

Field Hockey continues to roll over opponents

By Jim Gleitman
Sports Editor

In the simplest terms there were three games and three victories. With such outcomes it was clearly an efficient and productive week for Head Coach Jen Averill and her top-ranked field hockey team.

The Deacs handed out abuse to Boston University Oct. 4, Appalachian State Oct. 5 and Davidson Oct. 8, extending the Deacs' winning streak to 31 and a record of 12-0, 3-0 ACC.

Grabbing their third consecutive shut out of the week, the Deacs defeated Davidson 12-0. Not losing to Wildcats since Nov. 2, 1991 the Deacs traveled to face the 7-4, 3-0 Wildcats in a rivalry that dates back to 1976.

Though the Wildcats won the first two games of the series, the Deacs now lead the all-time series record at 22-15-2 with a current winning streak of 12. The Wildcats lost their first four games this season but went on a seven-game winning streak, which came to end with their game against the Deacs.

Junior Kelly Dostal led the team with three goals, while senior Lucy Shaw connected with the net twice. Several Deacs scored on the evening as seniors Kelly Doton and Emily Ruth; sophomores Kelly Wood and Martha Ferger; freshmen Lauren Crandall, Kristi Harshman and Haley Scott all registered goals.

Both junior Claire Laubach and sophomore Maeke Boreel finished the night with six assists each, breaking the school record of five made by Susan Bowman in a match against Longwood Sept. 28, 1994.

The Deacs out shot the Wildcats 46-1,

with 26 penalty corners, to Davidson's zero. A testament to their offense, the Deacs have outshot their last three opponents 137-3, for a combined score of 24-0.

In what was an offensive onslaught against Appalachian State, the Deacs out shot their opponent 59-0.

Despite such staggering numbers, Averill's squad was held to a 6-0 victory after Mountaineer goalkeeper Kate Ryno made an impressive 30 saves on the day.

"Like I say to the players every game, 'we need to respect our opponents and work for everything, don't take anything for granted,'" Averill said. "We fell short of one of our goals, that being finishing, but hats off to them because they highlighted a weakness of ours right now."

Dostal scored the opening goal off an assist from Boreel in the first minute of action. Dostal now leads the team in scoring with 15 goals. The goal came off a penalty corner, the first of the Deacs' 26 on the day.

Later in the game Dostal would return the favor, assisting Boreel in rattling the cage to put the Deacs' up 4-0. Laubach tallied a goal with a few minutes left in the game, while senior Emily Ruth registered her fourth goal of the season. Reigning ACC Player of the Year and Doton pocketed two goals, giving her 12 on the season, and one assist in the game.

"The first goal came on a penalty stroke, but the second one was on a broken play," Doton said. "I just happened to be open and the goalie came out to challenge me. I went left and luckily it went in."

Senior Katie Ridd shared cage time equally with freshman Kristina Gagliardi, as the Deacs shut out their seventh oppo-

nent this season.

"We had good possession and domination, we just need to clean up inside the 25," Averill said. "We will definitely be working on our finishing touches this week in practice. I was happy that everyone got to play today, with three games in five days, it's nice to not wear out the same 11 girls with each game."

In their game against Boston University, Dostal scored two goals on assists from Boreel, both coming off penalty corners. Boston came out with motivation and purpose in trying to knock off the defending champions, but the Deacs maintained their composure and tactics en route to a 6-0 victory.

"I think we really came out and played our game plan, the plan we'd worked on all week in practice," Dostal said. "We have played consistently well this season and we executed well again today."

Doton tallied one goal and one assist, while Laubach, senior Lucy Shaw and senior Katie Ackerman scored a goal a piece.

Much like the game against Appalachian State, the Deacs came out firing with a 15-1 shot margin in the first half. However, much to Averill's disapproval, the team is not capitalizing on their many opportunities and continues to stress this need in practice.

Though the Deacs have played three games this week and look ahead to their next challenging opponent, coach Averill does not believe the team will suffer from any physical or mental fatigue.

"I don't think fatigue is a factor," Averill said. "In fact, we might throw some conditioning out there for them this week. If that is the biggest obstacle for us right now, then I will be the happiest coach."



Chris Mellinger/Old Gold and Black

Sophomore Ariel Myers fends off an opposing player during a 6-0 win against Boston University Oct. 4. The defending national champions racked up three more wins this past week and are undefeated on the season.

The Deacs will now face a rematch with No. 4 Duke, whose record is 9-2, 0-2 ACC, Oct. 12 in Kentner Stadium. The Deacs left Durham earlier in the season with a 3-1 victory. Action between these two ACC rivals is set to begin at 1:00 p.m.

"We can't become complacent and satisfied with where we are right now,"

Dostal said. "We are working on building our team up from here, correcting errors on the field that will only lead to a successful future. We still have a few huge regular season games, so we are using every opportunity at practice to prepare for the remainder of the regular season before heading into post-season play."

Women's golf finishes fifth, senior Means places 11th

By Alison Soule
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The women's golf team had their best finish of the season at the Franklin Street Partners Invitational, Oct 3-5, where they claimed fifth-place standings by shooting 910 as a team.

Wake Forest used a very balanced attack, as four players finished the tournament in the Top 25 individually.

The Deacs fought off teams like Auburn, Texas and top-ranked Duke at Finley Golf Course located on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill.

Of the five qualifying players that participated in the event, the most spirited player of the weekend was senior captain, Deb Means. Finishing with a tie for 11th place, Means paced the team with scores of 73 in the first round, and 76 in the second and third rounds, culminating in an overall score of 225, 9-over par.

"I was pleased with my play this weekend," Means said. "I didn't really make too many birdies which I would have liked to have done. But yeah, I was pleased."

Means' 11th-place standings are the highest ranking for any player on this season's team thus far.

"She's really made a lot of improvement," Head Coach Dianne Dailey said. "She had a really good tournament—her best in quite a while. And she hit the ball extremely well."

In addition to Means, juniors Ashley Hoagland and Christine Hallstrom also had equally impressive showings, finishing in 17th and 19th place, respectively.

Hoagland, a solid performer for the Deacs, perhaps played her best on the final day of the event when she shot 73.

On days one and two, Hoagland chipped in scores of 76 and 78, resulting in a final score of 227 and a tie for the 17th spot.

Hallstrom, a player who has consistently come through for the Deacs this season, came in just one stroke behind teammate Hoagland, with a final score of 228, 11-over par.

Hallstrom was for the most part displeased with her overall play in the tournament and seems more focused on self-improvement despite her Top 20 finish.

"The second and third day I wasn't really hitting well," Hallstrom said. "Not as solid as I usually do. And I didn't make up for it with my puts, so lost a lot of shots there."

With scores of 73, 77 and 78 in the three-day event, Hallstrom maintained competitive standings of ninth place on day one and 13th on day two, exhibiting her unwavering capacity to stay in the running.

Another player chipping in Top 20 scores for the Deacs was freshman standout Mandy Goins. She finished the tournament tied for 24th with a combined score of 231.

Goins' performance this season has continued to impress Dailey.

Her game seems to be getting stronger with each tournament she plays.

"Mandy Goins is doing well as a freshman," Dailey said. "It's been wonderful to see her play so well, and to come in and be so happy. She is an extremely coachable player."

However, the Deacs did suffer some blows that could have potentially rocked the final standings. Freshman Jessica Castle began the tournament with a first-round score of 76 and a first day rank of 18.

On day two, while teeing off on a par 3, Castle suffered a painful injury in which her one of her ribs "popped" out of place.

Despite excruciating pain, Castle finished round two with a score of 80 and nursed an aching back that eventually began to spasm.

Sunday the injury subsided and her rib slid back into place only after she had consented to withdraw from the third round of play.

Injury also plagued junior Hoagland, who suffered a wrist injury that also had some effect on her game in the tournament.

"I'm really proud that the kids hung in there," Dailey said of her injured players. "They kept us in the tournament because they knew their scores were going to count."

Though faced with injury and stiff competition, the women's golf team is gradually improving as they make their way through the schedule. "We're beating some good teams," Dailey said.

Means added, "I think we're doing well as a team ... it was a really strong field."

Next up for the team is the ACC/SEC Challenge at the Raven Golf Course on Oct. 24-26 in Destin, Fla.

Deacon Notes

Wake Forest hired Curtis Brown as the baseball team's new pitching coach. He replaces Michael Holmes, who left to take a scouting position with the Oakland Athletics. Brown comes to Wake from the University of Richmond, where he served as pitching coach and recruiting coordinator for the past three years. Brown was a part of the Richmond team that won the Atlantic 10 championship in 2003. Last season Brown's pitchers at Richmond tallied 21 complete games and recorded 530 strikeouts against only 189 walks. Richmond's team ERA of 3.32 was the ninth best in the country. Brown originally hails from Silver Spring, Md. and graduated from Richmond University in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in sports science. At Richmond, Brown was a three-year letterwinner for the Spiders and a captain during his senior season. While Brown was there, Richmond won back-to-back Colonial Athletic Association titles and three trips to the NCAA Tournament.

Senior cross country runner Anna Sherman was named ACC cross country performer of the week. Sherman earned the honor after a stellar showing at the Notre Dame Invitational, in South Bend, Ind. The West Essex, N.J. native placed third overall at the event, recording a time of 17:37 on the 5k course. As a team, the 20th-ranked Demon Deacons finished second overall in large part due to Sherman's performance. This is the second time in her career that Sherman has won the award, she previously received the honor on Oct. 14, 2002, after placing fourth overall at the 2002 North Carolina Collegiate Championships. Wake Forest has now claimed three female performer of the week awards in the first six weeks of the cross country season. Freshman Michelle Sikes won the award twice, for the weeks of Sept. 1 and Sept. 15.

Deac of the Week



Deb Means

Senior Deb Means led a balanced Deacon team that had an impressive fifth place finish at the Franklin Street Partners Invitational Oct. 3-5.

Means fired a sparkling 1-over 73 in the first round and then backed that up with two solid rounds of 76. Her scores were good enough to give her a share of 11th place individually. Not only was this the highest finish for the Deacs this weekend, but it marked the highest individual by a member of the team in any tournament thus far.

The Deacs will continue to do well if Means keeps turning in such nice scores.

This Week	TODAY	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Football			Vs. Georgia Tech 3:30 P.M. Groves Stadium				
Men's Soccer				At South Carolina 2 P.M. Columbia, S.C.			Vs. Long Island 7 P.M. Spry Stadium
Women's Soccer			At Virginia 5 P.M. Charlottesville, Va.			At North Carolina 7 P.M. Chapel Hill	
Field Hockey				Vs. Duke 1 P.M. Kentner Stadium			
Volleyball		Vs. Georgia Tech 7 P.M. Reynolds Gym	Vs. Clemson 6 P.M. Reynolds Gym				
Men's Tennis							
Women's Tennis							
Men's and Women's cross country							
Men's Golf				At Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate Birmingham, Ala.	At Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate Birmingham, Ala.	At Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate Birmingham, Ala.	