MVC SATURDAY SPORTS ROUNDUP

Marshall, Mo. (November 9, 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. 10 Missouri Valley College 42, No. 4 Benedictine College 14: On Senior Day the Vikings dominated much of the game against the Ravens, taking a 28-0 lead into halftime, and pulling away for a 42-14 victory. Junior Running Back James Tillman (Kansas City, Mo.) led MVC with three rushing touchdowns, while Freshman Running Back Malachi Daniels (Branson, Mo.) added two rushing scores. The other touchdown came on a 67-yard pass play from Junior Quarterback Bruce Reyes (Beaumont, Texas) to Junior Wide Receiver Jarrell Davis (Merced, Calif.). The Viking offense finished with over 500 yards of offense, led by Reyes who was 31 of 36 passing for 287 yards. Junior Defensive Lineman Ty Phillips (East St. Louis, Mo.) led the MVC defense with seven tackles, 4.5 for loss, 3.5 sacks and one forced fumble. The Viking defense allowed 272 total yards, seven of which came on the ground. The Viking defense came up with five total sacks in the game, and four turnovers. The win moves MVC to 7-2 overall and 7-1 in HAAC play. A win next week over Avila University would give MVC its third-straight HAAC championship as they are tied atop the conference standings with Benedictine and Baker University.

Cross Country- Missouri Valley College men’s cross country team captured the program’s second Heart of America Athletic Conference championship, and first since 1986 Saturday morning at Indian Foothills Golf Course in Marshall, Mo. Leading the Viking men’s team was Freshman Phillip Cheriyout (Nairobi, Kenya) who placed second at 27:08.13, just three seconds behind the individual champion in the 8k race. Taking No. 6 overall for the Vikings was Freshman Spencer Head (Camas, Wash.) who finished in a time of 27:58.4. Finishing back-to-back and No. 8 and No. 9 were Freshman Nolan Ryan (St. Peters, Mo.) and Senior Ignacio Franco (Hoesca, Spain). Ryan finished in a time of 28:17.98 and
Franco came in at 27:20.26. Rounding out the scorers for MVC was Junior Kenneth Kipng’etech (Nairobi, Kenya) who placed No. 12 in a time of 28:41.90 to round out the top five. The Vikings as a team scored 37 points, defeating Central Methodist University by 10 team points. The conference championship means the Viking men’s cross country team will qualify for the NAIA National Meet in Lawrence, Kan., at Rimrock Farm Nov. 23. In addition to the men’s team championship, Head Coach Nathan Christianson was named the HAAC Men’s Cross Country Coach of the Year for the 2013 season. The MVC women’s cross country team took No. 8 in the team standings, and were paced by Senior Amanda Buhr (Jefferson City, Mo.) who took No. 14 in a time of 20:37.53 in the 5k race.

Women’s Volleyball- Missouri Valley College 0, No. 8 MidAmerica Nazarene University 3: The Missouri Valley College women’s volleyball team went on the road Saturday evening for a match with No. 8 MidAmerica Nazarene University in the opening round of the Heart of America Athletic Conference Tournament and were defeated by MNU 16-25, 20-25, 19-25, ending the season. The Pioneers came out quickly against the Vikings, building a 6-0 lead before MVC could get its first point. Eventually, MNU extended its lead to seven points at 12-5 before MVC made a comeback. The Vikings got to within four points at 16-12, but The Pioneers took control the first game from that point, eventually winning nine of the next 13 points to take a 1-0. The Vikings returned the favor in game two, getting out to an early lead. The Vikings held a 7-5 lead early in the second game, but MNU was able to rally and eventually grabbed the lead at 13-12. The two teams traded points from there, until MNU was able to jump ahead 19-15. MNU was able to hold off the Vikings and take game two 25-20. In game three, MVC quickly found themselves down 3-0, and then 6-2, before mounting a comeback. The Vikings won eight of the next 11 points and went ahead of MNU 10-9. The Vikings eventually extended their lead to 14-12, but MNU responded and eventually pulled ahead of MVC for good at 20-17 before holding MVC for the 25-19 victory. The Vikings were led by Junior Middle Blocker Taylor Trotter (Bartonville, Ill.) who finished with 12 kills and a .350 hitting percentage. Senior Setter Tarrah Sweet (Roswell, N.M.) finished with 31 assists and four digs. MVC finishes the season with a 24-7 overall record. It’s the best record for the women’s volleyball team since the 1994 season.
Men’s Basketball- Missouri Valley College 84, St. Ambrose University 88: The Missouri Valley College men’s basketball team wrapped up play at the Mt. Mercy Classic in Cedar Rapids, Iowa Saturday afternoon dropping a close game to St. Ambrose University 88-884. Both teams played even through most of the first half. After initially taking the lead thanks to the game’s opening bucket by Junior Brad Hamilton (Pittsfield, Ill.), the Vikings eventually fell behind 19-15 with 12-minutes remaining in the first half. MVC was able to retake the lead at 24-22 thanks to a three-point play by Sophomore Jacob Powell (Marshfield, Mo.) with 9:30 remaining in the first half, but St. Ambrose was able to score four-straight points, and grab a 26-24 lead three minutes later. The Vikings responded with a small run of their own, scoring 10 of the next 12 points in a two minute period to grab a 34-26 lead. MVC went into halftime with a 44-42 lead. St. Ambrose quickly took the lead back to start the second half, hitting a three-point field goal seconds into the half, and eventually the Vikings trailed by a 62-52 score with 13-minutes remaining in the game. The Vikings then slowly chipped away at the St. Ambrose lead, eventually tying the game at 68-68 with less than seven minutes remaining on a Sophomore Brody Thompson (Republic, Mo.) free throw. The Vikings were eventually able to retake the lead at 72-71 at the five minute mark with a layup from Hamilton. St. Ambrose responded though, and eventually put the Vikings away 88-84. Leading the way for MVC was Junior Andre Scott (San Antonio, Texas) who finished with a game-high 22 points, adding six rebounds, four steals and two assists. Finishing with a double-double of 11 points and ten rebounds was Sophomore Raviel Burton (St. Johns, Antigua). The loss drops MVC to 3-1 on the season.

Women’s Soccer-Missouri Valley College 1, Graceland University 2: The Missouri Valley College women’s soccer team hosted Graceland University in the opening round of the Heart of America Athletic Conference Tournament Saturday evening at Gregg-Mitchell Field. A late penalty kick was the difference as the Vikings lost 2-1. The Vikings found themselves in an early hole as Graceland was able to take early control of the game with a goal less than 11-minutes into the match. The Vikings weren’t able to counter the Yellowjacket goal, and the game went into halftime with Graceland up 1-0. Things turned around quickly for MVC in the second half, as the Vikings were able to break through the Graceland defense, and get the tying goal. Just six minutes into the half Freshman Midfielder Andrea Garcia (Toledo, Spain) found the back of the net from a shot outside the penalty box to tie the match at 1-1. Both teams had chances on goal through the rest of
the second half, but neither team could break the deadlock. With the match looking toward overtime, Graceland was able to break the Viking defense, and get a potential chance on goal. However, a foul called inside the penalty box on the Vikings gave Graceland a penalty kick with one minute remaining in regulation. The kick was converted, and Graceland held on for the 2-1 win. The loss likely brings an end to the women’s soccer season. The Vikings finish with a record of 11-5-3, the best season, record wise, under Head Coach Drew Hawkins.

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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