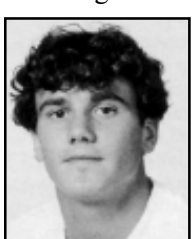


# DEACON NOTES

## Soccer players earn honors for exciting play during season

Junior Chad Evans and senior Sergi Daniv were named to the College Soccer Weekly On-Line All-America Team following their outstanding play in helping the men's soccer team earn the reputation as giant killers last season.



Evans

Evans, a defender from La Plata, Md. anchored the Deacon defense and also earned first-team All-ACC and All-Region honors. Evans' strong play developed from his ability to cover the top strikers of the opposing teams.

Daniv, a 1996 All-American who missed the 1997 season with a knee injury, had an impressive comeback season, scoring five goals and two assists in 10 games. The midfielder's play earned him first-team All-ACC and second-team All-Region accolades.

The Deacs finished the season only 1-4-1 in the ACC but were 11-7-1 overall, defeating then top-ranked Washington Sept. 27 and then ninth-ranked South Carolina Oct. 27 and tying then third-ranked Virginia Sept. 19.

## Women's basketball rookie shines, earns Rookie of the Week honors

Helping the team win its second ACC game of the season and its first home ACC game since the 1996-97 season, freshman Lachina Robinson earned ACC Rookie of the Week honors for the week ending Jan. 10.



Robinson

Robinson helped lead the Deacons to a 77-72 victory over Georgia Tech Jan. 4 with 22 points, eight rebounds, three blocks and two steals while shooting 66.7 percent from the floor. Robinson scored 12 points during a Deacon 15-1 run midway throughout the second half to help the Demon Deacons come from behind and take the lead for good.

## Women's tennis standout breaks into ITA national top 10 rankings

Sophomore Mariel Verban was ranked 10th in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings after beginning the fall season ranked 47th in the nation.



Verban

Verban finished the fall season 17-4 and won the Southeast Regional Indoor Championship to help her earn a top 10 ranking. Verban's championship victory at the Southeast Regional Indoor Championships earned her an automatic bid to compete at the National Indoor Championships in Dallas, Texas on Feb. 4-7.

Verban did not join the team until the spring of 1998, but her strong play helped her win 16 of her first 20 matches and quickly propelled her to the number one singles spot. Verban finished her freshman year 22-10 and 7-1 in the ACC to earn ACC rookie of the Year honors.

Verban and the Deacons will begin their 1999 season Jan. 22 at the ACC Indoor Championships in Chapel Hill.

## Tennis teams fair well in latest ITA spring preseason rankings

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association's most recent rankings have both the men's and women's teams ranked for the 1999 season.

The men's team is ranked 58th in the nation, up from 63rd in the 1998 season. The doubles team of junior Myles Clouston and sophomore Raul Munoz is ranked sixth in the nation after finishing the fall season with a 5-3 record and advancing to the finals of the National Clay Court Championships. In singles competition, Clouston is also ranked 24th in the country. Clouston finished the fall season ranked 49th while recording an 8-12 record.

The women's team moved up from a final fall season ranking of 11th to a preseason spring ranking of ninth. Sophomore Mariel Verban is ranked 10th and freshman Janet Bergman is ranked 51st in the nation.

## Deese preparing for run at record in wake of Clark's outstanding season

Senior Desmond Clark kept putting smiles on the faces of Deacons football supporters with his chase of Deacon and ACC receiving records this year despite the team's disappointing season.

Next year, junior Jammie Deese hopes to widen the smiles on the faces of Deacon football supporters along with a strong team performance.

Clark set ACC and Deacon records for receptions this season despite not playing in two games and seeing limited action in two other games due to injury.

Deese is fifth in receptions and seventh in receiving yardage in Demon Deacon history. Deese can overtake Clark as the ACC and Deacon reception leader with 64 receptions. Last season Deese pulled in 68 receptions to tie for the second most productive receiving year for a Deacon behind Clark's school record 72 receptions. Deese is also set to jump up the yardage list as he is only 930 yards away from passing Clark and becoming the second leading Deacon in receiving yardage. Deese was only able to achieve 826 yards receiving this season, but he had to share the field with Clark who put up 866 receiving yards.



Deese

# Jordan's retirement marks end of era

By Jason Martin  
U-Wire

Michael Jordan retired Wednesday as the greatest basketball player ever.

Statistically, only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Wilt Chamberlain scored more points. No one scored more per game.

But throw out the statistics. Look at the impact of Jordan's career not only on basketball, but on the world.

Children in remote third-world countries know Michael Jordan. They know the Bulls.

How many other men in history could be easily recognized based solely on a small silhouette?

Phil Knight, David Stern, Shaquille O'Neal, Phil Jackson and thousands on down the line owe their livelihood and identity to him.

The world wanted to be like Mike.

The world drank Gatorade, bought Nikes and, help us, watched "Space Jam" because of Michael.

When I was growing up, I really only had one poster in my room. It was a dog-eared picture of Jordan in mid-flight during the Chicago slam-dunk contest, doing his perfect 10 from the foul line. It came for free in a pair of shoes I got in about fourth grade.

But until I was in junior high, I really never watched basketball at all. I barely knew who Larry Bird and Magic Johnson were. But as Jordan became incredibly popular, as he began averaging 34 or 35 points per game, I began to resent him and the poster.

I partially covered it up with other adornments. I mocked the Bulls' losing ways. I joined in the chorus that "all he can do is score points."

And — gasp — I started following the Bad Boy Pistons, hoping they could inflict some kind of punishment on Jordan.

Then he started winning titles. Anything but that.

We had WGN at my house. My dad soon began watching every Bulls game. He began to exhort the infinite talent of Jordan.

I still clung steadfast to the anti-Jordan view, and it only deepened back then when I was a sullen teen polarized against anything my father would like.

The poster stayed up, but it was quickly covered over more and more.

But the other icons faded. Bird succumbed to injury and age. Johnson became infected with

HIV, then made a mockery of himself with several comeback and coaching attempts. Jordan kept playing. And winning. And scoring.

And when Jordan retired the first time, I couldn't have been more happy. I watched him fail at minor league baseball. I cheered.

By the time he had taken a year off and returned, though, something in me had changed.

I had matured. I begrudgingly admitted his talent and impact after about a decade of dominance. I even started watching Bulls games with my dad, and I began to cheer them.

Over the four seasons of his comeback, I grew more and more as a Bulls supporter every day. Call me bandwagon, whatever. I wasn't necessarily a fan. I don't own any Chicago paraphernalia. But I wanted to see Jordan win. I wanted to remember it. I wanted to some day say to my kids or their kids, "I remember him. I grew up watching him play."

I wanted to say I had grown up watching the greatest basketball player who ever lived, and I watched to remember each sweet moment.

I wanted him to keep scoring, to keep winning, forever. Because, somehow, if he kept scoring and winning, if that faded poster remained up, I could avoid growing up.

There will never be another athlete who had the same impact as long as we live.

His career is the stuff of legend: the scoring feats, the six championships, the flu-ridden championship run and the career-ending, game-winning jumper.

They've called us Generation X, the Lost Generation, all kinds of superfluous misnomers. But when you get down to it, we're the Jordan Generation. We grew up during the Jordan Era.

Think for a moment about how he has shaped the culture of our country and dozens of others. At the least, he introduced baggy shorts and relieved us of fat guys in tight ones.

Reagan came and went. The Gulf War was a blip on the timeline of our lives. Clinton and the Congress have made a mockery of our government.

But Jordan kept playing. And scoring. And winning. And I am glad I had the chance to savor the second time around and realize how stupid I acted during his first tour of duty.

Michael Jordan retired yesterday for good. It's the end of an era. For all of us.

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## It's the shoes

Sophomore Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick goes up strong for a layup in a losing effort against Duke. Duke's strong defense ruled the night as the Blue Devils held off the Deacons to claim a 74-59 victory. Kirkpatrick scored 10 points against the Blue Devils and is second on the team with a .506 field goal percentage. Kirkpatrick is also shooting 50 percent from three-point range hitting on four of eight attempts for the season.

# Schedule

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perennially dominant Virginia Cavaliers.

Then, on Sept. 25, the Deacons return to Groves Stadium for a battle with in-state rival N.C. State, which, in the last two seasons, has evolved into a heated rivalry, with the Deacs downing the Pack with a last second field goal in 1997 and then the Pack returned the favor in 1998, winning a track meet that proved to be a

battle of who scored last.

The Deacons will conclude their non-conference schedule on Oct. 2, when the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers come to Winston-Salem as a team seeking revenge for several recent drubbings at the hands of the Deacs.

The rest of the 1999 Demon Deacon football schedule is as follows: Oct. 9 at Maryland, Oct. 16 at Florida State, home against Clemson on Oct. 30, Nov. 6 in Chapel Hill against North Carolina, at Duke on Nov. 13 and then end their season at home on Nov. 20 against Georgia Tech.

## 1999 Football Schedule\*

Sept. 4	UAB	Oct. 16	at FSU
Sept. 11	at Army	Oct. 30	Clemson
Sept. 18	at Virginia	Nov. 6	at UNC
Sept. 25	N.C. State	Nov. 13	at Duke
Oct. 2	Rutgers	Nov. 20	Ga. Tech
Oct. 9	Maryland		*This schedule is tentative

# SCOREBOARD

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Standings

	ACC	Overall
Duke	4 0	15 1
Md.	3 1	15 2
FSU	3 1	9 6
UNC	2 1	14 3
WFU	2 1	11 4
Clem.	1 3	12 5
N.C. State	1 3	10 5
Ga. Tech	1 3	10 6
UVa.	0 4	9 7

### Statistics

Three-Point Goal Percentage		
	Pct	
Trajan Langdon, Duke	.479	
Terrell McIntyre, Clem.	.479	
William Avery, Duke	.432	
A. Harrington, N.C. State	.427	
Craig Dawson, WFU	.407	
Adrian Crawford, FSU	.395	

### Three-Point Goals Per Game

	Avg
Tragan Langdon, Duke	3.5
Terrell McIntyre, Clem.	2.7
A. Harrington, N.C. State	2.5
Jason Floyd, Ga. Tech	2.4
Robert O'Kelley, WFU	2.3

### Rebound Margin

	Mar
UNC	10.3
Duke	10.3

N.C. State	9.5
Md.	7.1
Clem.	5.9
WFU	3.6

### Scoring Defense

	Avg
Clem.	57.8
WFU	60.6
UNC	60.6
Md.	61.2
FSU	64.2
N.C. State	65.1

### Field Goal Percentage

	Pct
Md.	.362
UNC	.377
Duke	.388
Clem.	.393
WFU	.397

### Three-Point Percentage

	Pct
Duke	.413
UNC	.410
N.C. State	.391
Md.	.364
WFU	.357
FSU	.356

### Free Throws Percentage

	Pct
Duke	.748
UNC	.728
UVa.	.720
WFU	.693
Md.	.692
N.C. State	.659

### Three-Point Field Goals Per Game

	Avg
Duke	7.4
UVa.	7.3
Ga. Tech	7.1
WFU	6.4
FSU	6.3

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### Standings

	ACC	Overall
Duke	5 0	13 4
UNC	5 1	18 2
UVa.	3 1	10 4
Clem.	4 2	13 2
N.C. State	2 3	8 6
WFU	2 3	6 9
Ga. Tech	2 4	9 6
FSU	0 5	5 9
Md.	0 5	2 12

### Statistics

#### Three-Point Goal Percentage

	Pct
Duke	.375
WFU	.369
Clem.	.359
Ga. Tech	.327

#### Three-Point Goals Per Game

	Avg
WFU	6.3
Duke	5.6

UNC	4.8
UVa.	4.7

### Rebounds

	Avg
Summer Erb, N.C. State	9.9
Regina Tate, Ga. Tech	8.5
Brooke Wyckoff,	8.4
L. Barksdale, UNC	8.3
DeMya Walker, UVa.	8.2
Olivia Dardy, WFU	7.5

### Three-Point Goal Percentage

	Pct
Amy Green, Clem.	.451
Heidi Coleman, WFU	.413
Juana Brown, UNC	.400

### Three-Point Goals Per Game

	Avg
D. Donehew, Ga. Tech	2.5
Amy Green, Clem.	2.1
Nikki Teasley, UNC	2.0
Erin Stovall, UVa.	1.8
Heidi Coleman, WFU	1.7

## THIS WEEK

Jan. 16  
Men's Basketball at Georgia Tech, 4 p.m.

Jan. 17  
Women's Basketball vs. Clemson, 12:30 p.m.

Jan. 20  
Men's Basketball at Florida State, 8 p.m.