MVC SOCCER HOSTS GRACELAND SATURDAY EVENING

Marshall, Mo. (October 12, 2013)- The Missouri Valley College men’s and women’s soccer teams hosted Graceland University in a Heart of America Athletic Conference doubleheader Saturday evening at Gregg-Mitchell Field. The women’s team played No. 14 Graceland to a 1-1 draw while the No. 12 men’s team also played Graceland to a draw at 3-3.

The MVC women’s team got out to a fast start against the Yellowjackets scoring the game’s opening goal less than 10 minutes into the match. The goal came on a corner kick by Freshman Midfielder Andrea Garcia (Toledo, Spain) which came to Senior Defender Kelsey Hieb (St. Peters, Mo.). Hieb then go the ball to Sophomore Defender Michelle Plowman (Ontario, Canada) just in front of the Graceland goal where she scored to give MVC the early 1-0 lead. The lead was short lived, however, as Graceland scored just seven minutes later to tie the match up at 1-1, which was the score going into the halftime break. Both teams got six shots off in the first half, but MVC put three of those shots on goal, compared to only two for Graceland.

Graceland was able to get the majority of chances in the second half of play, out-shooting MVC by a 9-5 margin. Still, MVC had chances in the second half, including three shots that were on goal. Sophomore Keeper Irene Sanchez (Barcelona, Spain) came up with three saves for MVC in the second half, and with neither team finding a game-winning goal in regulation, the match went into overtime.

The first overtime featured just one shot on goal, which was taken by Graceland and saved by Sanchez. The Vikings had a chance on goal off a free kick from Garcia where the ball bounced in the six-yard box, but neither team could find a game-winner and the match ended in a 1-1 draw.
Plowman scored her second goal of the season while collected her first assist. HAAC assist leader Garcia now has nine assists on the season and 15 total points.

The MVC women’s team improves to 9-3-2 overall and 2-1-1 in HAAC play, which puts the Vikings alone in second place. Graceland moves to 0-1-3 in the HAAC and 9-3-3 overall.

The No. 12 Viking men’s soccer team played in a wild match with Graceland that ended in a 3-3 draw. The Vikings struck first quickly in the match as Senior Defender Bruno Campos (Sao Paulo, Brazil) got the game’s opening goal less than 10 minutes after the start of play off an assist from Sophomore Midfielder Carlos Berastain Munar (Palma de Mallorca, Brazil). Even with the early goal, neither team could get on the board and the game went into the halftime break at 1-0. The goal scoring in the second half started quickly as Senior Midfielder Miguel Jimenez (Madrid, Spain) scored off a header just three minutes after the restart to give MVC a 2-0. However Graceland responded quickly, not once but twice as they Yellowjackets made it a 2-1 game at the 54 minute mark, then tied the game up just over one minute later. Jimenez was able to give MVC the lead back at 3-2 with just under 30 minutes remaining in the match, but Graceland tied things up at 3-3 at the 74 minute mark. The Vikings played the final 30 minutes of regulation and all of overtime down one man. Neither team could find a game-winning goal in regulation, so the game went into overtime.

The Vikings had the best opportunities in the second overtime period, getting four shots off, two of which were on goal, but could not get the ball in the net. With neither team finding their fourth goal, the match ended in a 3-3 draw.

Senior Keeper Josh Wells (Kent, England) made six saves in the match. Jimenez now has four goals on the season while Campos scored his second goal.

The Vikings are now 9-2-2 on the season and 2-1-1 overall while Graceland sits at 6-6-2 overall and 2-1-1 in HAAC play.

The men’s and women’s teams will host Oklahoma Wesleyan University in a doubleheader Tuesday. Women’s match starts at 6:00 p.m. and the men’s match begins at 8:00 p.m. at Gregg-Mitchell Field.
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