

# Freshman Young to lead Deacs against Virginia

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The Demon Deacon football team is still looking for its first win of the season as it prepares to face the Cavaliers of Virginia during Parent's Weekend Oct. 30.

Finding this win will not be an easy task for the Deacs, however. Virginia is currently fourth in the ACC and boasts one of the top offenses in the nation, averaging 406.5 yards and 3.25 touchdowns per game. Along with having the 25th-ranked passing offense in the nation the Cavs also boast the second-best rushing offense in the ACC.

The Cavaliers are led by quarterback Dan Ellis and running back Antwoine Womack. Womack is averaging 4.8 yards per rush and 83.2 yards per game. Ellis is ranked 14th in the nation in total offense, averaging 266.8 yards per game. The Cavs also have a solid receiver in Billy McMullen, who is averaging 86.8 yards and five receptions per game, good enough to be ranked 26th in the nation.

If this is not enough trouble for the Deacs, the Cavaliers also have three of the top 10 tacklers in the ACC, including the leader in Byron Thweatt. Virginia is third in the ACC in passing defense, but is susceptible to the run, giving up almost 195.2 yards per game.

The Deacs however, rank near the bottom in almost all offensive categories. The most telling statistic is the fact that the Deacs have the lowest offensive yards-per-game average in the nation, more than 30 yards behind North Texas. The Deacs will also have to deal

with the loss of sophomore C.J. Leak, the starting quarterback for the first three games of the season. Freshman Anthony Young will replace Leak at the quarterback position. This will most likely force the Deacs to run a little more than they would like. However, a struggling Virginia rushing defense could aid the Deacs as they attempt to get Young some experience leading the team.

Things may not be any brighter for the Deacs on the defensive side of the ball. They have the worst rushing defense in the ACC, giving up 237.3 yards per game. The Deacs are a little stronger against the pass holding teams to 205.3 yards per game. Adding to these problems is the Deacons' tendency to yield big plays.

For the Deacs to find their first victory of the season they will first need to find a way to shut down Virginia's offense. This will not be an easy task as the Cavaliers' offense is not based around any one player but is a total team effort.

This will force the Deacon defense to play its best game of the year and force Virginia to grind out the yardage in small chunks. If the defense can prevent the big plays it should be able to force more punts and turnovers.

Offensively the Deacs will need to establish a running game early to take the heat off Young. If the Deacs can do this, Young should have the chance to get comfortable at the quarterback position and slowly establish a passing game. The Deacs will also need the offensive line to play similar to the way it did last week against Clemson and keep the defense out of the backfield.

# Men's CC places 10th

By Katie Rigsby  
Contributing Reporter

The Deacon mens' cross country team traveled to the Twin Cities in Minnesota Sept. 23 to compete in the Roy Griak Invitational, hosted by the University of Minnesota. Although two of the Deacs' top runners sat out of the meet due to injury and sickness, the team still managed to place 10th out of 31 teams.

The meet is the third-largest meet in the country, falling only behind the NCAA championship and the pre-NCAA meet. The participants in the meet were schools from all over the country, not just in the ACC. Other competitive ACC teams such as Duke and N.C. State opted to run a faster course at the Greater American Cross Country Festival in Charlotte instead of the Griak Invitational.

Junior transfer Ted Devos finished first for the Deacs. Junior Chris Estwanik ran thirty seconds faster than his previous meets to help cover the absence of juniors Micheal Altieri and Jimmy Butler. Altieri is recovering from an injury, while Butler is recuperating from an illness caught this week.

"Everybody really stepped it up to fill their shoes. We went in a little short-handed, but everyone ran well," Head Coach Gary Sievers said.

"The team could have moved

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Head Coach

up if we had those boys. We were behind the number nine team, Eastern Michigan, by only four points."

Devos placed 32nd in the meet, with a time of 25:06 in the 8,000-meter run. Providence College captured first place in the meet. The Deacons however, outran host school Minnesota as well as other ranked schools such as Missouri and Arizona. The Deacons are currently ranked 29th in the country, but should move up after beating several higher-ranked teams.

The results in Minnesota have the Deacons optimistic about the remainder of the season.

"It will be a battle between us and Duke for the second-place spot in the ACC," Sievers said. "Right now, their times look better because they have been running faster courses."

The Deacons take on the Blue Devils Oct. 14.

The Deacons send their "B"

team to Greensboro Sept. 30 to compete in the Greensboro Invitational. The next big meet for the entire team is Oct. 14, when the team travels to Ames, Iowa for the pre-National meet, a preview for the Nov. 11 national championship meet. In Iowa, the Deacs will face the other top teams in the ACC for the first time in the 2000 season.

Last year, N.C. State placed third overall in the meet in Bloomington, Ind., placing five runners in the top 50, and also won the ACC meet.

Last season the Deacs placed third in the conference in the NCAA National Championships behind the Wolfpack and the Duke Blue Devils, respectively. N.C. State still looks strong, despite losing three top runners, and is expected to win the conference once again.

They took second place in the Great American Cross Country Festival Sept. 23, with David Patterson placing fifth with a time of 24:23 on the eight kilometer course.

After their first large meet, Sievers outlook for the season remains optimistic.

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## Wake Forest Demon Deacons



Head Coach: Jim Caldwell  
Record: 0-3 (0-2 ACC)  
Returning Starters: 4

### Offense

Formation: Multiple  
Players to Watch: QB Anthony Young, RB Jamie Scott, WR Ira Williams, WR/KR John Stone

### Defense

Formation: Multiple  
Players to Watch: DE Bryan Ray, LB Nick Bender, LB Marquis Hopkins, CB Adrian Duncan

## Virginia Cavaliers



Head Coach: George Welsh  
Current Record: 2-2 (1-1 ACC)  
Returning Starters: 12

### Offense

Formation: Multiple I  
Players to Watch: QB Dan Ellis, RB Antwoine Womack, WR Kevin Coffey, WR Billy McCullen

### Defense

Formation: 4-3  
Players to Watch: DT Monsanto Pope, LB Byron Threatt, LB Yubrenal Isabelle, S Jerton Evans

Series History: Virginia leads, 30-11-0  
Last Meeting: Virginia 35, Wake Forest 7 (9/18/99)

# Pressbox

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quarter, he also raced to the star, slamming the ball on the star, and giving the 49er bench his best not-in-my-house look. Throughout his career, Smith has been a model of professionalism, so we'll let him slide here. I can't blame him for wanting to send a message. Sadly, it fell on deaf ears.

But neither the exhortations of Smith, nor God, for all we know, prevented Owens from escalating the situation to near-riot proportions. Because after scoring his second touchdown, Owens once again proceeded to hustle to mid-field, depositing the ball on the star as Smith had done earlier.

But this time, Dallas safety George Teague made a beeline for Owens and blindsided him in mid-immaturity. A minor melee ensued, for which Owens was penalized and Teague was ejected.

There are several angles from which to approach this fiasco. One is to place blame on the officials, who should have thrown a flag after Owens' first exhibition. More than likely, it would have squelched any further problems. There is no doubt that both Owens and Smith should have been penalized for each of their celebrations.

But most of the blame falls to the players, specifically Owens. Contrary to Owens' belief, catching a touchdown pass is not grounds for coronation. Torry Holt, Isaac Bruce and Jimmy Smith all caught two last weekend, just like Owens. Curtis Martin was on both ends of a touchdown, catching one and throwing for another. None of them felt that their exploits warranted such child-like, unprofessional behavior.

Owens should have kept an eye on fellow receiver Keyshawn Johnson, who may miss time this week after having his foot surgically removed from his mouth.

The Jets made their former teammate eat his self-glorifying words with their defeat of Johnson's new and previously undefeated team, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Johnson had chosen to rip his former team and former teammate Wayne Chrebet earlier in the week, commenting that the Jets missed him dearly, and that Chrebet was merely a "flashlight" to Johnson's "star".

But this flashlight shone when it meant most, grabbing the game-winning touchdown pass in the Jets' come-from-behind victory. The star? Barely a twinkle was seen from Keyshawn, who caught just one pass.

Owens will also be enjoying some humble pie this week, albeit force-fed, as the 49ers have suspended him for one game for "conduct detrimental to the team."

Owens still believes that he has done nothing wrong. He was unremorseful following the game, explaining that he plays on emotion and that he wanted to give his team a lift. Owens even claimed that he was praying during his midfield antics.

But if you believe that, you're as stupid as he is. Owens' actions were entirely premeditated. He never paused following his first touchdown, immediately reversing direction and bolting for midfield and the glory that he felt he so deserved. And he's even proclaimed that he'd do it again.

Here's hoping that a week's pay will encourage him to reconsider.

Give credit the San Francisco organization, which knew enough to punish Owens for a display that no doubt made ownership embarrassed to sign Owens' check.

Which brings me to my final point. The 49ers shell out obscene amounts of money to him to catch touchdowns. He's supposed to catch touchdowns. That's his job.

It would have been refreshing to hear Terrell offer an apology following the game, accept responsibility for his actions, and acknowledge that he was out of line.

They say that you're to act like you've been there before, and show that you plan to return.

Yet another message to Terrell (from me, not God): you're paid like a professional. Act like one. Let me love sports.

# Field hockey

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"Even with a three, four or five-goal lead on Maryland you don't get comfortable," Averill said. "The last four or five minutes of that game I was coaching my brains out."

After the win, the Deacs jumped to third in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association poll and garnered 14 first place votes, more than any other team.

Despite losing to the Deacs, the Terrapins held

onto their top spot.

"Rankings to us really don't mean a lot. We don't have a chip on our shoulder about the rankings or anything like that," Shelton said.

"It doesn't matter to us if we are two, eight, 16, or 25 as long as we win games."

The Deacons will get two chances to solidify their spot in the polls with back-to-back games against fifth-ranked ACC rival North Carolina Sept. 30 and 13th-ranked William and Mary Oct. 1.

"It is a hard schedule and we are looking forward to it. Carolina is coming after us," Averill said.

"I think they lost five games last year and three of those were to Wake. They are going to be fired up and we saw that when we played them in the spring."

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