Mixed Results in Playoffs

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ODAC championships in cross country, soccer, and field hockey took center stage to usher in the month of November.

Led by Runner of the Year Andrea Good, the EMU cross country squad held its own in the women’s draw. Good won the event in a dazzling time of 23:02.57; the runner up was over 25 seconds behind. Good was one of three Royal runners in the top 10; Sophomore Wendy Driver (6th, 24:23.20) and Senior Emily Huffman (9th, 24:42.90) also finished high in the rankings. The effort helped cement a solid third-place showing for the Royal women, just five points behind Washington and Lee’s second place score but a whopping 30 points behind conference powerhouse Randolph-Macon.

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Saturday Morning Special

Men’s Soccer Ends Season With High Hopes

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The men’s soccer team had their first and last ODAC playoff game this past Saturday as well with a 1-0 loss at Roanoke. It was the same team that finished their season last year, but this year EMU was looking for a different, better result. It was a sunny day, about 60 degrees, with a slight wind. A very good day for soccer.

The game started and Roanoke took control until calls started going against them. Within the first 10 minutes of play, Roanoke’s forward, Regi Francois, received a yellow card and was pulled out of the game.

Francois was put back in the game five minutes later and received another yellow card for spitting on Senior Sheldon Rice. Francois was dealt a red card and kicked from the game. Just before Francois was removed, Roanoke took the ball down the sideline and crossed it into the box. Roanoke player David Lecckruecker put it in. EMU hoped that the red card would allow them to capitalize on the opportunity. EMU started playing better and taking shots on goal but they could not finish on their opportunities.

Roanoke player Darren Eversole, scored with less than a minute to go in the first half on a penalty kick given for a tough hand ball call on EMU defender and Sophomore Jason Good.

The start of the second half began with EMU controlling the flow of the game. EMU nearly scored on a header by Sophomore Nathant Hatarl that just barely missed the upper right corner of the goal. 10 minutes into the half. EMU continued to get their chances in the half, but unfortunately they could not put any shots away and the final result of the game was 2-0 for Roanoke.

Sophomore Travis Smith said of the game, “That is how the year has been, we played well but we haven’t been able to put the ball into the back of the net.”

Now that the season has ended, it is time for Head Coach Roger Mast to look forward to next year. Four seniors will graduate: Justin Edris, Sheldon Rice, Shawn Rice and Ryan Shrock. The Royals will greatly miss these players, as they were very important to the team. However, they also have enough good returning players and should have a very solid team next year.

The team’s first-years had very impressive seasons this year. Joel Shank, Adam Shank and the two goalies Tim Koehn and Brian Kleinert were the stand out first-years. They will be looked upon to have big years next year, along with the other returning players. This and a couple new recruits, banking on the fact that this years players will return, should provide an opportunity for the Royals to make a run at the division next year.

Wrap Up

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002
(W) Soccer @ Guilford W, 7-0
Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002
(M) Soccer @ Hampden-Sydney L, 3-2 OT
Friday, Nov. 1, 2002
(W) Volleyball @ Sweet Briar W, 3-0
Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002
ODAC Quarterfinals
(M) Soccer vs. Roanoke at Salem L, 2-0
(W) Soccer @ Lynchburg L, 1-0
Field Hockey vs. Randolph-Macon W, 5-0
Cross Country: ODAC Championships @ Roanoke M- 5th W- 3rd

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