MVC SOCCER HOSTS OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN TUESDAY NIGHT

Marshall, Mo. (October 15, 2013)- The Missouri Valley College men’s and women’s soccer teams hosted Oklahoma Wesleyan University Tuesday evening at Gregg-Mitchell Field in non-conference matchups. The women’s team scored late in regulation to force overtime, but finished with a 1-1 draw. The men’s game featured two top 10 teams as the No. 8 Vikings outlasted No. 4 Oklahoma Wesleyan 2-1.

The MVC women’s team struggled to get much going against the defensive set-up by Oklahoma Wesleyan. The Vikings were able to get seven shots off in the first half, two of which were on goal, but neither were able to get past the keeper. The Vikings only allowed two shots in the first half, playing good defense of their own and the game went into halftime tied at 0-0.

The second half played much the same as the Vikings again had the edge in shots by a 7-3 margin, but Oklahoma Wesleyan was able to find a break through goal with less than 10 minutes remaining in regulation. Oklahoma Wesleyan had a free kick near the MVC box, and a header got past Sophomore Keeper Irene Sanchez (Barcelona, Spain) to put the Vikings in a 1-0 deficit. The Vikings responded and just one minute later Freshman Midfielder Lais Pazzini (Canoas, Brazil) found Sophomore Forward Haley Ennis (St. Charles, Mo.) to the right of goal in the Oklahoma Wesleyan box, and Ennis scored putting the ball in the top left corner of the goal to tie the game at 1-1.

Neither team could get much going on offense in the two overtime periods, as the Vikings only got off three shots compared to just one shot for Oklahoma Wesleyan as the game ended in a 1-1 draw. Ennis scored her fifth goal of the season, which increases her point total to 12, and Pazzini registered her first assist.

The MVC women’s team now sits at 9-3-3 overall while Oklahoma Wesleyan moves to 7-3-2 on the season.
The Viking men’s soccer team played their third top 10 team so far this season, and got an early lead on Oklahoma Wesleyan. The Vikings got on the board just 16 minutes into the match when Senior Forward Alberto Linan Gomez (Seville, Spain) found the back of the next. The Vikings held on to the lead until the 31-minute mark when Oklahoma Wesleyan was able to tie things up at 1-1. The Vikings pushed back and retook the lead just four minutes later when Senior Midfielder Miguel Jimenez (Madrid, Spain) scored to give MVC a 2-1 lead, which they would take into the halftime break.

The Vikings came out strong in the second half, getting off nine shots to just five for Oklahoma Wesleyan. However, the Vikings were unable to extend their one-goal lead, but thanks to a strong effort by Senior Keeper Josh Wells (Kent, England), making two second half saves, the Vikings held off Oklahoma Wesleyan and secured the 2-1 victory. The Vikings outshot Oklahoma Wesleyan by a 19-6 margin, which included 10 shots on goal for MVC.

Gomez picked up his fifth goal of the season and now has 15 points. Jimenez scored his fifth goal of the season also, and increased his point total to 11. In the other two matches against top 10 teams, the Vikings played No. 8 Ashford University to a 1-1 draw and lost to No. 7 Benedictine College 3-2.

The Vikings are now 10-2-2 on the season while Oklahoma Wesleyan drops to 11-2.

The men’s and women’s teams will host MidAmerica Nazarene University for Homecoming Saturday evening at Gregg-Mitchell Field. The MNU women’s team is in the “others receiving votes” category in the latest NAIA Women’s Soccer Coaches’ Top 25 Poll. The MNU men are currently ranked No. 17 in the men’s poll. Women’s match starts at 6:00 p.m. and the men’s match is scheduled to start at 8:00 p.m.

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