SIX SECOND HALF GOALS HELP MVC MEN’S SOCCER DEFEAT DAKOTA WESLEYAN SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Marshall, Mo. (September 22, 2013)- The No. 11 Missouri Valley College men’s soccer team had one of its best offensive performances of the season Sunday afternoon at Gregg-Mitchell Field hosting Dakota Wesleyan University. The Vikings scored six second half goals en route to an 8-0 victory.

It was a slow start for MVC as they failed to get on the board until midway through the first half. A hand-ball in the box in front of goal allowed for the Vikings to have a penalty kick, and forced Dakota Wesleyan to play the majority of the match with only 10 men. Senior Forward Nicholas Alexander (Manchester, England) scored the penalty kick, giving MVC a 1-0 lead 27 minutes into the first half. Less than two minutes later Alexander found the back of the net again, this time off an assist from Junior Midfielder Ivan Ninkov (Pancevo, Serbia) and the Vikings took a 2-0 lead into the halftime break.

Things went the Vikings’ way in the second half, as MVC dominated much of the play, scoring six times. Junior Forward Tiago Ferreira (Sao Paulo, Brazil) got the next two goals for MVC quickly after the restart, scoring five minutes into the second half, and then again three minutes later to extend the Viking lead to 4-0. At the 55-minute mark Alexander scored his third goal and MVC led 5-0. With a little under 30-minutes remaining in the match Sophomore Midfielder Carlos Berastain Munar (Palma de Mallorca, Brazil) scored off another Ninkov assist and the Vikings led 6-0. Senior Forward Declan Price (Coventry, England) scored at the 76-minute mark, and the scoring was capped by Freshman Midfielder Gabriel Nori Rosendo (Santa Cruz, Brazil) at the 82-minute mark, giving MVC the 8-0 victory.

As a team the Vikings outshot Dakota Wesleyan 37 to 4. The Vikings put 15 shots on goal, and had nine corner kicks. In goal Senior Keeper Josh Wells (Kent, England) secured his second-straight shutout, and fourth of the season, making two saves.
With his three goals, Alexander now has six goals on the season and 15 points. It was the third career hat-trick for Alexander, but his first since 2010. Ferreira now has five goals on the season, and Ninkov has three assists. The eight goals scored was the most for the men’s program since defeating Spalding University 17-0 on Oct. 16, 2011.

The Vikings improve to 6-1 with the win, while Dakota Wesleyan drops to 4-2-1.

Up next for the Vikings is a matchup with No. 8 Ashford University Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Gregg-Mitchell Field.

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