MVC SOCCER SPLITS MATCHUPS AT BENEDICTINE SATURDAY

Marshall, Mo. (October 5, 2013)- The Missouri Valley College men’s and women’s soccer teams went on the road to Atchison, Kan. for a Heart of America Athletic Conference doubleheader with Benedictine College. The MVC women’s team pulled out a late 2-1 victory while the No. 10 men’s team lost to No. 7 Benedictine 3-2.

The MVC women’s team took pulled out a big road win over the Ravens Saturday evening. The Vikings were able to get the early advantage over Benedictine thanks to a Senior Forward Breann Kinworthy (St. Charles, Mo.) goal at the 30-minute mark. MVC dominated much of the first half, getting off nine total shots and putting eight of those shots on goal. The Ravens had chances, four total shots and two on goal, but MVC went into the halftime break with a 1-0 lead.

Benedictine was able to come out and put pressure on MVC early in the second half and broke through for the game-tying goal at the 74-minute mark. Both teases tried to get a late goal to win the game in regulation, and the Vikings were able to find the game-winning goal. Kinworthy scored her second of the game with just one minute remaining in regulation and the Vikings were able to hold onto the lead beating Benedictine 201.

Kinworthy now has five goals on the season and 10 total points. Sophomore Keeper Irene Sanchez (Barcelona, Spain) got the win in goal allowing just the one goal with six saves in the match.

Things went MVC’s way to start the second half, as the Vikings got off seven shots in the first 14-minutes of play in the half, but could not add to the lead. A shot by Senior Defender Kelsey Hieb (St. Peters, Mo.) early in the half bounced off the cross bar, and the Ottawa team made five saves in the half. Ottawa would tie up the score though at 1-1 at the 66-minute mark. Then with just over two minutes remaining Ottawa found the game-winning goal off a free kick, and the Braves held on for a 2-1 victory.
Riley scored her third goal of the season, all coming within the last three matches. The Vikings outshot Ottawa 18-10 in the match and Senior Keeper Eriika Diarte (Stockton, Calif.) made five saves in the match, but it was not enough to come away with the victory.

The win improves to 8-3-1 overall and 1-1 in the HAAC. Benedictine falls to 6-3-2 overall and 1-1 in conference play.

On the men’s side the Vikings were pressured early by the Ravens as Benedictine got off a total of eight shots in the first half compared to just four for the Vikings. Senior Keeper Josh Wells (Kent, England) came up with six saves in the half. The Vikings were able to get two of their shots on goal, but neither found the back of the net. Good keeper play helped the match stay scoreless as the teams went into the halftime break.

Both teams picked up the pace scoring wise in the second half with all five of the game’s goals scored after halftime. The game’s opening goal came less than four minutes after the restart as the Ravens took a 1-0 lead. The Vikings were able to equalize at 1-1 thanks to a goal by Senior Midfielder Miguel Jimenez (Madrid, Spain) 20 minutes later. The tie was short lived as Benedictine scored at the 73-minute mark and then the Ravens padded their lead less than one minute later to put MVC in a 3-1 deficit. The Vikings made a 3-2 game when Freshman Rafael Alcaraz (Palma de Mallorca, Spain) scored with five minutes remaining in regulation but the Ravens held on for the victory.

Jimenez scored his second goal of the season while Alcaraz scored his first goal as a Viking.

The Vikings 8-2-1 on the season and 1-1 in conference play while Benedictine improves to 8-2 overall and 2-0 in the HAAC.

The Viking men’s and women’s soccer teams will travel Fayette, Mo. for HAAC matchups with Central Methodist University. Women’s match is scheduled for a 6:00 p.m. start and the men’s game is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Wednesday.
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