

Deacs end regular season with three game skid

Field hockey squad finishes year with losses to North Carolina, Virginia and Boston College

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Sports Copy Editor

Three top 15 teams in the final week of the regular season were too much for the field hockey team to handle. The Deacons fell to the fourth-ranked defending national champion, North Carolina Tar Heels 5-1, Wednesday, Oct. 22.

The Deacs then dropped back-to-back games over the weekend, losing 5-2 to second ranked Virginia and were edged 3-2 by Boston College, the 15th best team in the country.

The Deacs got off to a slow start in the game, allowing three first-half goals in a five-minute span. Cindy Werley, the leading scorer for the defending champs, scored first to ignite the burst. Her goal on a penalty corner came with just over 18 minutes left in the first half.

Two minutes later, Kristen McCann added the second goal of the game. Then, with 13 minutes remaining in the first stanza, UNC's leading scorer, Nancy Pelligreen, scored an unassisted goal.

Five minutes into the second half, Werley was back at it, scoring her second goal of the game to put the Tar Heels up by four.

However, sophomore Sam Rush had an answer for the Tar Heels.

She scored the first of her three goals on the week with 7:43 left against UNC. Pelligreen completed the scoring with five minutes left.

Meaghan Nitka and Jamie Tressler split the time in goal for the Demon Deacons. Nitka recorded five saves while allowing three goals and Tressler contributed three more saves, but let two shots by.

The Tar Heels outshot the Deacs 17 to 5 and had 10 penalty corners while the Deacons could only muster 3.

Against the Cavaliers, the Deacons put a serious scare into the visitors. On the first shot of the game, with only two minutes gone by, sophomore Amanda Janney made a diving shot in front of the cage to put the Deacs ahead. It took Virginia until only seven minutes were left in the half to tie the game on an unassisted goal by Meredith Thorpe.

In the second half, the Deacons could not continue their strong play and gave up three straight goals, including two more by Thorpe and one by Allison West.

Rush again had an answer for the Deacons, cutting the Cavalier lead

to 4-2 with 11 minutes left in the contest. However, less than two minutes later, Virginia iced the game with their final goal.

Nitka spent most of the game in the goal for the Deacs, allowing all five goals, but making eight saves also. Tressler came in for the final seven minutes of the game and did not face a shot.

Again, the Deacs were outshot, 22-11, and had only two penalty corners, compared with eight for the Cavaliers.

The Deacons were only the third team this season to score more than once against the stingy Virginia defense.

The others were top-ranked Old Dominion, who defeated the Wahos 2-0 and fifth-ranked Maryland, who lost 3-2.

The Deacon's best chance at a win came Oct. 26 afternoon when they were tied with the Golden Eagles with 20 minutes remaining in the game. Seven minutes into the game, Boston College rallied on a shot by Andrea Durko.

Later, the Deacs' leading scorer, freshman Jenny Everett, scored to even the contest. With less than five minutes remaining in the first half, Rush contributed her third goal of



Photo courtesy of Sports Information
Junior back Lisa Andries moves the ball past a defender in action from last season. This season the Deacs have fallen on hard times, as their season concluded without an ACC victory.

the week to give the Deacons the lead at halftime. However, with 15 minutes gone by in the second stanza, the Golden Eagles tied the game. It looked as though the game

would remain tied at the end of regulation, but with 30 seconds left in the game, Joy Ramsbotham of Boston College scored the winner. The Deacons now face a two week

lay off before travelling to Chapel Hill to begin the ACC tournament Nov. 6. As the only winless team in the ACC, they will receive the last seed in the tournament.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

Last Week's Scores

WFU 38, Duke 24
Clem. 20, Md. 9
FSU 47, Uva. 21

Standings

	ACC	Overall
UNC	4 0	7 0
FSU	5 0	7 0
Uva.	3 2	4 3
GaT	3 1	4 2
WFU	3 3	4 4
Clem.	2 3	4 3
NCSU	1 4	3 4
Md.	1 4	2 6
Duke	0 5	2 6

Statistics

Total Offense	Yds./Game
Thad Busby, FSU	299.7
Brian Kuklick, WFU	264.0

Nealon Greene, Clem.	253.2
Joe Hamilton, GaT	208.3
Jamie Barnette, NCSU	203.1
Aaron Brooks, Uva.	198.8
Oscar Davenport, UNC	167.8
Brian Cummings, Md.	144.9

Scoring Leaders

	Pts./game
Peter Warrick, FSU	7.00
Matthew Burdick, WFU	6.86
Tremayne Stephens, NCSU	6.86
Jonathon Linton, UNC	6.86
Sims Lenhardt, Duke	6.86
Chris Hensler, NCSU	6.00
Josh McGee, UNC	6.00
Sebastian Janikowski, FSU	6.00

Receiving Leaders

	Catches/Game
Tony Horne, Clem.	8.0
Desmond Clark, WFU	6.8
Jamie Deese, WFU	6.3
Peter Warrick, FSU	5.3
Torry Walt, NCSU	5.1
Na Brown, UNC	5.1
L.C. Stevens, UNC	4.7
E.G. Green, FSU#	4.2
Thabiti Davis, WFU	4.0

MEN'S SOCCER

Standings

	ACC	Overall
Duke	4 2 0	13 3 0
Md.	3 1 1	11 3 1
NCSU	4 2 0	10 4 0
Uva.	3 1 2	10 2 3
Clem.	1 2 1	8 4 3
WFU	1 3 0	8 7 0
UNC	0 5 0	4 11 0

Statistics

Save Percentage	
Matt Jordan, Clem.	.842
Dan Alexander, NCSU	.833
Sean Conner, WFU	.831
Atli Knutsson, Duker	.818
Andy Kirk, Md.	.776
Brock Yetso, Uva.	.769
Daniel Popik, UNC	.648

Solo Shutouts

Atli Knutsson, Duke	7
Sean Conner, WFU	6
Andy Kirk, Md.	5

Matt Jordan, Clem.	5
Dan Alexander, NCSU	3
Brock Yetso, Uva.	3

Solo Shutouts

Beth Klein, WFU	6
Katherine Mertz, NCSU	5
Suzanne Putman, Clem.	4
Alli Wolff, Md.	4
Megan Boehm, Uva.	2
Melissa Juhl, FSU	2

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Standings

	ACC	Overall
UNC	5 0 0	17 0 1
Duke	5 0 0	13 3 0
Clem.	4 3 0	11 5 0
Uva.	3 2 0	12 2 2
Md.	3 2 0	9 5 2
NCSU	2 4 0	8 10 0
WFU	1 5 0	10 6 1
FSU	0 7 0	7 10 0

Statistics

Save Percentage	
Beth Klein, WFU	.856
Siri Mullinix, UNC	.830
Meredith McCullen, Clem.	.759
Alli Wolff, Md.	.759
Isis Dallis, Duke	.727
Katherine Mertz, NCSU	.725

THIS WEEK

- Nov. 1**
Football vs. Clem., 12 noon
- Nov. 2**
Women's Soccer at Duke, 1 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. UNC, 2 p.m.
Men's Golf in Rolex National Match Play Championships in Miami, Fl.
- Nov. 3**
Men's and Women's Cross Country in ACC Cross Country Championships at Florida St.
- Nov. 4**
Volleyball at UNC-Greensboro, 7 p.m.

Lynch paces Deacs in Alabama

By Jon Giokas
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The Demon Deacon men's golf team finished sixth out of 12 teams at the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate at the 6,958 yard, par-71 Old Overton Golf Course in Birmingham, Ala. last week, shooting a team score of 879, 15 shots behind the Clemson Tigers.

Senior Todd Lynch earned his first top-10 finish of the fall season, as well as bragging rights with his teammates for a while, as he paced out the Deacs with a three-over par total of 216. Lynch was just six shots behind Rory Sabbatini of Arizona, who took home the individual crown at the tournament, named for the 1976 U.S. Open champion and current television commentator.

The other players on the team made solid contributions to the team's finish as junior Oscar Sanchez finished 20th, one spot ahead of teammate junior Michael Capone.

Junior Juan Vizcaya finished in 26th place, and freshman Patrick Damron again had an impressive showing, finishing with a 72 to wind up in 32nd place.

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Todd Lynch
Men's Golfer

Although the team's 27-over par total left them in the proverbial middle of the pack.

They finished just two shots out of a three-way tie for third place, and only four shots behind the second place Arizona Wildcats.

The Deacons, who fell from 13th to 33rd place in the latest MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings, finished ahead of six teams, four of whom were ranked above the Deacs.

Lynch, the only senior to play in Alabama, spoke positively of the team's and his own performance in the Pate Collegiate. "I was happy to play better," said the Winston-Salem native. "I think the team played a lot better this week." Lynch also spoke about the team's fall in the latest poll, as well as the Deacons' prospects for the rest of the fall season.

"We pay attention to them (the rankings). At this point in the season, it's just something to make us feel good to be ranked high. We're all starting at base one in the postseason." Regarding the final events of the fall calendar, Lynch said, "We have two more tournaments this fall. We'd like two win

one or both of them or at least finish in the top three."

Deacon Coach Jerry Haas noted his satisfaction with the team's play, and echoed Lynch's comments regarding the MasterCard Rankings, saying that at this point in the season they are not of great importance.

"We've only had four events. But we do have to get it going," said Haas.

The Deacons sat in fourth place after the opening round of the tournament, with a twelve-over par score of 296, eight shots behind Auburn. The Deacons were led in the first round by Capone, who carded a 72, and Lynch, who followed right behind with a 73.

The Deacs improved on their first round with consistent rounds of 289 and 294 in the next two rounds, but lost ground as a number of schools posted scores under 290 in the second round, including Clemson, the eventual champion, with an even par total of 284.

The Deacons head next to the Rolex Match Play Tournament at the famed Doral Resort and Country Club in Miami, Florida.

Haas sounded excited about the team's chances at Doral, especially with senior Ray Floyd having earned individual medalist honors going into match play.

"We're going to a new tournament, the Rolex Match Play tournament, in Florida, and we're excited about that," said Haas.

The event is different from all the previous ones on the Deacs' schedule, as it features head-to-head, individual match play instead of the three round stroke play format which makes up most collegiate events.

DEACON NOTES

Men's golf falls from 13th to 33rd in MasterCard Collegiate rankings

Homecoming game will be last home game for 14 seniors

The Demon Deacon men's golf team dropped this week in the latest MasterCard Collegiate Golf rankings from 13th to 33rd. Oklahoma State, ranked number one since preseason, dropped to fourth. Arkansas moved up into the slot.

The fall was partly due to the team's recent play.

The Deacons' game against Clemson will not just be the last home game of the season, but will also be the final home game for 14 seniors.

This year's senior class is the first Deacon football class that has been coached entirely by head coach Jim Caldwell and his staff.

Homecoming '97

November 1, 1997, Groves Stadium

Kickoff, 12:00 noon



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Wake Forest Demon Deacons versus Clemson Tigers

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