

DEACON NOTES

No. 3 Deacons dump Cavaliers, Devils

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Quad of Deacons rolls through ITA first round

Four members of the Demon Deacon men's tennis team advanced to the round of 32 in the ITA Region II Championships Oct. 24 in Chapel Hill.

Senior Justin Kaufmann, junior Trent Brendon, sophomore Andrew Simpson and freshman Derrick Spice all prevailed over their opponents during the first round of the tournament.

Kaufmann took down East Carolina's Julien Crevelier 1-6, 6-2, 6-1. He was scheduled to take on Sander Koning from Clemson at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 25.

Brendon defeated Doug Ormsby of Appalachian State in straight sets 6-2, 6-4 while Simpson dispatched Old Dominion's Niklas Oskarrsson in straight sets 6-3, 6-1 and Spice survived a tough match against Florida State's Rodrigo Laub 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (3).

Brendon was scheduled to face Thomas Ibler of Hampton at 10 a.m. on Oct. 25, while Simpson was set to spar with Nathan Thompson of Clemson at 11:30 a.m. and Spice was supposed to play High Point's Robert Lindhe at 9 a.m.

Robbins, Deacs notch national honors

Sophomore defender A.B. Robbins was named to the *Soccer America* Team of the Week Oct. 23. Robbins commanded the stingy Demon Deacon defense in a tight home 1-0 loss to No. 14 Clemson Oct. 16 and an impressive 4-2 home victory over No. 19 Florida State Oct. 20. Robbins notched the game-tying and game-winning goals against the 'Noles.

In the Clemson game, Robbins and the Deacon defense held the high-powered Tigers scoreless for most of the game and were looking OT bound until the Tigers broke the 0-0 tie with under two minutes to go in regulation.

The game was a lost opportunity for the Deacons as they controlled the ball most of the contest, taking 18 shots but failing to convert on any.

Against the Seminoles, Robbins notched her first goal when freshman Alli Hunt's free kick went off the left post, sophomore Katherine Winstead headed the rebound to Robbins who headed it into the net to knot the score at 2-2.

The clincher for the Deacs came when Robbins slammed a free kick into the right corner of the target from just outside the FSU penalty area, putting the Deacs up 3-2.

Despite the earlier loss to Clemson, the Deacons jumped into the polls with the weeks' performance, climbing to 19th nationally in the *Soccer America* Poll.

Next up for the newly christened No. 19 Deacs is a date with Duke on Oct. 27 in Durham at 7 p.m.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, Oct. 25
Men's Tennis at Fall Regionals, Chapel Hill
Field Hockey vs. Davidson, Kentner Stadium, 7 p.m.
Women's Tennis at ITA South Regional, Indoor Tennis Center

Friday, Oct. 26
Men's Tennis at Fall Regionals, Chapel Hill
Women's Tennis at ITA South Regional, Indoor Tennis Center
Volleyball at N.C. State, Raleigh, 7 p.m.
Women's Golf at Lady Paladin Invitational, Greenville, S.C.

Saturday, Oct. 27
Men's Tennis at Fall Regionals, Chapel Hill
Women's Tennis at ITA South Regional, Indoor Tennis Center
Women's Golf at Lady Paladin Invitational, Greenville, S.C.
Football vs. Clemson, Groves Stadium, 12 p.m.
Men's Cross Country at ACC Championships, Clemson, S.C.
Women's Cross Country at ACC Championships, Clemson, S.C.
Men's Soccer vs. North Carolina, Spry Stadium, 1 p.m.
Volleyball at North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 6 p.m.
Women's Soccer at Duke, Durham, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28
Men's Tennis at Fall Regionals, Chapel Hill
Women's Tennis at ITA South Regional, Indoor Tennis Center
Women's Golf at Lady Paladin Invitational, Greenville, S.C.
Field Hockey vs. University of the Pacific, Kentner Stadium, 2 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 29
Women's Tennis at ITA South Regional, Indoor Tennis Center

Tuesday, Oct. 30
Volleyball vs. Maryland, Reynolds Gym, 6 p.m.

When you're the best team in the country, it is always difficult to sustain a level of superiority. And when you're part of the ACC, the best field hockey conference in the nation, every game becomes that much more difficult.

However, the Deacs handled the challenge with ease once again on Oct. 21 as they defeated a tough and potentially dangerous team in Virginia. With a dominating performance on a gorgeous Sunday afternoon the Deacs shut out the Cavaliers 3-0, extending their winning streak to seven games and improving their record to 10-3, 2-1 in the ACC. At this point of the season the Deacs clearly are riding on confidence, but in order to continue their winning ways they must find a way to maintain focus and discipline over the rest of the season.

"We must take it one game at a time. Right now our focus is Duke," sophomore back Lucy Shaw said. "After Duke it will be Davidson, then Pacific and then we have the ACC's which is the most exciting time of the year, so definitely our focus is there."

The focus was there against UVa. when Head Coach Jennifer Averill's team was once again the aggressor as they came out firing from the first whistle. The Deacs

were able to get on the scoreboard first as freshman forward Kelly Dostal found a rebound and hammered it into the back of the net at the 25:17 mark. Within two minutes of the first goal the quick striking Deacs found Virginia on its heels and scored again. This time Dostal took a feed from senior forward Jennie Shelton and put the Deacs up 2-0 at the half.

Earlier in the season Virginia made the headlines when they upset then top-ranked Maryland. The eighth-ranked Cavaliers came into Kentner Stadium with the hope of knocking off the Deacs and pulling off another big upset. However, the Deacs would not be unseated in their own stadium as they took care of business early putting an end to any Virginia threat.

Neither team was able to get much momentum going early in the second half. The tide continued to shift back and forth until the 12:09 mark when sophomore forward Kelly Doton took a pass from Shelton and slipped it into the corner of the net to put the Deacs on top 3-0.

With tremendous play from sophomore goalie Katie Ridd, the defense shut out the Cavaliers 3-0. This shutout marks the fifth of the season and the third over opponents ranked in the top 10.

"Our defense starts up front with (junior) Heather (Aughinbaugh) and

Shelty (senior Jennie Shelton) and everyone in the front lines," Shaw said. "If they play good defense up front, stopping the 2 vs 1s from coming through the middle than it makes our job much easier."

"Ridder (goaltender Katie Ridd) has been making great saves, and with the strong defense up front our job as defenders is a lot easier."

Granted, the success the team has obtained has not been a result of luck, but rather the product of hard work and dedication. In fact, the effort this team shows is one of the reasons freshman forward Kelly Dostal joined Averill's program.

"I just think this team is out to work hard, I saw them beat Maryland here and it was just great to see an underdog team beat a top-ranked team," Dostal said. "I knew this team had the potential to beat anyone."

Next up for the Deacs was another ACC contest against Duke, on the Blue Devils' turf. In a previous meeting the Deacs came out hot with three unanswered goals in the first five minutes of play. Even though Averill's team took the victory, the Blue Devils rallied back to make the game close in the closing seconds.

"This game is going to be a fight, it's going to be a tough game," Averill said before the game. "The team that has the first and second effort, has the bigger

mental edge and plays disciplined hockey is going to be the one that comes out on top."

Aside from being an important ACC match as far as seeding is concerned, the Deacs have new motivation for winning this game. The updated rankings were released on Oct. 22 and despite the Deacons' wins, the new polls dropped them to No. 3, behind Old Dominion and Maryland.

And, as Averill predicted, the game was a knock-down, drag-out battle.

The Deacs went up 2-0 quickly on goals by Shaw and Shelton, but would not be able to notch anything more in regulation. The Blue Devils tallied one goal before the half, pulling them within one at the break.

Then, the first 20 minutes of the second half featured great defense on both sides, with neither team being able to break the plane. But then Duke's Chrissy Murphy scored her second goal of the game by sweeping the ball from under Ridd, knotting the contest at two goals apiece, which is where it would stay at the end of regulation. Twelve minutes into overtime, it had appeared that the Blue Devils had managed the upset, as Duke's Kim Susko planted the ball into the back of the net and Duke rushed the field. But, the goal was called off and Doton scored two minutes later to take it for the Deacs 3-2.

Lonteen nets three in rout of High Point

By Margaret McKenzie
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It took the Demon Deacons a while to fall into their offensive groove against in-state opponent High Point on Oct. 23, but once the first goal hit the back of the net, the scoring wouldn't stop for the Deacs. Senior midfielder Christian Lonteen led the way for the Deacs with three goals and an assist, but almost every Deacon contributed to the 5-0 rout of the Panthers.

The Deacs did not score until just less than 20 minutes left in the first half. Quality opportunities had been abundant for the Deacons, but persistent High Point fouls and near misses resulted instead of goals. Junior defender Aaron Thomas brought the ball up the right side, sending a weak cross into the penalty box from the corner. Freshman starter James Riley directed the cross to the center of the box where Lonteen lased a shot into the left corner of the goal.

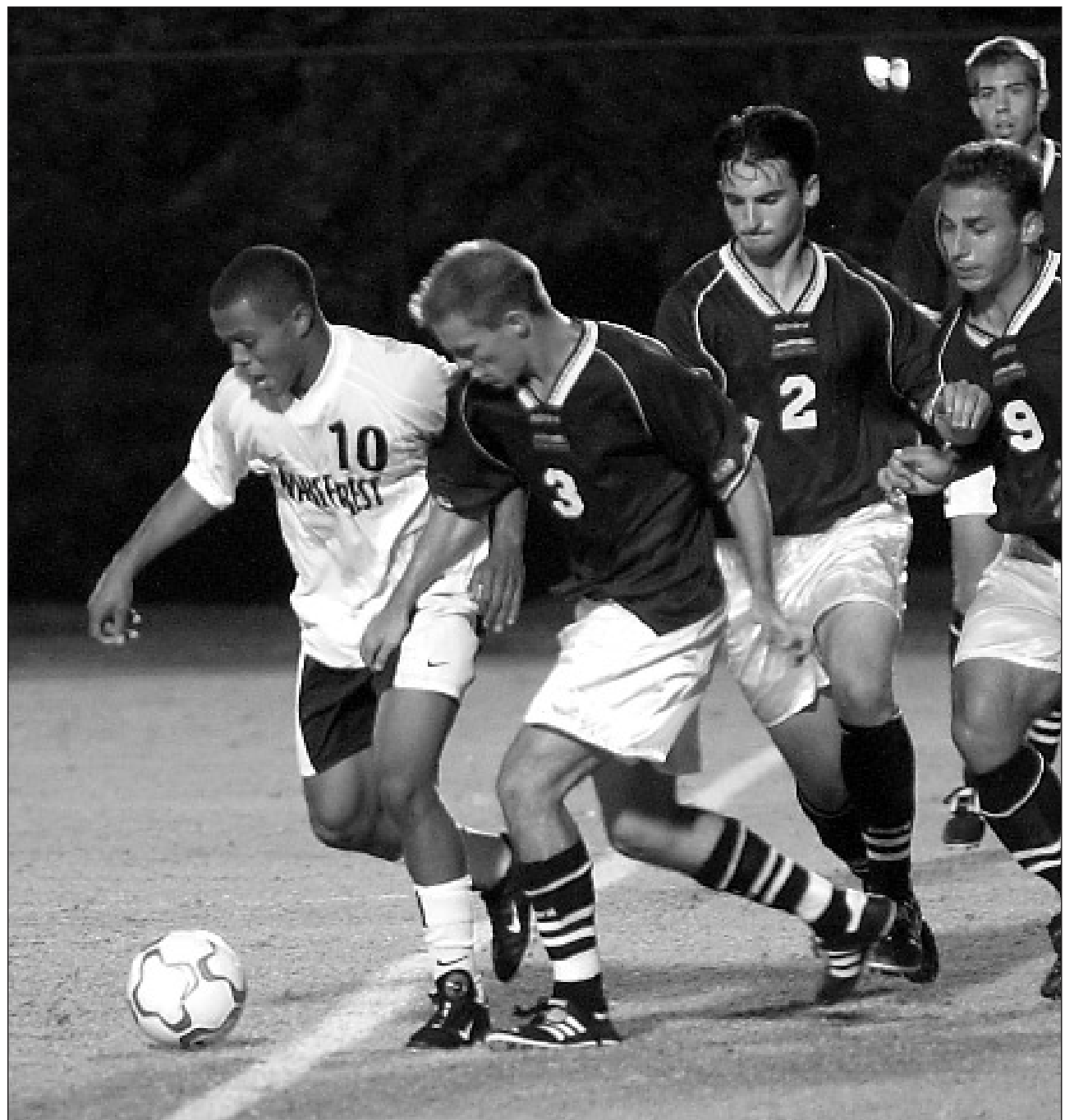
Lonteen struck again nine minutes later. Sophomore midfielder Brian Carroll crossed into the penalty area and a diving Lonteen managed to head the ball just past the outstretched hands of the High Point goalkeeper. The Deacs took the 2-0 advantage into the half.

Picking up where they had left off, the Deacons scored again four minutes into the second half. Lonteen dribbled through the defense in the center of the field before feeding the ball up field on his left to sophomore forward Jeremiah White. Slipping past the last line of defense, White recorded his 11th goal of the season, which leads the ACC.

Sophomore defender Kevin Wickart joined the list of scorers with 30 minutes left in regulation. A high ball was deflected to the 30-yard line after High Point failed to clear a penalty shot from just outside the box. Wickart gained control in the air and drilled the shot into the back of the net for his first goal of the season.

Lonteen finished his hat trick 10 minutes later. Carroll dribbled down field, eluding the Panthers' defenders, but the goalkeeper deflected his shot. Lonteen was perfectly positioned on the right side of the goal to gather the rebound and record his third goal of the game and his fifth of the season. Lonteen is only the second player in the history of Spry Stadium to record a hat trick. The first was teammate White, who scored three goals earlier this season against Richmond.

The Deacons outshot High Point 16-1 to extend their winning streak to six games and will face conference rival North Carolina on Oct. 27. The Deacs will be looking to continue the streak and the current level of defensive intensity.



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Sophomore forward Jeremiah White plays the Pied Piper as he leads four High Point players from the Deacon penalty area. White tallied his ACC-leading 11th goal of the season in the Deacons' 5-0 victory Oct. 24.

Demon Deacons split weekend homestand

By Vanessa St. Gerard
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The women's volleyball team suffered its eighth loss of the season against Georgia Tech on Oct. 19, but bounced back to defeat Clemson in a three-game sweep the following day.

The second half of the ACC season began for the Deacs as they hosted the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets and the Clemson Tigers Oct. 19 and 20. In their first match up against the Tigers on Sept. 18, the Deacons beat their opponents in a tight five-game match, 3-2. This time around though, the Deacs showed no remorse for the Clemson team, refusing to allow the Tigers to win a single game in the match.

The Demon Deacons dominated the first game, taking control early on to win it 30-21. In the second game, Clemson tallied key points off service aces dished out by junior Jessi Betcher, who ended up serving five aces for the night. But the Deacs fought back as senior outside hitter Trina Maso de Moya totaled five service aces as well, to help win the game

30-27. The Deacon team then took the third game 30-22 to seal the match that was topped off by a strong serve by freshman middle blocker Kim Stern.

"I was extremely pleased with the girls' play tonight," Head Coach Valorie Baker said. "They had the same intensity in back-to-back nights and this time we came out on top."

Senior middle blocker Margaret Davidson led all hitters with 12 kills. Davidson also recorded six blocks (two solo) and four digs. Maso de Moya and sophomore outside hitter Sara Beth DeLisle added 11 kills each for the Deacs. Maso de Moya also led the team in digs with 17, as well as with her five service aces.

Junior setter Ashlee Phillips led the Deacon offense with 40 assists, seven digs, six kills and three block assists.

"Ashlee Phillips did a nice job offensively, spreading our hits out," Baker added. "Margaret Davidson contributed key blocks at the net and freshman Kim Stern came in at the end and had a good block and a tough serve to finish the game."

This win improves the Deacons' record to 12-8 overall, and evens out their ACC record to 5-5, after suffering their fifth loss to the Yellow Jackets on Oct. 19.

The entire match was a great competition for both teams, with serves and kills playing a big factor in each game. The Jackets jumped out to a 2-0 lead before the Deacons won the third and fourth games to push the match to a five-game contest.

The Deacs lost the first two games rather quickly 23-30 and 20-30, despite the substitution of junior Amanda Tiller for DeLisle on the outside. Then in the third game, the Deacons clinched its first game of the match with a 32-30 victory, followed by a fourth-game win, 37-35, after key serves from Maso de Moya.

The momentum diminished in the fifth game for the Demon Deacons as Tech dominated, jumping out to a 12-3 lead. Tech hit .368 as a team in the final game of the match, while the Deacons were held to a .105 hitting percentage. The Deacs survived seven match points before succumbing to the Yellow Jackets on the eighth match point, losing the fifth game

6-15.

Phillips led the Deacon offense with 63 assists, nine digs and two service aces. Maso de Moya recorded 15 kills, a season high 33 digs, and three service aces for the Deacon team. Davidson registered 17 kills and five blocks, while sophomore right side hitter recorded nine digs and a season-high 15 kills.

"I was pleased with the way our girls played tonight. We played tough," Baker said. "It doesn't always fall the way we want it to but our girls competed tonight. If we keep playing this way, it will result in some more wins for us."

The Deacons hit the road for the last time during the regular season this weekend to face the highest- and lowest-ranked teams in the ACC. N.C. State awaits the Deacon volleyball team on Oct. 26, while North Carolina will host the Deacs on Oct. 27. The Wolfpack is a meager 1-9 record in the conference and lost to the Deacs in a three-game sweep on Sept. 29. Carolina holds the first place ranking in the ACC with their 9-1 conference record and defeated the Deacs 3-1, in their first match earlier this season.