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MVC SATURDAY SPORTS ROUNDUP

Marshall, Mo. (October 12, 2013)- It was a busy night in MVC Athletics. For more information about the games below, including full recaps and box scores go the schedules and result pages for each sport at www.moval.edu/athletics

Football-No. 6 Missouri Valley College 35 Graceland University 7: The No. 6 Vikings got a record-setting day from Junior Quarterback Bruce Reyes (Beaumont, Texas) to beat Graceland 35-7. Reyes broke the school record for most passing yards in a game with 446, topping Chris White’s 385 that was set in 2009 against Lindenwood. Also, Reyes tied the school record for most touchdown passes in a game with five. A record he matched against Peru State last season. The Viking defense kept Graceland to fewer than 200 yards total offense, including less than 70 yards in the first half. Sophomore Wide Receiver Mikquel Johnson (St. Louis, Mo.) finished with 100 yards receiving and two touchdowns. Junior Defensive Back Michael Barnes (Beaumont, Texas) had nine total tackles to lead the team and Senior Defensive Back Tyler Davis (St. Louis, Mo.) had an interception and 83 punt return yards. The Vikings are now 4-1 overall and 4-0 in the HAAC

Men’s Soccer-No. 12 Missouri Valley College 3 Graceland 3: The No. 12 Viking men’s soccer team played Graceland to 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). That’s all the scoring in the first half as it was just a 1-0 at the break. 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, 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. 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.

Women’s Soccer-Missouri Valley College 1 No. 14 Graceland 1: The MVC women’s soccer team struck first against No. 14 Graceland as Sophomore Defender Michelle Plowman (Ontario, Canada) scored off a corner kick less than 10 minutes into the match. HAAC assist leader Freshman Midfielder Andrea Garcia (Toledo, Spain) collected her ninth assist while Senior Defender Kelsey Hieb (St. Peters, Mo.) picked up her first assist of the season. It was the second goal on the season for Plowman. Graceland equalized less than seven minutes later to tie the game at 1-1. Sophomore Keeper Irene Sanchez (Barcelona, Spain) finished six saves in the match, but neither team could find a game-winning goal in the second half or in the two overtime periods as the match ended in a 1-1 draw. The Vikings are now 9-3-2 overall and 2-1-1 in the HAAC.

Women’s Volleyball-Missouri Valley College 2-1 at Clarke Tournament: The Vikings opened play Friday at the Clarke Tournament dropping a match to the host school 3-1. Saturday the Vikings cruised to 3-0 wins over both AIB and Mt. Mercy College. Against AIB the Vikings won 25-11, 25-10, 25-15 and were led by Freshman Outside Hitter Lauren Eldridge (Kansas City, Mo.) who finished with eight kills, two digs and one ace. The Vikings dominated much of their match with Mt. Mercy College winning 25-14, 25-16, 25-20. The team was led by Senior Setter Tarrah Sweet (Roswell, N.M.) who finished with 31 assists and nine digs. For her play in the tournament, Junior Middle Blocker Taylor Trotter (Bartonville, Ill.) was named to the five-player all-tournament team. Trotter finished the weekend with 25 total kills to help MVC improve to 19-2 overall on the season, matching the win total for the 2012 season.

Cross Country- The men’s cross country team placed No. 12 at the NAIA Pre-National Meet at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence, Kan. Saturday. The Vikings finished ten spots higher than 2012 HAAC champion Baker University. MVC was led by Freshman Phillip Cheriyout (Nairobi, Kenya) who placed No. 19 with a time of 25:51.32 in the 8k race. The top finisher on the women’s side for MVC was Senior Amanda Buhr (Jefferson City, Mo.) who placed No. 107 with a time of 20:20.05 in the 5k race. The MVC men’s cross country team entered the week in the “others
receiving votes” category in the latest NAIA Men’s Cross Country Coaches’ Top 25 Poll.

Again for the full recaps and box scores for all of Saturday’s action go to www.moval.edu/athletics and go to each sport’s “Schedule and Results” page.

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