

# Coetzee captures Southeast Regional Championship

## Junior earns automatic berth in National Indoor Championships

By Graham Hall  
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After a weekend of outstanding play, third seed junior Karin Coetzee advanced to the singles finals of the ITA Southeast Indoor Regional. In the finals match Coetzee played and defeated unseeded Aibika Kalsarieva of Kentucky 6-1, 6-3 in straight sets to capture the Southeast Regional Championship. With the victory, Coetzee earns an automatic berth

in National Indoor Championship which will be held from Nov. 6-10 in Ann Arbor, Mich. Coetzee reached the finals after beating fellow teammate freshman Alex Hirsch, 6-3, 6-4.

Coetzee was very consistent in all of her matches over the weekend, not losing a single set in her three final victories. "My consistency throughout the tournament was getting better, which is something I've been working on in practice," Coetzee said.

Hirsch had an impressive tournament upsetting the second seed Danela Alvarez, and then defeated 37th ranked Manon Kruse of Middle Tennessee State 6-1, 6-3, which placed her in the semifinals match with Coetzee.

"Of course it was disappointing to lose

in the semi-finals to my teammate, Karin, but she was obviously playing great tennis all weekend," Hirsch said. "It's always nice to see the person you lose to actually win the tournament and Karin dominated in the finals."

Junior Katie Martzolf also reached the semifinals after a three-set victory over Wofford's Wendy Rohr, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, where she eventually lost to Coetzee's finals opponent Kalsarieva, 6-2, 6-3.

"Overall, I am very happy with how I played and how the whole team performed," Hirsch said. "It was a great weekend for the Deacs!"

The Deacs also sent two doubles teams to the semifinals. Coetzee and senior Aimee Smith faced their teammates, freshman Ashlee Davis and Martzolf,

in the semifinals where Coetzee and Smith won 8-3. Coetzee and Martzolf were able to come from behind and tie their match with second seeded Maria Brito and Julie Coin of Clemson but unfortunately lost the next two points to lose the match 9-7.

Except for Coetzee, the rest of the team ended its season over the weekend.

"I am very excited about our team this year," Martzolf said. "We have a great group of girls."

Coetzee is now ranked 53rd in the nation and Martzolf ends the season ranked 81st. The doubles team of Martzolf and Coetzee is ranked 49th.

"These results make us very optimistic about the spring season coming up and encourages us to work even harder,"

Coetzee said.

The team gained valuable experience playing against other talented opponents over the weekend, which should certainly help them in the future.

"I played very solid tennis in all of my matches, and I feel like I improved both mentally and physically as the tournament progressed," Hirsch said. "Every match got tougher and I was able to rise to the occasion against the 2nd seed and the 7th seed."

The team finishes the fall season with a combined record of 53-28 in singles matches and 46-20 record in doubles matches. They will start their dual match season Jan. 31 against Charlotte.

"We are looking forward to the spring season," said Martzolf.

# Women's soccer stumbles again, losing 5-1 to Terps

By Gerard McMahon  
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The 14th-ranked Demon Deacon women's soccer team continued its recent losing skid in a 5-1 defeat at the hands of an opportunistic Maryland team Oct. 25.

The Deacs fell behind early when Maryland scored only 19 seconds into the game and were never able to climb back into the game, extending their winless streak to five. The loss keeps Wake Forest winless in ACC play through six games (0-3-2), but they still stand at 9-5-3 overall.

Three Terrapin goals in the first eight minutes of the game set the tone for a bad day for the Deacons in College Park, Md. Although the defense tightened up after the initial shock, the offense was never able to score enough goals to bring the Deacs back into the game, although they did outshoot Maryland 16-15.

Head Coach Tony da Luz did not take solace in any moral victories, however, and acknowledged that his team just played poorly.

"We made some horrendous mistakes in defense and as a team to give up three goals in the opening eight minutes of the game," da Luz said. "Giving up early goals has been a bad trend in the ACC games this year,

putting ourselves in a deep hole each game."

With the exception of freshman Taylor Toombs, who scored the lone Deacon goal of the game, her fifth of the year on an unassisted score halfway through the second half, no players on the team had a standout game. Junior goalkeeper Kenna Healy responded to Maryland's opening attack well, providing all four of her saves for the Demon Deacons in the second half, but even that was not enough to console da Luz.

"We have to eliminate these early mistakes in order to have a chance of winning a conference game," da Luz said. "We have been addressing this problem for quite some time now, and it is not sinking in, maybe because we are so young and maybe because we are pressing too much to make things happen."

All hope is not lost, however. According to da Luz, the team is optimistic that they can finish out the season satisfactorily.

"If we can eliminate early defensive errors, we can beat any team in the conference," da Luz said. "(Nov. 1) is Senior Night versus N.C. State so we hope to send our seniors out with a win at home."

The Demon Deacons will try to gain their first conference victory in their regular season finale Nov. 1 against North Carolina State. The game is set to start at 7 p.m.

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Marbury, Amare Stoudemire and Shawn Marion. The Houston Rockets, with new coach Jeff Van Gundy, have Steve Francis and Yao Ming. The Portland Trail Blazers are the same as always: loaded but volatile.

Oh, yeah, then there's the East.

While I still hold out hope for my Sixers, the Nets are the only East team with a remote chance of knocking off one of the Big Five in the Finals. They added Alonzo Mourning, and Jason Kidd is the game's best point guard. Richard Jefferson and Kenyon Martin are getting better every year. That's not to mention the fact that their sixth man is former Deacon Rodney Rogers.

The Pistons, the East's next-best team, added highly-touted rookie Darko Milicic to the mix, but their chances went down the drain when they hired Larry Brown as their coach. An expert at rebuilding teams, Brown has never won an NBA title and he never will.

If all goes right for the Sixers, they could contend. Allen Iverson will be his usual self - the league's best player after Duncan. And I really believe Glenn Robinson will thrive as the second

option. But the rest of the supporting cast must stay healthy—a daunting task for injury-prone Eric Snow, Derrick Coleman and Aaron McKie. On the off chance that everything, and I mean everything, goes right, this could be a dangerous team.

But the team everyone will be watching in the East will be the Cleveland Cavaliers. The Cavs most established scorers are Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Ricky Davis. But the team's hopes really hinge on four players who average half a semester of college basketball experience and one-and-a-half years of NBA experience between them: LeBron James, Darius Miles, Dajuan Wagner and DeSagana Diop. James will be good eventually, but probably not this season. As for Miles, Wagner and Diop, they are all former high draft picks who need to step it up as soon as possible if they don't want to be considered busts.

All in all, two things are certain about the upcoming NBA season: there are pretty good odds that Wake Forest will add to its lead over Duke in NBA Championships won by its alumni; and there will be some spectacular matchups and some exciting basketball throughout the season and into the playoffs.

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