MVC SATURDAY SPORTS ROUNDUP

Marshall, Mo. (October 19, 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 31 Graceland University 14: The No. 6 Vikings failed to score in the first half and trailed Evangel 7-0. MVC came back and scored 31 points in the second half, capped off by Senior Defensive Lineman Leon Jackson (Merced, Calif.) scoring his first career touchdown on a 30-yard fumble recovery in the fourth quarter. The Vikings got a big running day from Freshman Running Back Malachi Daniels (Branson, Mo.) who finished with 78 yards on 19 carries and one touchdown. Junior Running Back James Tillman (Kansas City, Mo.) finished with two rushing touchdowns. The Viking defense came up with six sacks and only allowed 171 yards. The Vikings scored on three-straight drives in the third quarter to grab control of the game. The win improves MVC to 5-1 overall and 5-0 in HAAC play, which keeps MVC tied atop the conference standings with Benedictine College.

Men’s Soccer-No. 8 Missouri Valley College 3 No. 17 MidAmerica Nazarene 3: The Missouri Valley College men’s soccer team found themselves down by one goal twice in their match with the Pioneers, but came away with a 3-3 draw. The Vikings faced a 1-0 deficit until a shot from 25-yards out by Junior Midfielder Albaro Diaz Hidalgo (Seville, Spain) got past a diving MNU keeper to tie the game at 1-1 midway through the first half. The Vikings made it 2-1 just before halftime on a goal by Senior Forward Declan Price. However, MNU seemed to grab control of the game with two goals less than one minute apart with 13 minutes remaining in regulation to grab a 3-2 lead. The Vikings were able to tie the match up at 3-3 when Senior Midfielder Miguel Jimenez set up Senior Forward Alberto Linan Gomez (Seville, Spain) for the game tying goal. Despite two good chances by the Vikings in the overtime periods, the match ended in a 3-3 draw. The Vikings are 10-2-3 on the season and 2-1-2 in HAAC play.
Women’s Soccer-Missouri Valley College 1 MidAmerica Nazarene University 0: The Missouri Valley College women’s soccer team won a defensive struggle with MidAmerica Nazarene 1-0 thanks to a first half goal by Senior Defender Kelsey Hieb (St. Peters, Mo.). The lone goal was scored 30 minutes into the first half and thanks to Sophomore Keeper Irene Sanchez (Barcelona, Spain) recording her fourth shutout of the season, the one goal was enough for MVC to come out with the victory. The win moves MVC into second place in the conference standings with a 3-1-1 record in HAAC play and 10-3-3 overall record.

Women’s Volleyball-Missouri Valley College 2-0 at Peru Triangular: The Vikings won both matches at the Peru Triangular, including a 25-22, 29-31, 26-28, 25-13, 15-7 thriller over Peru State. MVC was led by trio of players who registered double-doubles. That included Freshman Middle Blocker Lauren Eldridge (Kansas City, Mo.) who had a double-double of 22 kills and 11 digs to go with six aces. Senior Outside Hitter Ana Calito (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) finished with a double-double of 26 digs and 15 kills. Senior Setter Tarrah Sweet (Roswell, N.M.) finished with a double-double of 56 assists and 11 digs. The Vikings also cruised past AIB for the third time this season in a 25-14, 25-23, 25-20 victory. MVC was led by Freshman Setter Haley Harrill (Council Bluffs, Iowa) who had a double-double of 24 assists and 11 digs. The Vikings are now 23-2 on the season and 4-1 in HAAC play, which puts them third in the conference standings.

Men’s Wrestling-Alumni Dual: The MVC men’s wrestling team unofficially started its 2013-2014 season with the annual Alumni Dual at the Burns Athletic Complex. The Alumni Dual is held annually on Homecoming Saturday and features alumni from the wrestling program squaring off against currently Viking wrestlers.

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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