MVC MEN’S SOCCER DROPS SEMIFINAL MATCH TO MIDAMERICA NAZARENE

Marshall, Mo. (November 12, 2013)- The No. 15 Missouri Valley College men’s soccer team traveled to Olathe, Kan., to play No. 7 MidAmerica Nazarene University in the Heart of America Athletic Conference Postseason Tournament semifinals Tuesday afternoon. The Vikings fought back from one-goal deficits, but lost to the Pioneers 3-2.

MidAmerica Nazarene got off to a quick start against the Vikings, scoring the game’s opening goal just five minutes into the match. The Vikings had their chances on goal, including four shots that were on goal, but were all blocked. Eventually, the Vikings found the equalizer, and it came just before the halftime break. With less than 90-seconds left in the first half Senior Forward Alberto Linan Gomez (Seville, Spain) set up Senior Forward Nicholas Alexander (Manchester, England) for MVC’s first goal of the match. With the late goal, the game went into the halftime break tied at 1-1.

The second half started much in the same way the first half did, as the Pioneers went ahead by a 2-1 score with a goal just five minutes after the restart. The Vikings responded more quickly this time, as Junior Defender Joe Wareham (Nottingham, England) scored thanks to an assist by Senior Defender Bernardo Ferriz Diaz (Cadiz, Spain) to tie the game at 2-2 at the 64-minute mark. Less than five minutes later a shot by Alexander hit off the post for MVC, but it was MidAmerica Nazarene that got the last goal of the game. With less than five minutes remaining the Pioneers were able to score on a breakaway, and defeat the Vikings 3-2.

Alexander scored goal No. 14 on the season, while Wareham notched goal No. 1. Senior Keeper Josh Wells (Kent, England) came up with three saves in the match.
The loss drops MVC to 12-4-4 on the season while MidAmerica Nazarene improves to 14-3-2 and goes to the HAAC Postseason Tournament title game Friday. The Vikings will await word on a possible NAIA Men’s Soccer Championship Tournament at-large bid, which will be announced Monday at 1:00 p.m.

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