

DEACON NOTES

Verban downs competition, claims regional singles title

Sophomore Mariel Verban began the Southeast Regional Indoor Championships as the second seed. However, when everything was said and done, Verban was the new 1998 Southeast Regional Champion and had guaranteed her spot in the National Championships in February.

In the first round, Verban easily disposed of Tennessee's Emily Woodside 6-4, 6-0. The second round proved to be a little more difficult for Verban. Verban dropped the first set 4-6 to Celine Regnier of USC. Verban then won the next two sets 6-2, 6-1. No. 1 seed Megan Miller of Duke did not have as much luck as she lost to teammate Karen Goldstein 6-2, 6-7, 4-6.

In the semifinals Verban faced No. 3 seed Massoumeh Emami. The match was tough, but Verban was victorious 7-5, 7-6. Goldstein also kept rolling along as she defeated Kentucky's Christy Sigurski 6-2, 2-6, 6-1.

In the final match Verban won the championship over Goldstein 6-0, 3-6, 6-2. Goldstein is also guaranteed a spot in the National Championships at Dallas, Texas in February.

Pairings set for ACC soccer tournament at Spry Stadium

Even though their overall record was the third best in the ACC, the Deacon's ACC record left a little to be desired and earned them a No. 6 seed. Clemson earned the No. 1 seed and a first round bye.

No. 5 Maryland will face No. 4 North Carolina in the first match of the tournament Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. Following that match-up, No. 2 Virginia will take on No. 7 N.C. State at 5:30 p.m. The Deacons will take their home field in the final match of the evening when they face No. 3 Duke.

In their previous match-up with the Blue Devils, the Deacons lost 1-3. However, the Deacs have been known as giant killers this year pulling out upset victories against top five ranked teams such as Washington, South Carolina and a tie against Virginia.

The Maryland-UNC game is expected to be a great game and possibly one of the best games of the tournament. The last time these two teams met, UNC pulled out a 2-1 victory in overtime.

The other game of the night, places Virginia, ranked fifth in the nation, against an N.C. State team that has won only five games all year and none in the ACC.

Weinke out, Clark questionable for final home game Nov. 14

FSU's quarterback Chris Weinke had been leading the Seminoles on a spectacular season complete with national championship hopes. Now the "Notes will have to use the 26-year-old sophomore as inspiration instead of their field general.

Team doctors announced Nov. 9 that Weinke will undergo neck surgery and miss the remainder of the season. Weinke is suffering from a herniated disk, ligament injuries and a small bone fragment in his right arm. A Virginia sack from defensive end Patrick Kerney in FSU's 45-14 victory caused the injuries to Weinke.

Weinke had passed for 2,487 yards and 19 touchdowns this season en route to a 9-1 record (6-1 in the ACC).

Weinke will be replaced by junior Marcus Outzen, who has a total of 13 collegiate passing attempts, but showed promise going five of six for 67 yards against Virginia.

The Demon Deacons are suffering from their own injury woes. Juniors Dustin Lyman, and Kelvin Shackelford have been out for the season and senior Kelvin Moses has not returned to his old form after undergoing knee surgery in the off-season and returning to action a few weeks ago.

If that was not enough already, senior Desmond Clark, a possible All-American this year, is in questionable condition.

Clark missed last week after suffering a sprained knee in the 17-38 loss to the destructive Cavaliers Oct 31.

1998 All-ACC soccer team announced before tournament

With the men's ACC soccer tournament set to begin today, the ACC released the All-ACC team Nov. 11.

Senior Sergei Daniv and junior Chad Evans were both named to the All-ACC first team, and senior Kyle Bachmeier was named to the second team.

Daniv had five goals and two assists for the Deacs, and Evans had two goals and five assists. Bachmeier led the team with seven assists this season and set a Deacon record with 52 career assists.

Daniv, Evans and Bachmeier will try to show Duke why they earned the honors at 8 p.m today at Spry Soccer Stadium.



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Freshman Jamale Seale dribbles past a Clemson defender en route to a narrow deacon loss to the No. 1 ranked Tigers 0-1. The Deacs now move on to the ACC Tournament where they will face Duke in the first round.

Tigers

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several occasions, two of which came from 6-foot-4 junior Bob Cavanaugh's head.

The Tiger striker outleapt the Deacon defenders and just missed the net on two headers.

The Deacs, however, did hold their own on their offensive third, testing Clemson goalkeeper Josh Campbell with a handful of shots, but nothing that really threatened the Tiger netminder.

Twenty minutes into the match, a Deacon lapse on defense left a 2-on-1 breakaway for the Tigers. Junior Jeremy Iwaszkowicz fed a ball past the lone Deac defender, junior David Kaweesi-Mukooza, to teammate Mark Lisi.

Conner rushed out of net but was too late. Lisi put a ball right past him from 15 yards out for the eventual game-winner.

For the remainder of the first half

and majority of the second half, the Tigers showed why they're the nation's top team, shutting down the Deacs.

On several occasions, Clemson had good chances to up its lead to 2-0, but Conner came up big in net.

Twenty minutes into the final half, Cavanaugh had a breakaway, but Conner went down and stuffed his shot.

The offense that the Deacons lacked throughout most of the game seemed to all come together in the game's final five minutes, as the team scorched the Tiger net with a flurry of shots.

Luck, however, was not in the team's hands, and the ball never found the back of the net.

The Deacs don't have much time to dwell on the loss. The team hosts the ACC Championships Nov. 12-15 at Spry Stadium in a tourney that will feature six of the country's top 25 teams. The Deacs will have their work cut out for them as they face off against the sixth-ranked Duke Blue Devils in a quarterfinal match at 8 p.m. Nov. 12.

Cavs oust field hockey in ACCs, 1-0

Deacons defeat Blue Devils 3-2 in first-round of ACC Championships, 3-2

By Brian Barrett
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The field hockey team put an exclamation mark on a successful season by recording their second win ever in the ACC tournament Nov. 5 with a 3-2 defeat in double overtime against conference nemesis Duke.

The win came courtesy of senior Lisa Andries, who scored off a pass from senior Amy Marchell and freshman Nienke van Ruiten 2:14 into the second overtime period. For the Deacs, it was the second time this season they defeated Duke, and it earned them a trip into the ACC semifinals, where they fell to top-seeded UVa. by a 1-0 count.

However, the fourth-seeded Deacons came away from the weekend with a positive feeling, knowing they had accomplished something very few Deac teams have been able to do in the past.

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Lisa Andries
Senior

"It was a very positive experience. We played well as a team the whole weekend, and we never gave up. The Duke win was big. We put everything we had into that game, and it paid off," said Andries, who played in her final game as a Demon Deacon.

Persistence paid off as the Deacs twice came from behind to tie the Blue Devils before eventually taking the win. Junior Kelly Malinoski started the scoring for the Deacons with three minutes remain-

ing in the first half, tying the game at one. The Deacs again fell behind in the second half, giving up a goal barely 10 minutes into the half. From there the defense took over, allowing zero shots on junior goalkeeper Meghan Nitka for the remainder of the game. However, as good as the Deac defense was, so too were the Blue Devils. The Deacons were turned away by Duke goalkeeper Jenn Robb again and again, and things began to look grim as the game wore on.

Enter freshman sensation van Ruiten. With four minutes remaining, van Ruiten converted on a corner shot to lift the Deacs into a tie and send the game into overtime.

From there, it was all Deacon offense. The Deacs hit Duke with a barrage of shots, including a one-on-one between van Ruiten and Robb, before Andries won the game with her goal in the second overtime.

"I was a little worried about how we would respond to the long timeout," said Andries, referring to a nearly 30-minute injury timeout as a Blue Devil was rushed to the hospital with a broken collarbone. "But it almost seemed to work to our advantage. We came back out fired up, and we won the game."

The Deacs played well in their semifinal match-up with UVa., falling 1-0 on a second half goal by All-American Michelle Vizzuso. The players were pleased with their showing against the top-seeded Cavaliers.

"We played right with them, and really anyone could have won that game. We lost 6-0 to them earlier in the season, and we felt we were better than that. Hopefully today's game shows that we can compete with the upper-echelon teams," Andries said.

The answer will have to wait until next season.

Pack pounds Deacs, 38-27

Volleyball returns to old form

By Scott Payne
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The Demon Deacons traveled east, Nov. 7 to meet the N.C. State Wolfpack in an intra-state showdown at high noon. Both teams emerged from their locker rooms with guns blazing, but when the battle was over and the dust had finally settled, only the Wolfpack remained standing, having captured the 38-27 victory, their 10th win in the last 11 meetings with the Deacs.

With neither team having much defense to speak of, both teams were able to move the ball and score at will, as they combined to wrack up nearly 800 yards of total offense with nine of the 10 scoring drives in the game lasting less than three minutes.

"I think it's just the nature of the offenses that we run. We're two teams that like to try to get it in chunks. We think every drive that we're going to score we've got to have a 25-yard play within that drive. So we're looking for those opportunities all the time," said Head Coach Jim Caldwell, whose Deacons dropped to 3-6 overall, 2-4 in the conference.

The teams battled back and forth all afternoon and it looked as though the game would come down to the final seconds. However, a couple of special teams errors, including a muffed punt return in the end zone and questionable officiating swung the momentum of the game in favor of the Pack. Then using a punishing ground attack, led by freshman Ray Robinson's 170 yards, the Pack wore down the injury-plagued Deacon defense and took control of the game.

"They wore us down just a little bit and started running that counter play and we just couldn't stop that counter," Caldwell said.

Both offensive units were led by outstanding performances at the quarterback position. N.C. State's Jamie Barnette completed 24 of 38 passes for 321 yards and two scores, and the Deacs' signal-caller, senior Brian Kuklick, put together a Herculean performance, connecting on 31 of 51 for a career-high 421 yards and a pair of touchdowns. In the first quarter, on a 38-yard completion to sophomore Chris Modelski, Kuklick became the leading passer in school history, passing Mike Elkins. With Kuklick's leading receiver, senior Desmond Clark, out of action due to a sprained ankle,

Kuklick relied heavily on the lightning-fast Jammie Deese, who has been overlooked at times this season with all the hype surrounding Clark's ACC record for receptions. With Clark out of the lineup, Deese was able to run a greater variety of routes, many deep down the field.

The sure-handed Deese, who nearly overshadowed N.C. State's Torry Holt 15 reception performance, caught 12 passes for 167 yards and a touchdown, which he grabbed between a pair of Wolfpack defenders on a fade route. On another circus catch, Deese hauled in a Kuklick pass while lying flat on his back, but was ruled incomplete, which proved to be a costly blow for the Deacs.

"I saw the ball hit him in the chest and didn't touch the ground. That's what I saw and that's what happened. That was a big play. That was a big play in the ball game," Caldwell said. "You talk about making a difference in that situation, that was certainly one that, I'm not certain that it would've had a big impact on the outcome particularly the way that both teams were scoring, but I guarantee you one thing it certainly would have changed the complexion somewhat."

The loss, the fifth in the last six games for the Deacs, assures Caldwell & Co. of yet another losing season, the sixth time in the six years of the Caldwell regime that the Deacs will finish below .500.

"Until this ball game was over with, obviously, we don't have a chance to get that winning season, but we've certainly got an opportunity to equal our season from last year and that's what we'll fight for now, is not going backwards but try to make certain that we maintain the thing that we've been able to gain in terms of very, very competitive team that wins five games," Caldwell said.

After spotting the Pack the early 7-0 lead, the Deacs scored back to back touchdowns on runs by Kuklick and junior Kito Gary to take the momentary 14-7 advantage. Following a field goal, the Pack took the lead for good



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Senior Brian Kuklick opts not to pass and moves the ball forward on his own.

when junior Reggie Austin botched a punt return, as the ball caromed off his left arm into the end zone, where State recovered to take the 17-14 lead.

"That didn't kill us. That one play did not kill us. We had an opportunity still; we were right there in the ball game, even down until the end," Caldwell said.

The teams traded third-quarter touchdowns, but on the first play of the fourth quarter Robinson ran 55 yards and threw the fatigued Deacon defense for the score, essentially putting the game out of reach. The Deacs were able to answer right back with a touchdown drive of their own, but with the defense worn down and no running game to be found, the Deacs comeback fell short for the third week in a row.

The Wolfpack tacked on another touchdown in the waning minutes to cap off the scoring, as Barnette hit Chris Coleman from 25 yards out for the final nail in the Deacs' coffin, ending the longest drive of the game, which took a little over five minutes.



Weinke



Daniv