MVC WOMEN’S SOCCER COMES FROM BEHIND TO BEAT WILLIAM PENN

Marshall, Mo. (September 24, 2013)- The Missouri Valley College women’s soccer team went on the road Tuesday afternoon to Oskaloosa, Iowa for a non-conference match with William Penn University. The Vikings found themselves in an early 1-0 hole, but fought back and earned a 2-1 victory.

Things didn’t start out well for the Vikings as William Penn took an early 1-0 lead after a hand-ball in the Viking penalty box gave William Penn a penalty kick. William Penn was able to convert on the penalty kick after just 16 minutes of play to put MVC in an early deficit. The lead would not last long though as the Vikings were able to tie the game up at 1-1 when Freshman Midfielder Andrea Garcia (Toledo, Spain) sent a cross into the William Penn box that found Freshman Midfielder Riley Kerr (St. Peters, Mo.). Kerr was able to put the ball in the back of the net and pull MVC even with William Penn at 1-1 with 17 minutes remaining in the half.

The game would stay tied through halftime and the early portions of the second half, until MVC scored what became the game-winning goal at the 73-minute mark. Kerr scored her second goal of the game off an assist from Garcia and Freshman Midfielder Presley Roberts (Ontario, Canada). Senior Keeper Erika Diarte (Stockton, Calif.) kept William Penn scoreless in the second half, and MVC came away with the 2-1 victory.

Kerr scored her first two goals of the season, while Garcia now has five assists and 11 points on the season, both of which lead the team.

The win improves MVC to 7-1-1 on the season while William Penn falls to 5-5.

The MVC women’s soccer team will stay on the road, but start Heart of America Athletic Conference play Saturday at Avila University in a match that starts at 1:00
p.m. Both MVC and Avila are in the “others receiving votes” category in this week’s NAIA Women’s Soccer Coaches’ Top 25 Poll.

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