

Harriers hungry for more, women roll in N.Y.

Men and women go separate ways in national meets

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The men's and women's cross country teams went their separate ways on Sept. 28-29, traveling to the Roy Griak Invitational in St. Paul, Minn., and to the Iona Meet of Champions in New York City, respectively.

The Demon Deacon men competed on Sept. 28, and acquired 508 points, placing them 20th overall out of 27 teams, eight of which were ranked.

Ranked No. 9, Oregon placed first, with Eastern Michigan and Weber State taking second and third. Brigham Young's Kip Kangogo won the individual title with a time of 23:38.9.

Senior Mike Altieri finished in 79th place with a time of 25:26.6 in the 8,000-meter race. His performance was impressive enough to earn him the title of ACC Cross Country Performer of the Week for the week of Sept. 30.

Following Altieri were sophomore Brandon Bartholomew (91st, 25:31.5), junior Dave Barrett (98th, 25:34.6), freshman Sean Stevens (110th, 25:42.2), and junior Matt Busick (130th, 25:59.0).

Also representing Wake Forest were sophomores Chris Elder, with a time of 26:00.2, and Brian Smith, 26:38.8.

While the men faced tough competition in St. Paul, the women harriers were busy dominating the course in New York. The Wake Forest women's team finished in second place out of 30 teams on Sept. 28, only five points behind unranked Missouri.

Individually, the 6,000-meter race was won by Yale's Kate O'Neill with a time of 20:36.6.

Sophomore Anne Bersagel led the team with a time of 21:11.7, finishing in fifth place.

Bersagel was followed closely by senior Risa Rutland, who finished seventh with a 21:38.1, and by red-shirt freshman Jill Miller, whose time of 21:44.0 earned her eighth place.

Also scoring for the Deacons were sophomore Danielle Coon (22nd, 22:19.0), freshman Erin Franklin (28th, 22:27.6), and junior

Catherine Fortin-Major (35th, 22:45.0).

Women harriers senior Adralyn Wendel, senior Courtney Lancashire, junior Becca Veenstra and sophomore Tess Fath were also present at the meet.

The women's team recently dropped to No. 26 in the FinishLynx/ NCAA Division I Women's Cross Country National Poll.

This third poll of the season upset their previous weekly ranking of No. 22.

Overall, however, Head Coach Annie Schweitzer-Bennett was pleased with the team's performance.

"The race was very competitive which we needed," she said. "This was our first test of ranked competition. The girls left there happy that we beat all the Northeast schools and are excited to race again."

The team looks to regain their rank in the polls in the upcoming pre-nationals, and are "hungry to compete," said Bennett.

Both the men and women harriers will be back in action on Oct. 19 at the pre-nationals in Terre Haute, Ind.

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running game continued to successfully pound away at UVa. Birgs would capitalize, zipping through for 15 yards and in for the score. The scoreboard now read 17-3, with 5:41 left in the half.

Now, some offensive fireworks started to go off for both teams. After yet another successful kickoff return, Schaub hit wideout Ryan Sawyer for the 33-yard bomb, forcing the game to 17-10.

MacPherson and company answered Schaub's challenge, beating up on the Cavs' defense themselves. While MacPherson never developed a steady rhythm with any of his wide receivers, with the possible exception of senior Jax Landfried, he did manage to scramble for some running yards of his own.

A few more reverses by Davis and some hard-nosed running by Burney brought them to the 8-yard line, where senior fullback Ovie Mughelli took three plays to force his way into the endzone. With 1:26 left in the half, it was 24-10, but the scoring still wouldn't stop.

On the following short kickoff by Wisnosky, the 'Hoos bobbled the ball, causing a fumble, that found its way into Deacon freshman receiver Chris Davis' hands. After some running down the clock, Wisnosky booted a 30-yarder to end the half at 27-10.

Virginia, much like their Wake Forest counterparts in the first half, came out of the gates in the third with guns ablazing.

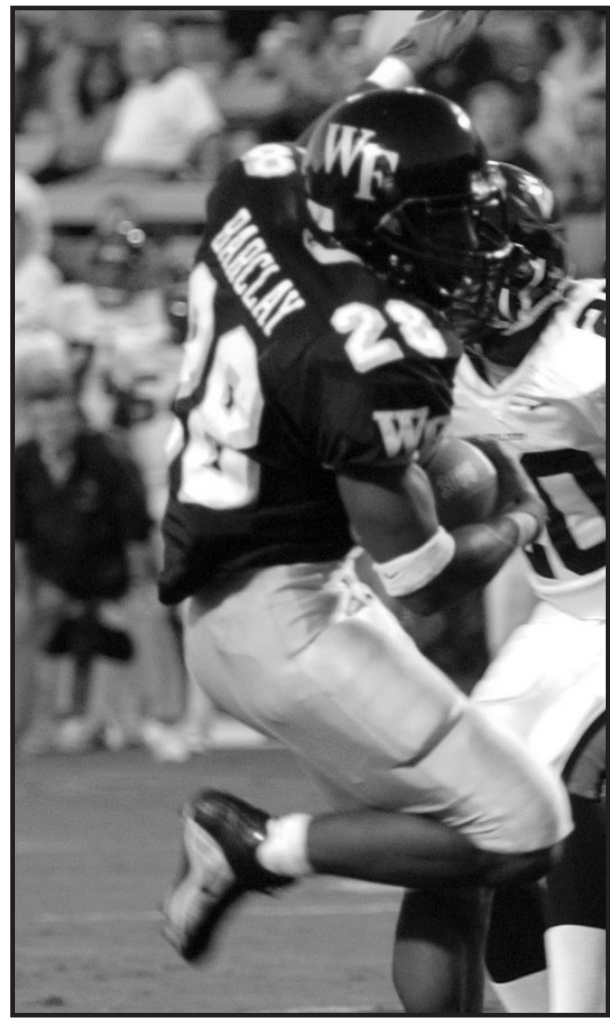
Schaub, with the greatest of ease, found receiver Michael McGrew for 42 yards and then tight end Heath Miller for the short touchdown. Yet again, the football version of Red Rover did not stop, as the Wake Forest offense was sent over once more. Fabian Davis reversed his way to some more rushing yards, and Williams carried half the 'Hoos roster down to the 4yard of UVa. with him.

Two plays later, Mughelli muscled his way for another touchdown. The score now read a comfortable 34-17 in the Deacs' favor, but the scoring would end now - at least for Wake Forest.

With 4:40 left in the third quarter, Virginia launched their final counterattack, and what a dandy it was. For the first time in the game, the Deacons seemed to be shutting Schaub down, but then Lundy, on a halfback toss, tossed a gem to Sawyer for a 37-yard Wahoo score. As the game entered the final session, 10 points separated the Deacs and an embarrassing fourth quarter meltdown.

Grobe's Gang, who couldn't stop moving the ball earlier, just couldn't find a groove when it mattered most in the fourth. An 18-yard punt with 13:26 left, giving Schaub field position near midfield, did not help matters.

After yet another mid-level bomb by Schaub to McGrew brought the Cavs into the red zone, Miller caught his second touchdown of the game, bringing the score to 34-31, with 12:31 remaining on the



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Freshman Chris Barclay dashes in for a touchdown against the Virginia Cavaliers.

game clock. Wake Forest's offense stalled again and again, and Virginia gathered the ball back again. Schaub went back to tormenting the secondary, and after a huge "iffy" pass interference call, he ran the ball in himself from the 7-yard line to clench ahold of the lead, 38-34, in favor of UVa.

The game essentially ended with 0:53 when MacPherson pumped faked one too many times and was sacked on a 4th-down-and-13 at Virginia's 23-yard line.

Wake Forest fell to 2-3 overall, and are 0-2 in the ACC. Virginia improved to 3-2 overall, 1-1 in league play.

The Demon Deacons hope to rebound on Oct. 5, when they visit the Rambling Wreck of Georgia Tech. Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. at Bobby Dodd Stadium, in Atlanta, Ga.

The Yellow Jackets are 4-1 overall, 1-1 in league play, and their defense is limiting opponents to just 14.6 points per game.

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But this is still a talented squad that is one more offensive playmaker or secondary stopper away from a 4-1 record, not a 2-3 record. And for Duncan's sake, who cares how well they are doing? This is still bonafide ACC football! So, being the concerned, open-minded scholar that you are, you are asking, "Oh exhalted sports editor, what can I do to help?" Well, I'm glad you asked. Here is a quick rundown of how we can help our football team, our school, and actually enjoy ourselves (gasp!) in the process.

1. Show up to the game

Doesn't sound too difficult, yet many students find themselves either too drunk from the tailgates to walk to the game, or too self-centered to pull themselves out of the library on Saturday afternoon. For those of you who fall into the former category and enjoy the occasional Saturday Southpaw (or Festival), how about chilling out just a bit? You can still get sloppy, but maintain coherency. It will help step No. 3 immensely.

As for you students who fall into the latter, forget about Calloway for awhile and enjoy the atmosphere, if not the game. Really, no one cares whether you get a 3.8 or a 4.0. Not me, not your mom, and not that evil mega-corporation that is going to hire you after college.

Only about half of the student section was filled up at kickoff against Virginia. That must change if our football program is going to be expected to consider Winston-Salem home.

2. Create football atmosphere

This may be a little more difficult than step No. 1, but still quite plausible. Granted, Groves isn't very student- or fan-friendly. But, please, as Wake Forest students, we should be used to coming in second behind loaded alumni. And also granted, the students make up only part of the Deacs' fanbase. But we really shouldn't rely on local faithful or visiting

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alums to cheer OUR team. Michigan calls the Big House home. If step No. 2 isn't put into place, perhaps Groves Stadium will come to be known as the Playskool Playpen. It is about as loud as the nursery for the Muppet Babies ... check that ... napping Muppet Babies.

3. Combine No. and No. 2, execute

This means heckling the other team and rooting for ours! This is where all those tailgating Deacs will come in handy. Only college students contain that rare combination of juvenile wit and biting heartlessness necessary for mocking ECU for being purple pirates, booing UVa. because their star back's name is "Wally" and for prodding Duke for being Duke.

As I mentioned above, cheering for the Demon Deacons is also strongly encouraged.

Just so you know, cheering does not constitute posing like a J. Crew model for the one quarter you show up, playing house with your date. Cheering means paying attention to the game, and being excited when your team does well, and upset when they don't do well. 'Nuff said.


I realize this is a basketball school, but this apathy must end. And you're damn right, I'm bitter. I'm as bitter as a Palmer/Piccolo cult member, angry at the world for living in the boondocks. But *our* football team needs our help.

Watching the game, and caring even a little about the outcome makes for a fun time, whether you are a diehard fan or not. So at least fulfill your obligation as a fan. Then you can complain about the team's showing. Just so long as you show up the next week too.

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