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MVC TUESDAY SPORTS ROUNDUP

Marshall, Mo. (November 12, 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

Men’s Soccer- No. 15 Missouri Valley College 2, No. 7 MidAmerica Nazarene 3: The No. 15 Missouri Valley College men’s soccer team lost to No. 7 MidAmerica Nazarene University in the Heart of America Athletic Conference Postseason Tournament semifinals Tuesday, 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 waited until the end of the half to get the game-tying goal, scoring with less than 90-seconds when Senior Forward Alberto Linan Gomez (Seville, Spain) set up Senior Forward Nicholas Alexander (Manchester, England) to send the game into halftime 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, and 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.

Men’s Basketball- Missouri Valley College 67, Ottawa University 62: The Vikings found themselves in an early hole against Ottawa University. After briefly taking a 2-0 lead to start the game, Ottawa was able to slowly build up to a six point lead
at the 12-minute mark. The Vikings responded, and turned things around, thanks to an 8-0 run that was capped off by a Junior Brad Hamilton (Pittsfield, Ill.) field goal two minutes later. The Braves came right back to grab their largest lead of the game at 29-21. The Vikings chipped away at the Braves lead through the rest of the half, and eventually retook the lead for good when Sophomore Ravel Burton (St. Johns, Antigua) hit a field goal with one minute left in the half to give MVC a 33-31 lead, and the Vikings led 36-31 lead at the half. After MVC quickly extended their lead to seven points in the opening seconds of the second half, Ottawa was able to whittle the Viking advantage to 40-29 at the 16:30 mark, and tie the game at 43-43 with 14-minutes left in the game. The Vikings retook the lead one possession later at 45-43 thanks to a Junior Johnny Brown (Kansas City, Mo.) field goal. MVC never let Ottawa get things back to a tie game, but Ottawa was able to get to within one point at 63-62 with 20-seconds remaining. However Brown and Hamilton each hit two free throws apiece to hold off Ottawa and come away with a 67-62 win. Leading the way for MVC was Burton who had a double-double of 10 points and 17 rebounds with eight blocks. Senior Jim Thomas (St. Louis, Mo.) finished with 17 points and five rebounds and Sophomore Jacob Powell (Marshfield, Mo.) had 14 points. The Vikings forced Ottawa into 14 turnovers, and limited the Braves to just 34-percent shooting. The win improves MVC to 4-1 on the season which is their best start since the 2010-2011 season.

**Women’s Basketball-Missouri Valley College 74, Hannibal-LaGrange University 52:** The Missouri Valley College women’s team dominated Hannibal-LaGrange in a 74-52 win. The women’s team got off to a slow start trailing 9-3 until going on a quick 7-0 run, capped off by a Junior Guard TayLaya Earls (Indianapolis, Ind.) field goal to give MVC a 10-9 lead. MVC took the lead for good late in the first half when Junior Center Samantha Kixmiller (Kearney, Mo.) hit a field goal to give MVC a 17-15 lead. The Vikings then scored 16 of the next 20 points, and went into the halftime break holding on to a 33-19. Hannibal-LaGrange came out early in the second half, and quickly turned a 14-point deficit into a 36-32 game around the 13-minute mark of the half. The Vikings responded and put together a 9-0 run, ending the run with a Senior Center Brielle Martinez (Hamilton, N.J.) free throw. The Vikings were able to keep a double-digit lead throughout the rest of the second half, and got their first 20-point lead when Junior Guard DeVaughna Jenkins (Fresno, Calif.) made a field goal to give MVC a 65-44 advantage. MVC was able to hold off the Trojans from there and came away with a 74-52 win. Leading the way for MVC was Senior Forward Gabi Morales (Bakersfield,
Calif.) who had 15 points and nine rebounds. Earls finished with 13 points, seven rebounds, three steals and two assists, and Sophomore Guard Rayna Smith (St. Louis, Mo.) finished with 11 points six rebounds and three assists. The win improves MVC to 2-2 on the season, and next for the Vikings is a home game Friday at 7:00 p.m. with Missouri Baptist University.

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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