

Gridiron Deacs shipwreck Pirates, improve to 3-1

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The Deacs started their quest to return to the national rankings Sept. 20 by winning one of those games that they needed to win, overcoming East Carolina 34-16.

After rushing for just 56 yards Sept. 13 against Purdue, the Deacs gained 193 yards on the ground against the visiting Pirates.

The Deacon running game got contributions from all around. Sophomore tailback Chris Barclay rushed 17 times for 55 yards. True freshman D'Angelo Bryant made his debut for the Deacs, gaining 33 yards on nine carries, including a two-yard touchdown run. Redshirt sophomore Cornelius Birgs also ran the ball 14 times for 32 yards.

"D'Angelo Bryant played strong inside to bring up the team," Head Coach Jim Grobe said. The rushing attack had struggled of late with red-shirt sophomore Dominic Anderson out for the season due to injury and Barclay and Birgs playing on injured ankles.

"It was a great feeling being able to play," Bryant said. "It was a dream come true. Cornelius Birgs and Chris Barclay did a great job teaching me. I just need to keep playing hard."

Senior offensive lineman Tyson Clabo, one of the team's leaders, said he had not been aware that Bryant was going to play.

"But he really kept us rolling," Clabo said. "I don't care who's back there, as long as they are running hard."

The Deacs also utilized their wide receivers in the rushing attack. Red-shirt freshman Willie Idlette ran the ball nine times on end-arounds for 49 yards and a touchdown. Sophomore Chris Davis ran once for eight yards.

With 95 all-purpose yards against East

Carolina, Idlette is averaging 105.5 all-purpose yards per game and 4.5 points per game, both tops in the ACC among freshmen. For his efforts, Idlette was named ACC Rookie of the Week.

The closest that East Carolina came in the game was in the third quarter. It started when, in the red zone, the Pirates fumbled the ball. Multiple Deacon defenders tried to pick the ball up and run, rather than falling on it, and none could get a handle on it. The ball eventually went out of bounds and East Carolina's drive remained alive.

The Pirates eventually lined up for a field goal. However, holder Ryan Dougherty took the snap and ran instead of holding for a field goal.

The 6-foot-1-inch, 211-pound freshman pushed his way through a sea of Wake Forest defenders for a nine-yard touchdown, cutting the Deacon lead to 17-10.

However, with the crowd of 28,074 at Groves Stadium growing restless, the Deacs wasted no time in recapturing the momentum.

On the first play of their next possession, red-shirt sophomore Cory Randolph threw a 79-yard touchdown pass to red-shirt junior receiver Jason Anderson. It was the third-longest play in Wake Forest history.

"I got a little lucky as the defender fell down so I kept on running," Anderson said. "It was a perfect throw, I just let it fall right into my hands."

When East Carolina got the ball back, quarterback Desmond Robinson threw deep on the Pirates' second play. Redshirt junior Marcus McGruder intercepted it and ran it back 35 yards, to the ECU 10 yard line. Two plays later, Barclay scored to put the Deacs up 31-10.

The Deacs never looked back, winning by a score of 34-16.



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Sophomore tailback Chris Barclay dives for extra yardage during the Deacs' 34-16 victory over ECU. Barclay scored a touchdown and was a big part of the Deacs' run offense that racked up 193 yards.

"It was a long game," Grobe said. "The third quarter felt like it lasted forever. I was proud though. It's easy to hang your head after a tough loss, so I was concerned about the mentality going into this game against ECU."

"Overall I thought they played both positively and negatively on both sides and they were much improved from the Purdue game. We have played four tough teams, but we have played with enthusiasm."

Next up for the Deacs is a visit to Charlottesville, Va. Sept. 27 to play the Virginia Cavaliers.

Virginia, coming off a bye week, is 2-1 on the season. The Deacs are 1-1 against UVa. during Grobe's tenure as Head Coach. Grobe is a graduate of Virginia, but he said he has not thought much about that.

"Virginia is such a good team that I have not really had any time to be sentimental or nostalgic about the game," Grobe said. "It will be much different, though, then when I was there. Virginia is one of the more talented teams in the ACC. I am sure we will face a fired-up football team come Saturday."

Junior strong safety Warren Braxton

added, "Virginia is a tough, physical and hard-nosed football team. They do not use many tricks or gimmicks, just power football."

Grobe said he expects his Deacs to be "healthier" for this game than they have been of late.

"We will have most of our people out at practice this week," Grobe said. "We are a young team to begin with, then you combine that with getting so banged up, it has been tough. The healthier we get, the better we expect to play."

Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m., and the game will be televised regionally on ABC.

Reifers leads Deacs to seventh place finish at Preview

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Sophomore Kyle Reifers showed that familiarity is a good thing. Reifers, who had played the Cascades course at Homestead in an amateur event over the summer, shot rounds of 69 and 72 to finish with a 1-over-par total of 141, good for a career-best fifth place tie individually.

"It's certainly good for Kyle," Head Coach Jerry Haas said. "He's come along way. He's hitting the ball a lot better, much straighter."

Unfortunately, Reifers was the only Deac with any previous experience on the par-70 layout. However, the team got a solid performance all around, finishing tied for seventh at the Preview, perhaps the premiere event on the fall college golf schedule. The tournament played Sept. 22-23 was cut to 36 holes from 54 due to predicted bad weather.

"It was a good preview for the NCAA," Haas said. "It's not an overly difficult course, but you have to hit the ball straight and manage your game with a lot of 3-woods and irons off the tee."

Boasting a 15-team field consisting of 13 of the nation's Top 15 squads, the event is meant to showcase the best of the best. It also gives these teams that are predicted to be in a hunt for a national title in May a chance to play the course that will host this spring's NCAA Championship. Coach Haas noted the importance of gaining and retaining knowledge about the course.

"I told them, 'You've got to file that stuff away, and remember where those putts break because the pins will probably be similar to the NCAA's,'" Haas said.

The sixth-ranked Deacs more than held their own and proved that they are a legitimate Top 10 team and should only get better as the rotation of freshmen and sophomores backing up Reifers and senior All-

American Bill Haas receives more playing time.

Haas, who was coming off a win at the Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate last week, wasn't at his best, but managed to put together two decent rounds of 71 and 72 to finish at 3-over and in a tie for 12th place. Haas looked like he was going to make a run when he birdied three holes on his opening nine during the final round. However, the senior stumbled on the way in, bogeying his final three holes.

Sean Moore and Chad Wilcox, two freshmen who made their collegiate debuts just last week, showed flashes of why they were such highly-touted recruits. Moore followed up an opening round 78 with a strong 72 in the final round to finish at 10-under and in a tie for 47th place.

Wilcox wound up one stroke back of his freshman teammate and in a tie for 55th.

"Sean played a little better and Chad had six birdies and shot a 74 in round one. Once he eliminates a few shots here and there during a round, I think

he'll be an explosive player for me," Haas said. "They don't act like freshmen. They don't seem scared of anything."

Sophomore Barr Blanton made his collegiate debut, finishing in a tie for 64th place at 13-over.

One negative for the Deacs was that for a second week in a row, they dropped in the standings after day one. But by competing against loaded fields each tournament, the team has already gotten a good sense of how it stacks up. Coach Haas noted that although they've seen some other really good teams, they haven't seen a team that really scares them.

By proving themselves against top-notch competition, the Deacs have also gotten a glimpse of how good they can be. "Every time we get there (near the top of the leader-board) - it shows how close we are," Haas said.

The Deacs will have some time off before playing against another stacked field in the Carpet Capital Collegiate in Rocky Face, Ga. Oct. 3-5.

Deacon Notes

The university is offering a student shuttle service for this weekend's football game at Virginia. The shuttle will head to the Sept. 27 game five hours before kickoff. The \$45 ticket includes a game ticket, a ride to and from the game, pizza, freebies and more. This will be an especially important game for the 3-1 Deacs, as they are 1-0 in the conference, tied with Virginia. Tickets are on sale at the ticket office in Benson University Center. The office is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Students should call Ext. 4265 for more information.

The Wake Forest - Duke men's basketball game has been rescheduled to the night of February 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. The game is at Lawrence Joel Coliseum and will be televised on ESPN. The Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook has come out with its preseason Top 25 and has the Deacons ranked 18th. In terms of the ACC, the Deacs are ranked only below no. 2 Duke and no. 12 North Carolina, with Maryland coming in at 23.

Deacon football player Willie Idlette was named ACC Rookie of the Week this week. The redshirt freshman receiver with blazing speed got the award based on his efforts in the game versus East Carolina. Idlette had 95 all-purpose yards in the 34-16 win, including nine carries for 49 yards, two catches for 11 yards, two punt returns for 14 yards and one kickoff return for 21 yards. His five-yard touchdown on a wide receiver reverse was his third in four games and opened up the Deacs' scoring. Idlette ranks as the ACC's top freshman in all-purpose yards (105.5 yards per game), punt returns (12.0), scoring (4.5 points per game) and is second in kickoff returns (20.8). Idlette is the fourth Demon Deacon this season to earn a weekly honor from the ACC, following redshirt junior Warren Braxton, sophomore Cory Randolph and sophomore Ryan Plackemeier.

Deac of the Week



Kelly Dostal

Kelly Dostal had quite a weekend for the No. 1-ranked Deacons. The junior chipped in a goal during the Deacs' 8-0 drubbing of VCU then exploded to score three times in the team's impressive victory over seventh-ranked Michigan State.

The hat trick brought her goal total for the year up to eight, which is tops on the talented team. She also leads her squad in overall points with 18.

Wake Forest is scheduled to battle conference rival, and No. 2-ranked North Carolina Sept. 26 at 4 p.m.

Last year, the All-American candidate tormented the Tar Heels by scoring the game-winning goals in both regular season matchups.

This Week	TODAY 25	FRI 26	SAT 27	SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 1
Football			At Virginia 3:30 P.M. Charlottesville, Va.				
Men's Soccer			At Maryland 7 P.M. College Park, Md.				
Women's Soccer		Vs. California 3 P.M. at Colorado College, Colo.		Vs. Pepperdine 2 P.M. at Colorado College, Colo.	Vs. East Carolina 7 P.M. Spry Stadium		
Fieldhockey		Vs. North Carolina 7 P.M. Kentner Stadium		At Maryland 1 P.M. College Park, Md.			
Volleyball		At Virginia 7 P.M. Charlottesville, Va.	At Maryland 5 P.M. College Park, Md.			At Duke 7 P.M. Durham	
Men's Tennis		At UVA Fall Tournament Charlottesville, Va.	At UVA Fall Tournament Charlottesville, Va.	At UVA Fall Tournament Charlottesville, Va.			
Women's Tennis		At Virginia Tech Invitational Blacksburg, Va. All Day	At Virginia Tech Invitational Blacksburg, Va. All Day	At Virginia Tech Invitational Blacksburg, Va. All Day			
Men's and Women's cross country			At Roy Griak Invitational St Paul, MN				
Women's Golf		At Mason Rudolph Championship Nashville, Tenn.	At Mason Rudolph Championship Nashville, Tenn.	At Mason Rudolph Championship Nashville, Tenn.			