

# DEACON NOTES

## Cross Country teams start seasons with success at Invitationals

The men's and women's cross country teams began their seasons with favorable results Sept. 5. The women's team competed in the Appalachian State Invitational and finished first in the field of five teams competing.

Junior Janelle Kraus was the individual winner as she finished the 5,000-meter race in 17:44, 27 seconds ahead of her nearest competition.

Also finishing in the top five for the Deacs were junior Emily Selvidio, taking third with a time of 18:14 and senior Amy Wallace, taking fifth with a time of 18:31. Junior Jill Snyder finished in 18:38, just seven seconds behind Wallace to finish sixth overall in the race.

The Deacs finished with 24 points; 33 points ahead of second place Appalachian State.

The men's team finished second overall in the UNC Charlotte Dual Relay Meet.

The Deacs finished 3-1 in the meet, good enough for second behind host UNC Charlotte, who finished undefeated at 4-0.

The team of sophomore Stephan Pro and freshman Philip Wiles finished fourth overall in the 12 mile course, with a time of 1:01.05. Finishing right on their heels to take fifth was the team of senior Joe DeGutis and freshman Sean Nagorny. The other team to place well for the Deacs was the seventh place team of freshman Michael Altieri and senior Matt Shady finishing in 1:01.58.

## Volleyball standout earns ACC Rookie of the Week honors

Freshman Trina Maso de Moya was named ACC Rookie of the Week for her contributions to the Deacon volleyball team.

During her first week of collegiate volleyball, Maso de Moya averaged 4.9 kills per game, 4.53 digs per game and a .248 hitting percentage.

Helping her team start 4-1, Maso de Moya was also named to the Deacon Invitational All-Tournament team as the Deacs finished 3-1 in the tournament.

Maso de Moya, a multi-sport star at St. Thomas Aquinas in Plantation, FL, was the Broward County Female Athlete of the Year in 1996 and 1997.

While at St. Thomas Aquinas, Maso de Moya was also a standout in soccer in which she led the country in scoring in 1996 and 1997.

## Kraus keeps momentum going, finishes first in opening meet

Junior Janelle Kraus earned ACC Performer of the Week honors for her performance in the Appalachian

State Invitational where she finished first overall and led the Deacons to a first place team performance as well.

The victory was Kraus's fifth career victory and her second consecutive victory in the season opening Appalachian State Invitational.

Last year, Kraus earned All-American and All-ACC honors for her performances in both track and cross country.

Kraus was only the third female Deacon to earn All-ACC honors in cross country, indoor track and outdoor track last year.

## Deacon fans show support with increased ticket sales

Ticket sales for the Deacon's season opener against Navy have created a little bit of excitement around the university.

Season ticket sales for 1998 are up 20 percent over last year's totals and package deals have been extended to meet the demand for tickets.

A record high of 400 "Deacon Hill" family packages have been sold and are being extended into the bleachers instead of the grassy hill behind the endzone where they usually are.

Group sales have also increased this year and more than 4,000 fans will attend the home opener against Navy as a result.

"We're all excited about the season, and the response from our fans is an indication that they share in the excitement. We feel that this could be one of our top attendance years ever for football," said Joel Nielsen, associate athletic director for marketing.

## Field hockey starts season on low note with two losses in Michigan

The Deacon field hockey team lost to 11th-ranked Michigan Sept. 7 in the second day of the ACC/Big 10 Challenge.

The Wolverines downed the Deacons in their first ever meeting, 2-1. The Deacs' lone goal was scored by senior Lisa Andries with 30:35 left in the second half.

However, Michigan scored twice in the first half and enjoyed the comfort of that lead throughout the rest of the match.

Both teams had nine shots on goal but the Wolverines proved to be too crafty and slapped in one more than the Deacs.

In their home opener the Deacs fell to Northwestern, 2-1.

The Deacs started the season ranked 22nd, but they knew they were going to have to work to keep the ranking as they would have to face seven other teams ranked in the top 20, including four teams in their own conference.

# Freshmen score big as Deacs open year

## Team opens season undefeated after facing College of Charleston and South Carolina

By Shaw Lentz  
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The Demon Deacon women's soccer team began its season successfully away from home last week.

A win at the College of Charleston and a draw at South Carolina put the Deacons' record at 1-0-1 after their first two games.

Goals by Freshmen Emily Taggart and Sarah Kate Noftsinger led the Deacons to a 2-0 victory over host College of Charleston in the season opener for both schools.

Taggart got the Demon Deacons on the scoreboard first as she scored from 10 yards out in the center of the penalty area.

The strike came just 13:24 into the match off an assist from junior Anne Shropshire.

Noftsinger added the insurance goal at the 68:34 mark with a shot that eluded Charleston's goalkeeper Seana Patrick.

Fellow freshman Rachel Parri assisted on the goal to give the Deacons a 2-0 lead.

The Demon Deacons controlled the play throughout the game, with the defense of seniors Jessen Snyder and Norine Fernbach, junior sweeper Lauren Hook and sophomore Colleen Bradley limiting the Cougars to just two shots.

The Deacon offense, with senior All-ACC selection Stefanie Mathews and Shropshire providing attacking options down the flank and senior Meghan Suddes controlling the flow from an advanced midfield position, produced 24 shots on the night.

Goalkeeper Sari Rose recorded the shutout while the Charleston goalkeeper Patrick made four saves on the evening.

In their second game, a last minute goal by South

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Carolina equalized an earlier goal by freshman Stacy Roeck sending the game into two overtime periods in which neither team could break the deadlock.

Roeck's goal was unassisted and came on a long shot from the left side at the 67:43 mark.

Freshman goalkeeper Erin Reagan recovered from a strained quad which sidelined her for the first game and played all 120 minutes, allowing only the late goal.

The Demon Deacons' strong start was especially important considering the difficulty of this season's schedule.

Rated one of the nation's tougher schedules, the Deacons, in addition to their regular ACC schedule which currently boasts five teams ranked among the nation's top 20, will travel to face perennial contender Notre Dame later this season.

They also will travel to Portland to face the former national semi-finalists.

Head coach Tony da Luz will be looking to a large contingent of freshmen in the starting lineup to combat this challenging schedule.

Freshmen forward Taggart and midfielders Noftsinger and Roeck are all projected starters.

Parri has already contributed with an assist on Noftsinger's goal against Charleston.

Next up for the Demon Deacons is a trip to Portland, Ore., for the Adidas Invitational where they will play Oregon and sixth-ranked Portland.

The Deacons have not yet been able to kick a ball into the net at home this year, as they open with their first 12 games on the road.

However, they do play their final six games at Spry Stadium, opening against Duke Oct. 10.

# Volleyball

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kills and 16 digs to lead the Demon Deacons to victory.

"She's such a treat to have on the team. She's a great freshman and we're excited to have her," junior Katie Horne said.

Proving she had recovered from last year's back injury that sidelined her early on in the season sophomore Julie Cowley, the Deacon single season record holder in assists and digs, contributed 39 assists to the victory.

"It's great to have her back. It takes a lot of pressure of the setter and really helps us out," Horne said of Cowley's return to action this season.

Cowley led the team in assists (1,154), hitting percentage (.225) and digs (402) while being the only player to compete in every game of every match as a freshman in 1996.

Cowley played in six games before being redshirted due to a stress fracture in her back last season.

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Junior volleyball player

The two undefeated teams, Oklahoma and the Deacons, met in the third round of the tourney for the match that would decide the overall winner of the tournament.

The Deacs started off tough and took the first game 15-8. However, the Sooners fought back and took the next three games 11-15, 13-15 and 10-15 and ultimately the match.

Horne, the Deacon's single season record holder in kills, teamed up with Maso de Moya to record a team high 17 kills each.

Cowley also contributed to the losing effort with 44 assists.

In the last match of the tournament, the Deacons downed Appalachian State 3-0 (15-12, 15-4, 15-9). Maso de Moya again led the Deacs in kills, with 17, and digs, with 15.

Freshman Margaret Davidson also contributed to the victory with nine kills.

The Demon Deacons finished 3-1 overall, good for second places in the tournament behind Okla-

homa, who finished a perfect 4-0.

"We were very satisfied with the tournament and our performance," Horne said.

The Demon Deacons returned to action Tuesday night against UNC-G at home. After dropping the first game 10-15, the Deacons took the next three games and the match 15-6, 15-2, 15-5.

Grahn recorded a double-double with a season high 57 assists and 14 digs.

Grahn's 57 assists were five away from the Demon Deacon single match assists record of 62 set by Cowley against UNC-G Oct. 29, 1996.

Junior Sharon Harmsworth also recorded a season high in digs with 14 and 10 kills.

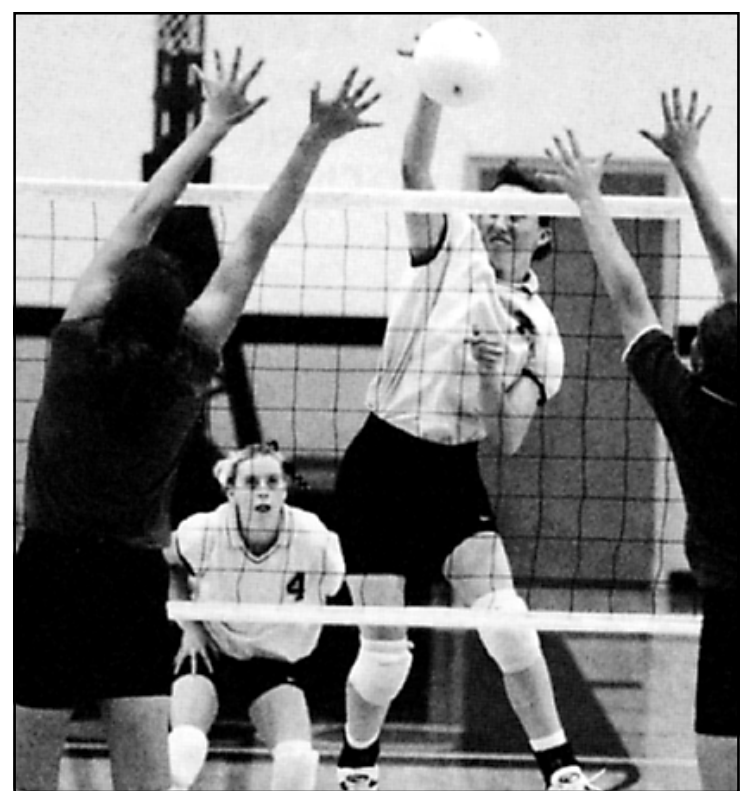
Miles led the team in kills with 12 to build on her All-ACC freshman team honors from last year.

Although they committed 26 errors, the Deacs also recorded 67 kills and an attack percentage of .265.

Talking about the team's outlook for the season, Horne said, "We think we're going to turn a lot of heads this season."

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The Deacs will compete next against Oregon, Missouri and Minnesota in the Nike Challenge in Minneapolis, MN Sept. 11-12.



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**Two opposing defenders cannot block a thunderous spike from Deacon junior Katie Horne.**

# Golfers sink fifth-place finish Air Force

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By Jon Giokas  
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Demon Deacon golfer Michael Capone got his senior season started on the right foot last week, leading his team to a tie for fifth place at the G. Gunby Jordan Intercollegiate in Pine Mountain, GA.

In the process, Capone earned himself a tie for sixth place individually, with a three-day total of 1-under par on the 6,904-yard, par-72 Callaway Gardens Mountainview Course.

As a team, the Deacs put together consistent rounds of 296, 297 and 294, good for a total score of a 23-over par 887 and a tie for fifth place in the field of 15 teams.

The Bulldogs of Mississippi State lived up to their aggressive moniker, capturing the team championship with a score of eight-under par.

Lagging behind in second place were the Terrapins of Maryland, who finished at 2-over par.

The individual title was won by Alex Rocha of Mississippi State, who defeated Keith Unikel of Maryland in a playoff.

Both players finished regulation at 5-under par, 211.

Capone's rounds of 70, 74 and 71, left him with a total of one-under par, four shots behind Rocha and Unikel.

Despite his low scores, Capone's sixth place finish was not what his coach, Jerry Haas, was hoping for.

"Michael Capone played very well. However, he played over par at the end of each round," Haas said.

"Quite frankly, he should have won the tournament and he knows that."

Though Capone was the only Deacon in the top 20, there were some other points of encouragement for the team.

Senior Oscar Sanchez tied for 24th place with rounds of 76, 72 and 75.

Freshman Jay Morgan, from Choctaw, Ok, gave Deacon fans an indication of his potential by firing rounds of 77, 72 and 75, which earned him a tie for 27th.

Junior Jamie Gallacher had a potentially

good finish marred by an 82 in the second round and finished in 40th place overall in the tournament.

Senior Juan Vizcaya was the final Deacon to compete at Callaway Gardens, home of the PGA Tours Buick Challenge.

He finished in a tie for 59th in the opening tournament of the season for the Demon Deacons.

Coach Haas spoke about the goals for the team, which two years ago finished second at the NCAA Championships but last year failed to advance out of the tournament's regional qualifier.

"Getting back to NCAAs," Haas responded, when asked about the team's goals.

"We didn't make it out of regionals last year. We have some guys that are back who are real hungry," he added, suggesting that last year's disappointment may be an inspiration for the team.

Haas said that the team has the potential to be successful this year.

"The talent is certainly there. We just need one good tournament to get some confidence."



Capone