

Spry Stadium to host men's ACC soccer tournament

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If you've driven by Spry Stadium this past week, you might have noticed the massive green bleachers being set up on the road side part of the stadium.

Why all this construction, you might have asked?

In the upcoming week, Spry Stadium will play host to the finest of men's collegiate soccer action.

It all starts Nov. 8 when the top-ranked Clemson Tigers travel to Winston-Salem in a key ACC match-up with the 20th-ranked Demon Deacons men's soccer team.

Yet the match with these two national powerhouses is just a side show; later in the week the university will host the ACC Men's Soccer Championships, from Nov. 12-15.

The tournament will feature some of the country's most talented squads with the Tigers, fifth-ranked Virginia and sixth-ranked Duke all competing. In addition, 15th-ranked Maryland and 21st-ranked North Carolina will take part in the festivities, making six of the eight teams competing ranked among the Top 25 teams in the nation.

The ACC has sent at least one team to the NCAA Final Four in seven of the past eight years, with one of the teams winning the championship five times.

Yet those expecting just a showcase of the country's best teams will be even more delighted. Event organizers have turned the tournament from a few games into a soccer festival that will include bands, U.S. World Cup participants and a soccer museum that will host the actual FIFA World Cup trophy.

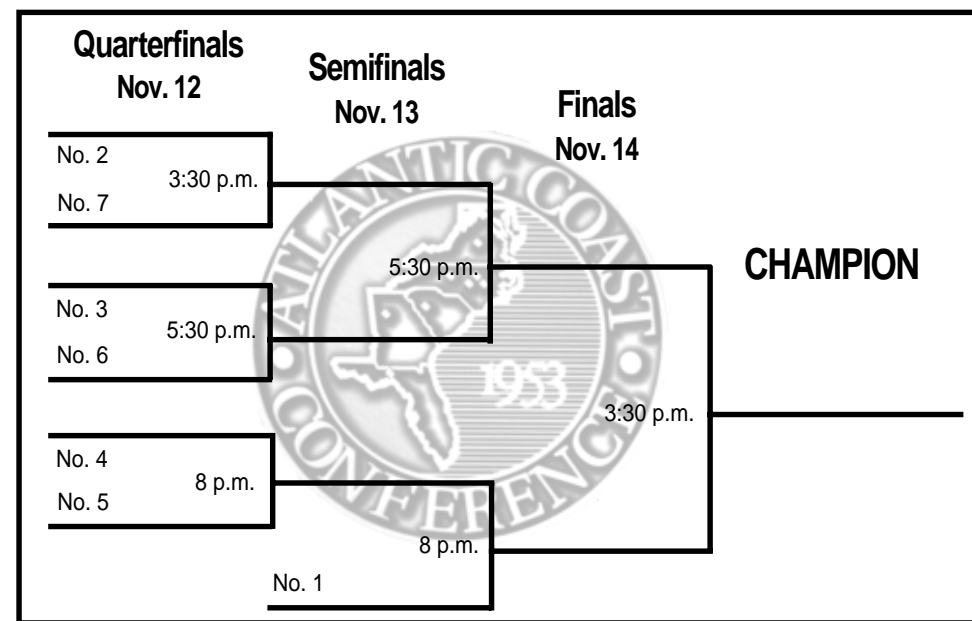
The ACC will be also honoring 10 former conference stars who have played for the United States in the past three World Cups. Among those honored will be Virginia's John Harkes, Tony Meola and Claudio Reyna, N.C. State's Tab Ramos and Carolina's Eddie Pope.

One of U.S. soccer's most recognized stars, defender Alexi Lalas of the New York/New Jersey Metrostars, will perform with his band during the festival.

The one drawback of the tourney is that it's not free for university students, and unlike normal games, watching the game from other areas aside from the bleachers within Spry Stadium will not be free.

A tournament package ticket that is good for all the games costs \$24 for adults and students and \$16 for kids 16 and under.

Individual game tickets can be bought on the day of those respective games.



Seniors

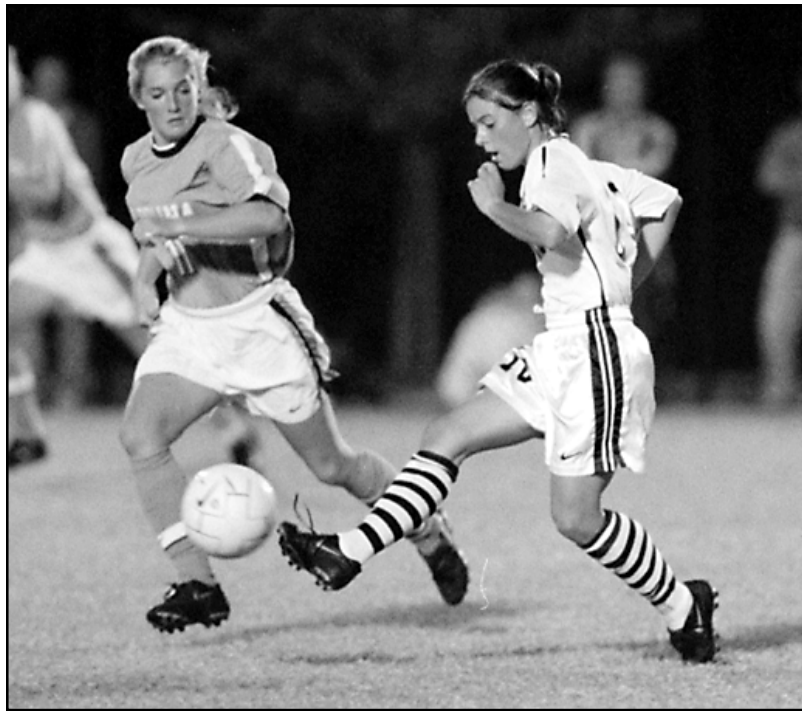
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Taggart had another chance in the 43rd minute, with Noftsinger acting as the catalyst again. A long ball to the left side forced Mullinix to come out.

There was a slight suspicion of a handball outside of the box, but the referee called a foul instead. Mullinix saved the resulting free kick from sophomore Rachel Lewis, following a little trickery by the Deacons. The Deacons had another chance in the final minute of the half, but the finishing shot was high and wide.

The early part of the second half saw more of a stalemate between the two sides. Fair, however, gave the Tar Heels the cushion they desired when she took a loose ball off a poor clearance and blasted it past substitute freshman goalie Erin Regan from 35 yards out.

The Deacons responded well and were disappointed again not to re-



Freshman Sarah Kate Noftsinger tries to move the ball downfield in the Deacs' 0-3 defeat at the hands of No.1 UNC.

ceive a call when Noftsinger was taken down in the box. Their best

chance of the game came just three minutes later, when a nice flowing

move down the right resulted in a cross into the center of the area. Junior Anne Shropshire was fortunate to be left unmarked, but her unpressured shot sailed just wide.

Regan did her best to keep the Deacons within range, saving shots by Fair in the 68th minute and stretching brilliantly to save Anne Remy in the 78th minute.

In the 90th minute, the Deacons saw their offside trap broken despite the protests for an offside call. Regan did well to save the initial shot, but the deflection fell to Fair who, despite her initial hesitation, was able to slip home her second past the near post.

The Tar Heels improved to 18-0 and 7-0 in the ACC. The loss left the Deacons with a record of 12-5-1, 4-3 in the ACC.

The Deacs are coming into the ACC tournament on an impressive run having won seven of their last nine games.

They will open the tournament against Maryland, in a repeat of one of the most exciting games of the year.

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The game started well for the Demon Deacons. Forty minutes in, sophomore Ben Stafford, who scored the game winner against ninth-ranked South Carolina earlier in the week, continued his strong play around the net. Stafford took a pass from sophomore Jaron Barbee and fired a shot into the left corner of the net past sprawling Tar Heel goalkeeper William Woodroffe for the 1-0 lead.

The Tar Heels, who were riding an eight-game unbeaten streak that included six wins and two ties, weren't down for long, however. Chris Carrieri chased down a long pass from teammate Daniel Jackson and blasted a shot over Conner's head for the 1-1 equalizer.

Carrieri, however, didn't stop there as the ACC Player of the Week became a thorn in the side of

the Deacon squad for the remainder of the day.

Carrieri got the eventual game-winner when he put in a Carolina corner kick with 10 minutes remaining in regulation.

The high-powered Demon Deacon offense was shut down by a stingy Carolina back line that allowed just eight shots, most of them in the closing minutes.

The loss dropped the Deacs to 11-5-1 overall, 1-3-1 in the ACC. More importantly, the loss pretty much assured the Deacs a seventh-place finish in the ACC, meaning a first-round match up with fifth-ranked Virginia in the ACC Tournament is eminent.

With one game remaining in the regular season, the Deacs might be facing their biggest test thus far. Top-ranked Clemson travels to Winston-Salem Nov. 8 for the final game of both squads.

If the Deacons can continue their strong play against some of the country's top squads, Clemson might be dethroned from their ranking.

Clark injury may be too much for Deacons to overcome

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Senior wide receiver Desmond Clark's condition is doubtful and senior Torry Holt is having the best season of his life. Basically, that summarizes up this week's match-up between the Demon Deacons and the Wolfpack of N.C. State.

After becoming the ACC all-time receptions leader Oct. 15 against Maryland, Clark sprained his knee in the third quarter in the Deacs' 38-17 loss to Virginia.

However, the Wolfpack is enjoying an up and down season which includes a victory over Florida State, making them only the second ACC team ever to do that. A large part of N.C. State's success has to do with Holt. Holt leads the ACC in receptions, yards, yards per game and receptions per game.

The Deacons rank fifth in the ACC in pass defense, but N.C. State posts the top passing offense in the ACC. The Wolfpack has the second worst passing defense in the ACC, but without Clark, the Deacons may have a hard time capitalizing.

Senior quarterback Brian Kuklick leads the ACC in completion percentage and completions but is also second in the ACC in interceptions.

After beginning the season with high expectations, injuries have all but ruined the Deacs' hopes of

a bowl game bid this season. To be eligible for a bowl game, the Deacons must defeat N.C. State, Florida State and Georgia Tech.

The injury bug hit the Deacons early and has continued throughout the season culminating in the loss of seniors Kelvin Moses and Clark and juniors Kelvin Jones, Kelvin Shakelford Dustin Lyman and James Lik. With the exception of Clark and Lik, all of the injuries have been to the defensive unit including three linebackers.

If things were not bad enough for the Deacs, they have not won a road game against the Wolfpack since 1984. Last year a last-minute field goal gave the Deacs a one point victory and ended a nine game losing streak for the Deacons. However, the Demon Deacs have won two ACC road games in a row and are hoping to continue the streak.

Whatever happens, one streak will continue regardless of the outcome. The Deacon-Wolfpack rivalry is the fifth longest uninterrupted series in the country at 89 straight games. The two teams have faced each other every year since 1910.

The game will be interesting to say the least. Can the Deacs stop All-American candidate Holt? Can the Deacs move the ball through the air without Clark? Can the Deacs end a losing streak that spans 15 years? Kickoff is at 1 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

Standings

	ACC	Overall
FSU	5 1	8 1
UVA.	5 1	7 1
Ga. Tech	5 1	6 2
N.C. State	3 2	5 3
UNC	2 2	3 4
WFU	2 3	3 5
Duke	2 4	4 5
Clem.	1 6	2 7
Md.	0 5	2 6

Statistics

Rushing Yards

	Yds.
Chris Weinke, FSU	2,344
J. Barnette, N.C. State	2,307
Brian Kuklick, WFU	1,847
Brandon Streeter, Clem.	1,619

Completions

	Comp.
Brian Kuklick, WFU	154
Chris Weinke, FSU	137
J. Barnette, N.C. State	128
Brandon Streeter, Clem.	122

Completion Percentage

	Pct.
Brian Kuklick, WFU	.574
Brandon Streeter, Clem.	.537
Chris Weinke, FSU	.507
J. Barnette, N.C. State	.501

Receptions

	Rec.
Torry Holt, N.C. State	56
S. Montgomery, Duke	55
Desmond Clark, WFU	54
Peter Warrick, FSU	47

Touchdowns

	TDs
Chris Weinke, FSU	18
Joe Hamilton, Ga. Tech	13
J. Barnette, N.C. State	12
Brian Kuklick, WFU	10

Receptions per Game

	Rec/gm.
Torry Holt, N.C. State	7.00
Desmond Clark, WFU	6.75
S. Montgomery, Duke	6.11
R. Flowers, Duke	5.38

Receiving Yards

	Yds.
Torry Holt, N.C. State	1,158
Peter Warrick, FSU	980
Dez White, Ga. Tech	825
Desmond Clark, WFU	773

Passing Offense

	Yds/gm.
N.C. State	317.40
FSU	269.30
WFU	253.40
Ga. Tech	211.30

MEN'S SOCCER

Standings

	ACC	Overall
Clem.	4 1 1	17 1 0
UVA.	4 1 1	12 2 2
Duke	4 2 0	15 2 0
UNC	3 3 0	11 6 0
Md.	3 3 0	11 6 0
WFU	1 3 1	11 5 1
N.C. State	0 6 0	4 12 0

Statistics

Scoring Offense

	Avg.
Clem.	3.22
WFU	2.65
Duke	2.53
UVA.	2.50
UNC	2.24

Shutouts

	Avg.
Duke	0.59
Clem.	0.55
UVA.	0.38
WFU	0.24

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Coaches Poll

- Clemson
- UCLA
- Indiana
- Virginia
- Washington
- Duke
- Creighton
- Connecticut
- Stanford
- Saint Louis
- South Carolina
- St. John's
- Southern Methodist
- Akron
- Cal State-Fullerton
- Maryland
- Seton Hall
- Brown
- Santa Clara
- Wake Forest
- North Carolina
- San Jose State
- Butler

- UNC-Greensboro
- Georgetown

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Standings

	ACC	Overall
UNC	7 0 0	18 0 0
UVA.	5 2 0	12 5 2
Clem.	5 2 0	13 5 0
WFU	4 3 0	12 5 1
Md.	3 4 0	10 9 1
N.C. State	1 5 1	7 11 1
FSU	1 5 1	7 10 3
Duke	0 5 2	7 10 2

Statistics

Scoring Defense

	GAA
UNC	0.28
Clem.	1.17
WFU	1.44
UVA.	1.72

Saves

	Avg.
Jamie Gurtov, FSU	5.32
Erin Regan, WFU	5.00
Sara Marino, N.C. State	4.60
Riki-Ann Serrins, Md.	4.08

This Week

Nov. 5
Women's Soccer at ACC tournament at Orlando, Fla.

Nov. 6
Women's Soccer at ACC tournament at Orlando, Fla.
Field Hockey at ACC tournament at Charlottesville, Va.

Nov. 7
Women's Soccer at ACC tournament at Orlando, Fla.
Field Hockey at ACC tournament at Charlottesville, Va.
Volleyball vs. Georgia Southern, 8 p.m.
Football at N.C. State, 1 p.m.

Nov. 8
Women's Soccer at ACC tournament at Orlando, Fla.
Field Hockey at ACC tournament at Charlottesville, Va.
Volleyball vs. College of Charleston, noon
Men's Soccer vs. Clemson, 2 p.m.

Nov. 10
Volleyball at Maryland, 5 p.m.

Wake Forest Demon Deacons	N.C. State Wolfpack
Series History: N.C. State leads 55-30-6 Last Meeting: Wake Forest 19, N.C. State 18 (9/25/97)	
1998 Record: 3-5 (2-3 ACC) Head Coach: Jim Caldwell Record at WFU: 17-46 Career Record: 17-46 Total starters Back: 16	1998 Record: 5-3 (2-3 ACC) Head Coach: Mike O'Cain Record at N.C. State: 33-32 Record Overall: 33-32 Total Starters Back: 11
Offense Formation: Multiple Players to Watch: QB Brian Kuklick, WR Jammie Deese, PK Matthew Burdick	Offense Formation: Multiple I Players to watch: WR Torry Holt, QB Jamie Barnette, WR Chris Coleman
Defense Formation: Multiple Players to Watch: S Jeffrey Muyres, DT Fred Robbins, LB Nick Bender	Defense Formation: 4-3 Players to Watch: S Jason Perry, LB Clayton White, CB Lloyd Harrison