

DEACON NOTES

Diamond Deacons' fall season comes to a close

The Demon Deacon Baseball Team started the Gold and Black Series Oct. 17.

The series marks the end of the Diamond Deacs' fall practice. The team will showcase its talents on Oct. 19 for the boys from the big leagues on Scout Day. The series will finish with games on Oct. 20 and 21.

The Deacs are coming off an ACC championship season, their third in four years. While they lose such stalwarts from last year as Cory Sullivan, Corey Slavik, Scott Siemon and Jamie Athas, the Deacs do also have many big guns returning. Most prominent of these is senior closer Dave Bush, who, after being drafted by the Devil Rays in the third round of the amateur draft, turned down a chance at the Big Leagues to return for his final year of eligibility.

Also returning is co-National Freshman of the Year Jamie D'Antona, who started every game in his inaugural season and led the Deacs in home runs (17) and RBIs (77) last year.

All of the games in the Gold and Black Series are open to the public free of charge.

Young aggravates injury; status is day-to-day

Sophomore quarterback Anthony Young did further damage to a stress fracture of a bone in his left foot in the Demon Deacons' 42-35 victory over Duke Oct. 12 in Durham.

Young aggravated the injury, which is a small fracture of his fifth metatarsal, early in the Deacs' victory. Junior quarterback James MacPherson, who has been hobbled with an ankle injury, took the rest of the Deacons' snaps in the game.

Fortunately for Young and the Demon Deacons, an open date comes up this weekend, so Young will have the benefit of two weeks of rest before the Deacs host Clemson on Oct. 27. The team has not ruled Young out of the tangle with the Tigers.

"Our plan is to keep him in a cast this week, put a bone stimulator on that and we'll re-evaluate him next week," team physician David Martin said in a statement released by the sports information department.

"We'll decide then if he can be ready for the Clemson game. With an open date this week, we'll be conservative with him and we'll keep him off it."

Young has started five of the Deacons' six games this season. As the Deacs' "running" quarterback, Young has only attempted 38 passes, completing 16 for 216 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions. He has rushed for 191 yards.

Behind MacPherson on the depth chart are a pair of freshmen quarterbacks, Cory Randolph and Nick Smith.

Scheduling change for Cincinnati matchup

The men's basketball team will host the Cincinnati Bearcats at Joel Coliseum on Feb. 9 at 12 p.m., an hour earlier than the originally scheduled 1 p.m. tipoff. The game will be televised on ABC.

SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 19
Volleyball vs. Georgia Tech, Reynolds Gym, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20
Volleyball vs. Clemson, Reynolds Gym, 7 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Florida State, Spry Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 21
Field Hockey vs. Virginia, Kentner Stadium, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 23
Men's Soccer vs. High Point, Spry Stadium, 5:30 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Charlotte, Spry Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 24
Men's Tennis at Fall Regionals, Chapel Hill

Deacs blow lead, finish second in 'Bama

Sophomore Bill Haas shoots par or better in all three rounds to take third place individually.

By Jordan Webster
Sports Editor

After outdistancing the field for the first two rounds of the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate, held Oct. 15-16 in Birmingham, Ala., building an eight-shot lead over the nearest figure in its rear view mirror, Head Coach Jerry Haas and his Demon Deacon golf team were poised to pull their foot off the accelerator and coast to victory.

Apparently the Deacons failed to heed the warning sketched in faint white lettering on the reflective piece: objects in the mirror could be closer than they appear.

The Deacons veered off course in the third round of the tournament, carding a 14-over par 298 on their final 18 holes to finish in second place behind Oklahoma State, which shot a one-over 285 in the final round, to overtake the Deacons and claim the team title. Despite the disappointing third-round, the finish did mark the third time in three events that the Demon Deacons have finished among the top three teams.

ACC rival Clemson was third, seven strokes behind the Demon Deacons.

The Deacs' final-round performance amounted to an abrupt change of direction from their first two rounds, of five-under and eight-under, respectively, both of which were played on Oct. 15.

Individually, sophomore Bill Haas led the Deacons, finishing in third with a six-under 207. Haas carded rounds of even par in the first and third rounds, which

sandwiched a sparkling six-under 65 in the second round.

Haas' second-round 65 had positioned him in first place entering the final round of the event, as he carried a two-stroke lead over three players in a tie for second into the last 18 holes.

His final-round 71 was not enough to hold off Clemson's D.J. Trahan and Oklahoma State's Hunter Mahan, who tied for medalist honors at eight-under, two shots ahead of Haas.

Three other Deacons finished in the top 20. Senior Jay Morgan and junior Brent Wanner tied for 13th place, shooting two-over 215 for the tournament. Morgan and Wanner were tied at the end of each round, as each carded a two-under 69 in the opening round, followed by even-par 71s in the second round. Morgan and Wanner each shot four-over 75 in the third round.

Junior Chad Wilfong shot three-over 216 for the event to finish in a tie for 18th, one stroke behind Morgan, Wanner and three others in 13th.

Wilfong carded a 70 and a 69 in his first two rounds and was tied for fifth entering the final round, but dropped 13 spots after shooting a six-over 77 on the final day of play.

Following the second round, all four Deacons - Haas, Morgan, Wanner and Wilfong - were in the top 10, and only Haas managed to hold on to a spot in the final results.

Junior Buck Williams shot 82-73-80 to close at 22-over 235, placing him in 55th overall.

The Deacons have several weeks off before heading to compete in their final fall tournament, the Long Cove Collegiate Invitational, at Hilton Head Island, S.C. on Nov. 9-11.

Deacons take down Monarchs, Wildcats

By Margaret McKenzie
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The friendly confines of Spry Stadium continued to be kind to the Demon Deacons this week. In the midst of an eight-game home stand the Deacs shut out Old Dominion 3-0 on Oct. 13 and on Oct. 17 came from behind in the final 15 minutes of the second half to defeat Davidson 2-1.

In the Deacons' defeat of Old Dominion, sophomore midfielder Brian Carroll scored the first of his two goals early, giving the Deacs the momentum for the entire game.

The Old Dominion defense failed to clear the ball out of the box after a corner and sophomore forward Jeremiah White took a shot for the Deacs at the 27-minute mark that was saved by ODU keeper Chad Calderone. Junior midfielder Aaron Thomas gathered the ball off the save and fed a pass to Carroll. Carroll capitalized on the opportunity from 25 yards out and put the Deacons on top for good.

The Deacs took the 1-0 lead into halftime, but midway through the second half struck again.

White added another goal with just over 15 minutes left in the game. It was White's ninth goal of the season, and came off an assist from freshman forward Scott Sealy.

Carroll added the final bit of insurance when he scored his third goal of the season two minutes later. Freshman defender James Riley was given credit for the assist.

Sophomore goalkeeper William Hesmer made three saves in the Deacons' defensive effort to record his fourth shut out of the season. The defense for the Deacs has been strong of late, holding their opponents to only two goals in the past four games.

The Deacons continued the defensive intensity in their Oct. 17 contest against in-state rival Davidson. Sophomore Wiggy Saunders, Thomas, senior Bobby Gehring and sophomore Kevin Wickhart held a tight defensive line against an exceptionally physical team, holding Davidson scoreless in the first half.

Despite maintaining possession for the majority of the first half, the Deacons were also unable to score before halftime due to several spectacular defensive saves by Wildcat goalkeeper Bart Creasman.

The second half opened with an aggressive, motivated Davidson quickly attacking the goal. The Deacons were flat for the first 10 minutes, and Davidson seized the opportunity to jump ahead at the 38-minute mark.

Chris Norbet slipped past the final line of the Demon Deacon defense and shot past Hesmer, who was forced to come out of goal to defend. It appeared that the Wildcats were offside, but no call was made and the goal stood.

Inspired by the Davidson goal, the Deacons stepped up their level of play for the remainder of the game. Passing more efficiently, the Deacons regained the momentum and tied the game with about 14 minutes left in regulation.

The ball was crossed from the left to White in the box. White found Riley, who immediately returned the ball to White. White's ensuing goal from two yards out was his 10th of the season, which leads the ACC.



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TOP: Sophomore forward Jeremiah White bears down on Old Dominion goalkeeper Chad Calderone in the second half of the Deacons' 3-0 victory over the Monarchs on Oct. 13 at Spry Stadium. White would score his ninth goal of the season on the play. The Lansdowne, Penn. native added a goal against Davidson on Oct. 17, giving him 10 on the season and putting him at the top of the ACC scoring race. **RIGHT:** Freshman forward Stephen Keel races a Old Dominion defender for possession of the ball. White, Keel and the Deacons have five days off until their next match, a home game against High Point at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 23. A women's game against UNC-Charlotte will make up the second half of a doubleheader.



The Deacons took the lead for good with approximately seven minutes left. White gained control of the ball with his back to the goal. After the defense collapsed on him, White found sophomore midfielder Vincente Bastidas to his right who converted for his first goal of the season.

Feeling a sense of urgency, Davidson pressed the ball down field. The resulting offensive attack, however, was flustered and unorganized at best. The Deacs defense remained strong, fending off the onslaught of shots to record the Demon Deacons' ninth win of the season and their sixth at home.

Up next for the Deacons is a home matchup with nearby High Point, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 23. It will precede a women's game against UNC-Charlotte at 7:30 p.m.

Demon Deacons trip up Furman, fall to FSU

By Vanessa St. Gerard
Old Gold and Black Reporter

After a tough loss to Florida State on Oct. 14, the Demon Deacon volleyball team swept Furman on Oct. 16 in the first of a three-match home stay.

The win boosts the Deacon record to 11-7.

The Deacs defeated the Paladins in three games, 30-23, 30-20 and 30-25.

It was a complete team effort on the court with senior outside hitter Trina Maso de Moya leading the team with double figures. She recorded 12 kills and 13 digs.

Senior middle blocker Margaret Davidson posted nine kills and sophomore middle blocker Jessica Hauff tallied nine kills and 10 digs for the Deacs.

The Demon Deacons held Furman to a .186 hitting percentage while producing a .383 hitting percentage of their own.

Head coach Valorie Baker was pleased with the win and feels it should give the team the confidence needed for the upcoming ACC home matches this

weekend.

"We were definitely pleased with the win," Baker said. "As a result of this, the girls should feel confident going into the weekend."

This weekend the Deacs begin the second half of the ACC season, hosting the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets and the Clemson Tigers on Oct. 19 and 20. In their first meeting, the Demon Deacons fell to the Yellow Jackets in a 1-3 loss, and defeated the Tigers 3-2.

This time around, the Demon Deacon volleyball team is ready to take on its ACC rivals on the comfort of its home court.

"It's looking really good," Baker said. "The team is definitely ready to play at home. All but two of the conference matches will be at Reynolds Gym through the end of the season, so that will be to our advantage."

With the loss to Florida State last week, the Deacs fell to 4-4 in the conference, giving them a fourth place ranking in the ACC.

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scoring 31-29, 30-22 and 30-25.

The Demon Deacons were held to a .316 hitting percentage while the Seminoles hit .437 as a team. Florida State outblocked the Deacs 11-5.

"Florida State played a good game and Wake Forest didn't get the job done," Baker said.

"We didn't play defense. We didn't block at the level to compete in this match and therefore we didn't have the opportunity to generate offense."

Maso de Moya was held to 16 kills and

seven digs, while Davidson registered seven kills of her own.

Junior setter Ashlee Phillips posted 43 assists to lead the Demon Deacon offense.

Hauff stepped up to contribute eight kills and four digs and freshman middle blocker Kim Stern tallied nine kills as well.

"Individually, Trina (Maso de Moya) played well defensively and freshman Kim Stern did a nice job on our right side," Baker added.

The Georgia Tech and Clemson matchups are slated to begin at 7 p.m. in Reynolds Gymnasium.

The Yellow Jackets are 6-2 in the conference while the Tigers hold a mere 2-6 record in the ACC.

"We want to finish as strong as possible," Baker said.

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