

# Volleyball victorious in Deacon Invitational

Havig, Rydberg set pace as Demon Deacs roll over Cocks, Herd and Huskies

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Just as they began their season last year, the Demon Deacon volleyball team came out of the gate hot.

Wake Forest knocked off three solid opponents Sept. 4-5 to win the Deacon Invitational Tournament, which was held in Reynolds Gymnasium. The Deacons opened their year with a 3-1 victory over South Carolina Sept. 4, hitting .405 as a team in the final game to put away the Gamecocks. The following day, they beat Marshall 3-1 before whipping Connecticut 3-0.

"I was very impressed with our team's ability to maintain our level of play throughout a long weekend," Head Coach Valerie Baker said. Baker is beginning her fifth season at the helm of the Deacon volleyball program.

The Deacons defeated South Carolina around in the first game, 30-19. After losing the second game 30-26, the Deacons bounced back to win the third game 30-20. A kill by senior middle blocker Kim Stern clinched the final game, 30-22, and the match, three games to one, for the Deacons.

Junior outside hitter Valerie Rydberg, an All-ACC and honorable mention All-American selection from last season, led the way for the Deacons offensively, pick-

ing up 16 kills while posting a .323 hitting percentage. Rydberg also contributed 12 digs and three service aces while Stern picked up 13 kills and 12 digs.

Junior setter Erin Borhart led the team with 46 assists while also nodding five digs and two service aces. Senior middle blocker Morgan Havig was a force at the net, leading the team with five solo blocks. Havig also picked up three digs and five kills.

All-ACC selection and honorable mention All-American Christy Williams, a junior middle blocker, contributed nine kills for a .538 hitting percentage, while also finding four digs.

Sophomore outside hitter Lauren Peterson picked up nine kills and three service aces in the first match, while sophomore Natasha Schaefer nodded 12 digs and two service aces. Junior defensive specialist A.J. Nicholas also picked up six digs.

The Deacs hit .328 as a team while limiting the Gamecocks' attack to a mere .090. Wake Forest played better defensively than South Carolina as well, out digging their opponents 57-41 while posting 10 team blocks to South Carolina's three.

The Deacs returned to the court the following afternoon to face the Thundering Herd of Marshall, who, like South Carolina, was unable to stop the one-two punch of Stern and Rydberg. Those two led the team with 16 kills each while Stern also picked up three service aces and Rydberg notched 14 digs, as Wake Forest defeated Marshall three games to one.

The Deacs' defense was strong once again as Schaefer led all players with 23 digs. Havig dominated the net with seven

blocks assisted and two solo blocks, leading all players in both categories. Havig also contributed 13 kills while Schaefer led all servers with five aces.

Borhart picked up 11 digs while dishing out 49 assists. Williams also contributed 10 digs and seven kills while Peterson added two service aces. In their final match of the weekend, the Deacs swept Connecticut in three games by scores of 30-21, 30-19 and 30-25. Williams led the way for Wake Forest in this match, notching 11 kills while assisting on five blocks. Stern and Rydberg were strong for the Deacs once again, picking up nine kills and 10 digs a piece.

Borhart contributed seven kills and 12 digs while dishing out 27 assists. Havig and freshman outside hitter Michael Faulkner posted solid performances with Havig picking up seven kills and Faulkner adding six.

Following their win over Connecticut, the Deacs were awarded the first place trophy as champions of the Deacon Invitational. Moreover, Stern was named to the all-tournament team and Havig was named tournament MVP.

"I thought we played very well as a team the whole weekend," Havig said.

Stern said, "One of our goals is to be ACC Champions. And that is how everything is going - everything is going toward that goal. Everybody put every ounce of effort they had into this weekend."

With three wins under their belt, the Deacs will travel to Knoxville, Tenn. Sept. 10-11 for the Lady Vols Invitational, where they will play Tennessee, Purdue and Tennessee-Martin.



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Senior middle blocker Morgan Havig was named MVP of the Deacon Invitational, which the Deacs won by defeating South Carolina, Marshall and Con-

## Women's soccer wins Charlotte Classic

Kozey honored as tournament MVP, three teammates join her on all-tournament squad

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The women's soccer team continued its strong start, winning the Charlotte Classic Sep. 5.

The Deacs beat Ole Miss and Virginia Commonwealth, improving their record to 3-0-1 overall. Junior forward and co-captain Sarah Kozey was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player after scoring three goals and adding an assist over the course of the tournament.

"Up front and in our midfield we have a lot of people who are creative and can score goals," Kozey said. "It is the most dangerous attack since I've been here. I think that has made me play better because it keeps the defense honest and I am relaxed."

Senior Alli Hunt, junior Melanie Schneider and sophomore Tara Caldwell were all named to the all-tournament team as defenders.

"This should be an amazing season," Caldwell said. "There is so much potential for this team. As long as we keep focused and stay committed to improving together, the possibilities are endless."

Senior Alli Hunt added, "I think personally, there's always room to improve, and I'm so excited to get more into the season and play up to what I know I can."

Sept. 5, the Deacons entered their game against

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Mississippi, needing a win to capture the 2004 Charlotte Classic.

The first half was dominated by defense, with neither team being able to put one in the net.

The second half started out the same way the first half ended with neither team managing to score. Late in the second half, the Deacons captured the lead when sophomore Elizabeth Remy crossed the ball to fellow sophomore Jayme Leigh Cargnoni, who shot the ball past Ole Miss' goalkeeper, Ann Shelton. The goal was Cargnoni's first of the season, while Remy got the assist. Five minutes later, though, Ole Miss tied the game with a goal of its own.

Both teams failed to score during the remainder of regulation and the first overtime. In the 116th minute, Caldwell passed the ball to Kozey, who then broke away from defenders and slipped the ball past the keeper for the game-winning goal.

Sophomore goalkeeper Ruth Ann Supica had five saves, as the Deacs out-shot Ole Miss 18-13.

"I think our team performed well," Kozey said. "We are a young team with a lot of depth and (Head Coach) Tony (Da Luz) is trying a lot of different lineups to see what will work best."

Two days earlier, Sept. 3, the Deacs began the Classic against Virginia Commonwealth.

The Deacons captured an early lead with a goal

by Melanie Schneider in the ninth minute of the game. The goal was Schneider's second of the season.

Sophomore midfielder Kristen Kemp scored her first goal of the season just minutes later, with freshman defender Nicole Lecznar picking up the assist, giving Wake Forest a two-nil lead.

After a yellow card on sophomore defender Keisha Garrick, Schneider scorched the ball past VCU's goalkeeper for her second goal of the game and third of the season. Three minutes later, junior Sarah Kozey scored to make it 4-0.

VCU's Leigh Anthony finally scored her team's only goal of the first half with only minutes left before halftime. In the second half, Anthony scored again to get her team within two goals. From then on, however, the Deacs shut the Rams down.

The final goal of the game came when sophomore forward Taylor Toombs passed the ball to Schneider, who scored her third goal of the game with 13 minutes left, as the Deacs came away with a 5-2 win in the first game of the tournament.

"I think as a team we are playing well for where we are in our season," Hunt said. "We're an incredibly young team that just needs time to adjust and develop into the intensity and level that is ACC soccer."

The Deacons will play host to the Wake Forest adidas Soccer Classic Sept. 10-12, which will feature Colorado, Utah and Denver. They hope the momentum from their first four games will continue as the season goes on.

"It's my senior season, I want to go out with a bang and know I can do it with the help of my teammates," Hunt said.

## Wake Invasion makes noise in Death Valley

By Ryan Durham  
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Going to cheer on their team, a loyal core of Deacon fans invaded Clemson's Death Valley as part of a new program called "Wake Invasion."

With faces and bodies painted in old gold and black, the group - mostly freshmen - cheered on their team into the depths of double overtime.

Memorial Stadium, better known as Death Valley, holds an amazing 80,000 fans known for their wild behavior. The Wake Invaders made up a small portion of this number, but still managed to have their voices heard at times when the Deacs were able to silence the Clemson crowd.

"I'm so tired from cheering so hard," freshman Christine Hunt said.

This sentiment could be seen through the faces of the tired Wake Invaders on their return home. Hunt and her fellow invaders supported their team through the thick and thin of the battle with Clemson. Chants of "Go Deacs Go" and "Defense" could be heard from the Invaders, who were slightly separated from the other Wake Forest fans.

"We need more people to come and help cheer on the team," freshman Tim Montgomery said.

In its first year, Wake Invasion was a relative success for the first game of the season. It was started last year as a pilot program.

"It was better this year because it was cheaper and because last year food was not provided," sophomore Andrew D'Epagnier said.

For a price of \$25, fans receive spirit gear, food and transportation to and from the game.

Last year for the pilot game - when the Deacs traveled to Charlottesville, Va. to take on the Virginia Cavaliers - fans had to pay much more. This year, though, the Student Activities Fee (SAFE) was instated to help supplement the cost of group activities that are non-exclusive to the entire student body.

"It's a great way to show Wake Forest spirit, support the Demon Deacons football program and take advantage of the student activity fund all at the same time," said Charidy Hight, the assistant director of student development and the coordinator of volunteer services.

Freshman Blake Brittain said, "Wake Invasion is probably the best way a student could experience the game."

Wake Invasion is the brainchild of Hight, the assistant director of multicultural affairs Lamaya Covington and the associate athletic director Dwight Lewis. It is their work that led to SAFE's contribution to Wake Invasion.

If the other two games are as equally successful, there are also thoughts of making an application to do a Wake Invasion for the basketball season.

"We would love to see some student groups take over the planning for these events because, though the staff is willing to plan it, it would be even more student-oriented if done by a student group," Hight said.

Student groups that are interested can contact the SAFE committee for more information on applications for projects, such as this and for other activities.

For students interested in participating in the final two Wake Invasion games of the season, tickets are still available for the East Carolina game and a few are still available for the N.C. State game.

## Soccer:

Sealy stars in Charlotte

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the 2006 World Cup. Sealy may miss action for the Deacons to play for the team as the season progresses, but the lessons he has learned on the team are shining through in his stellar play at the beginning of the season.

"He is coming off a summer where he played for his national team, and I think that's really helping him out," Parkhurst said. "He's bringing a lot of our team."

The team will play again Sept. 10 and 12 at the Carolina Nike Classic, where they will face Virginia Commonwealth and Florida International. Those two opponents are ranked 13th and 14th, respectively, by Soccer America.

As the Deacs get ready to face nationally acclaimed opponents, the Ohio State Classic could prove valuable practice for the week ahead.

"This weekend is going to be real tough for us, so last weekend was a really good test," Parkhurst said. "We were able to work out some kinks that we came across, able to watch video from the games that will help us."

## Football: Deacs edged by Clemson

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ize on the opportunity and gave the ball back to the home team midway through the third quarter.

With Randolph back at the helm and under five minutes to go in the quarter, the Deacons embarked on a run-heavy 48-yard drive to set up a 42-yard field goal by junior Matt Wisnosky.

This gave Wake Forest a 20-19 lead with just four seconds remaining in the quarter.

Following a Clemson three-and-out to start the final quarter, the Deacons started their first drive of the fourth from their own 42.

On third-and-two from midfield, Barclay, who rushed for 179 yards in the game, appeared to be stopped for no gain when he suddenly darted out of a pile of orange jerseys and scampered 50 yards for the score, putting the Deacs up 27-19 with 12:20 remaining in regulation.

With momentum against them, the Tigers took the ball with just under seven minutes remaining and drove 78 yards down the field in just under five minutes. Aided by a pair of pass interference penalties that gave Clemson seven plays from inside the 7-yard line, the Tigers finally got into the end zone. They then converted their two-point attempt to tie the game on a fade pattern

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over the head of senior cornerback Marcus McGruder with a mere 90 seconds left in the game.

Regaining possession of the ball inside their 10-yard line, Grobe decided to let the clock run down to end regulation with the score tied 27-27.

After losing the coin flip at the start of the first overtime, Wake Forest took possession at the 25-yard line. Three plays later, Wisnosky came out for his third field goal attempt of the game. Like his first two, this 38-yarder split the uprights to give the Deacs a 30-27 lead.

After a pass interference and four-yard run gave Clemson second and goal from the six, strong coverage by senior cornerback Eric King and sophomore corner Riley Swanson forced Clemson to settle for a game-tying 23-yard field goal that sent the

game into its second overtime.

The Tigers started the second overtime with a touchdown on a perfectly executed screen pass that gave Clemson a 37-30 lead.

Operating now from the Clemson 25, Randolph eventually overthrew streaking sophomore Willie Idlette to end the game and the Deacons' hopes of their first road win over a top-15 team in 25 years.

"I was disappointed we let them drive down and score," Grobe said after the game. "We have to give them credit - they have some good skill - but I thought our defense for the most part played really, really well."

In the end, the game came down to bounces going Clemson's way. Inches on a field goal that bounced off the uprights and through, inches on the two-point conversion over McGruder, and a questionable non-call on an apparent block in the back that sprung a Tiger touchdown on a punt return all helped propel the home team to victory.

"We had too many penalties," Grobe said. "But we'll get better. Had we been able to capitalize on great field position and taken care of business offensively, we (would) win the football game."

The Deacs next travel to East Carolina Sept. 11 to face the Pirates. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.