

DEACON NOTES

Carroll nets ACC Men's Soccer Player of the Week

Junior midfielder Brian Carroll was named co-ACC Men's Soccer Player of the Week for his recent performance in the Deacon win over Virginia. The Deac had a hand in both team goals scoring one and assisting on another. Carroll, who was named a Soccer America preseason All-American, shares the award with Duke's Trevor Perea.

Bloom named to ACC 50th Anniversary team

Former Deacon Indoor Track and Field star Andy Bloom was selected to the ACC 50th Anniversary Team. The 50-member team was announced on Sept. 17 by ACC Commissioner John Swofford. As a Deac, Bloom was a four-time ACC Indoor Champion, winning the Shot Put three years and the Weight Throw once. The lone Deac named to the team was also an All-ACC selection four times.

Phillips takes over as Deacon assist leader

Senior setter Ashlee Phillips became the Deacon all-time assists leader for volleyball with her huge day Sept. 14 against Western Michigan and Dayton at the Kentucky Challenge. In competition, Phillips had 107 assists, giving her 3,795 for her career. Phillips led the ACC in assists per game as a junior with an average of 12.85.

Women's golf takes 14th place in season opener

The Deacon women's golf team finished in a tie for 14th place at the Women's NCAA Fall Preview, their first event of the year. For the tournament the Deacs shot a 929 or 65 over par. The field consisted of 18 of the nation's top teams. Sophomore Ashley Hoagland led the Deacs with a thirteen over par total of 229 placing her in a tie for 32nd place individually.

Women's soccer cracks the top ten in new rankings

Following the team's three recent wins over Davidson, Loyola Marymount and Southern California, the Deacon women's soccer team has climbed five spots to earn the No. 8 ranking. The Deacons will try to extend upon their perfect 7-0 record in their first conference game of the season versus Maryland on Sept. 20.

SCHEDULE

Friday, September 20
Men's Tennis at UVa. Fall Tournament, Charlottesville, Va.
Women's Tennis at William and Mary Invitational, Williamsburg, Va.
Women's Volleyball vs. UAB, Reynolds Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Maryland, Spry Stadium, 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 21
Men's Tennis at UVa. Fall Tournament, Charlottesville, Va.
Women's Tennis at William and Mary Invitational, Williamsburg, Va.
Women's Volleyball vs. Winthrop, Reynolds Gymnasium, 1 p.m.
Field Hockey vs. Maryland, Kentner Stadium, 1 p.m.
Football at Purdue, West Lafayette, Ind., 2 p.m.
Women's Volleyball vs. San Diego St., Reynolds Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
Men's Soccer at St. John's, Jamaica, N.Y., 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 22
Men's Tennis at UVa. Fall Tournament, Charlottesville, Va.
Women's Tennis at William and Mary Invitational, Williamsburg, Va.

Tuesday, September 24
Women's Volleyball at Duke, Durham, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25
Men's Soccer vs. UNCG, Spry Stadium, 5 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. UNCG, Spry Stadium, 7 p.m.

Rivers floods Demon Deacons in Raleigh

Kicking game continues to plague gridiron Deacs in loss to Wolfpack

By Matt Gallagher
Sports Editor

Sitting at 1-1 with their ACC schedule about to open, the Deacon football team was geared up for an upset over No. 19 N.C. State, Sept. 14, in Raleigh. Unfortunately, the Wolfpack snuffed out those thoughts rapidly, with junior quarterback Philip Rivers leading the 32-13 washout.

Wake Forest's start seemed to have disaster written all over it from the beginning. After a solid opening drive landed them in 'Pack territory, the Deac's kicking game – which has plagued them with inconsistent play – failed again, missing a 44-yarder. The kicking debacle continued later on in the first quarter. After red-shirt freshman Cornelius Birgs pounded his way to a six-yard touchdown, the extra point was missed, meaning the Deacons botched four points in less than 15 minutes. "I can't grow them" Head Coach Jim Grobe said, in reference to kickers. "The experience isn't going to come overnight."

Meanwhile, Rivers and Co. got to work. Freshman running back T.A. McLendon bounced in for two early touchdowns, putting the Deacs out of reach early, 20-6. Rivers also through threw a short touchdown pass during the Wolfpack's first half rampage. "The defense has to execute better," junior linebacker Dion Williams



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Receiver Jax Landfried reels in a pass during practice. Landfried caught a 53-yard bomb for a touchdown in the Deacs' loss to NC State Sept. 14

said. "(We have to) pressure the quarterback and play good, tight coverage. If we do that, we should come away with a victory. They can't win if they don't score."

The momentum swung the Deacon's way, if just temporarily. After a 'Pack field goal to open the third quarter, senior quarterback James MacPherson finally found that offensive big play, hitting a streaking senior wideout Jax Landfried for a 53-yard touchdown. After a suc-

cessful successful point attempt. Wake Forest only trailed N.C. State 23-13 with plenty of time left in the third quarter. Unfortunately, this would be the closest Grobe's Gang would get, and the Wolfpack's defense ensured that. After the Deacon "D" forced Rivers and the Pack to punt, MacPherson and momentum seemed to be matching up nicely.

However, MacPherson was hit on a bootleg scramble, coughing the ball up to a Wolfpack defender, who returned it

13-yards for the touchdown – and put the game out of reach.

"That was big," Coach Grobe said about the fumble. "Not only in terms of winning and losing, but the momentum swing there was huge. You just have to take care of the football, if you don't do that you're in trouble."

The damage was done. N.C. State would add another field goal in the fourth quarter, and a Deac field goal would be blocked, netting the final score at 32-13. Wake Forest still hasn't won at Carter-Finley Stadium since 1984.

While many offensive woes stuck out for the Deacs after the loss, one in particular shined. Only 149 total rushing yards were picked up – more than 100 yards less than their season average thus far in 2002.

MacPherson was 7-15 for 104 yards, while Landfried hauled in 92 yards on five receptions, and one touchdown. Meanwhile, Rivers torched the Deacon secondary systematically, throwing 17-27 for 223 yards and one touchdown.

"I think our guys understand that it's a long season ... you have got to do things that winners do in order to win football games," Grobe said. "I think that is what our kids learned last year, and I think they understand that this year. I just think we lost to a very good football team."

The Deacs take a quick break from the ACC schedule on Sept. 21 as they jaunt on up to West Lafayette, Ind., to face off against the Purdue Boilermakers. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Ross-Ade Stadium.

Golf looks sharp with second straight win

By Alex Myers
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The Demon Deacon men's golf team is off to a flying start. After earning a victory in their first event overseas in Scotland, the team came back to claim its first event of the year on American soil by winning the Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate at The Ridges Golf and Country Club in Jonesborough, Tenn.

Junior Bill Haas was victorious individually for the Deacons, finishing in a five-way tie for medalist honors.

The par-72, 7,147-yard course, coupled with rainy conditions throughout the event, led to high scores all around for those involved. Going into the particularly rainy final round, the Deacs found themselves tied with Tennessee at 5-over par.

The team then used a 7-over-par round of 295, which turned out to be one of the best of the day, to pull away from Tennessee and hold off a charging North Carolina to win the event by two strokes over their in-state rival.

For the tournament the Deacs were 12-over par.

The victory had much to do with three of the Deacon golfers finishing in the top-10 for the tournament.

Haas led the charge and wound up being the only Deacon in red figures at 1-under par.

The junior found himself in only a tie for 10th place going into the final round, but used a sparkling 2-under round of 70 on the final day to climb all the way up and into the tie for the lead.

This was the third career victory for Haas, who comes into this year ranked No. 7 individually in the nation.

Senior Brent Wanner also used a strong final round to climb up the leaderboard. Wanner shot an even-par 72 to stay at 2-under for the event and finish in a tie for ninth place. It was the second straight top 10 for the senior, who finished second in Scotland. More important was the way that Wanner finished the event, birdying the final three holes.

"He's a clutch player," Head Coach Jerry Haas said. "It shows that he is mentally tough and he plays to win. That's why we won."

Also finishing at 2-over and in a tie for ninth place was senior Chad Wilfong.

Wilfong, who actually led the Deacon squad through two rounds, slightly fell back to the pack with a final round of 2-over 74.

This marked the third time that the senior has finished in the top 10 of an event during his career.

"Chad Wilfong stepped up," coach Haas said. "He played with the No. 1 guy the last day according to his scores, so he was in a different position he'd never been in and he handled himself very well."

That's a very encouraging sign for the team and I know it made him feel good that he could handle that position."

Seniors Chris Yoder and Cortland Lowe really struggled under the tough conditions in the final round. Yoder shot a 79 and ended up finishing in a tie for

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37th while Lowe put up an 83 dropping him into a tie for 62nd.

It will be tough to beat this Deacon team, which is currently ranked No. 6 nationally and whose winning streak has given an extra boost of confidence to its players and coach.

"We are riding high," Coach Haas said. "I think we should win every week; that's a tall order, but that's the way they should feel and that's the way I feel."

The Deacs have already matched their win total from their very successful campaign last year.

As a result, the expectations and goals of this experienced squad have been raised.

"Our team goal at the start of the season was five or six wins," coach Haas said. "Now that should be our team goal – to win every week."

Part of the reason for the higher win expectation comes from the players having another year of competition under their belts.

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The Deacs will have a couple weeks off after their busy, but productive start to the fall season.

The team will look to continue its winning ways and stay undefeated at the Carpet Capital Collegiate in Rocky Face, Ga.

"It's probably the best field we'll play against this fall," Coach Haas said. "This will be a very good test for us."

Great Expectations: tennis set to succeed

Deacs return four All-ACC selections entering 2002 campaign

By Ed Dziedzic
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The Wake Forest men's tennis team is coming off their second straight NCAA tournament appearance and the upcoming season promises even greater things. The Deacs return all but one of their players. Justin Kaufmann, who is second on the all-time career single victories list.

Wake Forest return four All-ACC selections from a year ago – junior David Loewenthal, sophomore Derrick Spice, senior David Bere and senior Trent Brendon. This was the first time in school history that more than two players received this honor. These individual accomplishments were a result of the program's most successful season to date. Wake Forest finished the 2002 season with a record of 17-5, 6-2 in ACC action, which garnered them a third place finish in the conference.

Coach Jeff Zinn, is entering his seventh year at the helm and is looking forward to another exciting and successful season for the experienced Deacon squad. "The team's experience leads to a very high expectancy level," Zinn said. Loewenthal finished last year ranked 43rd in the final singles ranking with a record of 31-14. He is now the 28th ranked colligate player

in the nation and Spice is currently the 97th ranked player. The doubles pairing of Loewenthal and Brendon are 50th in the preseason doubles rankings.

The fall tournament season got underway this past weekend. In the fall players compete as individuals to allow the Intercollegiate Tennis Association to rank the players. This process indirectly ranks the teams for the upcoming spring season.

In the UNC Kickoff Classic on Sept. 16, seniors, Bere, Brendon, Mike Murray and junior Andrew Simpson represented the Deacons. Bere dominated his singles draw by going 4-0 and not dropping a set on his way to a victory over Glauco Nascimento from Hampton 6-4, 6-2, Duke's Ryan Heinberg 7-5, 6-3, and Adrias Zguns of Arkansas 6-3, 6-1 in the semifinals. Bere's quest to capture the title culminated in the defeat of Clayton Almeida from Winthrop, last year's Region II Player of the Year, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Brendon steamrolled his way into his single finals draw not losing a set in three matches only to suffer a straight set defeat at the hands of North Carolina's Andy Metzler, 6-3, 6-3. Brendon also played in the finals of his doubles draw. He along with partner Simpson, had a strong showing picking up two victories before being ousted in the semifinals.

Murray had a grueling three-set match before he succumbed to Hampton's Jose Pinto, 7-6, 4-6, 7-5. This first round match was one of the tightest in the tournament. Murray's senior savvy showed through, fighting back to force a third set after



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Trent Brendon works out during practice. The Deacs return four All-ACC selections and enter the season with high expectations.

dropping a close first one. This spring, the team season could prove to be a monumental year for men's tennis.

Newcomer Brett Ross will see action this year, but the heart of this team is derived from experience. The Deacons will have an advantage over most teams, returning eight letterwinners and five

starters. The men will face difficult competition in their pursuit of an ACC title, but as Coach Zinn said, "These guys have been through the war. They know what it takes to get it done."

The team will be in action next weekend at the Virginia Fall Tournament in Charlottesville, Va., Sept. 20-22.