

Field hockey ends dry spell
 with victory over UMass
 Sports/B2

Sports

Deacons spike first ACC win

With a victory over N.C. State, the volleyball team got their first win since the revival of the program

By Jessica Reigle
 Old Gold and Black Reporter

For the first time since most students at this university were in elementary school, the Demon Deacon volleyball team has captured an Atlantic Coast Conference victory.

The Deacs put an end to their losing streak which spanned more than a decade with a 3-2 win over the Wolfpack of N.C. State Oct. 10 in Reynolds Gym.

Ironically the Deacs broke their 24-match ACC losing streak exactly 11 years after their last ACC win, when they defeated Georgia Tech on Oct. 3, 1986.

The performance of the volleyball team is not as futile as it would appear. The volleyball team was, of course, not in existence from 1987 to 1995, so although the streak dates back 11 years, it actually only spans three seasons.

Head Coach Mary Buczek is extremely

excited about the team's defeat of N.C. State.

"We prepared all week and knew it would take a lot of effort. We cleared a big hurdle by accomplishing our goal of beating N.C. State," Buczek said.

The Deacons won the first game of their match against the Wolfpack 15-12, but fell behind and lost both two and game three by scores of 13-15 and 8-15.

The Deacs rallied in the final two frames, taking game four 15-10 and game five 15-8, clinching the streak-snapping victory.

Contributing to the win was sophomore outside hitter Katie Horne, who led the team with 20 kills and 15 digs.

Sophomore Sharon Harmsworth notched 17 kills and 14 digs, while freshman Jessica Hood had 12 kills and a mere three errors in 23 attempts. Hood also had the match's best hitting percentage of .391.

"Katie (Horne) played very well, and everyone is impressed with Jessica Hood's

"We prepared all week and knew it would take a lot of effort. We cleared a big hurdle by accomplishing our goal of beating N.C. State."

Mary Buczek
 Head Coach

blocking skills," said Buczek.

N.C. State junior Laura Kimbrell led the Wolfpack with 20 digs and a match-high 22 kills.

The Deacons played North Carolina Saturday night and lost 3-1, dropping the Deacs to 7-10 overall and 1-3 in the ACC. The Tarheels downed the Deacs by scores of 15-11, 15-12 and 15-5.

Horne played very well for the second night in a row, racking up a match high 17 kills and 13 digs. Freshman Corie Miles had a hitting percentage of .364, the team

high for the Demon Deacons.

North Carolina was led by junior Maya Starks, who recorded 11 kills and 12 digs. Sophomore Tori Seibert also played well for the Heels, accumulating 14 kills and an attack percentage of .256.

However, the Carolina loss did not drastically dampen the spirit of the team after Friday night's landmark win. Coach Buczek realizes the effect that the win against N.C. State had. "It was a big step for the program not only because it was our first ACC win since the program has been restarted, but also because it has built confidence for the players," said Buczek, who restarted the varsity volleyball program last season.

The Demon Deacons will travel to Maryland, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.

The Demon Deacons will stay on the road after that as the team will travel to Virginia Saturday and to Duke Tuesday for two key ACC matches.

Athletics face dilemma in Title IX issue

Charles Starks
 Managing Editor

To what extent should women be able to participate in sports, given limited sources of funding? Furthermore, to what extent do women want opportunities in sports?

FROM THE PRESS BOX

The reason I ask is the increasing level of debate Title IX, the rather vague 1972 piece of federal legislation requiring that any "educational program or activity" receiving aid from the feds not discriminate against women.

For various reasons, this has been interpreted to mean that 50 percent of sports funding at colleges and high schools go to programs designed for women.

To hear some tell it, in ten years there will be no men's sports other than football and basketball. Others say that men's sports are dying of independent reasons, or that Title IX is expanding male athletic opportunities.

If we take the proponents of Title IX at their word, demand for women's sports is limited only by men who either deny women opportunities to participate or convince them that they don't really want to do that sports thing anyway.

Some of their opponents counter that women in fact do not want to play sports, and bringing an institution into compliance with Title IX usually involves cutting men's sports.

Both sides are capable of expending vast amounts of paper and breath on charts, tables and rhetoric that support their side.

So what is the truth? As usual, it's quite slippery. I'm not citing a single statistic in this column, because I have seen too many that contradict one another, and I don't know which analysis to believe.

The problem seems to be a far too rigorous pursuit of absolutes. If a school is 50 percent women, then 50 percent of its sports funding should go to women, some say. But let's be honest: This is simplistic, based on a literalism that turns judges and legislators into automatons that dispense "justice" as a vending machine dispenses soft drinks.

Even if it's true that women are just as interested in playing intercollegiate sports as men, zealous Title IX proponents ignore some fundamental issues. For instance, college football and basketball require a lot of funding, operating as they do not only for the athletes, but also for the legions of alumni and fans who are willing to pay to see those games. In turn, they bring in a lot of funding.

For the simple reason that such funding is not needed, it is surely absurd to demand that just as much be spent on women's sports as on these men's programs.

It is just as absurd, however, for opponents of Title IX to ask that schools find extra funds to support new women's programs instead of making cuts. Where do they expect this money to come from? Bake sales? A more reasonable approach would have each university examine the demand for each sport — irrespective of gender — and attempt to find adequate funding sources for those sports. If enough money could not be located, then a university would cut programs based not merely on gender, but also on demand for each sport, each program's tradition at the school and other relevant factors. Such a solution, while not perfect, would be far better than the current mindless absolutism.

Cavs rally late to dispose of Deacs

By Scott Payne
 Sports Editor

The Demon Deacons went into Scott Stadium last Saturday in hopes of defeating the Virginia Cavaliers for the first time in decades. And, for the first 45 minutes of the game, they did just that, dominating the Cavs and holding them to a mere seven points. But in what has become a disturbing trend, in the fourth quarter the Deacs surrendered two touchdowns and the game.

"We went into the game believing that we would win and came away feeling as if we should have won," said Head Coach Jim Caldwell, whose team now drops to 2-3 on the season.

The Cavs rallied from a 13-7 deficit late in the fourth quarter on the strength of a 25 yard touchdown run untouched through the Deacon defense by Cavalier quarterback Aaron Brooks.

The Cavs scored again on an interception of junior Deacon quarterback Brian Kuklick which was returned 32 yards for a score by cornerback Joe Williams, with only :24 seconds remaining in regulation, putting the Wahoos ahead for good, 21-13.

During the entire game the Deacs were plagued by their inability to move the ball on the ground, gaining only 37 yards running the ball on 25 carries, an average of 1.48 yards per carry.

The leading Deacon rushers on the day were Kuklick and senior running back Herman Lewis, who each gained 15 yards. Kuklick had the longest run of the day for the Deacs, which was for a mere nine yards.

The bulk of the Deacon offense was gained through the air, which included the lone Deacon touchdown of the day, a 13 yard pass from Kuklick to Desmond Clark, which came with seven minutes remaining in the first quarterback and put the Deacs ahead 7-0.

Clark would finish the afternoon with seven receptions for 96 yards, giving the junior from Lakeland, Fla. 30 catches for 441 yards on the season.

Kuklick continued to demonstrate that he is one of the best quarterbacks in the Atlantic Coast Conference with his performance in front of the 40,000 fans in attendance at Scott Stadium.

On the day, Kuklick was 27 of 40 for 264 yards, with one touchdown and three interceptions, one of which



Geoff Coleman/Photo Staff

Senior running back Herman Lewis rushes left in an attempt to avoid the Cavalier defense that held him to a mere 15 yards for the game, which the Deacons lost by a score of 21-13 at Virginia.

came on a desperation hail mary on the final play of the game.

The three interceptions thrown by Kuklick equaled his total for the first four games of the season.

The loss to Virginia was the seventh straight game that Kuklick has passed for more than 250 yards. Currently, Kuklick ranks second in the ACC in both total offense (260 yards per game) and passing yardage (265 yards per game).

Following the first quarter touchdown by Clark, the remainder of the Deacon points came courtesy of two Matthew Burdick field goals, the first from 29 yards out and the second from 24.

Burdick, whose last second heroics defeated N.C. State last Thursday, moved into a tie for sixth place nationally with nine field goals total on the season, and is third in the ACC in scoring, with 37 points.

On the defensive side for the Deacs, linebacker Kelvin Moses and defensive tackle Fred Robbins led the team as they dominated the Cavs in the first half allowing only 42

yards rushing and giving up only one touchdown.

In the second half, the Deacs appeared to lose their defensive intensity, but still allowed the Cavalier offense only one touchdown.

In every Deacon loss this season, the team has had the lead heading into the second half.

"We simply needed one more stop on defense, one more score on offense, and we're definitely not pleased with losing a close game to a good opponent. We do not measure our team by good efforts or close losses. We measure our success by winning games," said Caldwell.

This Saturday the Deacons travel to Chapel Hill to face the Tarheels of North Carolina, in what will likely be the Deacs' toughest test so far. The Tarheels are currently ranked fifth in the nation and boast one of the nation's best defensive units.

Last season against the Heels, the Deacons lost by a score of 45-6, and their performance this Saturday will be a litmus test to see just how far these Demon Deacons have come.

Deacons get kicked around by Furman, lose 2-0

By David McGlinchey
 Old Gold and Black Reporter

The men's soccer team failed to show the dominating form that carried them to victory over the nationally ranked Dukes of James Madison University. The Deacs beat the Dukes 2-0 in Spry Stadium just a week ago.

However, despite proving they have the ability to contend with the nation's elite, the Deacs lost to Furman University last Saturday. The Deacs fell, 2-0, though they outshot the Paladins by a resounding 15-7.

The loss to Furman dropped the Deacons to 6-4 overall on the year, and Furman climbed to 7-2.

"The problem was that we weren't ready to play when the whistle blew," said sophomore Chad Evans. "You can't come out for some games and not for others."

Furman struck early in the first half when Brent Rosser headed in a corner kick for their first goal of the game. The Paladins then scored their second and final goal of the game in the second half at the 58:37 mark on a lead pass.

The Deacs could not find the back of the net despite numerous chances due to the strong efforts of the Paladin defense, which played extremely tough all night, as the Deacon forwards continually found their attacks smothered by the Furman defenders.

"We had difficulty scoring because they packed so many people in the box," said sophomore David Kaweesi-Mukooza. "Unlike our last game, we didn't finish our opportunities."

The Deacons have resolved not to look back on the loss and to focus on their next game, a matchup with ACC leader NC State.

"We've had some good practices this week," said Evans. "We have a chance to get another big win. N.C. State is fourth in the country. They beat UVa 2-1."

The contest with the Wolfpack of N.C. State is at 7 p.m. at W. Dennis Spry Soccer Stadium on Oct. 11.



Carlton Ward/Old Gold and Black

Junior Kyle Bachmeier dribbles downfield past two Furman defenders towards the goal. The Demon Deacons fell to Furman 2-0.