**Sports Commentary**

**Do or Die Time**

By Sean Boer Staff Writer

Playoffs. Not any ordinary kind of playoff. These are hard-core, no concern for human life kind of playoffs. These are intramural playoffs. Sure, this isn’t varsity basketball, but no, these aren’t professional hockey players, but don’t think they don’t play with passion, or don’t go all out to win the big game. This is what college is all about. It’s the opportunity to play a sport that one has always wanted to play, and intramurals give them the chance to really compete.

The regular season has passed, and teams will realize that it was really just a warm-up for the real competition. This is what college is all about. Portsmouth, the number one seed, who was slightly favored to win, is the number one seed to get to the championship. The EMU campus will host the EMU Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 26. The women’s team runs at 11:15 a.m. Fans have expressed anticipation at seeing the runners tearing up their home turf.

**Wrap Up**

Wednesday, October 9, 2002

M-Soccer vs. Bridgewater L, 2-1

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Field Hockey vs. Roanoke W, 19-0

Saturday, October 12, 2002

Cross-Country vs. Virginia State Championships M: 3rd (Justin Hawkins, 1st) W: 2nd (Andrea Good, 1st)

Field Hockey vs. Bridgewater W: 3-1 (W Soccer vs. North Carolina Wesleyan W: 2-0 (W Volleyball vs. Randolph-Macon Women’s W: 3) (M Soccer vs. Roanoke L, 2-1)

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Field Hockey@ Shippenburg L, 4-2

**Women’s Tennis Flourishes**

Squad Has High Hopes for Upcoming Spring Season

By Sean Boer Staff Writer

Coming off of a great season last spring, the women’s tennis squad traveled to Ferrum College for the Women’s Fall Classic over the weekend of Sept. 21.

They wound up with the kind of results for which they were looking.

The team went to Ferrum to see how they would fare against Guilford College, Ferrum College and Salem St. College (N.C.).

Laura Miller, Bryn Mullet, Jessica Staufer, Julianne Delp and Stephanie Good competed in the tournament. Miller, Mullet, Staufer and Delp all ended up winning their bracket and finishing first, while Good was the runner-up in hers. The two doubles teams consisted of Mullet with Delp, and Staufer with Good. Both of the doubles teams came in first place.

Coach Harlan de Brun was very pleased with how his players performed in the tournament. “Laura Miller always does very well,” said de Brun. “As for the freshman, Bryn, she played very well; I would say hers was the biggest win because she played some tough opponents and it is her first year. And Julianne also won as a freshman, so I think those were the tough ones.” The team added two new first-years this year.

EMU and Guilford College were co-champions for the tournament.

“The fact that we were co-champions having given away all those points shows how great those girls played.”

**Sports Comments**

Jason Good hunts down his opponent from Roanoke College at the men’s soccer Homecoming game on Saturday. EMU was defeated 2 to 1.

**Cross Country Close to Home**

By Duane Miller Contributing Writer

The Division III Virginia Cross-Country State Championships were held this past Saturday, Oct. 12. The meet was held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds, was hosted by Bridgewater College. Traditionally the fairgrounds race is a fairly tough course involving a long hill climb and several rambling woods loops. This year the course was changed slightly to include an even longer hill climb.

Senior Eric Lantz, men’s team captain, stated, “[the change] made it a tougher course. Plus, [the ground] was really soggy, which made for a slower race.”

Despite the changes, the both women’s and men’s teams ran strong races. Senior Andrea Good placed first individually with a time of 23:17:59, while the women’s team finished 2nd overall. Sophomore Justin Hawkins placed first individually as well, with a time of 27:43:55. The men’s team finished 3rd overall.

EMU fans were numerous in a strong show of support. One such fan, Senior Nate Hoffer, enjoyed seeing the tight individual races at the finish line. Said Hoffer, “It was cool, even though the dudes were at the back of the race, they kept going who made it to the semi-finals didn’t matter and fans were giving them mad love for it.”

The EMU campus will host the EMU Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 26. The women’s race beginnings at 10:30 a.m., while men’s team runs at 11:15 a.m. Fans have expressed anticipation at seeing the runners tearing up their home turf.

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