

Volleyball falls to Noles, drops to .500 in ACC



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The volleyball team struggled against Florida State, but feels good about its ability to rebound from tough losses.

Deacs struggle against powerful ACC opponent, but look to rebound

By Ben Woolley
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After a big win against Duke, the volleyball team couldn't keep the momentum going as they lost a tough ACC road match to the Florida State Seminoles in four games. With the loss the Deacons drop to 6-8 (1-1), while the Seminoles propel to 9-4 (1-0).

Despite being defeated in the first game 30-20, the Deacs bounced back once again and showed the resilience that they have shown all season and took the second game by a close margin of 30-28.

Coach Valerie Baker liked what she saw from her team in the second game. "I liked our confidence, we rebounded from a tough opening game and were able to run our offense efficiently in the second game," she said.

The Deacs couldn't keep the points coming as they ended up losing the final

two games by a score of 30-23, and 30-18. The Seminoles were led by junior Jennifer Andersen, as she recorded her first double-double of the season with 56 assists and 10 digs.

As habits have it, senior Ashlee Phillips led the Deacs in assists with 27 and middle blocker Kim Stern led the Deacs in kills with 10. Freshman Christy Williams came off the bench and showed much promise and potential late in the game.

Williams regained the form she showed at Kentucky Conference Challenge two weeks ago, and in only three games, registered six kills to complement her two blocks.

Baker was very pleased with Williams' play. "She has a very competitive level of play and eagerness to get out there," Baker said.

After a week off from the game against FSU, the Demon Deacons take their act to Reynolds Gymnasium Oct. 4 and Oct. 5 with two big games against ACC rivals Virginia and Maryland. Virginia comes in sporting a 6-11 (0-2) record and will play the Deacs on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. Meanwhile, the Terps arrive with an impressive 11-6 (0-2) record to take on the Deacs Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.

ACC Football wrap-up

By Peter Bergman
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Louisville 26, No. 4 Florida State 20 (OT)

In the remnants of Hurricane Isadore in Louisville, the Cardinals edged out then-No. 4 Florida State on a 25-yard run by Henry Miller in overtime. Florida State got the ball first in the extra session, but quarterback Chris Rix threw an errant pass that was picked off, leading to Miller's winning run on Louisville's first play. Neither team looked very good in the constant downpour and in the first half Louisville had more penalties-eight-then-first downs-six. Seminoles quarterback Chris Rix let his inexperience show, as he looked shaky all night, completing 14 of his 33 pass attempts. Louisville's defense played tough when it needed to, stalling the Seminoles' offense in the fourth quarter while Dave Ragone led the Cardinals down the field for the tying score with a little more than three minutes left in the game.

Georgia Tech 21, North Carolina 13

Georgia Tech's running game continued to roll despite the loss of Tony Hollings, the nation's leading rusher. Ajenavi Eziemefe rushed for 136 yards on 32 carries, and the Yellow Jackets' defense took care of the rest. The Tar Heels managed only 68 yards rushing and 12 first downs, and were shut out in the second half. With the running game in full gear, the Yellow Jackets controlled the ball for over 37 minutes, to the Tar Heels' 22. Darian Durant threw for 231 yards and no interceptions for Carolina, but it did not matter as they had a lot of trouble moving the ball the whole game. Georgia Tech avoided an 0-2 start in the ACC, they lost their opener to Clemson 24-19.

Previews of upcoming week:

Clemson (3-1, 1-0 ACC) at No. 11 Florida State (4-1, 3-0 ACC)

Clemson rolls into Doak Campbell Stadium for "Bowden Bowl IV" Oct. 3 in front of a national television audience. Beyond a Bowden family reunion, these two teams happen to be two of the strongest in the league.

Florida State showed that they could be beaten against Louisville last week, and Clemson's lone setback was a three-point loss to Georgia, currently ranked No. 7 in the nation. The big matchup will be the Seminoles offense (first in the ACC at 458 yards per game), against the Tigers' defense (ranked first in the ACC at 254.8 yards per game). One big question will be which Greg Jones shows up, the Seminoles running back who averaged over 93 yards a game, or the one who came up with 32 on 13 carries last week.

Florida State had some problems against Louisville's defense, and Clemson's is ranked higher nationally. Clemson needs a big win to establish themselves, but it will be tough against Florida State, which has beaten the Tigers in their last 10 meetings.

Virginia (3-2, 1-1 ACC) at Duke (2-3, 0-1 ACC)

Virginia and Duke are coming off big wins last week, and will fight for the middle of the ACC standings this week at Wallace Wade Stadium on Oct. 5. Duke ran off 40 straight points in their thrashing of Navy, while Virginia posted a huge second half comeback against Wake Forest.

Duke holds the ACC's second leading rusher in Alex Wade at 98.6 yards per game, while Virginia's offense is led by quarterback Matt Schaub, who ranks third nationally in passing.

This could turn out to be a very high-scoring affair as neither team has been that impressive on the defensive side of the ball. Duke will be fired up to play, as it is their homecoming game, however Virginia has won three straight games ever since opening losses to Colorado State and Florida State, two good teams. Also, Virginia has won six of the last seven meetings.

ACC Standings

Team	ACC	Overall
No. 11 Florida State	3-0	4-1
No. 15 N.C. State	1-0	6-0
Clemson	1-0	3-1
Georgia Tech	1-1	4-1
Virginia	1-1	3-2
Maryland	0-1	3-2
Duke	0-1	2-3
North Carolina	0-1	1-3
Wake Forest	0-2	2-3

Women's golf places 10th, looks to improve

Team struggles in tournament first and third rounds

By Alex Myers
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The Wake Forest women's golf team was back in action this past weekend at the ACC/SEC Challenge hosted by Florida State. The Deacs played sluggishly and wound up with a 10th-place finish.

The event was played at the par-71, 5,937-yard Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla., on Sept. 27 - 29 and had a field consisting of 11 of the top women's golf teams from the ACC and SEC conferences.

Furman also competed rounding out the 12-team field.

The Deacons book-ended a brilliant second round with less than stellar efforts in the first and third rounds. As a result, the team never got close to the lead and finished with a total score of 70-over-par and a distant 35 shots behind team champion Auburn.

Auburn also boasted the individual champion, Dianne Ramage, and for the third straight year the SEC out-dued the ACC in the event.

"It was a tough golf course," Head Coach Diana Dailey said. "We also didn't get to have a practice round due to the weather, which set us back."

The Deacs struggled at the start by posting a team score of 29-over-par 313 in round one.

The team was able to bounce back with a 15-over-par round of 299 on the second eighteen, but couldn't continue the good play in the final round when the team shot a 26-over-par 310. "We need to play better as a team and finish higher," Dailey said. "We should be breaking 300 everytime."

Nuria Clau led the charge for the Deacs shooting a five-over-par total of 218 for the tournament and finishing in a tie for fourth place.

Her last two rounds were particularly strong as she fired back-to-back one-over-par 72's. For her efforts, Clau was named to the 2002 ACC/SEC Challenge All-Tournament team. Clau finished just two strokes out of second place and four back of Ramage.

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Sophomore Ashley Hoagland was the only other Deac anywhere near the top of the leaderboard finishing at 11-over-par and in a tie for 16th place. Hoagland was actually tied with teammate Clau going into the final round, but she shot a sub-standard seven-over-par final round 78 to fall back to the pack.

"I know (Ashley) was disappointed with how she finished,

but she's getting better all the time." Dailey said.

Junior Deborah Means was the next highest Deacon finisher. Means finished at 25-over-par and in 50th place. Senior Caroline Stetler posted a total of 29-over-par and in a tie for 54th place.

Freshman Julie McKenna had a rocky debut as a Deac ending up in a tie for 64th place at 39-over-par.

"This showed us some weaknesses that we need to work on for the spring," coach Dailey said. "We also got to see how we stand up to some of the best teams in the country."

The Deacs will look to improve at their next tournament, the Lady Tar Heel Invitational at the Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill.

Club crew excited to continue winning ways

Crew members hope to find success this season and get varsity grant

By Alex Snyder
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Wake Forest's women's and men's crew teams sure know how to show their competition a thing or two about rowing. In the four years since both clubs received their charter, Wake Forest's rowers have garnered several first-place medals and trophies along with impressive regatta finishes in what is generally considered to be a typically "northern" sport.

Led by men's captain senior Sam Williamson and women's captain senior Jill Coleman, the crew team currently consists of around 25 varsity rowers and two varsity coxswains, who sit in the front of the boat and guide at the rowers. Along with the varsity rowers, there are also 25 novice rowers and 3 novice coxswains who compete in several regattas throughout the year.

Even though last season was the first year of competition, the hard work of both crew teams was rewarded with much success. "We have worked very hard to create a team founded on dedication, hard work and sportsmanship," Coleman said. Last season the women's crew team not only brought home first-place honors in the novice category in a race held in West Virginia, but also made it to the finals of the SIRA regatta (Southern Interscholastic Rowing Association), which is the largest regatta in the southern region.

The men's team also posted a very impressive season, including winning a set of medals in a regatta in Washington, D.C. "Few sports create as beautiful an image as does rowing, but the symmetry that can appear so simple requires a harmony of strength, skill, and cooperation you rarely find demanded or displayed elsewhere," senior crew member Dave Moore said.

This fall, the crew club will be participating in three head races, in which they will enter between two and six boats. Head races test the endurance of the



Photo Courtesy of Women's Crew Team

The women's crew team is pictured in the spring of 2001. The team won the novice division at the West Virginia Governors Cup. Both men's and women's team are looking forward to successful seasons this fall.

rowers for a distance of about 5,000 meters, and are typically held in the fall.

The spring season is traditionally the most important, consisting of sprint races of 2,000 meters. The crew team usually competes in four-person boats called shells. Currently the team owns one eight-man boat and two four-person boats, and is in the process of having a boat custom-made, which will be ready to go out on the water in October.

Practices for the crew members consist of six land workouts per week, using newly purchased rowing machines, along with three to five practices on the water at Belews Lake, near Kernersville.

Crew practices are led by Williamson and part-time coach Ben Cook, who rowed at Clemson for four years. During practice, the team races against each other or works on drills for technique. Often the rowers go out for hour-long rows to improve overall strength and endurance.

"Rowing encompasses all major muscle groups and is not only an endurance exercise but has a resistance com-

ponent as well," Coleman said. "Rowers are thought to be the most physically fit athletes."

The crew teams' strenuous schedules open in a few weeks with The Head of the Chattahoochee race near Atlanta. Both the women and men's teams placed in the top eight last year in this race, and are looking once again to dominate. "Traditionally, our women's team has been very strong," Coleman said. "We compete competitively with varsity programs such as Marietta, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and Georgia Tech, who has been somewhat of a rival of ours."

Although both men's and women's club teams have gained recognition in the southern rowing circuit for their consistent and outstanding performances, rowing has yet to be recognized by Wake Forest as a varsity sport.

Several area crew teams including Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill have recently become varsity, as is the hope of both the women's and men's crew teams at Wake Forest.

"When I started rowing as a freshman, the club had just bought its first boat, noticeably, secondhand," Moore said.

"Last year, both the women's and men's teams won several medals in limited competition. We're keeping fingers crossed in hopes of making the jump to varsity before the handful of us who rowed in the team's first race three years ago graduate." The women's team recently extended a varsity request letter to Ron Wellman, Director of Athletics, but no progress has been made concerning this request thus far.

This semester Wake Forest's crew teams are hosting the Annual President's Cup Dual with Davidson College. Both Davidson's and the Deacon's rowing programs are on very similar levels of competition, thus a friendly dual was established between the two teams. Teams from the Deacs and Davidson will race each semester, with the winning team taking home the cup at the end of the year.

"This semester, we are looking to defeat Davidson again in our dual, as well as make a great showing at The Head of the Chattahoochee again," Coleman said. The race against Davidson will be held Oct. 26, and The Head of the Chattahoochee will be held Nov. 2.