

Stop me if you've heard this one: Duke tops Deacs in ACCs

For the eighth consecutive year, the women's tennis team reaches the ACC finals only to fall to Duke.

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This is starting to get old, really old. The Demon Deacon and Duke women's tennis teams have met in eight straight ACC finals. Unfortunately for the Deacons, the Blue Devils have won eight straight conference championships, while Head Coach Brian Fleishman's team has eight straight second-place finishes, with the latest episode in the saga being a 4-1 Blue Devil victory April 22 in the 2001

ACC women's tennis Tournament in Orlando, Fla. "I should be used to it by now, but I am not. It is really frustrating," Jackie Houston, the Deacons' lone senior said. "Last year was our real shot, and this year was expected. It hurt a lot more last year. Right now they are the better team. Maybe they just have stronger recruits in this year. I think their freshmen are playing one and two and that is a little stronger than (our freshmen)." The Blue Devils, who defeated the Deacons 7-0 in the regular season, started the tournament final much like they did the match in Winston-Salem, as they took the doubles point and a 1-0 lead in doubles play. Amanda Johnson and Hillary Adams defeated junior

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Maren Haus and freshman Aimee Smith 8-5, and Kathy Sell and Katie Granson defeated Houston and freshman Elizabeth Proctor 8-3. Duke's Megan Miller defeated

Haus 6-3, 6-1, and Sell defeated Houston in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0. Granson defeated Proctor 6-1, 6-2 at number five to register the Blue Devils' fourth and final point. Junior Janet Bergman was the only bright spot on the day for the Deacons, as she smoked Johnson 6-0, 6-1. "We learned that we still have a lot more work to do before regionals and we are going to have to get a whole lot better to beat the Duke team that (Coach) Jamie Ashworth has created," Houston said. "But we are definitely still the second-place team in the ACC." Before falling to the Devils in the finals, the Deacons had little trouble with Clemson in the quarterfinals, winning 4-0 and faced only slightly more resistance in the

semifinals, taking down the Virginia Cavaliers 4-1. "At times we played really well and at times we did not," Houston said. "We did the very best we could with only having six players." In the victory over the Cavaliers on April 21, the Deacons took the doubles point and cruised in singles, as junior Bea Bielik, Bergman and Haus were all victorious. Bielik and Bergman cruised 8-3 and the duo of Haus and Smith were also victorious, winning 8-4. Bielik coasted in singles as well, winning 6-1, 6-1, Bergman won in straight sets 6-2, 6-2, and Haus closed out Christie Schweer 7-6, 6-3. The Deacons took the doubles point against the Tigers as well,

with Bielik and Bergman winning 8-0, and Haus and Smith also having little trouble, winning 8-1. Bielik, Bergman, and Houston won singles matches to secure the match. Bielik defeated Anna Savitskaya 6-1, 6-0, Bergman won 7-5, 6-2 over Christina Oldock and Houston also won in straight sets, defeating Anna Stigill 6-0, 6-2. Despite the loss, the Deacons should advance on to NCAA regional play with an at-large bid. Houston said the Deacons, who hosted a regional last year, are fairly certain that her team will not repeat the trick. "We probably won't get to host," Houston said. "We will definitely be shipped away, probably very far away."

Baseball

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and also scoring Athas when the third baseman let the throw get away from him, making the score 6-3 after four innings. Things turned around quickly, however, and the Deacons entered the bottom of the sixth inning trailing 7-6 after N.C. State scored four runs in the fifth and sixth. After a Ghutzman single, LeFaivre reached on a fielder's choice and Price walked, putting two men on base with one out and Athas at the plate. The junior's shot into the hole was fielded by the State shortstop, who then tried for the force at second but was off with the throw. The error moved all the runners up a base, including LeFaivre, who scored to tie the game at seven. Sullivan then drove in Price on an infield ground out that put the Deacs ahead for good, the second straight night Sullivan had driven in Price for the game winning run. The Deacs added two in the seventh and one in the eighth to provide the 11-7 final. Junior Ryan Lewis came in the sixth and pitched 1.1 innings of scoreless relief to notch the win. Bush pitched a scoreless eighth and ninth for his 11th save

of the year. Johnson had three hits on the day and Sullivan and Slavik each had two RBI, with Sullivan also scoring two runs. The final game of the series, back at Hooks Stadium, saw senior Scott Siemon pitch for only the second time since his return from a shoulder injury. Throwing on a pitch count, Siemon looked good, pitching 3.0 innings and allowing only one run on two hits. The return of Siemon, the team's No. 1 starter, looms large with the postseason nearing. The first half of the contest was extremely tight, with the Deacons taking a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the fifth on senior Carlos Brackley's solo homer. Sullivan had started things off for the Deacs with a homer in the first, his fourth leadoff home run of the year. In the sixth, the Deacons stopped playing around and busted the game wide open. The scoring began when Brackley ripped a grand slam, his second home run of the day and 10th of the season, making the score 6-1. After Athas and Sullivan reached base, sophomore Nick Blue hit his first career home run, although he did it a little differently than Brackley. Blue hit a fly ball to left center, but the Pack left-and centerfielders collided and the ball rolled to the wall, allowing Blue to round the bases and score. The Deacons notched

two more before the inning ended on RBI singles by Price and Hansen. Freshman Kyle Sleeth came on in the fourth for Siemon and pitched very well, picking up his team-leading eighth win of the season by throwing 5.0 innings and allowing only one unearned run on six hits. The sweep, the Deacs' first ever over the Pack, was extremely important as it brought their record to 14-7 in the ACC as they jockey with Clemson (10-5) for second place in the conference. The Deacs only have a series against cellar-dweller Maryland left on their schedule, Clemson still has to face UNC, Virginia and N.C. State. While the Deacs were happy with a second straight successful weekend series, they had to be rather upset with a second straight letdown during the week following the series. After falling to High Point last week after their series against Georgia Tech, the Deacs repeated the feat with a 13-11 loss to Liberty April 23 at home. Freshman Danny Mackey got the start for the Deacs in only the second appearance of his career, and the Flames greeted him rather rudely. Mackey lasted only 0.1 innings and allowed three runs, two of them earned, as the Flames jumped out to a 3-0 lead after one. The Deacons tied the game with three

runs in the second, but Lewis, pitching in relief for Mackey, allowed another three runs in the third to give the Flames a 6-3 lead after three. Despite scoring one run in each of the third, fourth and fifth innings, the Deacs found themselves down 13-6 entering the sixth inning, as junior Brad Comer allowed four runs in the fourth and three runs in the fifth. But things started to come around for the Deacons. Sophomore Ben Elbe relieved Comer, and pitched 3.1 shutout innings, allowing two hits, before yielding to Bush, who pitched a perfect ninth. With Elbe and Bush extinguishing the Flames' bats, the Deacon hitters chipped away at the Liberty lead. Two runs in the sixth, one in the seventh and one in the eighth brought the Deacons within three entering the ninth, 13-10. With two outs, Athas reached on a fielding error and advanced to second on Sullivan's single. Aquilante then singled, scoring Athas and moving Sullivan to third. This brought Slavik to the plate representing the winning run. For a moment it looked as if the senior had managed to bring the Deacs all the way back as he belted a ball deep to right field, but his shot was pulled in at the warning track to preserve a 13-11 Liberty victory. The Deacons then took on the UNC-

Charlotte Forty-Niners in a double header on April 25. The story in the opener of the two game set was the Forty-Niner pitching. Pitchers John Maine and Matt Johnson combined to smother the Deacs like they were a dog on fire, blanking the mighty Deacon bats in a 1-0 Charlotte win. The only run of the game came in the fifth inning. Eric Shanks earned a one out walk, and Nick Blackmon singled to left to drive him in, providing what astoundingly would prove to be the only offense the Niners would need to snatch the game from the 23rd ranked Demon Deacons. The nightcap of the doubleheader was a much different story. The Deacons came out like a team that had just been shut out should: ticked off and ready to beat some balls like they were drunks in a bar. In the first inning, Sullivan reached and eventually scored on a Slavik single. Slavik then scored on a single by Johnson. Ghutzman then finished off the inning with a three-run blast over the right field wall. When the dust settled, the Deacons were up 5-0 after one. The Deacs poured it on, scoring six runs in the second to make it 11-0 before cruising to the 11-7 victory. Next up, the Deacons finish out the ACC regular season April 27-29 at Maryland.



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