

# DEACON NOTES

## ACC, Big 10 to commence men's basketball competition in '99

Two of the big dogs in college basketball, the ACC and the Big 10, have finalized plans to begin meeting in a regular season "challenge" series next year. The two conferences agreed to a two-year deal with ESPN for a nine-game series over two days to be broadcast exclusively by ESPN. The series will begin next year Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. The match-ups, sites and exact times have yet to be determined, but conference officials plan to alternate between home-court sites and neutral sites. ACC Commissioner John Swofford expects the series to provide a lot of excitement for the fans and to provide some high-quality games for teams to warm up against before beginning their vigorous conference schedules. The ACC and Big 10 lead the rest of the NCAA in NCAA tournament wins with 247 and 227, respectively. No other conference has more than 170 wins. In head-to-head competition the ACC leads the Big 10, 109-87 (.556), with Duke and UNC holding the most victories.

## Freshmen volleyball duo honored by the ACC for strong season

Freshmen Margaret Davidson and Trina Maso de Moya were named to the All-ACC Freshman Volleyball team for their outstanding play this season. Maso de Moya was named ACC Rookie-of-the-Week twice this season and led the ACC in digs per game with 4.41 (seventh in the nation) and was sixth in the ACC with 3.80 kills per game. Maso de Moya set Deacon records for digs in a single match with 34 against Clemson and digs in a season with 496. Davidson finished second in the ACC with 1.34 blocks per game and set a Deacon record for most blocks in a season with 119.

Junior Katie Horne was also named to the GTE District III Academic Volleyball Second team by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Horne is a biology major with a 3.25 GPA. She was second on the team with 3.60 kills per game. Horne was one of 13 players chosen from 12 different schools in five states that comprise District III. Horne was also one of two ACC players honored, the other being Georgia Tech's Carolyn Clevenger, a first-team selection.

## Women's basketball team signs Virginia high school standout

Heather Miller, a 5-foot-10 guard from Bassett, Va., has signed a national letter of intent, women's basketball Head Coach Charlene Curtis announced Nov. 20. Miller is the all-time leading scorer in Bassett High School history among men and women and the leading female scorer in district history. Miller currently has 2,280 points and is averaging 27 points per game so far in her senior season. Last season Miller averaged 25 points per game, 9.5 rebounds per game and 6.7 assists per game. Miller shot 52 percent from the floor and 54 percent from behind the arc.

## Demon Demon gridiron standouts to play in set of All-Star games

Seniors Desmond Clark, Brian Kuklick and Head Coach Jim Caldwell have been selected to participate in post-season All-Star games. Clark, who owns the ACC record for receptions has agreed to play in both the Blue-Gray Game and the All-Star Gridiron Classic. Kuklick, fourth in ACC career yardage and first in Deacon career completions, touchdowns and yardage, will join Clark in the Blue-Gray Game. Caldwell was selected as an assistant coach in the East-West Shrine Bowl. The Blue-Gray Game will be played noon Dec. 25 in Montgomery, Ala., and will be televised by ABC. The All-Star Gridiron Classic will be played in Orlando, Fla., Jan. 16 and will be aired by ESPN2. The game will match a team of national college All-Stars against a team of Florida players from the high school and college levels.

## Seniors Clark, Flowe close final season with All-ACC honors

With the close of the regular season, two Deacons have earned All-ACC nods. Senior Desmond Clark, the all-time leading receiver in the ACC, earned second team All-ACC honors and senior Jeff Flowe, an offensive tackle, earned Honorable-Mention All-ACC honors. Despite Clark's spectacular performance this season, a late-season injury to Clark allowed Torry Holt of N.C. State and Peter Warrick of FSU to pull away and take the first-team honors.

# Cavs shut door on successful Deac season

By Vanessa St. Gerard  
Old Gold and Black Reporter

With the season ending two weeks ago, the Demon Deacon women's volleyball team finished the year with an impressive overall record of 21-12, a dramatic turnaround from the Deacons' 1997 record of 8-24. In their last scheduled match of the season, the Deacons succumbed to the Virginia Cavaliers in a 3-2 loss Nov. 15. The Cavaliers opened the match with a 15-9 decision in the first game, before the Demon Deacons regrouped to steal the second and third games 15-11 and 15-13, respectively. Trailing 2-1, Virginia rallied to win game four, 15-9, before claiming the match in the fifth game, 15-13. The play was highlighted by freshman Trina Maso de Moya, who posted match highs with 30 digs and four service aces to contribute to a team-high 18 kills. Sophomore Julie Cowley registered an astonishing 60 assists and 15 digs, and junior Katie Horne collected

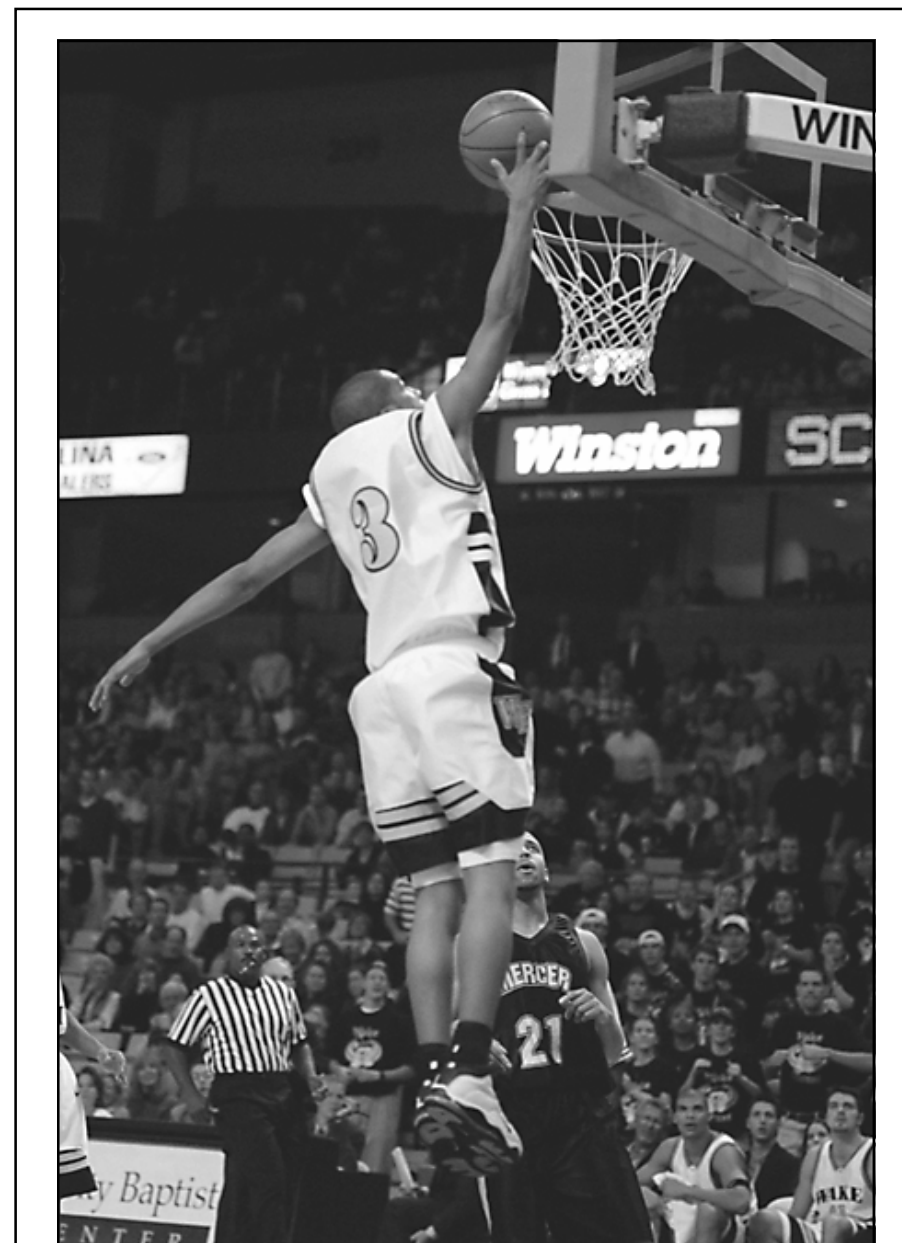
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Head Coach

18 kills and 16 digs in the loss. This loss dropped the Deacs' ACC record to 7-9, placing the Deacons in a sixth-seeded position in the ACC tournament, held Nov. 19-20. Nov. 20, the Demon Deacons faced the third-seeded Florida State volleyball team in the quarterfinals of the tournament. Florida State dominated early action as the Seminoles scored the match's first four points. The Seminoles pushed the lead to six at 9-3, eventually taking the first game, 15-6. In the second game, Florida State jumped on top early in game two and led by as many as four before the Deacons

rallied to close the gap to one point at 12-11. Despite the intense play of the Deacons, the second game went to the Seminoles, 15-11. The teams battled vigorously in the third game as the Demon Deacons took an early advantage, but the Seminoles responded to go ahead 6-5. With the score tied at nine, FSU earned a lead it would not relinquish as the Seminoles held off the Deacons 15-11 to win the match and advance to the semifinals of the tournament. Maso de Moya led the Deacs with a match-high 15 kills to go along with 15 digs. Horne also recorded a double-double with 12 kills and 12 digs. After the ACC Tournament finals, freshmen Margaret Davidson and Maso de Moya were selected to the 1998 All-ACC Freshmen Volleyball team. "This year we had two players who were very deserving of this award. They both contributed a lot to the success of the season," Head Coach Mary Buczek said. Davidson finished the season averaging 1.34 blocks per game, second

in the ACC. Her 119 total blocks this season is also the most blocks recorded by a Deacon in any single season. Maso de Moya, a two-time ACC Rookie-of-the-Week pick, led the league in the digs per game with a 4.41 average and was sixth in the league with 3.80 kills per game. She was also seventh in the nation in digs per game. "I'm very happy," Maso de Moya said. "I worked hard this season, and if I receive these honors, that's good, but it's not my goal. I don't play for the accolades, I play just for the sport. If they come along, they come along, just as long as the team's doing well. Buczek has high expectations for next season "If we become more consistent (next season), we're going to be up in the standings in the ACC and have a good chance to make the NCAA Tournament." Maso de Moya said, "I'm very proud. We obviously have improved (from last season), and we beat a lot of teams that we weren't supposed to. We were a good team in the eyes of everybody."



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### The air up there

Freshman Broderick Hicks elevates above the competition for an easy layup in the Deacons' 81-66 victory over Mercer. Hicks has been a real commodity for the Demon Deacs as a solid point guard this season with his natural ball handling skills. Hicks was originally expected to provide a second ball-handling option on the court along with sophomore Robert O'Kelley but has developed into much more.

# Women's basketball fares well at tourney

By Brian Barrett  
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The Deacon women basketball team earned a split on its four-game holiday road trip as they prepared to start a grueling ACC schedule that begins this Dec. 5 with Virginia. The Deacs record now stands at 3-3 after grabbing wins in the first two contests before dropping the final two. The weekend started off well, as the Deacs used great defense to top Providence, 80-73. The Deacons shot 42 percent from the field while holding the Friars to 36 percent. The Deacons led for almost the entire game, holding leads of up to 14 points before a late Providence rally cut into their advantage. Senior Emon McMillian led the Demon Deacs with a career-high 23 points and 12 rebounds. "Emon really played well over the weekend," said Head Coach Charlene Curtis. "Her presence inside was a big help for us and it allowed us to run our offense." The Deacons carried the momentum from the Providence win into their next game against Fairleigh Dickinson. Sophomore Olivia Dardy scored 21 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and junior Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick added 15 points as the Deacons took advantage of a 40-12 second half run on their way to a 79-45 victory. The win advanced the Deacs to the finals of the 19th annual Warners Classic, where they fell to East Carolina despite a second half rally. The Demon Deacons, who trailed 37-26 at the half, chipped away at the lead the entire second half to pull to

within four with 30 seconds remaining. However, East Carolina made its foul shots in the closing seconds to seal the win for the Pirates. "I'm really happy with the way this team plays to the win. We just have to work on playing all 40 minutes so that we don't have to comeback all the time," Curtis said. Following the loss, the Deacons headed to West Virginia, where they faded down the stretch in a loss to the Mountaineers. The Demon Deacons trailed by one at halftime before fatiguing set in toward the end of the game. The Deacs were led by McMillian and Kirkpatrick with 13 points each. The loss was a big disappointment for the Deacons, who had hoped to walk away from the trip winning three of four. "A split was the minimum we were looking for going into the trip. We need to work on our consistency. We played excellent in the win over Providence, and then we had let-downs against West Virginia and East Carolina. We are going to have to play better basketball in the next coming weeks." Curtis was referring to an ominous ACC schedule that begins Dec. 4 with Virginia. The Deacs will look for their first conference win in two years after enduring an 0-16 ACC season a year ago. "Virginia will be a good measuring stick to see how much we have improved since last year. There is no doubt in my mind that we are a better team this year, but I'm looking forward to see just how much better we need to get."

# SCOREBOARD

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Standings

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

### Statistics

Three-Point Percentage	Pct
Craig Dawson, WFU	.522
Terrell McIntyre, Clem.	.500
Juan Dixon, Md.	.500
Adam Harrington, N.C. State	.500
Trajan Langdon, Duke	.442
Adrian Crawford, FSU	.435

### Free Throw Percentage

	Pct
UVa.	.771
Duke	.768
UNC	.727
WFU	.640
N.C. State	.639

### Scoring Defense

	Avg
Md.	50.3
Clem.	50.7
N.C. State	53.7
UNC	55.9
WFU	59.9

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### Standings

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

### Statistics

3-Pt Field Goals per Game	Pg
WFU	5.7
Duke	5.1
UVa.	4.8
N.C. State	4.0
Ga. Tech	3.8

### 3-Pt Field Goal Percentage

	Pct.
Clem.	.400
WFU	.340
Duke	.330
N.C. State	.328
Ga. Tech	.322

### Rebounds

	Avg
Brooke Wycoff, FSU	10.8
Summer Erb, N.C. State	10.0
Regina Tate, Ga. Tech	9.4
DeMye Walker, UVa.	8.8
Olivia Dardy, WFU	8.3

## FOOTBALL

### Standings

	ACC	Overall
FSU	7 1	11 1
Ga. Tech	7 1	9 2
UVa.	6 2	9 2
N.C. State	5 3	7 4
UNC	5 3	6 5
Duke	2 6	4 7
WFU	2 6	3 8
Clem.	1 7	3 8
Md.	1 7	3 8

### Receiving Leaders

	Rec/gm
Torry Holt, N.C. State	8.0
Jamie Deese, WFU	6.2
Desmond Clark, WFU	5.9
S. Montgomery, Duke	5.5

### Receiving Yards

	Yds/gm
Torry Holt, N.C. State	145.8
Peter Warrick, FSU	102.7
Dex White, Ga. Tech	89.7
Desmond Clark, WFU	86.6

### Punting Leaders

	Avg
Brian Schmitz, UNC	44.8
Tripp Moore, WFU	42.9

## THIS WEEK

**Dec. 3**  
Men's basketball at Maryland, 8 p.m.

**Dec. 4**  
Women's Basketball vs. Virginia, 7:30 p.m.

# Kraus

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Kraus had previously defeated three of the top 10 finishers, including national champion Katie McGregor of Michigan. A disappointed Kraus realized her error. "I was so intent on going out fast that I went out too fast," Kraus said. "After a mile or so, I had nothing left." Misfortune also stuck Deacon runner Becky Pollock. The squad's fourth runner was pushed down a hill and sprained her ankle with one-half mile remaining. Had she maintained her position and completed the race, the Deacons could have placed considerably higher in the standings. Goodridge also pointed out that with more than 225 runners it makes the race more difficult as the runners get jammed together. The Deacs' did accomplish another goal, though, in defeating arch rival N.C. State. State had defeated the Deacons twice this season, including in the ACC Championships. "We can take some solace in the fact that we finished as the top ACC team," Goodridge said. The Deacons departed from Lawrence with several things other than their 15th place finish: experience and confidence. "I think the biggest positive we can take out of the meet is we know where we could have been," Kraus said. "If things would have gone our way, we would have been up with the best of them." The Deacs will return most of this year's squad and hope to build for next year.