

DEACON NOTES

Clark doubtful, others out for N.C. State game Nov. 7

Senior Desmond Clark, the Deacs' leading receiver and quarterback Brian Kuklick's go-to-guy, is listed as doubtful for the Demon Deacs' contest against rival N.C. State Nov. 7. Clark did not play again in the Oct. 31 loss to Virginia after suffering a blow to his knee in the third quarter. Clark underwent an MRI Nov. 3, but the results revealed only a bruise and a slight sprain.

The ACC's second-leading receiver this season did not participate in practice on Nov. 2 or 3, and his condition for the N.C. State game will depend on his rehabilitation with the team's trainers.

The Deacon's health woes do not end with Clark, though. Senior linebacker Jon Mammon has been lost for the remainder of the season due to torn shoulder muscles, which will require surgery. Mammon will join several other injured members of the linebacking corps on the sidelines.

Senior All-America candidate Kelvin Moses has seen little action because of knee problems, and junior Dustin Lyman will not see action until next year after tearing his anterior cruciate ligament against Maryland.

Both hoops teams to receive exposure throughout season

Both the men's and women's basketball teams will be receiving their fair share of exposure this season. Every men's ACC conference basketball game will be televised either locally or nationally. This is the first time any conference has accomplished this feat. The Demon Deacons will make 12 appearances on national television and 22 overall.

Fans of the women's hoops team will also be able to follow the squad more often this year. Ten of the Lady Deacs' contests will be broadcast by the radio, three of those being televised as well. These 10 games, which include home games against Duke and North Carolina, will also be simulcast on the deacon athletics Web site, www.wakeforestsports.com.

Women's soccer team opens ACC Tourney against Terps

The 16th-ranked Demon Deacon women's soccer team opens postseason action Nov. 5 against Maryland. The Deacs' 4-3 conference record earned them the No. 4 seed in the tournament being held in Orlando, Fla. Maryland is the fifth seed. The Deacons eked out a 3-2 overtime win against Maryland on a goal by junior Anne Shropshire in their previous match-up this season.

The Deac squad will be attempting to better their all-time mark of 1-3-1 in ACC tournament play.

The fifth year program has secured NCAA tournament berths in each of the last two years. Head Coach Tony da Luz hopes that the team's well-balanced attack and combination of talent and experience will lead to the third consecutive appearance.

Shropshire leads the team in scoring, but important contributors include seniors Stefanie Mathews and Meghan Suddes, along with freshmen Emily Taggart, Sarah Kate Noftinger and Erin Regan.

A probable date with top-seed North Carolina awaits should the Deacons send Maryland home in the opener.

Demon Deacon field hockey team ranked 20th in final polls

The Demon Deacon field hockey team opens their postseason at the ACC tournament in Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 5 against Duke.

The Deacs cracked the final STX/NFHCA Poll for the first time since 1995. The 20th-ranked Deacons completed the regular season with a record of 10-8 and 1-3 in the conference.

The Deacon squad has faced Duke 10 times in past ACC tournaments, with Duke possessing a commanding 9-1 advantage.

Basketball to entertain Finnish team before exhibition game

The Demon Deacon women's basketball team will entertain Tapiloan Honka, a team from Finland, 7 p.m. Nov. 10 in Reynolds Gym. A reception will be held earlier that day at 10:30 a.m. in Reynolda Hall's Green Room.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the reception and discuss athletics and athletic competition.

The reception will be sponsored by the Year of Globalization and Diversity planning committee.

Deacs head into key game with Duke

Field hockey faces Blue Devils in the preliminary round of ACC Championships

By Brian Barrett
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The women's field hockey team defeated St. Joseph's 2-0 Oct. 31, to improve their record to 10-8 as they head into this weekend's ACC tournament in Charlottesville, Va.

The win guarantees the Deacons a winning record regardless of what happens in the tournament, when the Deacs face teams against whom they have compiled a 1-3 record.

The Deacons have a tough job ahead of them as they try to capture the ACC championship for the first time since joining the conference in 1992.

The Deacons will play a preliminary

game today against Duke, with whom they split during the regular season, losing a 2-1 heartbreaker early in the year before defeating the Blue Devils 3-0 in a later contest.

Freshman phenom Nienke van Ruiten likes the Deacons' chances.

"We have a really good shot at beating them. We already beat them once earlier in the season, and I just think we are playing so well right now. We have definitely improved since the last time we played them, so hopefully we'll get the same results," van Ruiten said.

The Deacs head into the game riding high after their last-minute rally against St. Joseph's.

Coming in riding a two game losing

streak, the Deacs started the game slowly against the underdog Hawks. Junior goalie Meagan Nitka kept the Deacs in the game, keeping St. Joe's scoreless on her way to her seventh shutout.

However, Hawk freshman goalie Vanessa Cardinale was on top of her game as well, holding the Deacons scoreless late into the second half.

With barely 12 minutes remaining in the game, van Ruiten showed why she is the team's leading scorer, netting a pass from senior Amy Marchell to put the Deacs on the board finally.

"We were really getting nervous as the game wore on, and it was just incredible that we were able to score when we did," said van Ruiten of her game-winner. "I

saw the pass coming from Marchell, and I knew right away that it was going to be a goal. I was able to get a good shot off, and it just got past the goalie and into the left corner."

Marchell was involved in another goal less than a minute later, converting off a pass from senior Lisa Andries to put the Hawks away for good.

"We knew the game was important because we wanted to head into the tournament playing good hockey. Hopefully now we are ready to make some noise in the tournament. I feel that our team is as good as any in the tournament," van Ruiten said.

The Deacs will square off against Duke at 2 p.m. today in Charlottesville.

Da Luz, Taggart honored for season achievements

By Paul Gaeta
Sports Editor

Chalk up another big victory for the Demon Deacon women's soccer program. And this achievement didn't come on the field either.

Second-year Head Coach Tony da Luz was voted ACC Coach of the Year Nov. 4 and freshman Emily Taggart was awarded Rookie of the Year honors.

In addition, senior forward Stefanie Mathews earned a position on the All-ACC second team.

The post-season awards were part of an ongoing success the squad has achieved in its five years of existence.

And this year has been perhaps the team's finest as it has enjoyed a 12-5-1 overall record and a 16th-place national ranking by Soccer News magazine.

All this and the Deacs have had to endure one of the most difficult schedules in the country, which, aside from the always competitive ACC, has pitted them against non-conference giants such as Notre Dame and Portland.

For da Luz, the honor was especially rewarding. Since taking over for former coach Chris Turner last season, da Luz has compiled 23-13-3 overall record with the Deacs.

This added to the tremendous success da Luz has had in the college ranks.

Like the Deacs, da Luz started up a University of San Diego program in 1992 that went 25-13-2 in his final season.

In 1996, he was named West Coast Conference Coach of the Year and West Region Coach of the Year.

Da Luz's journey to the east coast brought with him Mathews, a star forward for his team at San Diego, who transferred to the Deacs last season. In her rookie campaign, she led the team in goals with eight and points with 22.

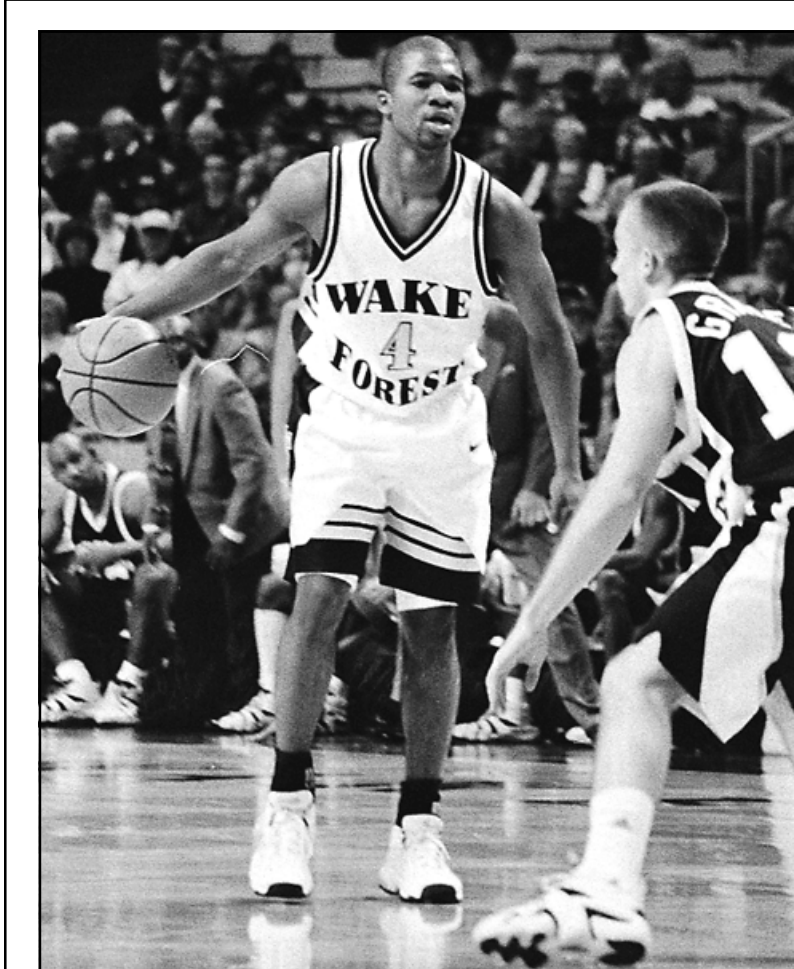
This season the co-captain has had equal success accumulating 17 points with nine assists. Her spot on the second team All-ACC was her second in as many years.

For Taggart, the Rookie of the Year honors was just another highlight in a season full of them.

She scored six goals and dished out two assists on the season, and her hat trick against N.C. State was just the third ever recorded by a member of the women's team.

In addition, Taggart, a native of Pleasanton, Ca., received a spot with teammate Mathews on the All-ACC second team.

The Demon Deacons play Maryland in the first round of the ACC Tournament Nov. 5 in Orlando, Fla. The Deacs beat the Terps in an overtime thriller, 3-2, earlier in the year.



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Showtime

Sophomore sensation Robert O'Kelley and the Deacons will return to action tonight when they open their pre-season against Court Authority. The regular season will begin Nov. 10 in the Coaches vs. Cancer tournament. See section C for details.

Volleyball hits cold streak

By Vanessa St. Gerard
Old Gold and Black Reporter

After an excellent start to its season, the Demon Deacon women's volleyball team recently fell to 18-10 on the season. In their most recent matches, the Demon Deacons succumbed to their local rivals, the North Carolina Tar Heels and the Duke Blue Devils, but were able to pull out a win over N.C. State.

Oct. 30, the Deacons headed to Raleigh to face the N.C. State Wolfpack, where they were victorious in a 3-2 match.

In their first bout, the Deacons swept N.C. State in a 3-0 match earlier this season. In this five game match, the Deacons, down 2-1, took over in the final two games to take the match by scores of 15-3, 8-15, 8-15, 16-14 and 15-11.

Freshmen Margaret Davidson and Trina Maso de Moya and junior Katie Horne led the Demon Deacons each with 14 kills. Both Horne and Davidson hit over .300 for the match. The Deacons hit .269 with 66 kills, 59 assists and 64 digs.

On Halloween, the Deacons were in Chapel Hill awaiting their second match against the Tar Heels. The Deacons were unable to hold off the Tar Heels on their home court.

"We're giving effort, but lack the extra drive. Also, we lost one of our good players (junior Sharon Harmsworth) to mono," Davidson said.

In their most recent ACC run-in, the Deacons could not hold off the Duke Blue Devils on Nov. 3 as Duke took the match 7-15, 15-10, 7-15 and 8-15.

This loss brought the Demon Deacon's ACC record to 6-8.

Cavaliers

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With the lead in hand, the Cavaliers put the game away following two epic drives of 75 and 92 yards, both resulting in touchdowns, vaulting the Cavs out to the insurmountable lead of 31-9.

The Cavaliers who held the ball for nearly 35 minutes in the game, were able to milk the clock thanks to 50 rushing attempts for a robust 270 yards.

"They're a heck of a running team. They've got good backs and certainly an outstanding offensive line. They can run it, I think, against anybody that they play," said Caldwell, whose depleted defense was helpless against the fleet-footed trio of Jones, Brooks and sophomore Antwoine Womack.

Despite throwing for 240 yards on 16 of 33 passing, two costly interceptions and an inability to move the football effectively got Kuklick the hook in the fourth quarter, in favor of junior Ben Sankey. On his first drive at the helm of the Deacon offense, Sankey completed

five of six passes, including a 61-yard bomb to junior William Merritt and a 6-yard fade to Merritt for a touchdown.

Sankey, who hails from Chicago, finished the game with an impressive relief performance of 10 of 17 passing for 144 yards and the touchdown.

Following the Deacon score and a failed on-side kick, the Cavalier promptly drove 47 yards and notched their third rushing touchdown of the day on a six-yard jaunt by Womack, stifling any outside hopes of a Deacon comeback.

Caldwell remains confident and focused with regard to the job at hand.

"The season's not over yet. We've still got a few more ball games to play against very tough opponents, obviously," Caldwell said.

"Our team doesn't have any quit in them, and the thing we're going to do obviously is go right back to work again and see if we can get focused in on it because we've got a heck of a team coming up that we play that's very, very explosive offensively, so we've got our work cut out for us."



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Sophomore Marvin Chalmers makes the catch but was unable to score in the Deacons' 38-17 loss to Virginia.

Runners finish sixth at ACCs

By Jordan Webster
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The men's cross-country team finished sixth in the team standings at the ACC Championships in Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 2.

In what has been an uncharacteristically average year for the traditionally excellent Deac squad, the finish was indicative of the season.

N.C. State captured the team championship with a total of 26 points and Duke placed a distant second with 75 points, while the Demon Deacons totaled 169 points.

This year was the first time in a decade that the Deacons failed to finish either first or second at the ACC Championships.

"This is obviously a position we are unaccustomed to, nor content with," Head Coach John Goodridge said. "It was a disappointing effort."

Individually, N.C. State runners seized two of the top three spots, with Brendan Rogers crossing the finish line first in a time of 24:36 and Chris Dugan taking third in 24:51.

The top Deacon was Stephan Pro, who reached the finish line in 24:55, a time that earned him sixth place.

Pro's efforts also gained him a spot on the All-ACC team. Josh Buffolino recorded a top 30 finish, placing 26th with a time of 25:57.

"Stephan gave an inspired performance," Goodridge said. "Unfortunately, the rest of the team gave little support."

The Demon Deacons now move on to the NCAA Regionals. The event presents an excellent opportunity for sophomore Pro.

"Judging by this race, I think Stephan had a chance to qualify for the nationals," Goodridge said.