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Men's soccer earns its highest national ranking

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The men's soccer team validated their all-time high No. 4 ranking with a decisive performance in their 5-1 win over Charleston Southern Oct. 26. In earlier action the Deacons had come away with their biggest win of the season, defeating the seventh-ranked Maryland Terrapins in Maryland Oct. 23.

The Deacon team could have been suffering from over-confidence or fatigue as they opened up the game sluggishly. They were resting many regulars in preparation for their Oct. 30 game against Chapel Hill, and their normal fluid style was missing for much of the night, though based on the end of the game, one could easily make the argument that they could

have scored 10 or more goals.

The Deacons had their first chance in the fifth minute when sophomore Chris Lonteen took advantage of a defensive error and streaked toward the endline. He crossed to sophomore Jamal Seale who got only part of his boot on it and tap it over the crossbar. Five minutes later sophomore Matt Thompson's free kick from the left side was redirected toward goal by graduate student Kalle Siira, but Charleston Southern goalkeeper Rob Tilley tipped over to safety.

Charleston had its first opportunity five minutes later after senior defender David Kawesi-Mukooza fouled a Buccaneer attacker just outside the box. On the resulting kick, the wall knocked down the attempt, but the rebound fell invitingly to defender Richard Santana but

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his powerful shot was too high.

In the 34th minute, the deadlock was finally broken. A quick long ball from freshman Andy Rosenband put junior Jaron Barbee down the right side. Seale tapped his low cross in for his fourth goal of the year. Two minutes later, Rosenband himself had a chance to increase the difference when a long ball sent him through one-on-one with the keeper. However, the diminutive freshman's well-struck shot was pushed off the post by Tilley, who then grabbed the rebound

ahead of Barbee.

The game remained 1-0 until the end of the half, but the best was yet to come from the Deacons. In the 57th minute Rosenband was again involved when a long throw from the right side fell in the box and was eventually knocked out to Rosenband. His early wide ball went to Matt Thompson who in one motion brought down the pass with his chest, and before it hit the ground knocked it across the goal, but freshman Bobby Gehring's header went to the keeper.

Rosenband finally broke through in the 65th minute to give the Deacs a little breathing room. A long ball from junior Brock Hilpert was lofted into the box, and Tilley was slow to react. Rosenband was not, however, and hit the ball into the far netting for his first career goal.

The Bucs were able to fight back seven minutes later when defender Bill Ayodo crossed the ball to Erkki Palokangas, who reduced the arrears with his flicked header past senior Sean Conner. For a couple of minutes, the pressure continued from Charleston Southern, but the Deacons were able to handle the pressure and look for their own opportunities.

The Deacons showed a sign of things to come when Gehring beat the offside trap three minutes later. His ball to Lonteen was pushed a little too hard and was gathered by the keeper. Three minutes later Gehring was able to beat Charleston Southern's defense to put the killer

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Football team trounces UAB 47-3

The Deacs silenced critics with a decisive victory over UAB while setting a few individual records.

By Sean Blue
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An all-around team effort from the Demon Deacon football team led to a big Homecoming win against Alabama-Birmingham Oct. 23.

The Deacons asserted themselves offensively and defensively en route to a 43-7 victory over the Blazers while making a little history.

Senior Ben Sankey led the offense, becoming only the second quarterback in Demon Deacon history to run for more than 100 yards in a game.

Sankey finished the game with 108 yards rushing and one touchdown on 12 carries and 132 yards passing and one touchdown on a nine of 16 performance. Sankey accounted for 61 percent of the Deacons' total offense against the Blazers.

"Ben really played well," Head Coach Jim Caldwell said. "He read the option extremely well. He ran the ball well once they took away the pitch on us. He did a nice job of throwing the ball also."

The Deacs totaled 396 yards of total offense and gave up only 165 yards. The Deacs were able to hold UAB to only 27 yards rushing and 138 yards passing. The Deacs also forced UAB to throw three interceptions and fumble the ball five times, one of which the Blazers lost.

The Deacons started their offensive attack early, scoring 24 points on the first quarter. UAB played to stop the Deacon running game, but the Deacs came out throwing the ball and took advantage of the man-to-man coverage on their receivers.

The Deacons took possession of the ball for the first time in the game with good field position.

Sophomore Ed Kargbookorogie blocked a UAB punt, which netted only seven yards. Senior Matthew Burdick began the scoring for the Deacs in their first offensive series with a 41-yard field goal. The Dea-

cons scored three minutes later on their second offensive series.

Sophomore Tehran Carpenter intercepted a UAB pass and returned it to the Blazer 4-yard line. Senior Morgan Kane ran the ball into the end zone to give the Deacs a 10-0 lead with over nine minutes remaining in the first quarter.

In their next series the Deacs got good field position when senior Reggie Austin returned a punt 14 yards to the UAB 40-yard line.

The Deacons took four plays to go 40 yards and capped the scoring drive with a 29-yard pass from Sankey to senior Jammie Deese.

Sankey judged the pass perfectly and hit Deese in stride down the sideline and into the left corner of the endzone.

Deese finished the game with five receptions for 89 yards and one touchdown.

The Deacs stopped the UAB offense for the third straight series and took over possession of the ball following a UAB punt at midfield.

The Deacs drove 49 yards on four plays to score for the fourth time in the first quarter. Kane broke a 39-yard touchdown run on second and 10 to give the Demon Deacs a 24-0 lead.

UAB finally responded at the end of the first quarter with a 21-yard field goal.

The Deacs failed to score on their fifth consecutive series when the Deacon drive stalled on the UAB 31-yard line and the Deacs turned the ball over on downs.

Burdick added three more points when he connected on a 26-yard field goal to give the Deacs a 27-3 lead.

Burdick's field goal was the only scoring in the second quarter. The kick also tied Burdick for the school record for career field goals at 37.

UAB put together an offensive drive based around three passes for a total of 54 yards but stalled at midfield and missed a 58-yard field goal to end the first half.

The Deacs began the second half with the ball and put a quick touchdown on the board. The Deacs moved the ball mainly through the air but sprinkled in a few rushes to keep UAB



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Senior Ben Sankey became only the second Deacon quarterback to rush for more than 100 yards in a game, mainly off this 64-yard scamper.

honest.

The drive culminated in a 1-yard touchdown run from Kane set up by a 31-yard pass from Sankey to Deese on the UAB 1-yard line.

The Deacs' only offensive blemish came in the third quarter when Rodregis Brooks intercepted a Sankey pass on the UAB 3-yard line to stop a Deacon drive. Austin took the ball right back 1:21 later.

Sankey broke a run for 64 yards in the beginning of the fourth quarter to the UAB 8-yard line. Sankey finished the drive three plays later with a 3-yard touchdown run to give the Deacs a 41-3 lead.

The Deacs did score two minutes

later when sophomore Tyler Ashe took his first career field goal attempt and hit a 23-yard field goal.

Ashe finished the Demon Deacon scoring onslaught with a 46-yard field goal with 2:03 remaining in the game.

"This is a good win for us, a very important one at this stage of the season," Caldwell said.

"Our team was really focused and played extremely well on both sides of the ball. Our defense was tough and really kept them down in the first half. Our offense was able to put the ball in the end zone. I think in terms of team effort this has to be one of our best. This was a good solid game for us."

Pass defense has big game against UAB

By Sean Blue
 Sports Editor

Lately, I have been giving the Demon Deacon secondary a lot of criticism for their pass coverage. I said they were playing too loose and giving up big plays in crucial situations.

It was refreshing last week to see the Deacon secondary make me look like an idiot with their performance against Alabama-Birmingham.

The Deacs held UAB to a mere 139 yards passing and a 34 percent completion percentage and had three interceptions.

After the first quarter the Blazers had attempted nine passes but had only seven yards to show for it. The second quarter saw the Blazer passing game pick up on one series, but the Deacs quickly stopped the drive and prevented a score.

The Blazers rattled off 54 yards on three passes but the Deacs stepped up, tightened their coverage and forced UAB to attempt a 58-yard field goal, which was wide right.

The third quarter only netted the Blazers only 23 yards passing and forced a change of quarterback in the final two minutes of the quarter.

The fourth quarter provided 54 yards of passing offense under the new quarterback, but the majority of which came from a 43-yard pass with less than two minutes remaining in the game.

The Deacon front line provided a strong pass rush, which netted three sacks and a ton of hurries. However, the Deacons have been consistent with their pass rush this season. The difference in the pass defense this game can be attributed to the secondary and their superb play.

The secondary's play was a major improvement over past games, but is made even more spectacular by the fact that senior DaLawn Parrish and sophomore Tehran Carpenter were injured.

Parrish did not play and Carpenter was injured early in the game. Parrish has been one of the Deacons' biggest threats in the secondary and led the team in tackles last season and was leading this season. Carpenter has been very consistent in the secondary this year playing in every game.

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Women's soccer splits ACC matches on road

By Jordan Webster
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The Demon Deacon women's soccer team split two low-scoring games in a road trip last weekend, falling to Maryland Oct. 22, and then rebounding to defeat Virginia in overtime Oct. 24.

The Deacons' road trip commenced with a bus ride to College Park, Md., where they battled the Maryland Terrapins. The Terps did not prove to be very good hosts, though, upsetting the Deacs by a score of 1-0 on the strength of a goal by Emily Janss. Janss took a pass from senior Lindsay Basalyga and put it past Deacon goalkeeper sophomore Erin Regan from nine yards out. The goal, which came with 20 minutes remaining in regulation, proved to be all that the home team would need.

Maryland held the edge in shots for the contest,

registering eight to the Deacons' seven. Apparently neither team could hit the goal, though, as only four saves were made in the game. Regan made two saves in the game, which equaled the total made by Maryland's tandem of keepers, Ali Wolff and Riki-Ann Serrins, who each made one.

Despite the loss, the Demon Deacons were able to gather themselves for a huge game against Virginia, which at the time pitted the 11th-ranked Deacons versus the ninth-ranked Cavaliers. This time the Deacons were on the other side of a 1-0 final, prevailing in overtime. After 98 scoreless minutes, freshman Joline Charlton broke the stalemate with the game-winner on a pass from sophomore Emily Taggart. Taggart led Charlton with a pass that she was able to chase down in time to bury behind Cavalier netminder Julie Harris.

Harris recorded five saves for Virginia, and her Deacon counterpart, Erin Regan, stopped seven

Cavalier shots. Virginia outshot the Deacons, 10-9.

Charlton's timely tally enabled the Deacs to salvage what could have been an otherwise disastrous weekend. In this week's Coaches Poll, the Deacons occupy the 12th spot, down one from last week. They are 11th in the Soccer America poll, which is the same spot that they occupied in the last poll.

The Deacons are now 11-4-0 on the season, and 4-2-0 in the ACC, but perennial powerhouse North Carolina still looms in the near future, as the Deacons will travel to Chapel Hill Oct. 31. UNC has a firm grasp on the top spot in the conference. Battling for the next several spots are the Deacons, as well as Virginia, Maryland and Clemson, with no clear favorite among them. With the season winding down, the struggle for titles in both the conference and the nation will be interesting.

Deac of the Week

Freshman Bobby Gehring played well in both games this past week to give the Demon Deacon men's soccer team to wins and help them improve to fourth in the nation.

Gehring had two goals and an assist in a 5-1 victory over Charleston Southern and scored the Deacons' only goal in regulation time in a 2-1 overtime victory against Maryland.

Gehring has accumulated 11 points this season off five goals and one assist.



Bobby Gehring