

# DEACON NOTES

# Ross and men's tennis excel at Virginia

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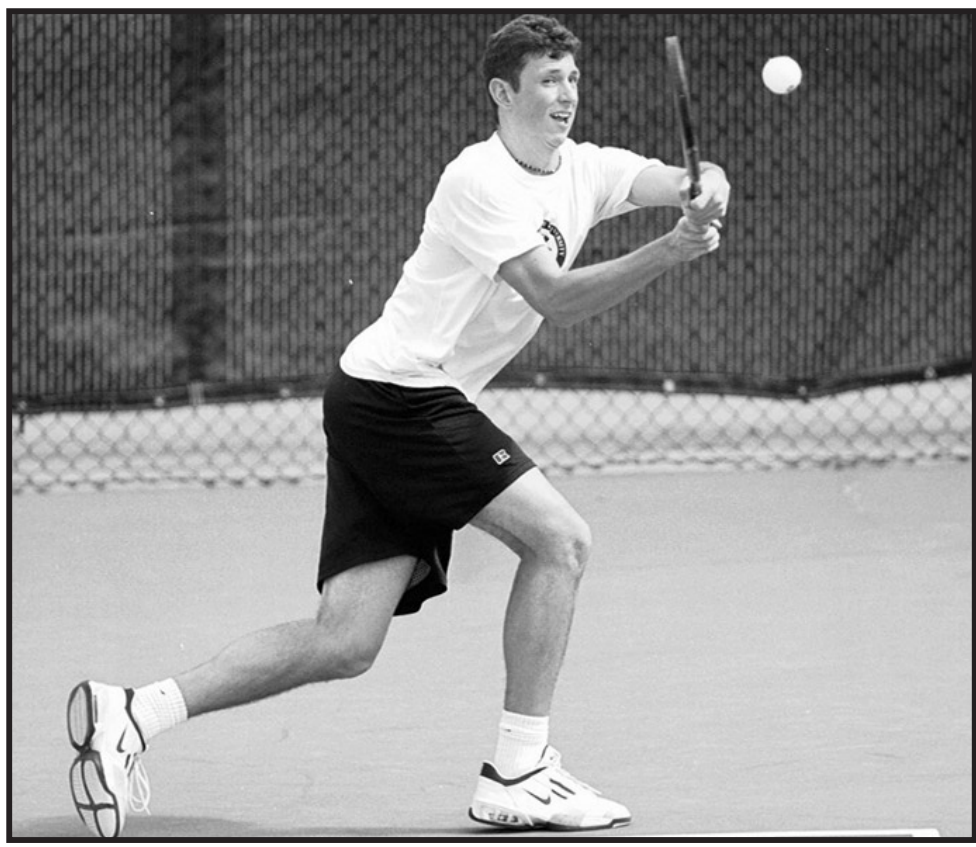


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**Sophomore Derrick Spice works on his game at a recent practice. Spice is coming off an outstanding freshman campaign.**

## Henry garners weekly ACC honor

Senior guard Blake Henry was recently named ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week. Henry earned this honor for his outstanding effort against Purdue on Sept. 21. The 6-foot-6, 301-pound senior contributed to the victory with 18.5 knock-downs and keyed the blocking that led to 244 rushing yards gained by the Deacs.

## Women's cross country breaks into Top 25

The Deacon women's cross country team was listed as 24th in the newest NCAA Division I Women's Cross Country National Poll. The Deacs have won their first two meets and will compete next at the Iona Invitational in New York on Sept. 8.

## Seven Deacs make baseball 50th Anniversary Team

Seven past Deacon baseball players were named to the ACC 50th Anniversary Baseball Team. Those honored were Jake Austin, Tommy Gregg, Mike MacDougal, Bill Merrifield, Jon Palmieri, Billy Scripture and Brick Smith. Only Clemson and Georgia Tech placed more players on the prestigious team.

## MacPherson named to Good Works Team

Senior Deacon quarterback James MacPherson was named to the 2002 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team. MacPherson was given the honor for his community work in the Winston-Salem area. Among the programs that he has been involved with are the Athletes Care Team, Santa's Helper and the Wake Forest Catholic Community. The senior was one of 11 Division I-A players nationwide selected to the team.

## Dostal honored for the second consecutive week

Sophomore Kelly Dostal was named ACC Field Hockey Player of the Week for the second week in a row. Dostal continued her hot play by recording both a goal and an assist in each of the two games she played in for the week. More importantly, one of her goals was the game winner that she netted in overtime to defeat No. 1 Maryland. Dostal shares this week's honor with UNC senior Meredith Keller after being the lone player honored last week. Dostal leads the team with six goals and 15 points.

The Wake Forest men's tennis team traveled to Charlottesville, Va., this past weekend to compete in the inaugural Virginia Invitational. The tournament included 128 players from 14 different schools around the country. Nine Deacons competed and fared well in singles and doubles matches, during the three-day tournament.

Wake Forest set out to dominate the tournament on the first day by going undefeated in doubles action and sending five players to the quarterfinals of their respective flights. Seniors Trent Brendon and Mike Murray, juniors Brian Murphy and Andrew Simpson, and freshman Brent Ross all advanced.

Brendon easily handled his first two opponents in the second singles flight. He defeated Jeff French from Louisville 6-3, 6-2 and then went on to oust Kyle Bailey from American 6-3, 6-0.

Brendon won a hard-fought match in the quarterfinals against Virginia's Darrin Cohen 0-6, 7-6, 6-0. In the semis he thwarted Michael Ray Pallares' from Alabama 6-4, 6-4. Pallares Alabama teammate Christian Brodersen enacted revenge, defeating Brendon in the finals 6-0, 5-7, 6-3.

Also competing in second singles was senior Mike Murray. In the first round, Murray won in straight sets defeating Nebraska's Cesar Vargas, 6-3, 6-3. Murray struggled a bit in the first set of the second round dropping it 3-6 to Victor Koczan from Charleston Southern. He then stormed back to win the match by

taking the next two sets in a convincing fashion 6-0, 6-2. "This was an example of the experience that is such a positive attribute of the team," Coach Jeff Zinn said. Pallares ended Murray's run in the quarterfinals.

Murphy, Ross and Simpson all competed in the third singles fight for the

Deacs. It took Murphy three sets to finish off Tres Jones from Iowa 5-7, 6-3, 6-4. He then defeated Brian Friedman from Alabama 6-4, 7-6. Simpson had a first-round bye and then downed Mike Downing from Virginia 6-2, 6-2. In the quarters he blanked Liberty's Ernesto Malagrino 6-0, 6-0. William Boyles from Alabama

also was no match to Simpson.

The story of the tournament for Wake Forest was true freshman Brett Ross from Roswell, Ga. He won both of his first day matches in straight sets on his way to winning the entire third singles flight. In the first round he overpowered Adel Abbas from Virginia Tech 6-4, 6-4 and in the second round overcame Kenan Bell from Liberty 6-1, 6-4. Ross said, "Coming into the weekend I felt a little shaky, but as each match went on I worked my way into it." Ross disposed of Old Dominion's Salman Mohammad in the quarterfinals 6-2, 3-6, 6-2. He was then set to meet teammate Murphy in the semifinals.

Ross defeated the elder Murphy 7-6, default in the match. He met a different teammate in the finals, this time it was Simpson who Ross defeated 6-3, 6-3.

The self-assured freshman said, "Now that I have settled into college life I feel like my game is getting stronger every day. After practicing for a month with the team I feel very confident in my game. I have been training hard and feel strong." Ross's hard work will be rewarded when he jumps up to play second singles this weekend in the Wake Forest Fall Invitational.

In other action, junior David Loewenthal, after losing his first round match on Friday, won his next four and captured the consolation title. Ross and his partner Derrick Spice finished second in their doubles flight.

The fall tournament season continues as the Deacs will host the Wake Forest Fall Invitational Sept. 28-29 at either Leighton Stadium or the Wake Forest Indoor Tennis Center, weather permitting.

# Women's soccer still golden, stays unbeaten

By Margaret McKenzie  
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Superstition is a big part of athletics. Players cherish lucky socks, get motivated to one song before each game, and some even perform unique rituals to keep streaks alive.

However, the Deacs don't worry about superstitions since they are too busy winning. There are no chants or lucky charms. Just hard work and sheer determination that has resulted in total domination, a flawless 9-0 record and a 7th place national ranking.

"There are no lucky charms or rituals," junior midfielder Katherine Winstead said. "Again, we rely on our hard work and team concept. These are the things we can control, and these are the things that will ultimately help us win games."

Wake Forest continued its winning ways with two impressive victories over Maryland and UNC-Greensboro. Maryland fell 3-1 as the Deacs opened conference play at home on Sept. 20.

Controlling momentum throughout the majority of the game, the Deacons' offense struck first. In the 42nd minute junior forward Alena Thom dribbled up field laterally and passed the ball between two Terrapin defenders. Winstead ran onto the ball and goalkeeper Mariel Wilner came out of the goal in an attempt to stop the shot. Winstead slid and knocked a shot past Wilner into the back of the goal.

But Maryland answered the goal by using every last second of the 45-minute half. With six seconds remaining, freshman forward Simone Dekker knocked a free kick from Audra Poulin in to tie the game going into the half. The shot seemed to give momentum to Maryland going into the final 45 min-

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Katherine Winstead  
Junior midfielder

utes, but the Deacons controlled the second half.

Winstead struck a second time early in the half. Converting on a beautiful cross into the center from freshman defender Melanie Schneider, Winstead sent her shot into the goal. Schneider added a goal to her assist in the 67th minute. Schneider scored her first career goal sending a shot from the far right corner that bended into the net.

The win put the Deacs at the top of the ACC and started conference play on the right note.

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The Deacons continued to win on Sept. 25 as they overcame an early first-half deficit to defeat UNCG 4-2. The victory over the Spartans resulted in two milestones for the Deacs; the team's 100th victory of all time and the best start in the history of the nine-year program at 9-0. The Deacons did not take long to score their first goal. Before four minutes had passed sophomore midfielder Alli Hunt and Alena Thom combined on an assist to Winstead. Winstead placed the shot perfectly and put the Deacs on the board first.

But the Spartans did not back down from the Top-10-

ranked Deacons. UNCG scored back-to-back goals. Jennifer Kennedy scored first at the 36:48 mark and Cara Hammond gave the Spartans the lead at the 24:37 mark when she sent a shot past senior goalkeeper Erin Regan.

During this period, the Deacons could not seem to find their offensive groove. They were sucked into the physical and long ball style of the Spartans. Both teams were bunching around the ball in the center of the field, but the Deacs did manage to tie the game before the half ended.

With just under 15 minutes left in the first half the Deacons began to play as a team. Senior defender Gabi Lieb started the play when she stole a pass at the top of the penalty box. The Spartan defense held the line, but Lieb sent a pass through the defense finding Winstead. Scoring her second goal of the game, Winstead beat two defenders as she sent the shot into the far corner.

The teams went into the locker rooms tied. The Deacons reorganized at the half and began the second half playing as a new team.

Five minutes into the half the Spartans' goalkeeper fell out of the goal while deflecting a shot. Sophomore defender Megan Mullins rebounded the missed shot, sending the third goal in with ease.

Freshman forward Sarah Kozey added the final insurance goal off an assist from Winstead.

The Deacons will look to go 10-0 on Sept. 29 in Raleigh against N.C. State. The Deacs hope to break more records and defend their position atop the ACC standings.

For her efforts in helping lead the Deacs, junior defender A.B. Robbins was named to the "Elite Team" by *Soccer Buzz* for the week of Sept. 9-16. The Elite Team consists of only 11 players nationally. Robbins scored the game-winner against Loyola Marymount on Sept. 14, in the Adidas Invitational.

# SCHEDULE

**Friday, September 27**  
Women's Golf at Dodge ACC/SEC Challenge, Destin, Fla.  
Men's Golf at Carpet Capital Collegiate, Rocky Face, Ga.  
Field Hockey vs. Duke, Kentner Stadium, 7 p.m.  
Men's Soccer vs. Maryland, Spry Stadium, 7 p.m.  
Women's Volleyball at Florida State, Tallahassee, Fla., 7 p.m.

**Saturday, September 28**  
Men's Golf at Carpet Capital Collegiate, Rocky Face, Ga.  
Women's Golf at Dodge ACC/SEC Challenge, Destin, Fla.  
Women's Cross Country at Iona Invitational, New York, N.Y.  
Men's Cross Country at Roy Griak Invitational, St. Paul, Minn.  
Men's Tennis at WFU Fall Invitational, Leighton Stadium  
Football vs. Virginia, Groves Stadium, 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, September 29**  
Men's Golf at Carpet Capital Collegiate, Rocky Face, Ga.  
Women's Golf at Dodge ACC/SEC Challenge, Destin, Fla.  
Men's Tennis at WFU Fall Invitational, Leighton Stadium  
Women's Soccer at NC State, Raleigh, 1 p.m.  
Field Hockey at North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 2**  
Men's Soccer vs. William and Mary, Spry Stadium, 7 p.m.

# Rugby: a game of 'gentlemen' and 'hookers'

## Deacs return four All-ACC selections entering 2002 campaign

By Alex Snyder  
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Look to Abercrombie and Fitch no more. Apparently the best place to spot this fall's rugby shirt craze is right here on campus. The men's club rugby team opened their season this past weekend with a match against Elon College. The team suffered a 21-5 loss, but this was the first rugby game of a very rigorous fall schedule in which the team will compete against clubs from all over North Carolina.

Led by senior captain David Bennett, the rugby team is hoping to have another impressive season after posting several wins in the spring.

Club rugby has both a fall and a spring season, and competes in roughly six games each semester. Last season the team hosted the first ever John Mark Yarborough Invitational on campus, but does not plan to enter any tournaments this fall.

This weekend's loss to Elon was a first for many players, as almost half of the team's 30-man roster consists of rookies. "We had a few key injuries," Bennett said. "But we should be at full strength for now on, and we have a lot of seniors coming back (in addition to the large amount of

underclassmen)."

The Wake Forest Rugby Football Club was founded on campus in 1973 by former faculty advisor and current biology professor Hugo Lane. The rugby team is a fixture on the waterfall field in Reynolda Gardens, where they can be seen practicing twice a week.

"This year we are playing some tough teams, like Western Carolina," senior Krys Mroczkowski said. "But we have got a lot of size this year ... so we should be a pretty powerful team."

The team also faces an upcoming grudge match against rival Duke and a game against a squad from Dan River, Va.

According to Bennett, "the club's basic purpose is to provide an intercollegiate contact sport at a level of competition above that of intramural sports."

Rugby is traditionally a European sport which emphasizes what Bennett calls "the tradition of physical, but gentlemanly play."

While the game of rugby stresses physical fitness and sportsmanship, the camaraderie among players is one of the more beloved aspects of the game. "Rugby is a different atmosphere than most sports," Bennett said.

In his third year on the rugby team, Mroczkowski is a standout hooker - the player that hooks the ball back during play.

"Yeah, I get made fun of a lot for that position's name," Mroczkowski said, "but I love being a hooker!"  
"I have high expectations for our club



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**The Wake Forest Rugby Football Club rugby team is shown here in action against Elon College. The team is excited about the fall campaign.**

this semester," Bennett said. "We have a really good freshman class out this year. They just need to get out there and play."

The team will get another chance to show their abilities with a game on Sept. 28 on Potat Field at 1 p.m. The team

also has games lined up for the Friday night of Family Weekend and Homecoming weekend and is excited about their chances to succeed.

"We'd like to have a lot of fans come out and support us and Wake Forest," Bennett said. "It'll be a good time."