

# DEACON NOTES

## Loewenthal named ACC Player of the Week

After a very successful week, junior tennis star David Loewenthal earned ACC Player of the Week honors. Loewenthal, a native of Franklin Lakes, N.J., went undefeated in singles and doubles in wins over No. 58 William & Mary and No. 50 Michigan.

In Wake Forest's 4-3 win over William & Mary, Loewenthal defeated the Tribe's Sean Kelleher 6-2, 6-2 in No. 1 singles, and teamed with Trent Brendon to defeat Kelleher and Stephen Ward 8-4.

Against Michigan, Loewenthal beat the Wolverines No. 1 singles player Michael Rubin 6-3, 6-4, and teamed again with Brendon to beat Rubin and Chris Rolf 8-5.

The Deacons swept Michigan, 7-0.

Loewenthal, who was named All-ACC as a sophomore, is now 24-8 in singles play on the year.

He has also posted a 15-8 record in doubles matches, a solid start that could land him on the All-ACC team again this spring.

Wake Forest is now ranked No. 23 in the nation and has some stiff competition in the coming weeks. They take on No. 19 Virginia Commonwealth on Feb. 14, and will face No. 11 Minnesota the next day.

## Broadcast schedule announced for baseball

Officials from Wake Forest and International Sports Properties announced the completed broadcasting schedule for Demon Deacon baseball games, which will allow Deacon fans nationwide to listen to 17 regular season games plus the postseason.

Listeners can tune into 98.1 FM or Wakeforestsports.com to listen to play by play of the action.

98.1 FM will broadcast 13 regular-season games plus all of the team's postseason games, while four additional games will exclusively be available through a Webcast.

All of the 17 games will be broadcast at Wakeforestsports.com.

Fans will hear the "voice of the Deacons" Stan Cotten and Carter Blackburn call the action for all or parts of seven series against ACC opponents. 98.1 FM WBRF is the flagship station for Wake Forest baseball, football, men's basketball and women's basketball.

The series at North Carolina, Florida State, Georgia Tech and home versus Clemson will be broadcast in entirety. This means that fans will be able to hear every pitch of these series, three games each. For a complete schedule of broadcasted games, go to Wakeforestsports.com.

## SCHEDULE

**Thursday, February 13**  
Men's Basketball vs. Duke,  
LJVM, 7 p.m.  
Women's Basketball at Maryland,  
College Park, Md., 7 p.m.

**Friday, February 14**  
Baseball vs. West Virginia,  
Hooks Stadium, 2:30 p.m.  
Men's Tennis at Virginia Commonwealth,  
Richmond, Va., 5 p.m.  
Women's Track and Field at Virginia Tech Challenge,  
Blacksburg, Va., All Day

**Saturday, February 15**  
Baseball vs. West Virginia,  
Hooks Stadium, 1 p.m.  
Women's Tennis at Tennessee,  
Knoxville, Tenn., 1 p.m.  
Men's Tennis vs. Minnesota,  
Richmond, Va., 2 p.m.  
Men's Track and Field at Virginia Tech Challenge,  
Blacksburg, Va., All Day

**Sunday, February 16**  
Baseball vs. West Virginia,  
Hooks Stadium, 1 p.m.  
Men's Basketball at Maryland,  
College Park, Md., 8 p.m.

**Monday, February 17**  
Women's Basketball vs. Duke  
LJVM, 7 p.m.  
Men's Golf at Mercedes-Benz Collegiate  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., All Day

**Tuesday, February 18**  
Men's Golf at Mercedes-Benz Collegiate  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., All Day

**Wednesday, February 19**  
Baseball at Davidson,  
N.C., 3 p.m.  
Women's Basketball vs. North Carolina A&T  
LJVM, 7 p.m.

# Football's future looks bright with new class

By Peter Bergman  
Old Gold and Black Reporter

By the time national signing day had come to an end in the college football world, 23 players from around the country had inked their commitment to play at Wake Forest. Signing players from Florida to Ohio, Coach Jim Grobe is very excited about the new recruits. "I think it is a real talented class," Grobe said, "We've got a lot of great players as well as a lot of great kids that will represent Wake Forest well on and off the field."

According to Grobe and the rest of the football staff, the emphasis of this recruiting process was a solid mix of players at every position, and for the most part the Deacons achieved this. "Most of all we wanted a balance and we didn't want to over do it," Grobe said. "I feel this is a fairly balanced class ... overall I feel we took care or our needs on both sides of the ball." Grobe did go on to say that the one thing his staff might have missed out on was another running back and a tall receiver.

Highlighting the recruiting class is Ohio quarterback Ben Mauk, who was Mr. Ohio in his senior season, the highest state honor awarded for football.

Mauk threw 179 touchdowns in his career, and set national records for career passing attempts, completions and yards.

The Deacon football staff had been recruiting Mauk for some time, not only for his abilities on the field. "He's very strong academically and there is not a better kid in America," Grobe said.

The Deacons were also very pleased with the signing of Winston-Salem's Carver High School offensive line product Matt Brim. At over 300 pounds, Brim was a key ingredient on his school's state championship team and was ranked among the top prep players in North Carolina.

Brim was part of the strong effort to

bolster the line on both sides of the ball, as the Deacs signed four offensive linemen. Most notable among them was Danville, Ky., star Brodie Overstreet, who was considered one of the state's top linemen.

Louis Frazier and Steve Justice rounded out the offensive linemen, both from the state of Florida.

On the defensive front, five players committed to the Deacs, including a trio of solid defensive linemen from the state of Georgia.

Jeromy Jones, Zachary Stukes and Matthew Robinson all come with great potential, Robinson having been listed among the nation's top defensive ends. Aaron McKenzie of Florida and Jyles Tucker of New Jersey were the other defensive line recruits. Tucker originally signed with Wake in 2002, but spent last year at Hargrave Military Academy.

While Wake did very well recruiting size and strength, the football staff is also very pleased with the speed players they attracted. Devin Blake of Florida and D'Angelo Bryant of South Carolina are extraordinary athletes that will line up in the secondary. To add depth to the running back position, Grobe and his staff also signed Micah Andrews of Georgia and Travo Woods of Florida, the former being the son of former NFL star William Andrews.

Kevin Marion of Florida is perhaps the most intriguing athlete to come to Wake Forest, as he was also a track star in high school.

He runs the 40-yard dash in 4.3 seconds, and holds the Florida state high school record in the long jump at over 25 feet, a record that had previously stood for 16 years. Marion will line up at wide receiver for the Deacs.

While the Deacons did very well outside of North Carolina, most notably in the states of Florida and Georgia, the football staff is also very pleased with their local players. In addition to the Matt Brim, the Deacs signed Delon Lowe and



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**Head Football Coach Jim Grobe collected signatures at the Feb. 5 press conference. It has been a productive off-season for Grobe, who was able to ink 23 new players for next year's squad.**

Kenneth Moore, two very sought-after high school players. Lowe is a 6-foot 4-inch wide receiver from Fayetteville, who combines speed (4.5 seconds in the 40-yard dash) with height and skill. Moore is a cornerback from Charlotte, who in high school used his athleticism to play many different positions, including wide receiver and running back.

Another player Wake Forest is very pleased to get is tight end Zac Selmon, who excels in the classroom every bit as much as on the football field. Selmon comes to Wake from Norman, Okla., and in addition to being on all of Oklahoma's top recruits list, he was named valedictorian in a class of over 500. Selmon represents the definition of student athlete, and will be a very welcome addition to

campus next year.

The Deacons finished the season with a 7-6 record and a win at the Seattle Bowl, and are looking to turn the corner next year from good team to great team. The Deacons are losing many solid senior players, including Fabian Davis and Calvin Pace, and will be thinnest at running back and defensive line. Grobe thinks this recruiting class could help immediately. "I think that if you looked at our needs next year, probably the defensive linemen have a chance to play," Grobe said. "We don't have a lot of depth (at running back), so there are a lot of guys that we are going to take a real hard look at, and some of those guys may have the chance to step in there right away."

# Women's tennis off to slow spring season start

By Alex Snyder  
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The women's tennis team encountered several stumbling blocks in this past weekend's trip to Madison, Wis. for the United States Tennis Association/ITA National Women's Team Indoor Championship. Touted as the premier indoor event in women's collegiate tennis, the Deacons recorded losses in all three matches played in the Nielsen Tennis Stadium at the University of Wisconsin.

The Deacs were ranked No. 13 at the beginning of the season, but entered tournament play ranked No. 28 in the nation after a Feb. 1 loss to Yale. The team drew a tough opening round draw against No. 3 Georgia. The Bulldogs boast four nationally ranked singles players, including the No. 1 singles player Agata Cioroch. The Deacons lost to Georgia 5-2, with victories coming from sophomores Katie Martzolf and Danielle Schwartz in singles play. Both girls proved their mental toughness as they came from behind to reach victory in their respective matches. After dropping the first set 2-6, Martzolf rallied to upset No. 35-ranked Anne Nguyen with 7-6 (3), 6-4 wins in the second and third sets. Martzolf is currently ranked No. 70 in singles competition by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Wake Forest's other win came from Schwartz in No. 3 singles over Lori Grey 2-6, 6-2, 10-7.

Georgia dominated in doubles play, sweeping all three

matches. The combination of sophomore Karin Coetzee and junior Aimee Smith fought hard at No. 1 doubles before falling 8-7 (5) to Cioroch and Grey of Georgia. Georgia, the tournament's defending champion, went on to lose 5-2 to the University of Southern California in the quarterfinals of the tournament.

As the Deacons moved to the consolation bracket, they faced No. 14 Northwestern. Coming off a 4-3 loss to USC in the previous match, Northwestern came out swinging against the Deacs. This match proved to be most overwhelming for the Deacons, who fell 6-1. The Wildcats soundly defeated the Deacs in the No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 singles matches, all of which were won in straight sets. Smith, playing in the No. 5 singles, recorded the only singles win for the team, defeating Ruth Barnes 6-1, 4-6, 7-5. Martzolf was one of few on the team who displayed consistent performance during the weekend. She and Schwartz again won the No. 2 doubles, 8-3, over Andrea Yung/Ruth Barnes of Northwestern.

The weekend in Wisconsin ended Feb. 9 for the Deacons with a tough 4-3 loss to No. 59 Tulsa. Martzolf and Schwartz again complemented one another's play nicely in No. 2 doubles, defeating Daniela Muscolino and Mariana Barrios of Tulsa 8-3. The duo finished the tournament with an overall record of 2-1 in doubles play. Martzolf continued to shine with a No. 3. singles victory over Donata Majauskaitė 6-2, 6-1.

Freshman Sandie Knight, from Adamstown, Australia,

recorded her first victory in collegiate play over Tulsa's Barrios. Knight, playing at No. 6 singles, defeated Barrios in three sets, winning 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-2. Other outstanding play came from Smith in No. 5 singles, who soundly beat Timberly Greenly 6-4, 6-2.

With the score tied at 3-3, the match came down to the No. 1 singles play between Tulsa's Alicia Pillay and Coetzee. Coetzee attempted to come back on Pillay after losing the first set, but eventually fell to Pillay's outstanding talent.

"This week was difficult," Coetzee said. "We did have chances to win more matches, especially the match against Tulsa. If we can use our opportunities to close out the matches, hopefully we can do better in the upcoming games."

Duke defeated Florida in the championship match of the USTA/ITA National Women's Team Indoor Championship in a rousing 4-3 finish. "It was rough going to National Indoors and taking three losses, but we are going to take those losses and learn from them, and start preparing for our upcoming matches," Schwartz said. "We play away at Tennessee this weekend, and then home against Minnesota and William & Mary next weekend. We're going to continue to work hard and hopefully turn around the season and bring home some wins."

The Demon Deacons will look to improve their performance as they continue season play Feb. 15 against No. 11 Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn.

# Basketball can't stop slide, loses two more games

By Margaret McKenzie  
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The Deacons played two quality halves of basketball over the past week, but unfortunately they were not in the

same game. The ACC woes continued for the Deacs as they lost close battles to Virginia and North Carolina, bringing their conference record to 1-10.

The Deacons hit the road Feb. 6, traveling to Charlottesville to face the Virginia

Cavaliers. Defeating the Cavs earlier in the season, the Deacs were hoping to repeat the victory away from the Joel.

The Deacons were eager as they entered Virginia, jumping out to an early 10-4 lead. Virginia, however, mounted a comeback and took a 23-21 lead with three minutes left in the half. Bianca Brown then recorded three of her eight points when she connected on a long-range three. The shot gave the Deacs a 24-23 advantage that they took into the locker room at the half.

But the tale of two halves began during the last 20 minutes of play. The Cavaliers grabbed the lead on a jumper from sophomore forward Brandi Teamer in the opening minutes of the second half. The basket gave the Cavs a lead they would not relinquish and helped Teamer on the way to her game-high 23 points. The Deacons stayed in the game, battling the Cavaliers every possession. Midway through the half, junior forward Eafon Hill hit a free throw to bring the Deacs within eight.

But on the ensuing possession senior guard Liz Sahin stepped up and hit a three as the Cavs slowly began to pull away. Sahin and junior Safiya Grant-Fairley capped off the Cavalier scoring with a final three-pointer and a couple layups to give Virginia the 64-44 victory. Listenbee lead the way for the Deacons with 11 points and 3 rebounds and Hill added seven points in the disappoint-

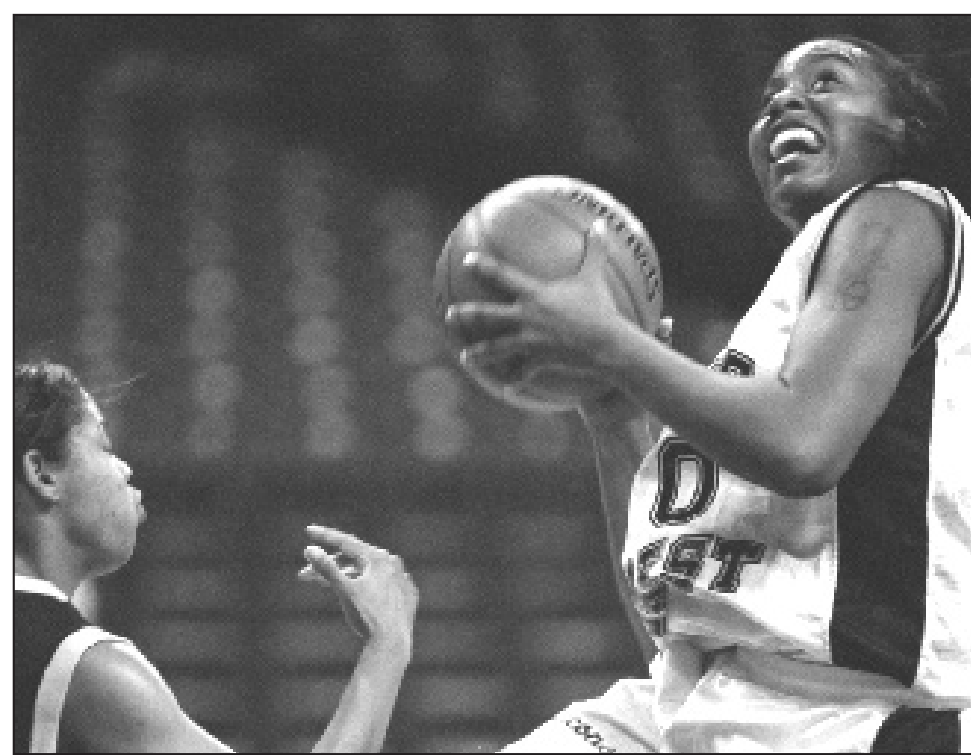
ing loss.

The Deacons returned home to find the sixth-ranked North Carolina waiting for them. The in-state foes matched up on Feb. 9 as the Deacs looked for their second conference win. The resulting game was one of emotion full of runs and spurts. North Carolina jumped out to an early lead, going up 7-1 in the opening minutes.

The game was back and forth for the next couple minutes with neither team establishing domination. The game was tied at 24 before the Tar Heels pulled away from the Deacs. North Carolina went on a 10-3 run to close the half and took the momentum into the half.

Scoring the first two baskets of the second half, the Deacons crept closer and closer to the Tar Heels, but the Deacs could come no closer than one point. The Tar Heels responded to the challenge, slowly rebuilding their lead and putting the game out of reach. Senior Coretta Brown led the Tar Heels with 22 as North Carolina squeaked past the Demon Deacons for their 10th conference win. Listenbee provided the high-lights for the Deacons as she recorded a double double in the game. The senior snagged 13 rebounds and recorded 20 points.

The Deacs will travel to Maryland and return home to face Duke next week as the challenging conference schedule continues.



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**Junior Tonia Brown drives hard to the basket. Brown struggled with her shot in the close loss to UNC, but chipped in with seven assists.**