

# DEACON NOTES

## National coverage moves football to Thursday night

This week's football game versus N.C. State has been moved back from Saturday to Thursday at 8 p.m. The game will be nationally telecast by ESPN.

## Clark and Davis on ballot for receiver of the year

Deacon wide receivers Thabiti Davis and Desmond Clark are included in the pre-season checklist for the 1997 "Biletnikoff Award," which is presented annually by the Tallahassee (FL) Quarterback Club to the top receiver in the country.

Clark has been on the receiving end of 16 catches this year for a total of 211 yards, averaging 13.2 yards per catch.

Davis has averaged a team-high 16.2 yards per carry in his 9 receptions this year, for a total of 146 yards.

## Mathews receives all ACC honor for first time

Junior forward Stephamie Mathews was named ACC Women's Soccer Player of the Week for her outstanding play in the Stanford Nike Invitational this past weekend.

Mathews, a transfer from San Diego State,

scored all of the Demon Deacon's four goals at the tournament. The Deacs defeated University of San Francisco, 2-0, and the then 11th ranked Stanford Cardinals, 2-1. It was the first time she has received this honor.

Mathews also was named to the all-tournament team.

Sophomores Beth Klein and Karli Schilling and freshman Rachel Lewis were also named to the team. The Demon Deacons are now ranked 13th in the nation.

## Kuklick looks back at high school roots for number

If you have noticed a new number under center this year, don't panic: Junior Brian Kuklick has merely switched jerseys from 17 to 14.

Kuklick wore 14 in high school, and decided to switch back to that number this year. Number 14 had been worn by strong safety Tom Stuetzer, who graduated last spring.

## Stafford misnamed in men's soccer picture last week

In the September 17 issue of the *Old Gold and Black* the caption of the men's soccer picture misidentified the Deacon player. The actual player in the photograph is freshman Ben Stafford.

# Volleyball loses three of four

## Deacons have unsuccessful showing at the Deac Volleyball Invitational

David McGlinchey  
Old Gold and Black reporter

The Deacon volleyball team stumbled through its last matches before ACC play begins, losing three of the four games played in the Deacon Volleyball Invitational. The tournament field included the College of Charleston, Rutgers, Mississippi and West Virginia.

The Deacons had a strong opening on Friday, coming back from a two games to nothing deficit to beat the College of Charleston, 6-15, 14-16, 15-9, 15-3, 15-7. The win gave the Deacs their fifth home win of the season, surpassing their total of four last year.

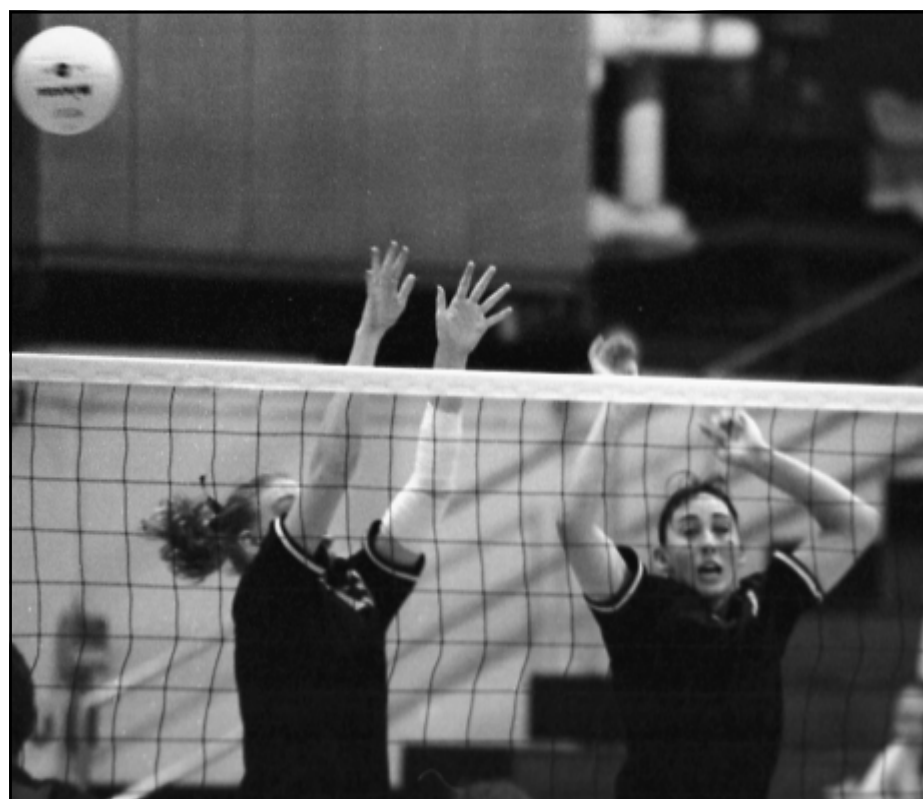
The team would not be able to win any more of their matches, however, and fell Friday night to eventual champion West Virginia.

On Saturday the Deacs and Rutgers played an exciting five game match which saw numerous comebacks. The Demon Deacons stormed back to win the third set, 15-12, behind the inspired play of junior Christy Kelly and sophomore Katie Horne.

The Deacs had a chance to put the game away in the fourth set but gave up the lead and lost, 15-10. In the final game Wake lost 15-12.

The Deacs lost to Mississippi in four games.

"That was a match we should have won," Head Coach Mary Buczek said, referring to the Rutgers game. "We're struggling to play with confidence."



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Sophomores Julie Cowley and Katie Horne leap up at an attempted block at a game this past weekend at the Deac Volleyball Invitational.

Sharon Harmsworth continued her hot play and was the only Deac named to the All-Tournament team.

The team announced last week that MVP of the Wake Forest Classic, sophomore Julie Cowley, would redshirt this season

due to a stress fracture in her back.

The Deacs begin their ACC season this weekend with away games at Clemson and Georgia Tech. The team has its ACC home opener October 3 against N.C. State.

# Mathews leads 13th ranked Deacs at Stanford

By Paul Gaeta  
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Chelsea Clinton wasn't the only notable newcomer to the Stanford University campus this past weekend.

For the first time in the program's four year history, the Demon Deacon women's soccer team traveled west to Palo Alto, Ca. for their debut in the third annual Stanford Nike Invitational. And from the looks of their performance, the Deacons will likely seize future opportunities to play in the tourney again.

Led by junior forward Stefanie Mathews, the Deacons defeated the University of San Francisco last Friday, 2-0, and continued their strong play in a significant victory over the then 11th ranked Cardinals, 2-1, last Sunday in the final game of the tourney.

"We made a mark on the west coast," sophomore goalkeeper Beth Klein said. "We beat two solid teams and gained some respect as a result."

The squad's impressive showing out west was clutch as they were coming off a crushing 4-0 loss to ACC rival and national powerhouse Maryland for their first defeat of the year.

The Deacons two wins swung the team's momentum back the other way, a key fact considering the Deacs play conference foe Virginia, the 3rd ranked program in the nation, Sunday at Spry Stadium.

"Those two wins really helped out," Klein said. "We couldn't have asked for a better performance out west."

The Demon Deacons didn't foresee their first-round game against San Francisco as a great test, but, the match proved to be closer than they expected.

Mathews, who followed Head Coach Tony da Luz from San Diego State to the Demon Deacon campus over the summer, broke out of a minor season long scoring slump for two goals. Her pair of goals were all the Deacs needed as their defense dominated, holding San Francisco to only four shots.

"Since our coach came from the west coast we knew USF wouldn't be a cake walk," Klein said. "We were prepared."

In the second game of the night, New Mexico scored at 98:25 of the first overtime to defeat Stanford, 1-0.

The Deacons expected their match with the Cardinals, one of the country's top-ranked teams all year, to be the test of their weekend, and the game shaped out to be just that.

The equality of both teams was revealed early on in the game as both defenses played well, holding the game scoreless for the first half.

Yet, when the second half rolled around, the Deacons came out charged up. Thirty-seven seconds in, Mathews was at it again, collecting a pass from sophomore Anne Shropshire and

firing it past Cardinal goalkeeper Erin Bryla for the first goal of the game.

Mathews made her final and most memorable mark on the tourney 25 minutes later, scoring the game-clinching goal off an assist from sophomore Karli Schilling.

That goal proved most important as Stanford was able to get on the board two minutes later at the 82:45 mark when Karin Brett scored to cut the Deacon lead in half.

The Deac defense, however, kept the ball out of the net for the remainder of the game, preserving what has, thus far, been their biggest victory of the year.

Mathews' heroic performance at the Stanford Nike Invitational not only earned her a spot on the all-tournament team but also won her ACC Player of the Week honors. Klein, Schilling, and freshman defender Rachel Lewis were named to the all-tournament team.

The Deacons now stand at 7-1 overall, 1-1 in the ACC. Their success this weekend moved them up to 13 in the latest NSCAA/Umbro Top 25 national rankings.

This week, the team prepares for a significant match with Virginia, a team that has posed problems for the Deacs in the past. The team is winless against the Cavaliers in their three games against the squad.

"Any game in the ACC is tough and this is no exception," said Klein. "We will work hard all week and hope things come out all right."



Carlton Ward/ Old Gold and Black

Freshman defender Rachel Lewis looks to pass the ball to a teammate up the field in a recent game at Spry Stadium.

# Men's soccer falls to Cavs, 3-1

By David McGlinchey  
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The men's soccer team went to Charlottesville to challenge the University of Virginia's thirteen game ACC regular season winning streak and the Cavaliers' recent domination of the series between the two schools.

The Deacons played UVA to a scoreless tie well into the second half until the floodgates opened and the thirteenth ranked Cavaliers

poured in three goals in ten minutes.

Fifteen seconds after the third Cavalier goal, freshman Ben Stafford scored his first collegiate goal off a pass from senior Ihor Dotsenko to make what would be the final score, 3-1.

The assist gave Dotsenko six points in overall scoring, (2 goals, 2 assists), the highest on the team.

Sean Conner had 5 saves as the Cavs outshot the Deacs, 19-7. As of the team's last game, Conner was

16th in the nation in saves.

UVA, the winner of five NCAA titles in the last eight years, has won the last nine straight games against the Deacs. The last Deacon win in the series was in 1991.

The win drops the Deacs to 4-3 and 0-1 in the ACC. UVA moves to 4-1-2, 1-0-1 in the ACC.

The Deacons continue its habit of playing highly ranked opponents when it hosts seventh ranked James Madison University at 7p.m. on Friday at Spry Stadium.

# Deacon golf places fifth in

# Topy Cup Championship

## In head coach Jerry Haas' debut, Deacs shoot 894 for fifth

By Jon Giokas  
Old Gold and Black Reporter

A new era dawned for the Demon Deacon men's golf team in the land of the Rising Sun last week with a fifth place finish at the 1997 Topy Cup Championships in Tangura, Japan.

It appears that the storied program is alive and doing quite well under the direction of new head coach and alumnus Jerry Haas, who replaced Jack Lewis at the beginning of this season.

The Deacons' score of 894, 30 over par, was 24 shots behind champion Texas Christian University in the 54-hole event, which featured twelve collegiate squads from both the United States and Japan.

The team was led by junior Michael Capone and senior Ryan Gioffre, who tied for 16th place in the individual portion of the tournament with a score of 223 (+16).

Senior classmates Thomas Parker and Todd Lynch tied for 23rd place, while junior Oscar Sanchez placed 48th.

The team responded well after a first round score of 307, which left them in seventh place, finishing with rounds of 296 and 291.

Coach Haas had a positive outlook on the team's performance saying, "We didn't play well the first

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day but rebounded well and played a lot better." The former Deacon standout was not very disappointed with the team's first round play, saying "You can't put a lot of stock in one round."

Haas was quite happy returning to his alma mater to take over a program rich with tradition.

He said the team's goal this season was clearly to move up one spot in reference to the team's second place finish at last year's NCAA Championships outside of Chicago.

The Deacons were ranked third in the nation in last week's Mastercard Collegiate Golf Ranking.

They fall behind top-ranked Oklahoma State and ACC rival Clemson.

Lynch, a senior, was the top-ranked Deacon individual, holding down the 11th ranked spot.

Two more Deacon duffers, Oscar Sanchez and Ray Floyd, jr., are also ranked in the top 25.

# SCOREBOARD

## STANDINGS

### Football

	Conference	All games
Florida State	2 0	3 0
North Carolina	1 0	3 0
Georgia Tech	1 0	1 1
N.C. State	1 1	3 1
Clemson	1 0	2 1
Virginia	0 1	1 1
Duke	0 1	1 2
Wake Forest	0 1	1 2
Maryland	0 2	0 3

Sept. 26  
Women's Golf at Mercedes Benz Collegiate Championships at Tennessee  
Men's Soccer vs. James Madison, 7 p.m.  
Volleyball at Clemson, 7 p.m.

Sept. 27  
Women's Golf at Tennessee  
Men's and Women's Cross Country at Greensboro Invitational  
Men's Cross Country at Minnesota Invitational in Minneapolis  
Field Hockey at Maryland, 1 p.m.  
Volleyball at Georgia Tech, 3 p.m.

Sept. 28  
Women's Soccer vs. Virginia, 1 p.m.

Sept. 29  
Men's Golf at The Preview by Ping & Golfweek, Albuquerque, NM

## THIS WEEK

Today  
Football vs. N.C. State, 8 p.m.