

DEACON NOTES

Men's golf program bags two recruits during signing period

Two golfers signed national letters of intent to play for the Demon Deacon men's golf team during the November early signing period, Head Coach Jerry Haas announced Dec. 1. Both will enroll as freshmen in the fall of 1998. Cortland Lowe of Augusta, Ga., was named Augusta Prep's Most Valuable Player in both golf and basketball in 1997, becoming the first player in school history to be named MVP in two sports in the same year. Lowe was an all-region and all-state golfer in 1997 and was the 1997 Georgia high school state champion. In American Junior Golf Association competition, Lowe tied for second at the Taylor Made PineIsle Junior Classic at Lake Lanier Islands, Ga., losing a one-hole playoff for the tournament title.

Bart DeLuca, of Baltimore, is a 4.0 GPA student who has also performed impressively in AJGA competition. He won the ClubCorp Junior Players Championship in Hot Springs, Va., in July, shooting a 5-under 67 in the final round to win the title by two strokes. DeLuca also finished 12th at the Greater Greensboro Junior in Browns Summit during August, shooting a 3-over 219.

Amonett, Woods lead Deacs in thumping of Richmond

Sophomore Loren Woods recorded 21 points and a career-high 15 rebounds, and junior Joseph Amonett scored seven of his career-high 14 points in the final three minutes as the 25th-ranked Deacs pulled out a 71-67 victory over Richmond Nov. 29.

The Deacons' lead was cut to 60-58 on Jarod Stevenson's three-point play with 2:27 to play before Amonett hit a three-point basket and converted a breakaway layup after a steal to make the score 65-58 with 1:45 left.

Amonett also made two free throws with 10.5 seconds to go for a 69-64 advantage. Stevenson hit a three-pointer for the Spiders with 2.6 seconds left to cut the gap, but senior Tony Rutland converted both of his free throws after being fouled to seal the win.

Rutland, playing in his first full game of the year, scored 17 points and matched a career high with eight assists for the Deacs, which won its 11th straight November game.

"I am very pleased that we won this game," said Head Coach Dave Odom. "I feel very

fortunate to do so. Richmond hit some tough shots down the stretch. I think this game proves that we still have a lot of work to do."

Swanson snags All-American Honors at Championships

Senior Nolan Swanson received All-American Honors for his performance at the NCAA Cross Country Championships on Nov. 24.

Swanson was the only member of the men's team to compete at the championships, held on the campus of Furman University in Greenville, S.C. He placed 32nd overall with a time of 30:17 to earn the honors.

Women's basketball struggles to mediocre beginning

The Demon Deacon women's basketball team has gone 1-4 over its last five games, which included a trip to the first Coca-Cola Billiken Classic held at St. Louis University in St. Louis Nov. 22 and 23.

The Demon Deacons' first loss of two in the tournament came at the hands of the Mavericks of the University of Texas-Arlington by a score of 65-44.

The Mavericks' Tanya Long poured in 24 points and grabbed six rebounds to pace UT-A to its second victory of the new season.

The leading scorer for the Deacons was junior Emon McMillan, who posted 11 points and seven rebounds.

This was the Deacons' first regular-season loss of the season.

The Demon Deacons then faced Tennessee State Nov. 22, falling to the Tigers 70-66. Despite shooting 51 percent from the floor and holding Tennessee State to just 35 percent shooting, poor free throw shooting ultimately cost the Deacs in the close game.

Junior Heidi Coleman, freshman Kristen Shaffer, and McMillan each contributed 12 points, while junior Liz Nelson and redshirt freshman Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick collected six rebounds apiece.

Sophomore Alisha Mosley hit a 12-foot jump shot from the left corner at the buzzer to lift the Deacons over visiting Appalachian State 70-68 at Reynolds Gym on Nov. 26.

The victory was the second of the season for the Deacons. Coleman paced the Demon Deacons in the first half, scoring 17 points on six of nine shooting, including five of six three-pointers.

than last week. Overall I was pretty happy with how I improved over last year," Kraus said.

"When I look at the whole season and my running in general, everything builds on each other."

Janelle Kraus
Sophomore Runner

Kraus leads runners to decent finish at NCAAs

Wallace with a time of 18:03, sophomore Jill Snyder with a time of 18:17, freshman Kelly Brady with a time of 18:23, and freshman Summer Shaw with a time of 18:37.

Sophomore Emily Selvidio spoke of the difference between the national meet and previous meets.

"It was definitely a lot different because the whole field was a lot more talented than all the other races we've been in. It was pretty intense," she said.

"We may not have finished as well as we hoped but it was still respectable. Overall we're happy with the season."

Brady shared Selvidio's optimistic view of the team's finish.

"We're such a young team that next year and in the years to come we're going to be awesome, the team to beat, because we did

so well this season without any experience."

Goodridge reflected on the team's performance in the NCAA meet and the season's progress.

"Being very young and inexperienced the team didn't do tremendously well, but we'll certainly gain experience for the future. It was a definite learning experience for them," she said.

"There's nothing you can possibly do to fully prepare for the meet, and they did find the transition to be pretty difficult."

"Our outside goal was getting back into the top three in the conference. We exceeded that, with a strong top-two finish and a conference champion."

Goodridge said she hoped the success would give the young team confidence.

"My hope is that the team will be very

Deacs end year with loss to N.C. State in ACC Tourney

saying that the team has struggled with the same element all year of not being able to sustain their level of play throughout an entire match.

"Various players consistently play well and stand out during a match, but it has been hard for us to play well as a team," said Buczek.

But the Deacs are happy about how they ended their season. "We felt good about how we played at N.C. State, and we ended the season on a positive note," Buczek said.

Before the ACC tournament began, freshman Corie Miles was given a great honor when she was named to the six-player ACC All-Freshman team on Nov. 19.

Miles is the first Demon Deacon volleyball player to be named to the ACC All-Freshman team since the Deacon volleyball program was reinstated last season.

Miles is a middle blocker who leads the Deacs in hitting percentage (.176) and has the second highest total blocks (88) on the team.

She demonstrated especially outstanding play at the end of October, in one week span accumulating 16 kills, a .406 hitting percentage, nine digs and three blocks against three competitors, thus earning the ACC Freshman of the Week honors, for the week of Oct. 27.

The last Deacon volleyball player to earn any kind of All-ACC honor was Pam Thomas, who was named to the All-ACC second-team in 1985.

The Deacons' finished the season with a record of 8-24 overall.

Mosley's shot beats ASU

By Paul Gaeta
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Sophomore guard Alisha Mosley's 12-foot jumper as time expired lifted the Demon Deacon women's basketball team to a 70-68 home victory over Appalachian State last Wednesday night.

Mosley, who last year was named to the all-ACC Rookie team, fought off a tough night from the field in which she she was 4-for-16 shooting with the game-winning basket. She also contributed with five rebounds and blocks for the Deacs.

The win evened the Demon Deacons record at 2-2. The Mountaineers dropped to 1-3.

After a sluggish start, the Demon Deacons pulled ahead of Appalachian State five minutes into the first half. Junior point guard Heidi Coleman's three-pointer gave the Deacs a four-point lead, 12-8.

The Mountaineers, however, charged back midway through the opening half. Forward Beth Schoolfield's four points

in the paint brought the score a little closer at 26-20.

Demon Deacon Head Coach Charlene Curtis sensed the start of the Appalachian State comeback and called a quick 20 second timeout.

The break helped the Deacs greatly. Mosley came out and hit her only three-pointer of the night, stretching their lead back to nine.

Early in the second half, the Demon Deacons looked ready to run away with the game. A Cynthia Kelley jump shot and two free throws by Mosley stretched their lead to 10 points, 51-39.

The pesky Mountaineer team, however, refused to back down from the quicker Deacon team. After the teams exchanged consecutive baskets, Appalachian State roared back. Tiffany Chappell was good on a jumper from

nine feet out, and then Edwards scored her second three of the game to bring the Deac lead to just three, 53-50.

The teams see-sawed back and forth for several minutes with State taking the lead on another Edward's three pointer with 7:57 remaining, 58-56. The team kept the lead and extended it to 66-59 with 2:40 left.

The Deacs, however, held the Mountaineers to just two points the remainder of the game. The squad climbed back to tie things up on two Coleman free throws with just 22 seconds left.

Then, after Appalachian State rebounded the ball, the Deacs' Kristen Shaffer stole the ball of a bad pass from Shaffer, and the team quickly called a timeout with seven seconds left.

When play resumed, Mosley took the ball to the left of the basket and popped in a 12-foot jumper as time expired to give her team a dramatic 70-68 victory.

Coleman, behind five three pointers, led the team in scoring with 19 points. Kirkpatrick contributed her best game of the season with 14 points and eight rebounds.



Mosley



Perfect form

Junior cheerleader Amy Sherrill leads a cheer in a recent men's basketball game. The Deacs, ranked 24th nationally, play the 11th ranked Utah Running Utes Dec. 6 in a game that pits two national powerhouses. The Demon Deacons beat Utah narrowly on New Year's Eve last year, 70-59.

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By Ginny DeFrank
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After starting the season dominating meets, then being faced with the discouraging outcome of the Pre-NCAA meet, the women's cross country team finished 17th in the national meet in Greenville, S.C., Nov. 24.

The meet provided an opportunity for the Deacs' No. 1 runner, sophomore Janelle Kraus, to earn All-American status by finishing 26th overall with a time of 17:17.

Coach Francie Goodridge said that Kraus's 12 second improvement in a one week time span was a "remarkable improvement," allowing her to become the fifth All-American in school history.

"I dropped my time by 12 seconds and I was happier with the way I raced this week



Sophomore Jessica Sammis (left) bumps the ball to a teammate. The Deacon squad ended its season with a loss to N.C. State in the ACC Tourney. The team concluded their season with one conference victory which came over the Wolfpack on Oct. 3.

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