and second-place rankings in the 1,500-meters, respectively. Person (second) and Snyder (third) are also ranked runners in the 800-meters, with freshman Summer Shaw not too far behind at eighth overall in the ACC.

In the 400-meters, the Deacons are represented by junior Brooke Chapman, ranked fourth. Sophomore Janelle Kraus holds the top spot in both the 3,000-meters and 5,000-meters. Kraus is also ranked 12th in the country in the 3,000-meter and has qualified provisionally for the event.

Joining Kraus in the 5,000-meters are junior Becky Pollock (seventh) and sophomore Emily Selvidio (eighth).

Not to be outdone by the runners, the Deacs are also ranked in field. In the pole-vault, Shaw is ranked third, and sophomore Tasha Pinckney is ranked fourth in the javelin.

"We're doing very well this year. It's a new style in track and field for us. We're reclaiming the ability to be a team scorer as well as individual scorers. We haven't done as well as a team as we would have liked in recent years, but we're getting back to it and rebuilding," said Head Coach Francie Goodridge.

The Deacons used the Charlotte Invitational to prove why they deserved these rankings. In the 400-meters, Chapman took second place with a time of 57.54 seconds. Sophomore Carrie Gilchrist also placed second in the 400-meter hurdles in 1:06.28.

The Deacs dominated the 800-meters, claiming four of the top five spots. Person won the event in 2:09.00, a personal record. Snyder was right behind Person and took second in 2:10.45. Shaw finished fourth in



Freshman Summer Shaw finished fourth in the 800-meters in Charlotte. She looks to do well in the 800-meter and pole vault at her first ACC Championships.

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2:16.57 and freshman Erin Haugh took fifth with a time of 2:22.07.

Goodridge is thrilled with her team's progress this year. "The freshman and sophomore classes are doing exceptionally well, but the upperclassmen are also holding their own. We're getting a lot of high efforts from our young runners and runners returning from illnesses and injuries in the past," Goodridge said.

Leading the younger runners and the rest of the team, Kraus has taken this year to show other collegiate programs that she can run with the best.

"It is a coach's dream to have athletes develop the way she has. She is an extremely focused and determined athlete. She's a quite leader that leads by example and encouraging the rest of the team," Goodridge said.

Goodridge was also impressed with Shaw's progress in the pole-vault. "It was a new event for us this year, and (Shaw) stepped right in and is one of the top vaulters in the conference."

The team is hoping to continue its efforts and development and score well both individually and as a team at the ACC's.

"We're at a disadvantage because the events we're best at (middle distance) are so close together that we can't double up. We're also at a disadvantage because of numbers. We get a lot more individual championships than team championships because we have power in events, but not numbers. Even if we win, the other teams can usually take a few of the lower spots to offset us. It will be very competitive," Goodridge said.

Deacs running on all gears for ACCs

By Sean Blue
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The men's track and field team used last weekend's Charlotte Invitational to develop itself further and fill in some of its holes before entering the ACC championships this weekend.

Freshman John Stone won the 100-meters and 200-meters, setting school records and qualifying provisionally for the NCAAs in both events.

Stone finished the 100-meters in 10.26 and the 200-meters in 21.56.

The sprints were the events that had seemed to elude the Deacs all year.

The Deacons have placed consistently in the middle-and long-distance events and have seen consistent production from junior Brad Perkins in the discus.

"We're terribly excited about Stone's performance. He has a bright future ahead of him. We're excited to see how he does in the remainder of the season," Head Coach John Goodridge said.

Perkins also placed at Charlotte, taking second with a throw of 45.90 meters.

Junior Matt Shady looked strong in the 1,500-meters, winning the event with a time of 3:52.48. In the 800-meters, sophomore Chris Cody set a personal record en

route to his second place finish with a time of 1:54.63.

"Cody is developing nicely. Each week he shows increasing confidence," Goodridge said.

Goodridge was also pleased by sophomore Jack Bishop's performance.

"Bishop was very encouraging in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. It was his first run of the year in the event and he ran one of the top eight times in the conference."

The Deacs distance specialists, senior All-Americans Jon Russell and Nolan Swanson, did not compete at the meet.

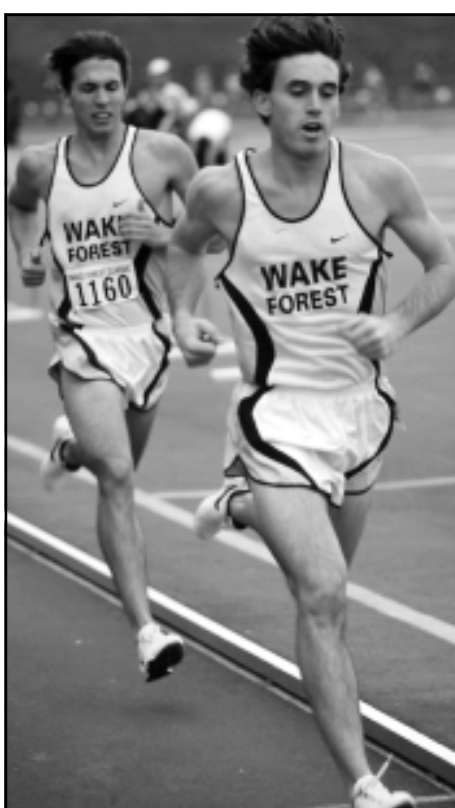
Russell has been showing steady progress this season as he recovers from a leg injury.

Swanson has led the Deacs in the 10,000-meters, 3,000-meters and 1,500-meters.

The next meet for the team will be this weekend at the ACC Championships in Orlando, FL where the Demon Deacons look to continue some strong running already put together in the spring.

"Our greatest focus will be on individual achievement. We have several individuals with the ability to place very high in their respective events."

"Plus it will give our young runners experience and allow us to build for the future," Goodridge said.



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Seniors Ben Boyd and Nolan Swanson at the Wake Relays.

Baseball hits skid with two ACC losses

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the form of a three-run double by freshman Chase Voshell. Voshell later scored on Palmieri's 21st double of the season.

State came back with a run of its own in the bottom of the inning, three runs in the third, and five runs in the fourth to up its advantage to 17-4.

April 12, the Deacs saw an early lead slip away as State came back to take a 10-9 extra inning victory in the series finale.

The Deacs jumped ahead quickly and held a 7-2 lead after three and a half innings. An RBI single by freshman Danny Borrell in the first inning and RBI doubles by junior Scott Daeley, in the second and senior Will Rikard, in the third were the big hits in the three innings of play. Daeley and Rikard both had strong days at the plate as Daeley finished the game three-for-four while Rikard went two-for-four.

Voshell's RBI single in the fifth, upped the Deacon edge to 8-6 in the game, but that was answered by a two-run homer by State's

Brad Piercy in the bottom of the inning to tie the score at eight apiece. In the seventh, a Deac error, one of five in the contest, gave State its first lead of the game, 9-8. Rikard's seventh home run of the season, a solo blast in the top of the eighth inning, knotted the score once again at 9-9.

In the 10th, the Deacs looked to take the lead as Riepe reached base after being hit by a pitch and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by senior Sunny Chiou. Riepe advanced to third on a Voshell flyout but was stranded there to end the threat. N.C. State won the game in the bottom of the inning on a single by Noel Manley that scored Jake Weber who had reached base on an infield single.

Ward (5-7) was saddled with his second loss in as many days for the Deacs as he allowed one run in two innings of work in relief.

Starter sophomore Mike MacDougal went six innings and allowed eight runs, only three of which were earned, on four hits and seven walks while striking out five.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL Standings

ACC	Overall
Florida State	11 2
N.C. State	9 4
Clemson	8 4
Georgia Tech	9 5
North Carolina	7 7
Wake Forest	7 10
Duke	5 9
Virginia	5 12
Maryland	3 11

Statistics

Batting Avg.	Avg.
Matt Padgett, Clem.	.424
Brian Ward, NCSU	.413
Jon Palmieri, WFU	.411

Runs Batted In

No.	Avg.
Jeremy Salazar, FSU	60

Jon Palmieri, WFU 52

Heath Honeycutt, GaT. 45

Doubles

No.	No.
Jon Palmieri, WFU	22
Brian Ward, NCSU	18
Jay Hood, GaT.	15
Brian Sherlock, UVa.	15

Earned Run Avg.

Avg.	Avg.
Brian Adams, Clem.	2.31
John Bentley, FSU	2.34
Stephen Cowie, Duke	2.58
John Hendricks, WFU	2.67
Derrick DePriest, UNC	2.73

THIS WEEK

Apr. 16
Men's and Women's Track at ACC Championships in Orlando, Fl.

Apr. 17
Women's Golf at ACC Champion-

ships in Greensboro, N.C.
Men's Golf at ACC Championships in New London, N.C.
Men's Tennis vs. N.C. State, 2 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs. North Carolina
Baseball vs. Maryland, 3 p.m.

Apr. 18
Men's and Women's Track at ACC Championships in Orlando, Fl.
Women's Tennis vs. N.C. State
Baseball vs. Maryland, 1:30 p.m.

Apr. 19
Women's Golf at ACC Championships in Greensboro, N.C.
Men's Golf at ACC Championships in New London, N.C.
Men's Tennis vs. Duke, 2 p.m.
Baseball vs. Maryland, 1:30 p.m.

Apr. 21
Baseball at UNC Greensboro, 6 p.m.

Apr. 22
Baseball at Appalachian State, 7 p.m.



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Looking down

Demon Deacon senior Tom Horner scores a goal for the club ice hockey team in a game it had April 8 against Appalachian State. The team, which plays its games at the Coliseum Annex, competes in a league with adult teams and several university teams from the area.