

DEACON NOTES

Golf team starts off strong, finishes ninth overall

After a strong first round that left them in second place, the men's golf team finished ninth overall in the Windon Memorial Classic Oct. 5-6.

After its strong first round, the Demon Deacon golf team shot a second round score of 308 to drop to ninth place and 21 over par, barely finishing above Miami of Ohio, Tulsa and Texas A&M.

Minnesota won the tournament with a final score of 577, one-under-par.

On the individual side, freshman Jay Morgan shot a one-under-par for the tournament and finished in sixth place, the first top 10 finish of his career. Senior Michael Capone had a strong first round of two-under-par, but shot an eight-over-par in the next round to finish 34th in the tournament.

Adam Dooley of Minnesota took the individual title with a two-round total of 136, eight-under-par.

Other results from the tourney had senior Oscar Sanchez and junior Jamie Gallacher finishing 31st overall with scores of seven-over-par. Sophomore Ryan Peiffer finished 58th overall.

The tournament was cut to two rounds after the first scheduled round had to be canceled due to rain. The Deacons' next match will be Oct. 12 and 13 at the Taylor Made Red River Classic in Dallas.

Men's tennis names Heinchon as new assistant

Head Coach Jeff Zinn announced that Shawn Heinchon will join the team as their newest assistant coach.

Heinchon played for LSU and helped lead the team to the Sunbelt Conference championship in 1992.

Heinchon also played on the ATP Satellite Circuit from 1991-1993. Last year, Heinchon served as an assistant coach for the LSU women's tennis team.

Heinchon is also certified as a USTPA instructor and was a professional instructor for four years at Bardmoor Country Club.

Zinn hopes that Heinchon can help the team improve on its 14-12 record last year and its first NCAA Tournament appearance.

Clark set to break records, become top in receptions

Senior Desmond Clark is quickly approaching the all-time receptions mark in the ACC.

Clark is currently tied for fourth overall with Geroy Simon of Maryland and needs eight more receptions to tie Jermaine Lewis of Maryland for first place with 193 receptions.

Clark is second on the Demon Deacon list, three away from leader Ricky Proehl.

Clark is also rapidly rewriting the Deacon record books in receiving yardage and touchdown receptions.

Currently, Clark is fourth in yardage and fifth in touchdown receptions. Clark is also tied for 13th in the ACC in receiving yardage.

Clark will attempt to etch his name into the record books for good Oct. 11 when the Deacs face Duke at Groves Stadium.

ACC tournament to include carnival with soccer games

Following in the footsteps of professional football and baseball, the ACC and the Demon Deacons have big plans for this year's ACC tournament, to be held at Spry Stadium Nov. 12-15.

Along with the six tournament games to be played, other events scheduled will include interactive activities for children; exhibits featuring collegiate, international and World Cup soccer memorabilia; and a concert featuring Alexi Lalas of the New York-New Jersey MetroStars and his band the Gypsies.

Chris Fuller, the director of ACC properties, said the ACC wants to make the tournament the showcase of the nation — second only to the NCAA tournament final at the end of the season.

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we certainly didn't on defense."

The Mountaineers jumped out to a quick 10-0 lead in the first quarter on the strength of a 27-yard field goal and a 47-yard run by Terrence McCall, who finished the game with 112 yards rushing, more than double the Deacon total.

The Deacons evened the score before halftime thanks to a career best 53-yard field goal by junior Matthew Burdick and a nine-yard touchdown pass rifled to slanting junior Marvin Chalmers from senior quarterback Brian Kuklick.

After halftime, the Deacs took their first lead of the game at 17-13 following a 43-yard connection from Kuklick to senior Desmond Clark on which Clark laid out a would-be defender en route to the end zone. Kuklick and Clark both had stellar games for the Deacs, as Kuklick threw for 259 yards and three scores on 22 of 37 passing. Clark set a career high for yardage with 138 on 10 grabs, nine of those coming in the second half.

But as was the case for the entire game, Appalachian State answered right back, as flanker Joey Gibson caught a pass from quarterback Daniel Jeremiah on a third and 16 play and scampered 57 yards through the porous Demon Deacon secondary. Following the two point conver-

sion, the Mountaineers held a commanding 24-17 lead with just over five minutes left in regulation. With the game on the line, the Deacs took the kickoff and drove 74 yards in 13 plays to pull within a single point. On a fourth and goal from the seven, with the game in the balance, Kuklick hit junior Jammie Deese in the end zone.

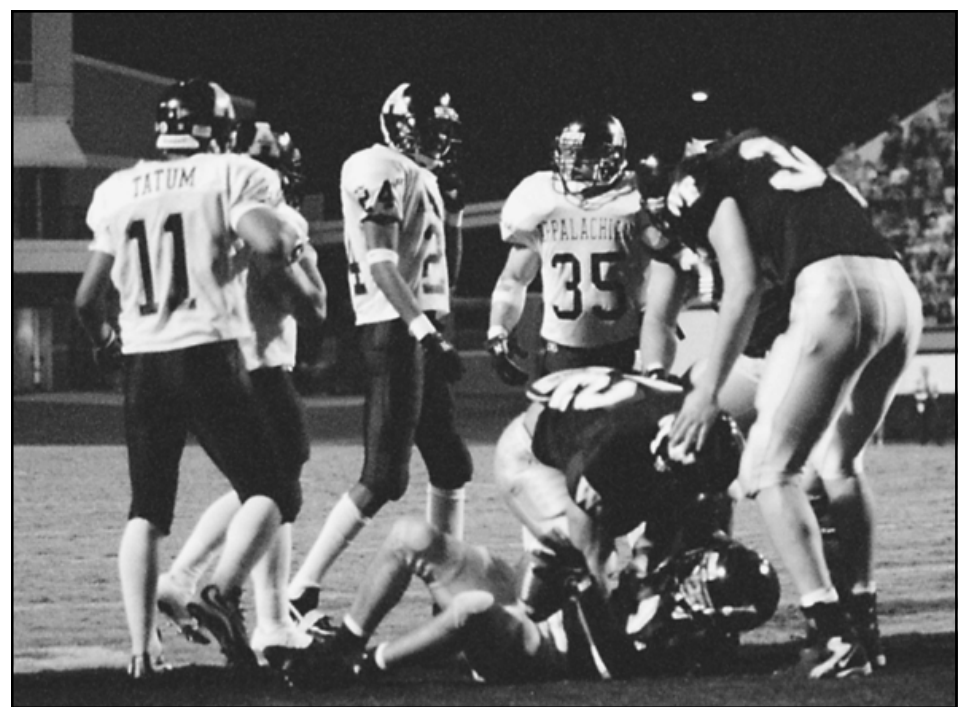
Caldwell then had a choice: two points to win the game, one point to tie. Without hesitation Caldwell sent Burdick and the kicking team onto the field to go for one and the tie.

"I don't know what decision there is in that situation. I just think that (going for the tie is) the prudent thing to do there. Rather than go for two, we thought we'd get into the overtime, giving ourselves a chance," Caldwell said.

Beginning overtime, Appalachian State won the toss and elected to go on defense first. The Deacons got the ball first and 10 at the 25 yard line with the momentum in their favor. On the first play, Kuklick hit a wide-open Deese for a 14-yard gain, giving the Deacs a first down 11 yards from pay dirt.

Much to the surprise of those in attendance, the Deacs abandoned the passing game that had been working so well, as junior Morgan Kane ineffectively rushed up the middle two consecutive plays for only four yards.

On third down, Kuklick overthrew Chalmers in the end zone and Burdick came on for the field goal, giving the Deacs a momentary three point lead.



Chris Carlstrom/ Old Gold and Black
Junior Jamie Deese, one of the ACC's top receivers, grabbed this Brian Kuklick pass to send the game into overtime.

On the ensuing possession, Appalachian State needed only six plays to push the ball into the endzone, with the bulk of the yardage coming on an option play up the right side as Terrence McCall took the pitch out and ran all the way to the goal line.

On the next play Daniel Jeremiah punched the ball into the end zone for six

points, completing the upset victory.

"I think that (Appalachian State was) a little more motivated than we were. They played that way. We didn't play like we were very motivated in spurts and then toward the end we kind of picked it up, but even to have to come from behind in that situation, that shouldn't happen to us," Caldwell said.

Deacons stay hot with wins at Clemson

By Bradshaw Lentz
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Freshman Stacy Roeck scored two game winning goals, as the Demon Deacon women's soccer team went undefeated on the weekend in the ACC/SEC Women's Soccer Challenge held in Clemson, S.C.

In the Demon Deacon's first game against Kentucky, the Deacons got off to a precarious start as Amy Brown put the Wildcats in the score books first with an unassisted shot angled into the upper left corner from 18 yards out.

The goal came at the 10:19 mark of the game, but the Demon Deacon's regained their composure and searched for an equalizer.

All-time leading scorer Anne Shropshire found that equalizer in the 37th minute as the junior forward redirected a cross from sophomore Christy Melby into the back of the net.

Shropshire again scored 10 minutes after halftime, this time off the distribution from senior Stephanie Mathews.

The Wildcats leveled the score just four minutes later through Carrie Staber, and though the Deacons controlled the play for the rest of the game, they were unable to win it in regulation.

The winner did come, however, in the seventh minute of the sudden-death overtime, as Roeck claimed the golden goal off her header from a corner kick by fellow freshman Sarah Kate Noftsinger.

The Demon Deacons dominated the play, outshooting the Wildcats 20-5 on the afternoon.

Freshman goalkeeper Erin Regan remained a spectator for most of the match, being forced into only one save.

Roeck was again credited with the winning goal in the Deacons' second game of the tournament, though this time it did not contain nearly as much drama as the first.

Roeck struck in the fifth minute for her second goal of the tournament, which proved the catalyst for a long afternoon for the hapless Tigers of LSU.

Though they were able to hold off the Deacons for 35 minutes, two goals book-ended around halftime killed off any hopes of the Tigers mounting a challenge.

Freshman Rachel Parri scored in the 40th minute, and Shropshire continued her fine form with her third goal of the tournament coming just 13 seconds after the second half began. Mathews assisted Shropshire on the play.

The Demon Deacons continued to find the Tigers' defense to their liking when Melby scored at the 55:48 mark, putting the Deacons up 4-0.

Melby was found by fine buildup play from Noftsinger and Parri, for her third point for the game.

Susie Nettlebeck ended the scoring in the 87th minute when she went in unassisted to finish off the game at 5-0.

Senior the Deacons improved to 7-3-1 on the year thanks in large part to three goals and an assist from Shropshire and two goals and an assist from Roeck.

Both were named to the all-tournament team. Their teammates, seniors Jessen Snyder and Stefanie Mathews were honored along with them.

A shuffle in the line up by Head Coach Tony da Luz, can be credited with the Deacons success on the weekend.

Da Luz moved Shropshire to forward from her midfield position to join Mathews.

Meanwhile, he moved Emily Taggart and Melby to midfield positions and inserted Rachel Lewis into the back four.

He will surely be encouraged by the results of his tweaking, as the Demon Deacons out shot their opponents 55-7 on the weekend and outscored them 8-2.

Blue Devils no match for improving Deacs

By Brian Barrett
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Led by two goals from senior Amanda Janney, the women's field hockey team defeated 13th-ranked Duke to improve to 7-6 overall.

The win was the sixth in eight games for the Deacs, who also blanked Davidson 9-0 Oct. 1, en route to a 2-1 week. The Deacs' only loss came Oct. 3 to second-ranked North Carolina, in a game that was tied heading into the second half.

The win over the Blue Devils improved the Demon Deacon's ACC record to 1-1, moving them ahead of Duke, which stands at 0-2.

The Deacons grabbed the lead early in the game and never relinquished it, pulling ahead barely three minutes into the game when sophomore Jenny Everett scored on a penalty stroke. Everett helped push the Deacs further ahead later in the half, feeding Janney with 18 minutes remaining before intermission.

Janney added her second goal 10 minutes into the second half to close out the win for the Deacs. Junior Meghan Nitka was strong in goal,

stopping eight shots en route to collecting her second shutout of the week and fifth overall.

Earlier in the week, the Demon Deacons blew out Davidson as seven different players tallied goals. Junior Kelly Malinoski was the only Deacon in double digits, recording the first hat trick of her career. The Deacons out-shot Davidson by an astounding 56-5 count. The shutout was the Deacs fourth in five games.

Despite their recent success against ranked teams, the Deacons were unable to overcome the second-ranked Tar Heels.

The game was a tightly contested battle into the second half, but Chapel Hill pulled away with three goals in a 15 minute stretch to pull out the victory. Carolina capitalized on Deacon mistakes, scoring two of their three goals off penalty strokes.

The Deacons will look to go to two games over .500 for the first time this season Oct. 10 when they host Colgate at Kentner Stadium. The Deacs will not play another ACC game until Oct. 24, when they will travel to Charlottesville to take their shots at UVA.



Chris Carlstrom/Old Gold and Black
Freshman Nienke van Ruiten, already having a stellar rookie season, helped the Deacs pull out a victory over 13th-ranked Duke.

Volleyball spikes 49ers, 3-2

By Vanessa St. Gerard
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Apparently not too effected by the minor setback of its fourth loss of the season against Florida State, the Demon Deacons women's volleyball team recently added another win to its record as it defeated the 49ers of UNC-Charlotte Oct. 6.

The Deacs headed to Tallahassee Oct. 2 to face Florida State. The Deacons easily defeated the Seminoles in games one and three by scores of 15-7 and 15-13, respectively. The Demon Deacons could not capture the fourth game, allowing the Seminoles to gain the victory. The Deacs fell to FSU 15-7, 12-15, 15-3, 11-15 and 7-15.

Senior Christy Kelley posted 17 kills, and junior Katie Horne added 15 kills to help the Demon Deacon effort. Freshman sensation Trina Maso de Moya led the Demon Deacon defense with 21 digs.

Though the Seminoles were able to defeat the Deacons, the Deacs did not allow the 49ers to take a victory on their home court. Leading two games to one, the Deacs held off UNC-Charlotte by a score of 17-15 in game four to win the match 3-1 at Reynolds Gymnasium. This was the Deacons' eighth win in their last 10 matches, and their ninth win on their home court.

The Deacs had four players finish with double figure kills, led by

Horne's game-high 20 kills. Horne also led the Demon Deacons with 21 digs.

The Demon Deacons soared past the 49ers in games one and three, winning by scores of 15-7 and 15-6. UNC-Charlotte took game two by rallying from a 12-7 deficit, taking the win at 15-13. Trailing 14-12 in game four, the Deacons stormed back to take the game and the match. The final scores of the match were 15-7, 13-15, 15-6 and 17-15.

"Our wins have a lot to do with team leadership," Horne said. "Also, the fans help us out a lot. I look forward to seeing them every time because they help the morale of the team. We have a good chance of winning a lot of ACC games. We have the talent, we just need the confidence." Horne said

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field completely unprepared for the task at hand: FOOTBALL.

Indeed, it may be difficult to get any team excited about playing a lowly Division I-AA school, but that does not matter one bit when you get right down to it.

It is the responsibility and duty of the head coach and his staff to make sure that the team is fired up and ready to play week in and week out — anything less is unacceptable, and, as the Deacon faithful have witnessed all too often this season, results in losses.

The '98-99 edition of the Demon Deacon football team is the best squad that Caldwell has had in his five seasons and could be the best he will ever have.

With a potent offensive attack, featuring one of the greatest quarterbacks (senior Brian Kuklick) and two of the greatest wide-outs (senior Desmond Clark and junior Jammie Deese) in the country and a stout defense anchored by names such as junior Fred Robbins, junior Dustin Lyman and senior Kelvin Moses, this was supposed to be Caldwell's year for glory.

Pre-season hype has quickly transformed into mid-season heartache, with the outlook for the rest of this season looking bleak at best, if the non-performance Oct. 3 is any indication. And it doesn't get any easier for the Deacs this season, with games against Florida State, Virginia, Georgia Tech, North Carolina and high-octane N.C. State looming in the weeks ahead.

I realize that a college football coach has the multi-tasked job of being a father-figure to his players, making sure that they get a good education and a diploma. But the bottom line is that a coach is supposed to win ball games, plain and simple.

Unfortunately, bowl officials don't look at graduation rates or how much the teams can bench press; they only care about two numbers - wins and losses. It's time for everyone on the Deacon sideline to wake up and realize what time it is.

If the Deacons can't get their act together quickly, they will have let another season pass them by. But not only that, they will have let a real shot at greatness slip right through their fingers.