

# DEACON NOTES

## Fleishman named women's tennis coach

The women's tennis program regained some of the stability that characterized it during the past years when Athletic Director Ron Wellman announced that interim head coach Brian Fleishman has been promoted to head coach of the team April 20.

Fleishman had been an assistant coach with the women's team for the last two seasons and had been the team's interim coach since March 26 when 12-year head coach Lew Gerrard abruptly resigned.

"Brian has demonstrated the characteristics that we look for in a head coach these last four weeks," Wellman said. "He has taken over the team and done a superb job."

Fleishman joined the university tennis program in 1997. A year later he helped guide the Deacons to a No. 11 national ranking and a place in the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals in the spring of 1998.

Prior to his position at the university, Fleishman was as an assistant coach at William & Mary, where he helped the Tribe to its highest national ranking in school history (No. 7) and was the ITA Eastern Regional Assistant Coach of the Year in 1997.

## Odom chosen to assist as coach of USA Junior Team

Men's basketball Head Coach Dave Odom has been named an assistant coach on the 1999 USA Basketball Junior World Championship team, which will compete at various sites in Portugal, July 15-25.

Odom will join Penn State's Jerry Dunn in assisting Rob Evans of Arizona State, who will serve as the head coach of the USA squad.

## Baseball wins its ranking back in major polls

After making a brief exit from the top 25 rankings, the Demon Deacon baseball team reacquired its spot among the best teams in the country. The Deacs appear in all three of the major polls that came out this week.

The team appears earliest in the Collegiate Baseball Rankings list, which awards them 439 points to seat them at number 16. In the Baseball America Poll, the Deacons earned themselves a 21st ranking. The team received 132 points in the USA TODAY Baseball Weekly/ESPN Coaches Top 25 Poll, for 22nd.

Florida State is ranked first in two of the three polls. Other ACC schools appearing on the lists are North Carolina and Georgia Tech.

## Deacon golfers appear in MasterCard rankings

Three Demon Deacon golfers found their way onto the latest MasterCard Collegiate Rankings. On the women's side, sophomore Marta Prieto is ranked 44th in the nation and is joined by junior teammate Kelly Kirwin, who holds the 57th position. For the men, the lone Deacon representative was Michael Capone, who currently is 33rd in the polls.

Team wise, the Deacs just missed a top 25 spot on the women's side as they came in 28th. Top-ranked Duke heads the list and the conference. North Carolina is ranked 22nd.

## Palmieri soon to be newest member of exclusive club

The good news for the Demon Deacon baseball team is that senior first baseman Jon Palmieri is quickly approaching an elite group of four players in ACC history that have recorded 300 hits, 200 RBIs and 200 runs in their careers. Palmieri already has 200 RBI's and needs five more hits and three additional runs to earn a spot on the list.

If he accomplishes the feat, he will join former Deacon Jake Austin. Tech's Jason Varitek, Florida State's Jeremy Morris and N.C. State's Jake Weber as one of the only players to reach the marks.

# Diamond Deacs take sting out of Tech

By Greg Cousart  
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The Diamond Deacs stormed into Atlanta April 16-18 and took two out of three games from the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets behind the hot bat of senior Jon Palmieri.

Palmieri feasted on Yellow Jacket pitching the entire weekend, going 9-for-15 with a double and two homeruns. He also scored seven runs and drove in seven runs in the series.

The Deacs (28-11, 11-6 in ACC) won the first two games of the series, 22-1 and 12-3, before falling in the finale 8-6. The two wins vaulted the Deacs into sole possession of second place in the ACC at 11-6, one game ahead of Tech.

In the April 16 opener the Deacs pounded out 23 hits and capitalized on eight Georgia Tech errors to post their largest offensive output of the season.

Senior Scott Daeley opened the game with a double down the left field line and scored after consecutive sacrifices by sophomore Jason Aquilante and Palmieri.

The Deacs tacked on their second run of the game in the second inning when freshman John Kubachka doubled and later scored on sophomore Corey Slavik's single to center field.

The defensive woes of the Yellow Jackets started in the fourth inning as an error by outfielder Brad Stockton allowed Palmieri to advance to third on single. Sophomore Danny Borrell brought in Palmieri with a sacrifice fly to left field.

The floodgates opened in the fifth inning, as the Deacs would

score 19 runs over the next four innings to secure the victory.

Daeley started the scoring for the Deacs by plating sophomore Matt Price with a single to right field. A double by senior Andrew Riepe brought in Palmieri and Aquilante to put the Demon Deacons ahead 7-0.

The Deacs pushed the lead to 13-0 with six more runs in the sixth inning. Voshell accounted for the first two runs with a single to center field that scored Slavik and Price. Singles by Palmieri and Borrell added three more runs to the Deacon lead. A wild pitch by Rhett Parrot brought in Borrell with the final run of the inning.

The Deacs used a double by Kubachka and four consecutive singles by Daeley, Aquilante, Palmieri and Borrell to bring in four additional runs in the seventh.

A two-RBI single by Riepe highlighted the Deacs eighth inning and put the Deacs on top 22-0.

Junior Mike MacDougal (8-2) continued his pitching dominance by allowing only one run, in the eighth inning, on three hits while fanning five.

The game April 17 was slightly closer, but the result was the same, a convincing Deacon victory.

Daeley hit his second straight lead-off double and later scored on an error by Tech's Matt Boggs to open the scoring for the Deacs. Two more errors by Boggs allowed Slavik to reach base and advance to third base, where he was able to score the Deacs' second run on a wild pitch by Simon Young.

Borrell led off the third inning with the first of his two homers in

the game. Price also added a RBI single to bring in Riepe and give the Deacs a 4-1 lead.

After Tech closed the score to 4-3, Price led off the sixth inning with his first career homer.

The Deacs then blew open the game in the eighth inning with seven runs. Palmieri and Borrell hit back-to-back homers to lead the Deacs.

Junior Stephen Sullivan hit a single to right field to begin the inning for the Deacons. Sullivan came around to score on a single by Price. Aquilante brought in Price with a single to center field to set the stage for Palmieri's blast to right center.

After Borrell's solo shot, Sullivan's second hit of the inning, this one a double to center field, scored Riepe and accounted for the final run in the Deacs' 12-3 victory.

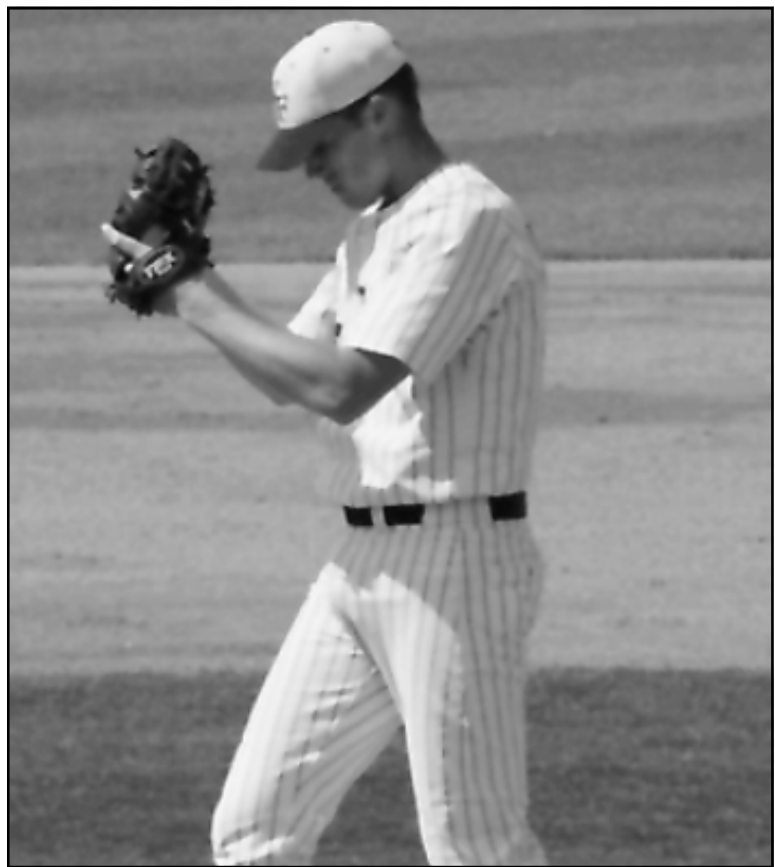
Junior Eric Schmitt (4-1) pitched six and two-thirds innings, giving up three runs on six hits to record the win for the Deacs. Sophomore Scott Siemon pitched two and one third innings of shut-out relief to get credit for his fourth save of the year.

The April 18 finale proved to be the most interesting game of the series even though the Deacs fell 8-6.

The Jackets jumped to an early 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning behind a two-run homer off the bat of Mark Teixeira.

The Deacs cut the lead in half in the third when Voshell brought in Price with a single to right field.

The Deacs were able to pull even with Tech in the fourth when Slavik was hit by a pitch and later scored on a Price single to center field.



Trevor Hughes/Old Gold and Black  
Sophomore Scott Siemon winds up to deliver in a game against Georgia Tech. The Deacs won two in the three game series.

Georgia Tech struck back in the fifth when the home plate umpire missed a call that allowed Tech's Kevin Rollins to reach base.

Rollins was outside of the batter's box when he made contact with the ball, which is supposed to be ruled an out. Rollins later scored and put Georgia Tech up 3-2.

The Deacs took the lead 5-3 in the top of the sixth when Riepe belted a solo homer to left field and Slavik pulled a two-run homer down the right-field line.

The Yellow Jackets responded with three runs in the bottom of the inning off starter John Hendricks.

Palmieri's solo homer, his 13th of the season, in the seventh inning provided the last run for the Deacs.

Hendricks (6-5) pitched five and a third innings giving up eight runs, only five of which were earned, on seven hits with four strike outs. Borrell gave up three hits in the final two and two-thirds innings in relief.

# Tennis dropped by UVa. in season finale

By Jared Klose  
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The men's tennis team concluded regular season play with a deflating 6-1 loss at the hands of ACC rival Virginia in a home match played April 18 at Leighton Tennis Stadium. The Demon Deacons hope to exact some measure of revenge though, when they face off against them again in the conference tournament.

In the match, the No. 25 Virginia Cavaliers overcame the Demon Deacons by a score that was not representative of the closeness of the match, where a battle was waged at nearly every position.

In doubles play, the Cavaliers claimed the opening point of the contest with two victories at the first and third slots. For the first time in a conference match this year, the Deacs' No. 1 doubles team of senior Myles Clouston and sophomore Raul Munoz were defeated. The 8th-ranked pair did not go down without a fight, however, and it took a tiebreaker by the 22nd-ranked UVa. tandem of Huntley Montgomery and Brian Vahaly to finish them off in a 9-8 (3) affair.

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The Deacs are looking forward to the rematch that awaits them however. "Playing (Vahaly and Montgomery) again in doubles is going to be great, because we get to challenge them again right away, and we're really looking for revenge," Clouston said. "Plus we'll get a lot of points for beating a highly ranked team if we come through in the match. I think the pressure is really on them now to defend, having beaten us the first time."

Head Coach Jeff Zinn agreed with the comments of the doubles team representative. "Right now they're eighth in the nation and have a good chance to be All-Americans if they're top 10 by the NCAA tournament," Zinn said. "They're hungry. They're motivated because they lost last week, and this is their chance to redeem themselves."

Despite an easy win provided by the Deacons' No. 3 team of juniors Johan Hansen and Andres Guzman (8-1), the Cavs made their win inconsequential as they triumphed at the second flight against junior Michael Berger and sophomore Brett Mauro (8-3) to take two out of three.

The Deacs made a move to get back into the match early on in singles competition and were leading initially in nearly all of the match-ups. Munoz quickly reclaimed a share of the lead for the Demon Deacons as he was of the court after a 6-1, 6-3 win. Three sets were required to decide three of the five remaining contests, but good fortune appeared to be on the side of UVa., as they went on to win all of the remaining matches.

No. 55 Clouston lost to No. 17 Vahaly (5-7, 6-2, 6-2) at the first position, Hansen dropped a straight set match to Montgomery (6-2, 6-4) at second and Berger lost at third (1-6, 6-2, 6-1). Mauro's bid to keep the hopes of his team alive was also thwarted, and after he lost the first set in a tiebreaker 7-6 (7-5) he was rolled over by Tommy Croker in the second 6-2. Guzman, the last Deac to take the court, found himself on the losing end of a 6-7 (8-6), 6-3, 6-0 struggle at sixth which

seemed to sap his energy as it dragged on.

"We spoke about the loss a lot because we were disappointed, but we're not going to do too much different really. I think we might be changing around the order in one position, but mostly we're going to have the same look. If we can execute better, which is where I think we came up short, then I think we'll do better. We are going to try to make sure we win the doubles point next time," Clouston said.

Although the team finished its regular season calendar with four consecutive losses, they salvaged a respectable finish in the conference considering their competition. The Deacs close out the season with a record of 11-14 and stand 3-5 in the ACC.

"I think we were kind of fortunate to be the fifth seed, but it came down to total points won in singles and doubles matches instead of head to head points," Clouston said. "We had 20 and the next team had 19. Even though we lost the same number of matches most of ours were close, and we had a lot of 4-3 losses, which gave us more overall points. But I think we deserve to be fifth and that we're the best out of the four teams that had the same records."

## Track team finishes 7th

Women shine in distance events, come up short elsewhere

By Jordan Webster  
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The distance runners on the Demon Deacon women's track team utilized the ACC Championships, held April 16-17, as a forum to showcase the skills that place them among the top athletes in the country in their events. But it was not enough, as the squad finished a distant seventh in the team competition.

All athletes braved poor conditions in the competition, as winds whipped through the facilities in Clemson, S.C. at speeds of 30 to 40 miles per hour. Host Clemson was victorious in the team competition, followed by Florida State and North Carolina.

Turning in the best of performance was junior Janelle Kraus. Kraus claimed the team's lone individual victory in the 5,000-meter run. Kraus won this event for the second consecutive year, her time of 17:03.61 besting her winning time last year by seven seconds. Kraus also grabbed a second-place finish in the 3,000-meter run, crossing the finish line in 9:47.96.

Fellow junior Jill Snyder also put forth an excellent effort, taking one second and one third-

place finish. Snyder narrowly missed a first-place finish in the 1,500-meter run, completing the course in 4:25.92, .07 seconds behind Becky Megesi of Georgia Tech. Snyder also garnered a third-place finish in the 3,000 meter, finishing behind Christy Nichols of N.C. State and Kraus.

Sophomore Kelly Brady also produced for the Deacons. Brady finished third behind Megesi and Snyder in the 1,500 meter and seventh in the 3,000 meter.

The squad's best team effort came in the 800-meter run, with junior Alison Anibaldi, junior Summer Shaw and freshman Valerie Waldron finishing third, fourth and fifth, respectively. FSU's Laura Gerber won the event. Her 2:12.96 time was three seconds better than Anibaldi's.

Head Coach Frances Goodridge was optimistic concerning the outcome of the meet. "We had several great times in the mile (1,500-meter) in spite of the horrible conditions. Also, we did well in the 3,000-meter even though we were inexperienced in that event," Goodridge said.



Kristen Yocum/Old Gold and Black

The ACC Championships were held at Clemson April 16-17.

in the pole vault to her fourth in the 800-meter.

Next up for the Demon Deacons are the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pa. An enormous event that draws upwards of 45,000 spectators will provide competition from teams all over the country. The Deacs should especially shine in the 4x1,500 relay. "It's a huge event," Goodridge said. "It will be a good opportunity to compete with some of the best teams in the country."

## Women's golfers take third at ACCs

By Sean Blue  
Sports Editor

The women's golf team used an all-around great team performance to finish third at the ACC Championships held in Greensboro April 16-18.

The Deacons finished 17 strokes behind Duke, the top-ranked team in the nation. Florida State snatched second place away from the Deacons by a mere five strokes. Fourth place went to North Carolina, 27 strokes behind the Deacs.

Sophomore Marta Prieto, last year's ACC individual champion, finished fourth overall this year with a 222, six strokes away from first place. First and second place went to Duke's Beth Bauer (216) and Jenny Chuasiriporn (219), respectively. Florida State's Amy Spooner took third place with a 220 overall score.

"In the last two rounds Duke only beat us by a total of three strokes," Prieto said. "We felt really good to be able to compete with the number one team in the nation like that."

Freshman Katie Brenny has been playing well all year and finally cracked the top 10 with a

sixth-place finish in the tournament with a 225.

Prieto recorded a three-over-par 75 in the first round and a five-over-par 78 in the second round but managed to finish fourth off a final round two-under-par 70, a career best.

"It felt pretty good," Prieto said about her score of 70 in the final round. "I felt like I was not hitting good the first two days and in the last day I hit 17 of the 18 greens. I played with Jenny (Chuasiriporn) in the final round, and I really enjoyed it."

Freshman Nicole Faniola shot a 232 overall in the tournament to tie for 11th, followed by junior Kelly Kirwin, who shot a 235 and tied for 13th. The Deacon team was rounded out by senior Kristen Wagner at 16th.

Next up for the Deacons will be the NCAA regional qualifiers.

"We feel really good about our chances because of how we have been playing lately," Prieto said. "Although, it's played in a tournament style and even if you have been playing great for the whole season, if you have one bad tournament at the regionals you're done for the season. There is a little bit of luck involved."