

# Several Deacs earn All-ACC honors

# DEACON NOTES

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The men's and women's track and field teams kicked off their version of a postseason last weekend at the ACC Championships in Orlando, Fl.

While the teams did not win overall, many individuals fared well as they begin preparing for the major meets in the college circuit such as the Penn Relays, Reebok Invitational and NCAA Championships.

The women finished sixth overall with 59 points, while North Carolina won the event for the seventh consecutive year with 187 points.

However, Head Coach Francie Goodridge was extremely pleased with her team's performance.

"The quality of the performances, the fact that our strength continued to show and the fact that we beat Virginia, Maryland and Duke all adds up to one of our best performances, one of the four in the 14 years I've been here."

The Deacs placed in 12 events on the women's side, eight of which were top-five finishes.

Sophomore Janelle Kraus became only the third female in Demon Deacon history to win two ACC Championship events in the same meet when she won the 3,000-meters (9:53.91) and 5,000-meters (17:10.50).

Kraus's wins earned her All-ACC honors, only the third female Deac ever to earn All-ACC honors in cross-country, indoor track and outdoor track in the same season.

"She's a tremendous athlete. The meet wasn't comfortable to distance runners with sunny 90-degree weather.

"We ran a tactical race, not trying to break records, but just win. She (Kraus) ran extremely well and showed great control," Goodridge said.

Senior Chrissy Person and sophomore Jill Snyder also earned All-ACC honors for their second place finishes in the 800-meters (2:07.47) and 1,500-meters (4:32.01), respectively.

Person won the 800-meters her freshman year and has placed among the top finishers in the event ever since.

She just missed reclaiming the title this year by fractions of a second when the outcome had to be decided by a photo finish.

As close as Person was, Snyder was even closer to winning the 1,500-meters.

She took second place in the event, barely missing first by less than a hundredth of a second, again being decided by

a close photo finish.

Freshman Summer Shaw placed in two events, finishing fourth in the 800-meters with a time of 2:13.99 and then pole vaulting 9'04.25" to take fifth in the event.

"It was nice to see her make such a breakthrough. The 800-meters had been an event that she had not done really well in the past. It took a lot of guts for her to go into a major meet and do what she did.

"She beat some very good people. The pole vault was also nice to see. She's had very little time to train and she's done very good in the event," Goodridge said.

The Deac's 4x400-meters relay team set a school record as it finished fifth overall in 3:47.56.

Junior Amy Wallace also finished fifth in the 10,000-meters with a time of 39:10.39.

Junior Becky Pollock finished eighth in two events with times of 10:11.91 in the 3,000-meters and 18:01.54 in the 5,000-meters.

In the 1,500-meters, freshman Erin Haugh also claimed an eighth place spot.

In the field, sophomore Tasha Pickney claimed sixth place in the javelin with a throw of 107'10".

The men also fared well individually, claiming nine places.

Overall they finished seventh with 44.33 points, beating Duke and Maryland.

Senior Nolan Swanson earned All-ACC honors by winning both the 5,000-meters (14:24.74) and the 3,000-meters steeplechase (8:49.48).

This was the first time Swanson had earned All-ACC honors for outdoor track, but he had already earned All-ACC and All-American honors in cross-country earlier this year.

Senior Hunter Kemper also earned All-ACC honors for his second-place finish in the 10,000-meters (30:47.23).

Rounding out the Deac's All-ACC team, the 4x100-meter team of seniors Dameon Daniel and Garrett Putman, junior Jammie Deese and sophomore Reggie Austin, who finished third overall in the event with a



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**Sophomore Janelle Kraus won both the 3,000-meter and 5,000-meter events at the ACC's.**

time of 41 seconds flat for the race.

Austin also placed sixth in the 100-meter with a time of 10.59.

Also finishing sixth in his event was senior Jon Russell, who finished the 10,000-meters in 31:14.86.

Sophomore Matt Udvari took sixth in the decathlon as he racked up 6,209 points. Also competing in the 3,000-meters steeplechase, sophomore Jack Bishop finished eighth in 9:11.06.

Freshman Ryan Turner pole vaulted 14'03.50" to claim eighth overall in the event.

Both teams left April 22, for the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pa., to be held today through April 26. The Penn Relays are the nation's most historic track event.

## Three players awarded pro contracts to football teams

Three former Deacon football players have signed pro contracts following last weekend's NFL draft.

After going undrafted last weekend, three Deacs have signed professional football contracts. Senior wide out Thabiti Davis signed with the Carolina Panthers earlier this week. Following in Davis' footsteps, seniors David Zadel and D'Angelo Solomon signed professional contracts as well.

Zadel, an outside linebacker, signed with the Dallas Cowboys, while Solomon, a defensive back, signed with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League.

Davis was a four-year starter and letterman for the Deacs at wide out and in the top 10 all-time for catches and receiving yardage. Zadel was a three-year starter and letterman for the Deacs. He proved his versatility as he played both linebacker and defensive end during his collegiate career. Solomon was a three-year starter and letterman as well and a second team All-ACC selection in 1997. Solomon has also consistently been one of the Deacon leaders in tackles since his sophomore year.

## Tim Duncan earns all the honors in rookie season

Tim Duncan '97 has proven to the rest of the world just why he was the number one pick in the NBA draft a year ago.

In just one short year, Duncan has done what almost no other NBA rookie has ever done but always dreams of. Duncan was the only rookie to receive rookie of the month honors, as he won the award every month this season — a feat that has only been accomplished twice before. Duncan has also been selected to represent the United States in the World Championships this summer in Athens, Greece. Duncan is considered to be a unanimous pick for rookie of the year honors.

## Golf teams ranked 25th in latest Collegiate Rankings

In the latest MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings, both men's and women's golf teams were ranked 25th in the nation.

After dropping from 31st to 32nd in the nation last week, the men's golf team has jumped up to 25th in the latest rankings. The women, however, have continued to drop as they fell to 25th after falling to 21st from 19th last week.

Individually only one Deacon is ranked in the top 100 in the nation. Senior Alexandra Armas is ranked 13th in the nation.

## Deac athletes to participate in Family Fest for the youth

Deacon athletes from field hockey, men's and women's soccer, golf, football, men's and women's basketball, and volleyball will participate in Family Fest from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. April 26.

Family Fest is an annual event that offers children who normally would not have the chance to participate in paying events the opportunity to meet and interact with the athletes. This will also be the first time most of the children will be exposed to life on campus.

Organizations that will also be involved include Big Brothers Big Sisters, Housing Authority, Best Choice Center, Support Our Students, Children's Home and Tri City Relays.

Each family will spend time at each sport's station participating in a related activity. At the end, the children will have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with the athletes and will receive a free pizza dinner and goodie bag.

## Tennis Championships have Deacs against UVA

Going into the ACC Tennis Championships, the men's team is seeded sixth overall and will face Virginia, seeded third.

The Deacs lost to Clemson in the second round last year, who went on to win the whole tournament. The Deacs could see a rematch with Clemson in the third round, when they face the winner of No. 2 North Carolina and No. 7 Clemson. Duke received the top seed for the second consecutive year.

The tournament will open with No. 8 N.C. State against No. 9 Maryland today at 10 a.m. The Demon Deacons will open their tournament play in the second round April 24 at 9 a.m.

# Diamond Deacs win three, sweep Terps in home action

By Jeremy Noel  
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The Demon Deacon baseball team picked up three crucial wins in Atlantic Coast Conference play this past weekend as they swept three games from the University of Maryland. The Deacons opened with a 17-3 win April 17 and followed that with a 5-4 victory April 18, wrapping up the weekend with a 10-2 win in a rain-shortened affair.

The April 18 contest was never really in doubt as the Deacs quickly began their assault on Terrapin starter Brandon Agamemnone, scoring five runs in the bottom of the first inning.

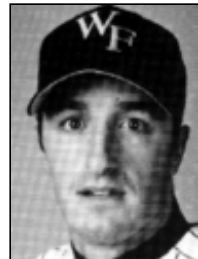
In the first, the Deacons utilized the long ball for their offense as two two-run homers in the frame accounted for four of the runs. Freshman Corey Slavik began the fireworks when he took Agamemnone deep to right center field to score junior Jon Palmieri who had singled in the inning's first run. Three batters later, junior Andrew Riepe connected for his ninth home run of the season that scored freshman Danny Borrell.

After Maryland pushed across three runs in the second inning, the Deacs added two of their own in the bottom of the inning and followed that with a seven-run outburst in the third inning.

The big hit was a two-RBI triple by Slavik. The Deacons held a 14-3 lead at the end of three.

The Deacons were not quite finished as Danosky capped the scoring in the contest with his ninth homer of the season, a two-

run blast that scored freshman Chase Voshell in the bottom of the eighth inning. Danosky was one of five Deacon batters to record



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multiple hits in the game as he finished three for six with three runs batted in, three runs scored, a homer and a double. Slavik was also strong at the plate finishing two for four with five RBIs. Palmieri had a huge day at the plate as he

finished five for six with three RBIs, two runs scored and his 23rd and 24th doubles of the season. Those doubles place Palmieri third on the school's all-time list for most doubles in a season, he needs two more to tie Chris Kowilcik's record of 26 in 1991.

Senior Peter Princi (2-0) picked up his second win of the season for the Deacons as he tossed five scoreless innings in relief of starter sophomore Mike MacDougal who lasted only two innings and allowed three runs on two hits and two walks while striking out four.

April 18th's contest was a close affair that included a dramatic ending as the Deacons escaped with a 5-4 win.

The game entered the ninth inning with the score knotted at four apiece. After junior Scott Daeley singled with one out, the Terps decided to intentionally walk both Danosky and Palmieri to load the bases and set up force out situations at every base. It looked as if the strategy would work as the next hitter, sophomore Stephen Sullivan,

grounded weakly back to the mound.

Pitcher Mike Ginsberg who threw home to force Daeley at the plate, but Sullivan



Palmieri

was able to reach on the fielder's choice and kept the inning alive. Slavik then struck out, but the third strike was a wild pitch that got away from Terp catcher Mike Sturino. Sturino chased the ball and threw to Ginsberg covering

home. Danosky was able to score the winning run on the play as Ginsberg missed him on the tag, and the pitcher did not step on the plate for what would have been a force out and ended the inning.

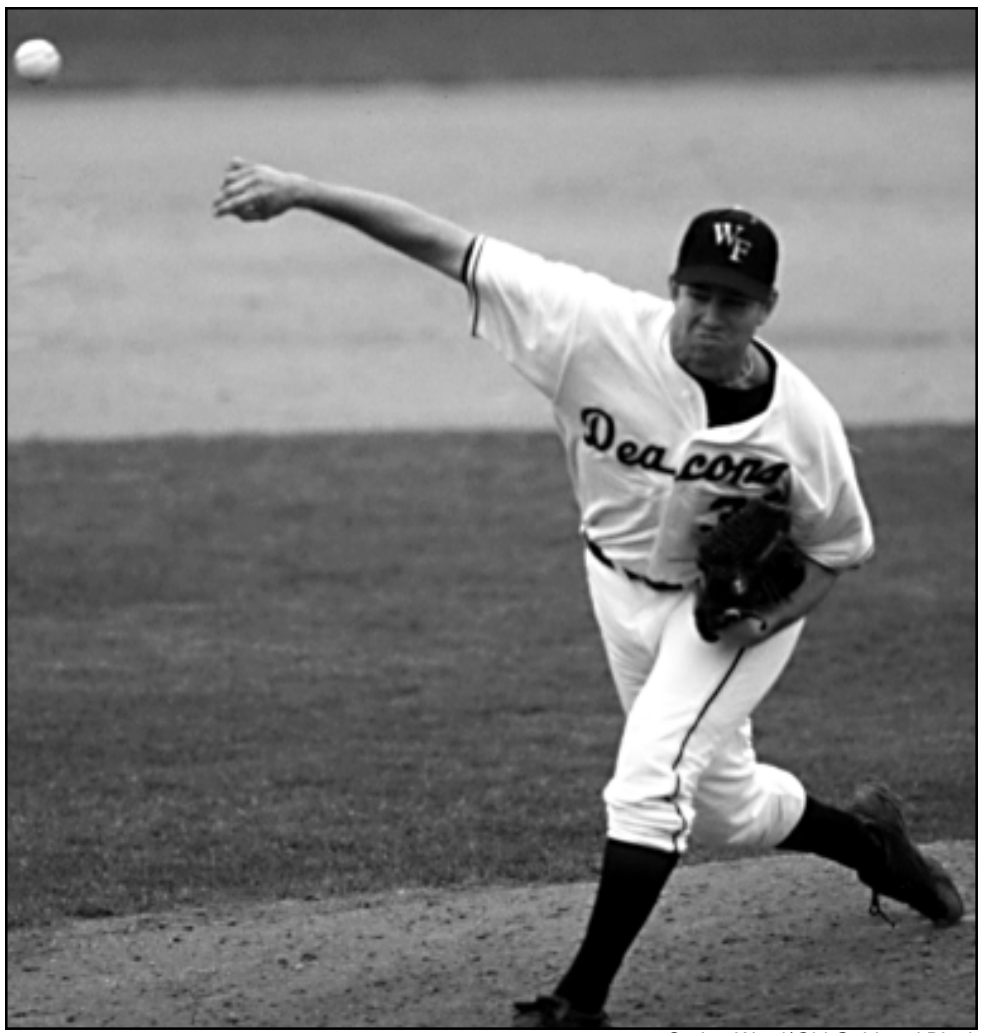
Sophomore Jeremy Ward (6-7) pitched two and a third innings of relief for starter sophomore Eric Schmitt in picking up the victory.

Schmitt struck out three hitters and allowed only one hit and no runs. Schmitt had a good outing as he went six and a third inning allowing four runs on five hits and three walks while striking out seven.

The Deacons and Terps dodged the rain for the first two games of the series but April 19th's finale, the rain brought a halt to the game in the fifth inning and the Deacs took a 10-2 victory.

The game went through two, long rain delays in the early inning before it was called.

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**Sophomore Mike MacDougal delivers a pitch to the plate, on the way to a 17-3 win in a series the Deacs swept against the Maryland Terrapins.**

# Moses and Kane star for Gold in 21-14 victory over Black

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found Clark in the back of the end zone on a fourth and 14 play, after scrambling all the way across the field to elude the "Gold" pass rush, led by junior linebacker Kelvin Moses.

Moses led the "Gold" team with seven unassisted tackles in the game. Also turning in impressive performances were junior quarterback Ben Sankey who completed

all eight of his pass attempts for 85 yards for "Gold" and sophomore linebacker Brian Ray recorded seven tackles for "Black."



Kane

sented the Beattie Feathers award

to defensive lineman junior Kelvin Jones and running back sophomore Chris McCoy. The award is presented annually to two Deacons, one from offense, one from defense, who showed outstanding improvement and work ethic during



Moses

the off-season.

The award is named in honor of the former Deacon assistant coach who is a member of the National College Football Hall of Fame.

The Deacs will open their 1998 regular season schedule Sept. 5 in the thin mountain air at Air Force before returning home to face Navy Thursday Sept. 10.

The game against Navy was moved to a Thursday night so that it could be televised on ESPN, like

the N.C. State game was last season.

The Deacs then take a week off before opening their ACC schedule with a Sept. 26 battle with the Clemson Tigers in Death Valley. The remainder of the Deacon schedule is as follows: Oct. 3, home versus Appalachian State (Homecoming); Oct. 10, home versus Duke; Oct. 17, at Maryland; Oct. 24, home versus North Carolina; Oct. 31, home versus Virginia; Nov. 7, at

N.C. State; Nov. 14, home versus Florida State; and Nov. 21, at Georgia Tech.

The Demon Deacons will take the field this fall with hopes of improving on last season's record of five wins and six losses.

With the offensive nucleus of Kuklick, Clark, Kane and junior Jammie Deese returning from last season, the Deacs will look to make their first bowl appearance under Caldwell.