

DEACON NOTES

The Deacs aren't quite ready for the Masters yet...

Following a last-place finish at the Taylor Made Red River Classic, the men's golf team showed improvement but not its early season success as it finished 12th out of 15 teams at the Duke Golf Classic.

The Deacons finished 35 over par with an 899, three strokes behind Augusta State. The Deacs started off the final round tied for 11th, but only one player broke par and two shot in the 80s.

Senior Oscar Sanchez shot a final round 70, two under par, to jump 20 spots from 48th to 28th individually with a five over par total. Sanchez was the top finisher for the Deacs.

Seniors Michael Capone and Juan Vizcaya were the next-best finishers for the Deacs with a nine-over-par 225 and finished 43rd overall.

Women's soccer ranked 20th in NCSAA/Umbro poll

Following last week's victories over N.C. State and UNC-Greensboro, the women's soccer team is ranked 20th in the nation in the latest NCSAA/Umbro Division I poll.

The Deacs are third in the ACC with a 3-1 record, 11-3-1 overall, behind UNC and Virginia. Carolina is the top-ranked team in the country and Virginia is tied for 13th.

The Deacons' next match will be against Virginia Oct. 23 at Spry Stadium.

Carolina and the Deacs will meet in the season finale at Spry Stadium on Oct. 30 during parents' weekend.

The Deacons' strong play can be attributed mainly to their strong defense, which ranks third in the ACC in scoring defense and shutouts per game. The Deacs also rank third in scoring offense in the ACC.

ACC basketball has high pre-season expectations

Following last year's strong showing in the NCAA final rankings, the ACC is expected to improve this year, according to pre-season polls.

Last year, the ACC saw three teams finish in the top 25 and has even more expected to finish among the best in the nation this year. Duke, who finished fifth overall (32-4), is ranked second in the Dick Vitale poll, *The Sporting News* poll and Street and Smith's poll.

Slam magazine, Blue Ribbon and UMI listed the Blue Devils as their top pick.

UNC finished third in the nation last year, but the losses of Antawn Jamison, Vince Carter and Shammond Williams have hurt the Tar Heels' expectations for this season. Dick Vitale gave UNC the best ranking listing them at eighth. *Slam* magazine and UMI listed the Tar Heels at 12th.

The Demon Deacons also broke into the rankings, picked by UMI as the 20th best team in the country and Blue Ribbon as the 24th best team in the country.

The Deacons open their pre-season Nov. 5 against Court Authority and their regular season Nov. 10 in the Coaches vs. Cancer tournament against Illinois at Madison Square Garden. The Deacs will not see any ACC action until Dec. 3 when they face Maryland.

Bachmeier ties Deac soccer career assist record

Senior Kyle Bachmeier tallied three assists in the Deacons' 6-2 victory over Charleston Southern to tie the Demon Deacon record for career assists.

Bachmeier's three assists raised his career total to 24, which was tied Mark Erwin, '83, for the career assists lead.

The victory raised the Deacs' overall record to 10-3-1.

Bachmeier will try to claim sole possession of the record in the Demon Deacons' next match-up against Maryland Oct. 24.

Volleyball begins receiving national recognition

After three years, the women's volleyball team has begun receiving national recognition.

After reviving the volleyball program three years ago, the team is having one of the best seasons in the country and is not going unnoticed.

In the latest USA Today/AVCA women's volleyball poll the Deacons were not able to break into the top 25 but did receive national votes for the poll.

Soccer tops State, UNC-G

By Shaw Lentz
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Freshman Emily Taggart and junior Anne Shropshire accounted for half of the Demon Deacons' 10 goals the weekend, as the women's soccer team won two games against regional rivals to cement its place in the national rankings.

Taggart continued her good form and recorded her first career hat trick to lead the Demon Deacons to a 7-0 demolition over ACC rival N.C. State, Oct. 16 at Spry Stadium.

Taggart struck first in the 10th minute of the game when she scored an unassisted goal from 10 yards out. She added her second goal of the game at the 29:46 mark, off a pass from Shropshire. Senior Julie Scott gave the Deacs a 3-0 lead in the first half when she scored at the 35:04 mark off another pass from Shropshire.

The Deacs continued their offensive attack in the second half when Taggart hit the back of the net for the third time in the 59th minute. Sophomore Stefanie Mathews, junior Karli Schilling and senior Meghan Suddes added second-half goals to give the Demon Deacons the final score of 7-0.

The Demon Deacons thoroughly dominated the match, out-shooting the helpless Wolfpack 24-6 in the game. The goalkeeping duo of freshman Erin Regan and senior Sari Rose combined for the shutout, with the only save required coming from Rose. N.C. State's goalie Sara Marino, under constant pressure throughout the evening, recorded seven saves.

The Demon Deacons were back in action Oct. 19, as Shropshire scored two goals to lead the Deacons back from a one goal deficit as they beat UNC Greensboro 3-2 at Spry Stadium.

UNC Greensboro put early pressure on the Demon Deacons and was rewarded when Danica Baker struck from long distance to put the Spartans up 1-0.

The Deacons fought back 40 seconds later as Shropshire took a ball from



Chris Carlstrom/Old Gold and Black
Senior co-captain Stefanie Mathews challenges the N.C. State goalie in the air in the Deacons' 7-0 win over the Wolfpack Oct. 16.

Suddes in the penalty area and quickly turned and fired into the far upper corner of the net from 20 yards out. The Deacons controlled the rest of the first half with Taggart wreaking havoc down the left wing and Scott showing a willingness and desire to take people on down the right. Shropshire ran the game from a more withdrawn central role, rather than her more common front runner position.

The Deacons went ahead for 12 minutes into the second half, when a great ball from Suddes found Schilling in the penalty area. Schilling survived a heavy challenge from UNC-G goalkeeper

Kathryn Clewley, and passed to Shropshire who, with the keeper out of the net, had an easy tap in for her second of the afternoon.

Freshman Stacy Roeck, a dominating presence in the defense again on the afternoon, crossed to freshman Sarah Kate Noftinger for the winning goal in the 63rd minute. The Spartans made it a tricky last eight minutes of the game when Liza Rojas-Alford scored to make it 3-2. However, the Demon Deacon defense, led by the central defensive pairing of senior Jessen Snyder and sophomore Colleen Bradley, shut down any threat the Spartans tried to mount.

Football stops skid, tear up Terps, 20-10

By Scott Payne
Associate Managing Editor

The Demon Deacon locomotive, which derailed, jumped the tracks and flipped end over end before bursting into flames following consecutive losses to teams that shall remain nameless to protect the innocent, finally made its way back onto the tracks and began to pick up speed with a 20-10 thumping of the Maryland Terrapins Oct. 17 in College Park.

The Deacons jumped all over the Terps right from the start, scoring on three of their first four offensive possessions to take a 17-0 lead going into half. The Deacs then withstood a third quarter scoring push by the Terps to hang on for the much-needed 10-point victory.

"We had a lot of guys who stepped up, played hard and played with some enthusiasm. I think the way we started the game was good," said Head Coach Jim Caldwell, whose team improved to 3-3 overall, 2-1 in the ACC for the season.

To say the start of "the game was good" is an understatement. On their opening drive, the Deacs drove 47 yards in 11 plays, setting up a 46-yard field goal by junior Matthew Burdick. On the opening drive senior quarterback Brian Kuklick connected with senior wide receiver Desmond Clark on two of the Deacs first five plays, making Clark the ACC's all-time leading receiver, surpassing former Terp Jermaine Lewis.

With the pressure of setting the record out of the way, Clark got down to the business at hand — beating the Terps —

which he nearly did single-handedly.

On their third possession, Kuklick hit Clark for a 26-yard touchdown, capping off a methodical 12 play, 75-yard drive that consumed more than five minutes, giving the Deacs a 10-0 lead midway through the second quarter.

After forcing Maryland to go three and out, the Deacs took the ball and again marched down the field, leading to a nine yard touchdown pass from Kuklick to Clark, vaulting the Deacs out to the 17-0 lead.

Kuklick connected on 22 of his 34 passes to seven different receivers for 225 yards, and surrendered only one interception.

With less than two minutes remaining in the first half, the Deacs had a chance to slam the door on the Terps as they yet again drove deep into Maryland territory only to have junior running back Morgan Kane fumble at the nine yard line.

"(Our) offense was moving the ball until we had the fumble (by Kane) down there where we really could have gotten up 20-0 or 24-0 in that situation," Caldwell said. Equally impressive to the Deacon offensive showing in the first half, which racked up 205 yards of offense and held the ball for nearly 20 minutes, was the Deacon defense.

"I can't say enough about those guys (on defense). Certainly a lot of folks would not have thought that we could do much with the injuries that we've had. Nevertheless, as long as our guys stick together, we have got a chance," Caldwell said.

As a unit, the Deacon defense, led by senior Jeffrey Muyres and sophomore Mat



Drew Markham/Old Gold and Black
Senior wide receiver Desmond Clark makes one of his record-breaking catches in the Deacs' 20-10 win over the Terps Oct. 17.

Petz, compiled 10 tackles for a loss of 37 yards, forced five three and outs, recovered a fumble, intercepted a pass, sacked the Maryland quarterback and made the Terps punt six times. Muyres led the Deacs with a dozen tackles.

For the third week in a row, the Deacon ground game proved to be totally ineffective. The Deacs attempted to pound the ball up the middle on the ground but found little success. For the game, five different Deacon backs rushed 42 times for a net of 68 yards. Kane led the rushing attack,

carrying 20 times for a mere 41 yards.

The Deacon rushing total is somewhat obscured by the 34 yards lost on the four sacks of Kuklick, but nevertheless the Deacs found nowhere to run.

Following a 68-yard touchdown pass on a halfback option play and a field goal, all coming in the third quarter, the Terps closed the gap to 17-10. But a fourth quarter field goal by Burdick and a costly interception by the Terrapin's quarterback in the final minutes iced the games for the Demon Deacons.

Andries, Simon say bye with a bang

By Brian Barrett
Old Gold and Black Reporter

In what was to be their final home game as Demon Deacons, Seniors Lisa Andries and Kelly Simon shined for the Deacs as they rolled to an 8-1 victory over the Richmond Spiders.

Six different players tallied goals as the Deacs avenged last year's heart-breaking 3-2 loss to the Spiders.

The Deacs have had this game circled on their calendars since last spring when the schedules were made, still seething over a loss that they felt should never have occurred.

"Retribution was definitely a factor in this year's game. The girls came out ready to play, and I think it showed with the early goals. The girls had joked with me early in the season about purposely putting the Richmond game on Senior Day, but it was pure coincidence," Coach Jen Averill said. Coincidence perhaps, but one that

surely favored the Deacs. The Deacs exploded out of the gate, scoring five goals in the first 25 minutes.

Simon started the scoring nine minutes into the game, and the onslaught quickly ensued. Andries scored to make it 2-0 eight minutes later, and junior Kelly Malinoski followed one minute later with a goal off a pass from freshman Nienke van Ruiten.

Van Ruiten and sophomore Jenny Everett added goals within the next 10 minutes to establish the Deacs 5-0 half-time lead.

Goalkeeper Meghan Nitka's two game shutout streak was snapped when Richmond scored with just eight minutes remaining in the game.

"The way we've been playing lately

has really helped our confidence," Averill said. "I can't help but watch films with a smile because of the way we've been executing. One of our strengths in the latter half of this year has been that we have come out to play fired up, no matter who it is."

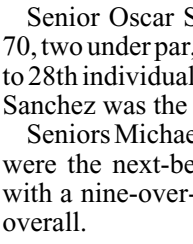
You can bet the Demon Deacons will be fired up Oct. 24 when they pay a visit to Charlottesville to face off with 6th-ranked Virginia.

The Deacs will be looking to prove once again that they are much improved over last year's 0-4 ACC record.

"UVa. is a great team and tough at home, but I like the match-up. We have a few interesting ideas that we're working on in practice, so it should be a real competitive game," Averill said.



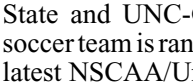
Sanchez



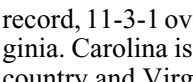
Bachmeier



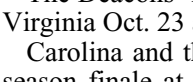
Bachmeier



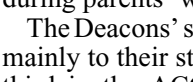
Bachmeier



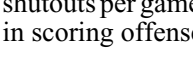
Bachmeier



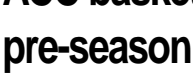
Bachmeier



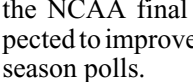
Bachmeier



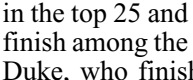
Bachmeier



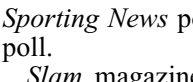
Bachmeier



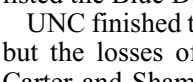
Bachmeier



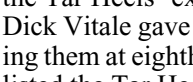
Bachmeier



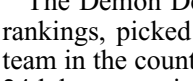
Bachmeier



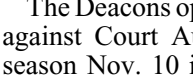
Bachmeier



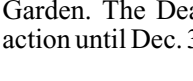
Bachmeier



Bachmeier



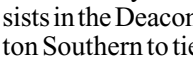
Bachmeier



Bachmeier



Bachmeier



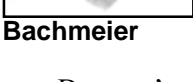
Bachmeier



Bachmeier



Bachmeier



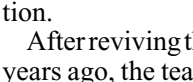
Bachmeier



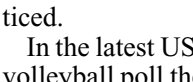
Bachmeier



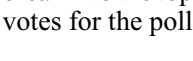
Bachmeier



Bachmeier



Bachmeier



Bachmeier