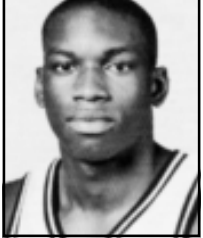


DEACON NOTES

Arinze undergoes second shoulder surgery of year

Sophomore Niki Arinze underwent a second shoulder surgery Feb. 19 to tighten his right shoulder joint and prevent injury on this shoulder in the future.



Arinze

Arinze is sitting out this season due to a dislocated left shoulder suffered in the pre-season and re-aggravated in a Nov. 30 win over VMI.

Arinze had his left shoulder operated on Dec. 8 following fall semester exams. During the surgery, Dr. Walt Curl of the Deacons' medical staff examined Arinze's right shoulder and decided surgery to tighten that joint was needed as well.

Arinze averaged 7.0 points-per-game as a freshman while recording 24 starts. He is expected to be back to full activity in six to eight weeks.

Following this season, the Deacons will apply for a medical hardship red-shirt for Arinze.

Baseball games postponed due to freak snowstorm

Inclement weather forced the rescheduling of two Deacon baseball games last week.

The Deacon game versus UNC-Charlotte originally scheduled for Feb. 23 has been postponed to Mar. 2 at Hooks Stadium. The game will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Also, the Demon Deacon-East Carolina game from Feb. 24 has been rescheduled for today at 2:30 p.m. at Hooks Stadium.

Dardy and Robinson named to All-ACC Teams

Sophomore forward Olivia Dardy earned Honorable Mention All-ACC Team and freshman center LaChina Robinson was selected to the ACC All-Freshman Team.



Dardy

Both underclassmen were shining stars in an otherwise struggling season for the Deacs.

Dardy led the team in points, rebounding and steals with 9.5 points-per-game, 7.1 rebounds-per-game and 1.2 steals-per-game.

She finished out the regular season with five double-doubles and earned All-Tournament Team Honors in the Fairfield-Warner's Classic earlier in the season. She is the first Deacon to be named to an All-ACC team since center Tracy Connor in 1997.

Robinson took over the center position in her first year, starting every game for the Deacs. She netted four double-digit games during the season, including her season best performance against Georgia Tech with 22 points.

Her All-Freshman Honors are shared with teammate junior Alisha Mosley, who won the award in 1996.

Duncan one of nine picked for 2000 Olympic team

Tim Duncan '97 was one of nine NBA players selected to represent the United States in the 2000 Summer Olympics, the Associated Press reported Feb. 24.

Duncan, a starting forward on the San Antonio Spurs will be joined by other stars including the Detroit Pistons' Grant Hill, the Minnesota Timberwolves' Kevin Garnett and the Atlanta Hawks' Steve Smith.

The nine players picked, along with three other non-NBA players will represent the country in the Americas Zone qualifying tournament June 14-25 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

If the team can finish first or second in this tourney, it will qualify for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, where they will look to defend their title for the third straight time.

Three additional players will be chosen at the conclusion of the 1999-00 season, with one of those spots likely to go to Los Angeles Lakers's star Shaquille O'Neal.

Dream Team III will be coached by Rudy Tomjanovich, the head coach of the Houston Rockets.

Late-game heroics propel Deacs

By Paul Gaeta
Sports Editor

They say that experience brings college basketball teams to the promised land of the NCAA Tournament in March.

Well, don't tell Demon Deacon freshmen Broderick Hicks and Darius Songaila that.

The duo rescued the Deacs from an 18-point, second-half deficit against Florida State Feb. 20 and helped the team come away with a huge 67-65 come from behind home win.

It was the biggest comeback the Deacs have ever pulled off in the 10-year history of Joel Coliseum, and it came in what thus far has been the team's biggest game of the 1998-99 season.

The win virtually eliminated any Seminole hopes of earning a berth to the NCAA Tournament in March.

Moreover, it kept the slim hopes the Deacs have for an appearance in March Madness alive, giving the team their fourth win in six games, improving their record to 15-11 overall and 6-8 in the ACC.

"Maybe the best thing about the comeback today was the fact that it was done, in large part, with two first-year guys," Head Coach Dave Odom said of Songaila and Hicks.

Indeed, it was Hicks and Songaila who were the spark plugs for what had been an anemic Demon Deacon offense that found themselves in a 61-43 hole with just over six minutes remaining in the final half.

The Deacs, however, turned it on after that point, scoring 24 points in their next 13 possessions, 20 of which came from the first-year duo.

Songaila got the rally started on the right foot with five consecutive points to trim the Seminole lead to 13, 61-48.

Seminole big men Justin Mott and Oliver Simmons, both juniors, had trouble containing the Deacons' aggressive forward in the paint, and as a result, Songaila took both to school.

After scoring on an easy drive on one possession, Songaila took it to the hole on the very next possession, scoring a bucket

and drawing a foul which he converted for a three-point play.

Hicks then came into his element, hitting two consecutive three pointers to further narrow the Florida State lead.

His first long-range bomb at the 4:21 mark cut the margin to nine, 61-52. Then almost a minute later, Hicks hit another, making the score 61-57 in favor of the Seminoles.

"We just fed off each other," Hicks told the *Winston-Salem Journal*.

"I fed off the other players, they fed off the coaches, the coaches fed off the fans, and it was a big circle."

The offensive output of both Songaila and Hicks, however, wasn't the only reason the Deacons were able to erase such a large deficit.

Odom looked like a genius on the sidelines, opting to foul both Simmons and Mott, two of the Seminoles' weakest free-throw shooters, in hopes that they would miss the front end of their one and ones.

The move worked perfectly as both players continued their woes at the line, thus giving the Deacs the ball without knocking too much time off the clock.

"Anytime you're 18 down with six minutes to go, you've got to use all your percentages," Odom said.

"There's no secret that their two worst free-throw shooters, by percentage, are Simmons and Justin Mott. We told our post players, who weren't in foul trouble thankfully, that anytime either of those two touched the ball we were going to try to foul them as quick as we could to stop the clock immediately.

"We were in good shape timeout wise, and they were not. We just took a chance, hoping they would miss some free throws. They did."

Odom's strategy and the play of Songaila and Hicks set up one of the most memorable conclusions to any Demon Deacon game to date.

Two baskets from the charity stripe by sophomore Robert O'Kelley gave the Deacs their first lead, 65-64.

Seminole guard Delvon Arrington then bricked a 12-foot jumper that Songaila



rebounded and passed off to Hicks. The native of Houston, normally just an average shooter from the line, hit both his foul shots giving the Deacs a three-point lead, 67-64 with five seconds left.

Odom then opted to have Hicks foul Seminole forward Ron Hale because it would prevent the Seminoles from hitting a three pointer that would tie the game.

The strategy, however, almost backfired. Hale made the front end of the one-and-one, but lofted the second shot off the rim intentionally.

The Deacon defenders failed to box him out, and he then gathered the rebound himself and drove around Songaila on the baseline for what would usually be an easy layup.

But on a crazy evening in Winston-Salem, there were no such things as easy layups, and Hale's shot hit the front of the rim and bounced out, giving the Deacs the 67-65 win.



Chris Carlstrom/Old Gold and Black
Robert O'Kelley drives to the basket while Broderick Kicks looks to pass in mid-air in the Deacs big win over the Seminoles.

Tennis nets two over weekend

By Jared Klose
Assistant News Editor

After getting off to a rocky start this season, the men's tennis team won its first dual-matches of the year by sweeping a doubleheader against Old Dominion University (5-2) and the University of Richmond (3-5) both held Feb. 20 at the Indoor Tennis Center in a weekend match-up that may prove to be a decisive momentum swing for the Demon Deacons.

In a thrilling match, the Deacs rallied from the early deficit to overcome an internationally flavored Monarch team by a score of 4-3.

After losing the doubles point in their opening match against ODU, it looked like the recent misfortunes of the Deacs would continue. The team of senior Myles Clouston and sophomore Raul Munoz, ranked 20th nationally, won 8-4 in convincing fashion, but neither of the other Deacons' doubles teams could provide a win to clinch the initial point.

Sophomore Brett Mauro and senior Andres Guzman lost 8-5 in the number two slot. The third pair for the Deacons, junior Johan Hansen and senior Michael Berger, both of whom were playing in their first match of the season, lost 8-4.

Hansen had been recovering from an operation which he underwent during

winter break and Berger was out earlier this season with tendonitis in his left knee.

Freshman Justin Kaufmann continued to impress in his debut season, as he was off the court quickly to even things up in the match as he won 6-1, 6-3 in the sixth position.

Munoz, who played second, and Mauro, in the fifth spot, were also able to pull off victories of 6-2, 6-4 and 6-3, 7-5, respectively, in key matches.

Neither Hansen or Berger, both of whom were still looking hampered by their physical ailments, could provide the Deacons with the fourth point necessary to assure victory. The North Carolina native fell 6-1, 6-4 in his match at fourth position, and the Swede lost a tough three setter 6-3, 5-7, 6-1 as the Monarchs pulled even with the Demon Deacons at three points a piece.

Clouston, the 45th ranked singles player in the nation, was the last hope for the Deacs to walk away then with a win in the hard fought match-up between the grinding baseliners. After splitting the first two sets (7-5, 4-6) the reliable senior looked like he had met his match when he was broken early in the third set, but with his teammates to support him, Clouston fought back to claim the third set 7-5 and the match for the Deacons.

With the victory in their second match of the day against the University of Richmond, the Deacs improved their record to 2-4 on the season.

After struggling against ODU, the Demon Deacons seemed to have overcome a mental obstacle in garnering their first win of the year and they played a more relaxed match against the Spiders.

All three doubles teams were successful as Clouston and Munoz won 8-2, Berger and freshman Rick Phillip captured an 8-6 victory, and Kaufmann and Mauro squeaked out a 9-7 match.

Clouston won his fourth match of the afternoon with matching scores of 7-6 (7-3) in two sets. Mauro, at third, out-served his opponent to walk away with a winner, 7-5, 6-4. Kaufmann, playing fourth, won his third match in as many tries on the day in a roller coaster of a three-setter, 6-3, 1-6, 7-3 (7-3). Junior Hayes Calvert won 6-4, 6-2 in the Deacon's fifth slot and sophomore Dave Angert was also a winner at sixth, 6-1, 6-2.

Berger was the only Deacon who walked away a loser in singles as he dropped a tough match as the second seed that went the distance, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.

The Deacons will play again on March 5 at Virginia Commonwealth.

Capone posts career best in tourney

By Jordan Webster
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The Demon Deacon men's golf team finished in 13th place in the Puerto Rico Classic, due in part to a poor final round.

The Demon Deacs shot a 20-over-par 308 as a team in the final round, completing a steady decline after grabbing eighth place through one round of play.

The Deacons shot 291 as a squad in first-round action on Feb. 21, and then slipped to eleventh following a 299 in the second round.

The Deacs were 34-over-par as a team at the end of the tourney. The tournament was played on the River and Ocean Courses of the Rio Mar Country Club in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The Deacons were led by senior Michael Capone, whose rounds of 71, 72, and 69 gave him a four-under-par for the tournament, good enough for 12th

place individually.

Capone's four-under-par 212 was his career best for 54 holes.

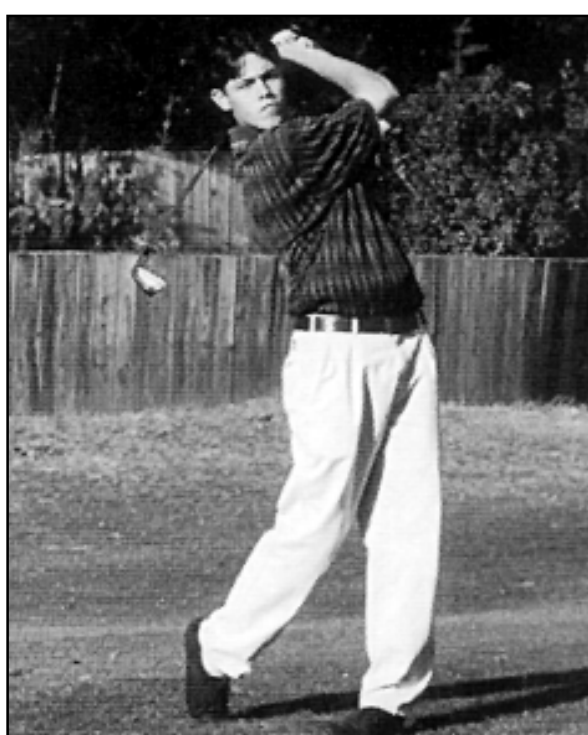
The next best Deacon was senior Oscar Sanchez, who fired an 8-over-par 224, finishing 43rd. Senior Thomas Parker, freshman Jay Morgan, and senior Juan Vizcaya rounded out the top five finishers for the Demon Deacs.

Clemson won the team competition with a 34-under-par team mark.

The Tigers also boasted the co-champion, John Engler. Engler shared the title with East Tennessee State's David Christensen.

Both fired 11-under-par scores for three rounds. Georgia Tech came in second in the team competition, followed by Georgia and East Tennessee State in a third-place tie.

Up next for the Deacs is the Seminole Classic in Tallahassee, Fla. to be held March 8-9.



Courtesy of Sports Information
Senior Mike Capone shot a career best four-under-par over 54 holes in Puerto Rico.

Track team finishes in eighth place

By Jordan Webster
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The women's track and field team placed eighth in the ACC Indoor Track & Field Championships at Blacksburg, Va. North Carolina captured the team championship with 121 points, followed by Clemson with 100. The Deacons totaled 47.33 points.

As expected, the Deacon distance runners performed well. Junior Janelle Kraus was victorious in the 5,000-meter run, her 16:42.31 time besting second-place finisher Christy Nichols of NC State by four seconds. With her finish, Kraus qualified provisionally for the NCAA tournament.

Junior Jill Snyder narrowly beat out Georgia Tech's Becky Megesi for the top spot in the one-mile run, with a time of 4:54.26 defeating Megesi by less than one-half second. Snyder, junior Trisha Hopkins, freshman Valerie Waldron and sophomore Kelly Brady comprised first-place women's distance medley for the Deacs, whose time was not only 16 seconds ahead of Georgia Tech, but also set a new ACC record.

Other top Deac individual runners were Brady and sophomore Erin Haugh. Haugh grabbed a third-place in the 3,000-meter run, behind Linda Lisska of Georgia Tech and Jennifer Owens of Virginia. Brady was the fourth runner to cross the finish line in the one-mile run, trailing teammate Snyder, Tech's Megesi, and Clemson's Julianne Littmann.

Swanson

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said. Placing in the top eight this season showed improvement on last year's indoor track season for the Deacons. "Now (the athletes) know where they stand and what it takes to compete in the ACC."

Head Coach John Goodridge was proud of his team's performance at the ACC Championships.

"As a staff, we are very happy with the team's performance. I can almost say we could not have had a more perfect meet," Goodridge said. "I am proud of the team's efforts and this showed a clear indication that the group is headed in the right direction."

With the ACC Indoor Championship Meet now behind them, the Deacons now look towards the NCAA Championship Track and Field Meet March 5-6 in Indianapolis, Ind.