MVC MEN’S SOCCER DRAWS NCAA DIVISION II NO. 4 LINDENWOOD

Marshall, Mo. (October 29, 2013)- The No. 15 Missouri Valley College men’s soccer team hosted Lindenwood University in a non-conference matchup Tuesday night at Gregg-Mitchell Field. Lindenwood came into the match ranked No. 4 in the NCAA Division II rankings. The Vikings came from behind and played Lindenwood to a 1-1 draw.

The Vikings dominated much of play, and were able to get off 10 shots in the first half, compared to Lindenwood’s two. However, Lindenwood made one of their only two shots count as they were able to grab a 1-0 lead midway through the first half. The Vikings put four shots on goal in the first half, but could not find the net as the match went into halftime with the 1-0 score.

The second half was played primarily in the Lindenwood half of the field as the Vikings again dominated in shots taken by a 12-6 margin. After five MVC shots were saved by the Lindenwood keeper or defense, Senior Forward Nicholas Alexander (Manchester, England) finally scored MVC’s goal 20 minutes into the second half. Alexander was set up by Junior Midfielder Albaro Diaz Hidalgo (Seville, Spain) for the goal. Despite the heavy pressure on goal, the Vikings were unable to find a game-winner in regulation as the match went into overtime.

Both teams had chances in the overtime period, but neither could capture the win as the match ended in a 1-1 draw. Alexander celebrated his senior day scoring goal No. 12 on the season and increasing his point total to 28, both of which lead the team and the Heart of America Athletic Conference. Hidalgo also notched his fourth assist of the season. Meanwhile Senior Keeper Josh Wells (Kent, England) came up with five saves in the match.

The draw moves MVC’s record to 11-3-4 overall while Lindenwood sits at 14-0-2 on the season.
The Vikings now move into postseason play and will host Graceland University in the HAAC postseason tournament opening round Friday Nov. 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Gregg-Mitchell Field. The MVC women’s team will also host Graceland, but on Saturday Nov. 9 at 7:00 p.m.

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