

DEACON NOTES

Hoop it up downtown at upcoming tournament

It is all about simultaneous hoops action and having a good time at the Modern Chevy Hoop-D-Do in Downtown Winston-Salem, Oct. 4-5.

Modern Chevy Hoop-D-Do will transform Modern Chevrolet's parking lot and surrounding streets into a basketball fantasyland for players and spectators to enjoy.

"Modern Hoop-D-Do will have something for everyone during the weekend," says Rob Fowler of Modern Chevrolet. "The key to our tournament's success is the carnival atmosphere, exciting events and meticulous matching of teams."

Event planners are expecting 1,600 ballplayers and 8,000 spectators. Tournament divisions range from top competition (Top Gun) to relaxed basketball fun (Couch Potato). Top Gun winners get a chance to advance to Orlando for the Southeast Regionals. The Regional winner advances to the Final Four which is a part of an NBC Sports Special.

In addition to the 45 basketball courts dedicated to tournament play, the event also will feature various "off the court" special events for all ages. Events include the Converse 9-foot Power Slam, Eastwinds Destination Shootout, Shopper's Paradise Free Throw, Lowes Foods 10-foot Dunk, and Bojangles Speed of Light Challenge.

Tournament registration deadline is Sept. 26, and entry forms are available at Modern dealerships, Lowes Foods and local Pizza Hut stores. The entry fee is \$98 (\$110 for Top Gun teams) and guarantees each team at least three scheduled games. Spectator admission is free.

For more information, call the Hoops Hot Line at 774-8710.

Soccer tournament begins this weekend

The men's soccer team will be back in action this weekend when the host the ninth annual Wake Forest/Nike

Soccer Classic this Friday and Sunday at Spry Stadium.

The three other participating teams in the tournament are New Hampshire, UNC-Charlotte and 9th-ranked Washington. The Deacs will play Washington Friday at 8 p.m. and New Hampshire Sunday at 3 p.m.

Other games include UNC-C versus New Hampshire at 6 p.m. Friday, and UNC-C versus Washington at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The Deacons had been ranked as high as 9th in the NSCAA/Umbro Coaches' Poll, 15th in *Soccer News*, and 18th from *Soccer America*, but after their loss to unranked Virginia Tech, they fell out of all but one poll. *Soccer News* still has the Deacs ranked 22nd.

Shropshire named MVP in Nike Invitational

Sophomore Anne Shropshire was named MVP of the Wake Forest/Nike Invitational Sept. 6-7.

In the Deacons' 2-0 victory over Villanova on Saturday, Shropshire scored one goal and assisted another. She also scored both of the team's first-half goals unassisted during the Deacons' 3-2 win over the Maine Black Bears on Sunday.

The Deacons were the tournament champions, going undefeated during the Invitational. Maine and Villanova were both 1-1, and High Point dropped both their tournament matches.

Four Deacons placed on the All-Tournament Team: Shropshire, sophomore Beth Klein, and juniors Meghan Suddes and Meredith Lester.

Victory earns football team Top 25 votes in poll

The Demon Deacon football team received votes in the latest AP Poll after defeating Northwestern 27-20 Sept. 6. The team was given 12 Top 25 votes as the press were impressed with the performance of the team against the Wildcats, who fell out of the poll this week after being ranked 22nd last week.

Field hockey happy to be home

By Greg Wilson
Sports Copy Editor

Rebounding from an opening season loss at the hands of the second ranked team in the nation, the women's field hockey team responded with three shut-out wins in four days.

After traveling to James Madison for a weekend tournament, the team returned home Tuesday for the beginning of a five game home stint.

At JMU the team walked away with a 1-0 victory over Northwestern and a 3-0 win against Kent. The team returned for the first home game of the season, crushing Davidson 12-0.

"We wanted to get two wins this weekend and return home with a positive outlook before our home opener," sophomore Sam Rush said.

"Last weekend we played the number two team in the country and were a little bit overmatched. However, this weekend we made some changes and it was the other way around; we were the better team. Now we're looking to get through our home stand with another four wins before starting our ACC season."

In the home opener for the Deacons, the team jumped on

Davidson early and often. Just eight minutes into the game Allen scored. She scored again two minutes later for her team-leading fourth goal of the season.

Allen was not alone in the scoring. She was joined by Rush, who had three goals in a seven-minute span.

Sophomore Margit Haalebos added another three goals and two assists, leading the Deacons.

The Deacons held Davidson

to only three shots on goal while challenging the Wildcat's keepers 32 times.

They also held a 22-2 advantage in penalty corners.

Serluco added two assists in the game Tuesday. The assists moved her into a tie for fifth place on the Deacon's all-time assists list with 14 for her career.

The twelve goals in the game tied the school record for the most goals in a game.

The team now faces three

more non-conference opponents, beginning with Appalachian State today, before opening the ACC schedule against Duke.

After the success in the past three games, the team has high hopes for the remaining games in the home stand.

"We're looking to gain some confidence going into the Duke game," Rush said. "We can experiment a little and make some changes if we need to before we begin our conference play."



Carlton Ward, Old Gold and Black

Junior Kelly Simon runs for the ball in the Deacons' 12-0 blanking of the Davidson Wildcats.

Montana trip turns sour for volleyball

By Sean Blue
Sports Copy Editor

After starting the season 3-0, the women's volleyball team ran into a roadblock last weekend, losing three in a row at the Montana State Holiday Inn Classic in Bozeman, MT.

Denver won the Deacons opening match in four games 15-12, 5-15, 15-10, 15-8.

Sophomore Katie Horne led the Deacs with 14 kills and 11 digs. Sophomore Sharon Harmsworth also had 13 kills and 10 digs. The Demon Deacons fell to 3-1 while Denver improved to 4-1.

The Deacons' second game of the tournament came against Memphis on Saturday. Even with 14 kills by Horne, the Demon

Deacons lost 13-15, 15-4, 15-10, 15-10. Memphis improved to 5-0, while the Deacons fell to 3-2.

A stress fracture in sophomore Julie Cowley's back didn't prevent her from playing all four games and finishing with 32 assists.

Head Coach Mary Buczek is looking to Cowley to step into a leadership role this season for the Deacons.

Last season Cowley crushed several records as a freshman including assists in a season, assists in a game and digs.

Later that night the squad went up against the host team, Montana State. Montana State won in three games 15-9, 16-14, 15-3. "We played hard (during the tournament)

but we just couldn't pull it together. We were playing with a lot of injuries in a lot of different positions, that was new to us and we didn't adjust as well as we should have. We took the losses pretty hard," said Harmsworth.

Horne led the Deacs with 13 kills and 9 digs. Her strong play during the tournament earned her a spot on the tournament all-star team, her second such honor this season.

The Deacons' next match will be Friday at William and Mary at the High IQ Tournament. The Deacons will then face Virginia Tech on Saturday in the second round.

Harmsworth said "We're looking forward to the High IQ Tournament and getting back onto our win streak."

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