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## Deacs down Pack in thriller

On a last second kick by Matthew Burdick, the Deacons come back to defeat N.C. State 19-18

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For the third week in a row, the Demon Deacon football team was witness to a second half comeback in which a team was leading at halftime, but stumbled through the last 30 minutes to a loss. But unlike the losses against East Carolina and Georgia Tech, this time the Deacs got to play the spoiler, on national television no less.

Trailing 10-3 at the half, the Deacons came back to claim their first conference win of the season 19-18 over N.C. State, courtesy of the right foot of sophomore placekicker Matthew Burdick.

With only 43 seconds remaining in the game and with his team trailing 18-16, Burdick kicked a 37-yard field goal from the hold of junior wide receiver Desmond Clark that went sailing through the uprights and gave his team its first lead of the game.

"I know every guy on our team had confidence (Burdick) was going to put that thing through because he's done it so many times. He is very good. He is an excellent placekicker and he is also a very composed young man as well," said Head Coach Jim Caldwell.

N.C. State Head Coach Mike O'Cain concurred with Caldwell. "He's a heck of a place kicker. You put a kicker in this league within 45 yards and there's got to be a hope and a prayer that he doesn't make it."

Burdick, a native of Winston-Salem, was very nonchalant about his game winning kick. "I was a little bit nervous but as soon as I saw it I knew it was in. I just kicked it. I don't finesse them, I just kick them," Burdick said in the locker room, surrounded by members of the media, after the game.

Burdick's climactic kick would not have been possible if it were not for the efforts of sophomore flanker Jammie Deese. On a crucial third-and-eight play with just over a minute remaining, Deese climbed the lad-



Sophomore Matthew Burdick kicks his game-winning field goal with only 43 seconds left in the game against N.C. State. The kick propelled the Deacs to a 19-18 victory in front of a national television audience on ESPN.

der to make a spectacular grab over his head on a pass from quarterback Brian Kuklick.

The 13-yard completion not only gave the Deacs a first down but also turned what would have been a field goal of well over 50 yards into the 37 yard kick that Burdick

drilled home. The catch was Deese's ninth and final reception on the day for a total of 104 yards.

The nine catches, in addition to Deese's two kickoff returns, one of which he returned 52 yards, solidified his position as a serious offensive threat for the Deacs.

"(Deese) is a very talented guy. He runs hard, I think you could see when he ran the kickoff back about 50 yards or so. He's a tough competitor and he's a big play guy for us," said Caldwell of the 6 foot, 172

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## If it ain't broke, don't fix it

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In a decision that was a year in coming, the ticket office has once again decided to change the way in which it distributes tick-

ets for the men's basketball games.

The tickets will now be given out the way they were two years ago, on a first-come, first-serve, merit-based scale. This is of

course in sharp contrast to last years lottery debacle, spearheaded by members of Student Government who have since graduated.

It is wonderful to see that some of the administration at this school realized that the old system was working and then took the initiative to make the necessary changes.

After last season's lottery fiasco it would be amazing to me to find one person on this campus that will be upset at the return of the old ticket system. Students were both confused and infuriated by a lottery system that often left die-hard hoops fans either sitting at home or forced to the rafters of the not-so-cozy Joel Coliseum.

That the ticket policy was changed demonstrates that student concern does not always fall on deaf ears. The administration may have instituted the gates, key card technology, ThinkPads and plus/minus grading against the wishes and pleas of students, but with regard to ticket policy, we as students were heard and our concerns were taken into serious consideration.

To those in the ticket office, thanks.

FROM THE PRESS BOX

## Basketball ticket distribution set for change, again

By Michelle Ellwood  
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In response to student dissatisfaction with the lottery system, the Athletic Ticket Office has announced changes to the basketball ticket pick-up system. The new system is similar to the ticket pick-up procedure of two years ago.

"It's just about the same," said Helen Blount, the assistant director of the ticket office.

Like the 1995-96 season, students will receive tickets on six separate dates throughout the basketball season.

The tickets will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. Each student will need to present a student I.D. and an athletic pass to get

a ticket, and one student is allowed no more than six tickets.

Blount said the change was made from last year as a result of student unhappiness.



Nielsen

"It was the feedback from the students," she said. "We're just trying to do the best for everybody."

Another change with the ticket distribution this year is its location.

The first three basketball ticket pick-ups will take place in the Benson Center, but the remaining three will be held at the W. Dennie

Spry Soccer Stadium.

Joel Nielsen, the associate athletic director of marketing and promotions, said the ticket pick-up will be facilitated by the stadium.

"The Benson Center was never designed for ticket distribution," he said. "The stadium is much more functional."

Nielsen said the changes to the ticket system will stay in place for this and next year after which they will be re-evaluated.

"It's our, the Athletic Department and Student Government's intention to attempt to stay with this for a minimum of two years," he said. "It makes sense for our stability and it makes sense for students (to use the same system for more than one year)."

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Helen Blount  
 Assistant Director, Ticket Office

With last year's lottery system, students were not seated according to their place in line, as the system works this year, but by a random lottery selection.

The changes this year have come directly from a collaboration between students and the athletic department. Senior David Slade, a student representative on the committee, said plans for a new ticket distribution system began last year.

"We threw other options around while we were doing the lottery system," he said. "We wanted to go back to a merit-based system. "I definitely think this is the best way."

Still, not all students are satisfied with the changes. According to junior Stacy Schmitt, some students are left out either way.

Schmitt said the biggest flaw with last year's lottery system, which had students waiting around for hours without knowing whether or not they'd get seats, has been replaced with student concerns about waiting in line all day, conflicting with class schedules.

She added that the no-win situation is made worse because there are still not seats available for all

students who want them.

"We should be able to seat every single student," she said. "But since that's impossible, what are you going to do?"

Blount sympathizes with the problem for students, but said the department is trying their best to make everyone happy.

"Every time, no matter what you do, you're going to have students who want to change it."

The six ticket pick-up dates are Nov. 5, for the games against Australia, Yugoslavia and VMI; Nov. 12, for Navy, Liberty and Richmond; Dec. 3, for Utah, Radford, Clemson; Jan. 13 for Duke and Maryland; Jan. 21 for Missouri, UVA and UNC; and Feb. 8 for Georgia Tech, Florida State and N.C. State.

## Deacons defeat seventh ranked James Madison, 2-0

By David McGlinchey  
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During Sept. 26's home game between the Demon Deacon men's soccer team and James Madison University one team played like the No. 7 ranked squad in the country and one team played as if it were intimidated and outmatched. To the delight of the record-setting crowd on hand the Deacs ignored the polls and dominated every phase of the game, upsetting the seventh ranked Dukes, 2-0.

Head Coach Jay Vidovich praised his team's performance saying, "We were all over them for so long we wore them down. We took control of the game and never let them off the ropes."

The Deacs outshot the visiting Dukes 25-11 and were on the attack almost throughout but the game remained scoreless until there was 29:12 left in the second half. Sophomore Chad Evans sent a cross in front of the goal and senior Ihor Dotsenko knocked it in to break the tie.

Seventeen minutes later sophomore David Kaweesi-Mukooza iced the game

with a shot from the right side of the box which eluded the JMU goalkeeper and found the bottom left corner of the goal. He was assisted by Dotsenko and freshman Jeff Burkett. It was the first career point for Burkett.

"Luckily there was space for me," said Kaweesi-Mukooza. "I was in the right place at the right time to take the pass."

Sean Conner earned another shutout, his fourth of the season, and had five saves as he thwarted the few JMU shots. In the second half he brought the crowd to its feet by extending himself and tipping a JMU shot over the bar to save a goal.

"Our backs were so good," said Conner. "They played such strong defense that they (JMU) didn't get many chances."

A crowd of 2,784 saw the game and provided a considerable home field advantage for the Deacs.

The team was appreciative of the turnout, the noise and the atmosphere the crowd provided.

"With that kind of support we could have played three games back to back," said Conner. "No one wanted to leave the field."

Vidovich sees the Deacons, now ranked 20th by Soccer America and 23rd by the Soccer News, rising in future polls.

"I wouldn't be surprised to find us ranked number seven by the end of the year," Vidovich said.

"The team is committed to playing winning soccer," he said. "We're not playing to other teams."

On Tuesday night the Deacs demolished Appalachian State 9-0, in a game that turned from a display of the team's offensive ability into a joke.

Freshmen Jaron Barbee and Ben Stafford scored first half goals and the Deacs seemed in control of the game, but the floodgates opened in the second.

Barbee and Stafford each scored another goal in the second with Barbee coming dangerously close to a hat trick before being brought down from behind.

Freshmen Jeff Burkett and Pete Walsh each scored their first collegiate goals in the game.

Senior Ilija Zlatar, junior Andrew Laskowski and sophomore Burr Williams also added goals in the lopsided victory.



Senior Ilija Zlatar, a Demon Deacon midfielder, advances the ball against a James Madison defender during the Deacs 2-0 defeat of the Dukes on Sept. 26.

The only things that managed to slow the Deacon offense were a few offsides calls.

The Deacons outshot the Mountaineers, 34-8.