

DEACON NOTES

ACC soccer tournament to be held at Spry Stadium

The men's ACC soccer tournament will be held at Spry Soccer Stadium Nov. 12-15.

Ticket sales for the tournament are expected to reach an all-time high. There are 5,000 tickets available for the tournament and based on soccer's growing national popularity and ACC soccer's reputation as one of the best soccer conferences in the country the ACC expects the tickets to sell out fast.

Students will be unable to attend the tournament for free, though they are being offered the tournament package that provides access to all games for \$16, if tickets are purchased before Nov. 1. Tickets purchased the day of the game range from \$12-\$18, depending on the day.

This year's tournament will feature more than soccer games, though. Alexi Lalas, a member of the US National team, will perform a live concert with his band. Also, the World Cup trophy will be on display along with other World Cup memorabilia in an on-site soccer museum. The tournament will also feature a Jumbotron, a retail mall and age group 5-on-5 tournaments. Ten former ACC soccer players who have played in the World Cup in the 1990s will be honored, too.

Tickets can be obtained by calling 758-3322.

Philo, former golf standout, earns LPGA exemption

Laura Philo, '97, finished in a four way tie for 20th in LPGA's qualifying tournament to earn a playing exemption for the 1999 season.



Philo

The exemption allows Philo to play in any LPGA event during the next year without having to qualify. Philo finished the tournament with an even par after beginning the final round at two

over par. While a Demon Deacon, Philo was an All-American and ACC player of the year in 1996. Philo also finished second at the ACC championships twice and second at the NCAA championships during her collegiate career. Philo helped lead the Demon Deacons to their second straight ACC title in 1995.

Philo's best finish on the LPGA tour was a seven-way tie for 13th place in the Rainbow Foods LPGA classic.

Cross Country prepares for ACC Championships

The men's and women's cross country teams will travel to Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 2 for the ACC Championships.

Last year both teams finished second at the event and junior Janelle Kraus was the overall first place finisher on the women's side.

The men have not finished below second place at the championships since 1988.

Women's tennis to host Indoor Championships

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association Women's Southeast Indoor Championships will be held at the Wake Forest Indoor Tennis Center Nov. 6-9.

An automatic bid to the National Indoor Championships will be given to the top two singles finishers and the top doubles team.

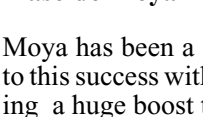
Times and draws have not yet been announced, but the opening rounds will begin on the morning of Nov. 6 and the finals will be played Nov. 9.

Last year 26 teams participated in the tournament.

Freshman Maso de Moya sets school record for digs

Freshman Trina Maso de Moya set a school record for digs with 34 in the team's 2-3 loss to the Clemson Tigers.

Maso de Moya is one of a host of highlights that the Demon Deacon women's volleyball team has enjoyed this season. The Deacons have compiled a 17-8 overall record, going 5-6 in the ACC. Maso de Moya has been a significant contributor to this success with her overall play, adding a huge boost to the squad.



Maso de Moya

Men's hoops to debut at 'Black and Gold'

By Paul Gaeta
Sports Editor

With the regular season tip off less than two weeks away, the Demon Deacon men's basketball team will make its first public appearance Oct. 31 when the squad holds its annual "Black and Gold" scrimmage noon in Reynolds Gymnasium.

The intra-squad match will be followed by the Demon Deacon football game against 14th-ranked Virginia at 3:30 p.m. in what

promises to be a full day of Deacon athletics for Parents Weekend.

The men's basketball squad is looking to improve on last year's 16-14 record, and with six sophomores returning, five of which saw ample playing time throughout the course of last year, the team looks in good shape to perform well in a strong ACC this year.

The Deacs also have a highly-touted freshman class in for the upcoming year, and that, coupled with the senior leadership of

guard Joseph Amonett, should help the team reach its eighth NCAA Tournament appearance of the decade.

Pre-season rankings have the Deacs fourth in the conference, with Duke, Maryland and North Carolina rated first, second and third above them.

Sophomore guard Robert O'Kelley, last year's ACC Rookie of the Year, received votes for ACC Player of the Year and Second-Team All-ACC honors.

The "Black and Gold" will be without

sophomore standout Niki Arinze, who suffered a shoulder injury earlier in the week.

Freshman Craig Dawson, who has seen limited action since the start of pre-season workouts with a stress fracture in his shin, will also be sidelined for the scrimmage.

Tickets for the game are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

All proceeds going to the Brian Piccolo Cancer Research Fund in connection with the Coaches vs. Cancer program.

Soccer splits on the weekend

By Shaw Lentz
Old Gold and Black Reporter

A 117th-minute goal by junior Anne Shropshire earned the Demon Deacons a split this weekend as they beat Maryland in double overtime Oct. 25 after a heart-breaking, 1-0, overtime loss Oct. 23 against Virginia. The two overtime games left the Demon Deacons with a 12-4-1 record overall and a 4-2 record in the ACC, entering the final game of the regular season against top-ranked North Carolina Oct. 30.

Against the Cavaliers, the Deacons forced an overtime only to see Angela Hucles' deflected shot find the back of the net at the 2:40 mark of the extra frame. In the 32nd minute, Hucles, by far the most dangerous player on the pitch for the Cavaliers, capitalized on a give-away deep in the Deacon half, and unleashed a drive which struck freshman Erin Regan's right-hand post. Another Hucles effort in a crowded goal mouth beat Regan but was cleared off the line by freshman Sarah Kate Noftsinger.

The second half saw a large part of the play dominated by the Cavaliers. In the 53rd minute, Hucles found herself free after a questionable non-call on an offside, but Regan came off her goal line confidently to save Hucles' chance.

The game-winner came in the third minute of overtime when Hucles gathered the ball in the Deacon third. Although her space to shoot was quickly closed up, her shot took a fortuitous deflection, leaving Regan stranded in the middle of her box as the ball arched over her head into the back of the net.

The Deacon players had no time to rue their missed opportunity: They had to face Maryland just two days later.

The Deacons came out strong and dominated the beginning of the game, with freshman Stacy Roeck effectively marking the Terrapins' leading scorer, Keri Sarver, out of the game.

The first goal came when Terrapin midfielder Robin McCullough's shot from 25 yards out beat the lunging Regan. The goal seemed to give the Terrapins confidence, and indeed their level of



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play rose the rest of the half.

The Deacon's did have one more chance in the first half when senior Stefanie Mathews, a menace down the right side all afternoon long, crossed a ball into the box. Junior Karli Schilling found herself unmarked, but her open header went well wide.

In the 61st minute, senior Andrea Pelletier, kicking a ball in anger for the first time since breaking her wrist early in the season, capitalized on the keeper's misplay of Mathews' cross to slot the ball home into the unmanned goal. Two minutes later, Pelletier and Mathews combined again as they had a two-on-one against Serrins. Mathews unselfishly dished to Pelletier, who calmly put home her second.

The introduction of Pelletier truly changed the game as her hustle and pace created many chances. She did appear short of match fitness but was effective while on the pitch.

Maryland seemed to gain strength through the half, and pushing everybody forward, they searched for the equalizer. McCullough tested second-half substitute Sari Rose in the 75th minute, and the senior goalkeeper did well to push the ball wide of the goal.

The final flurry of the game in over-



Junior Anne Shropshire displays her ball handling skills in the Deacs' match against Virginia.

time saw Serrins save shots from Mathews and substitute senior Rachel Thomas before the ball fell invitingly to Shropshire. The junior striker made no mistake and put a bulge into the old onion bag for the victory, sending the fans in attendance into a frenzy, and the Deacon players and staff into a pile near their bench.

Losses

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The Deacs managed just four shots on goal as Virginia rolled to a 6-0 victory.

The six opposing goals marked a season high for the Deacs, who came into the game sporting an ACC low goals against average of 1.00.

"We knew they were a great team going into the game. It was a tight game for a while, but then they just got on a roll and we couldn't stop the flood," senior Lisa Andries said.

The Deacons were spurned by a pair of All-Americans in this one, as Meridith Thorpe and Michelle Vizzuso each tallied three points in the winning effort.

Following the disappointing loss to Virginia, the Deacs headed to Chapel Hill to take on the fifth-ranked Tar Heels on Oct. 27, trying to solidify their first ever .500 record in the ACC.

However, the night belonged to Carolina, as the Deacs' ACC nemesis jumped out to a quick start and rolled to a 3-1 victory.

Senior Amanda Janney scored the Deacs lone goal, converting off a pass from freshman Nienke van Ruiten at 29:16 of the second half.

The victory was the 300th in the career of Carolina Head Coach Karen Shelton, whose career record after 18 seasons at

the helm of the Tar Heels program now stands at 300-69-9.

The Demon Deacons will try to regroup this weekend when they face St. Joseph's in a final tune-up for the upcoming ACC tournament.

The Deacs are likely to draw the fourth seed in the tournament and will most likely face Duke in a preliminary round game.

Andries does not consider the two losses a setback for the team.

"Virginia and North Carolina are both great teams, and hopefully now that we've seen their style we will be ready for them in the tournament.

"We try to learn from every game, and hopefully the experience from these games will make us better," Andries said.



Andries

Comeback

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uprights from 23 yards out, his third field goal of the game, giving the Heels an insurmountable 23-3 lead at intermission.

But right from the start in the second half things started to look up for the Deacs. On the first play from scrimmage in the second half, senior DaLawn Parrish picked off a Curry-offering and returned it 26 yards to the Tar Heel two-yard line. Three plays later junior running back Morgan Kane plunged in from one yard out for the score, bringing the Deacs within two touchdowns.

After surrendering another touchdown and committing a fumble, Kuklick connected with All-World senior wide receiver Desmond Clark for a 74-yard touchdown, on which Clark bulldozed most of the Carolina secondary en route to pay dirt. For the game, Clark caught seven passes for 143 yards, upping the ante on his new ACC record for catches.

On the ensuing possession, Curry coughed up the ball after getting his clocked cleaned on an industrial strength hit by junior linebacker Abdul Guice.

Guice, along with sophomore Nick Bender, did a tremendous job filling in for the injured linebacking duo of senior Kelvin Moses and junior Dustin Lyman.

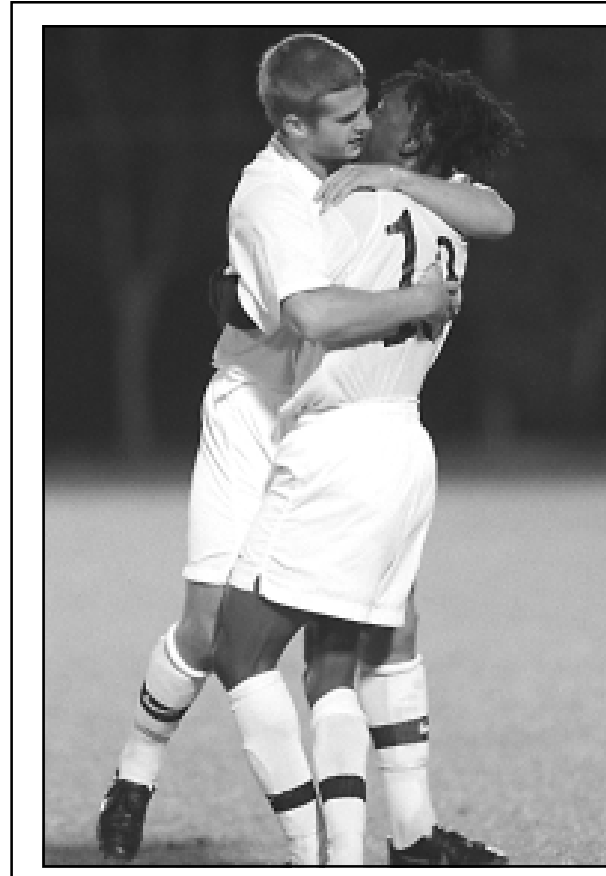
Guice, in addition to his forced fumble, contributed nine tackles, and Bender collected a game-high 12 stops, six of which were unassisted, including one for a loss of three yards.

After Curry's fumble, the Deacons mounted a six-play, 25-yard drive that was capped off by a nine-yard scamper by Kuklick, bringing the Deacons within a touchdown, at 30-24, with just more than a minute remaining in the third quarter.

Despite tacking on another touchdown by junior Kito Gary in the fourth quarter, the combination of a fourth Tar Heel touchdown, a late interception by Kuklick, his third of the game, and the ability of the Heels to control the clock with their running game prevented the Deacs from completing their miraculous comeback.

On the strength of their 50-plus rushes, the Heels were able to hold the ball for 36 minutes in the game, including nearly 20 minutes in the second half, in which they ran the ball a total of 33 times.

The loss drops the Deacs to 3-4 overall on the season and 2-2 in the conference.



Sweet Success

Sophomore Ben Stafford and senior Skip Jenkins embrace after Stafford kicked the game-winning goal against the ninth-ranked Gamecocks of South Carolina.

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Old Gold and Black

Deacs hit cold spell, drop pair

By Vanessa St. Gerard
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After last week's outstanding play, including an upset against then 24th-ranked North Carolina Oct. 19, the Demon Deacon women's volleyball team suffered two ACC losses in a row, bringing the Deacs' overall record to 17-8, 5-6 in the ACC.

At Reynolds Gymnasium Oct. 21, the Deacons took on the Clemson Tigers.

After defeating the Tigers 3-1 earlier in the season, in their second meeting, the Deacs were unable to surpass the Tigers in a five-game match.

After trailing 2-0, the Deacons were able to hold off the Tigers in game three, winning by a final score of 18-16.

The Deacons then rallied to tie the match at 2-2, picking up a five-point victory in game four, 15-10.

In game five, the Demon Deacons could not withstand the Tiger attack, falling 15-10 in the deciding game. The final scores of the match were 15-13, 15-12, 16-18, 10-15 and 15-10.

"We just didn't have the energy. We made it to five games, and in that fifth game, we lost confidence. We didn't have the extra energy in the fifth game to make it through," Head Coach Mary Buczek said.

Seven Deacons finished with double digits in digs including freshman Trina Maso de Moya, who recorded a school record of 34 digs against the Tigers. Senior Christy Kelly led the Deacons with a career-high 23 kills.

In their most recent bout, the Deacs hosted the Seminoles of Florida State. The Deacons bowed out in three games to Florida State, losing their third straight ACC contest by scores of 15-11, 15-10 and 15-6.

"I was very pleased with our performance, Florida State is just a quality team," Buczek said.

The Demon Deacons fought hard in games one and two, falling by scores of 15-11 and 15-10.

The Deacs committed 26 errors in 153 attempts for a lowly hitting percentage of .092. The Deacons also committed eight receiving errors in the match.

"Our communication broke down a lot which forced a lot of errors," sophomore Corie Miles said.

"If you break down on communication, it's hard to put everything together."

Miles led the Deacs with 10 kills and Maso de Moya had a game-high 19 digs to add to the Deacons' effort.

The Deacs will return to ACC action Oct. 30 against the N.C. State Wolfpack in Raleigh. In their first encounter, the Demon Deacons disposed of the Wolfpack in a 3-0 match.

Oct. 31, the Deacs head to Chapel Hill to take on the Tar Heels in an attempt to accomplish a repeat performance.

"For the next couple of games, we hope to come up with some wins, finishing strong at the end of the season. Our expectations are very high and we especially hope to finish strong in the ACC, a national rank," Miles said.