Men’s Soccer Shakes Up ODAC Standings

By Wayne Paxton

Staff Writer

To say that the men’s soccer team was successful this week would be an understatement.

The Royals picked up two ties and one big win against powerhouse Roanoke College that mixed things up in the ODAC. On Wednesday the Lady Royals played Washington and Lee 2-2 draw, bested Roanoke, then ranked 24th in the nation, by a 2-1 tally, and tied Mary Washington College that mixed with Roanoke.

"I thought our record would be at this point in the season, I wouldn’t have told you five wins, one loss, and three ties," he said.

With only one loss on the year, the Royal kickers have made tremors in the ODAC standings, shaking the superstructure and making a viable bid for the title. They stand at third overall in a strong ODAC conference where anyone could come out on top.

"Basically you could flip a coin and choose the champ, the race is that close," Mast said. The three ties are keeping EMU from the top, convert those to wins, and royal blue is sitting on cloud nine.

"We have six more conference games to make the most of," Mast said. "We just have to work and play hard and see how things pan out."

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With a 5-2-1 record and a spot near the top of the conference standings, the Lady Royals are early season contenders.

The Lady Royals offense is heating up, thanks in large part to senior striker Ellie Lind.

Born in Durban, South Africa, Lind graduated from Three Rivers High School in Three Rivers Michigan. She is the second leading scorer in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference with 12 goals.

Ellie Lind - I grew up in a soccer family. Pretty much the whole family played soccer, and was a great experience. Also my junior state was a great experience. Also winning my junior high state championship was a memorable moment.

WP - Have you always been the aggressive leader that you are here at EMU?

EL - I grew up playing against my older brothers, which made me tough because I always pushed to keep up with them. I am not a captain this year, but as a senior I have experience, which is an important leadership quality.

WP - You’ve fought injury after injury and still managed to be one of the ODAC elite. How hard is it to return, rehabilitated, and make a contribution to the team?

EL - Do what makes you happy. I would stop playing soccer, or anything for that matter, if it wasn’t fun or meaningful anymore. Do what you enjoy, and follow your heart.

EL - I never really suffered a serious injury until college, but it has been hard to come back. For the most part it’s mental, to feel like you’re ready to play at one hundred percent again. I’m fine if I know I have an injury, but when the pain lingers after rehab it really bothers me.

WP - Through all your years on the field, what lessons have you learned that will stick with you in the long run?

EL - Group interaction skills. Learning to deal with others and build a community on and off the soccer field have been valuable lessons I have taken. Also how to put the team first, and to worry about others rather than myself.

WP - Are there any last words for the mass of young soccer players that want to follow in your footsteps as you did your family’s, especially your brothers?"

Ellie Lind - Follow Your Heart

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Field Hockey is No. Eight!

By Kai Orenic

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The EMU field hockey team continued to climb the national charts. A coaches poll released Sep. 30 has the lady Royals ranked eighth in Division III. They played up to their billing on Wednesday, disposing of Hollins College 15-0 before a sparse crowd at the turf of EMU.

Seven players scored goals in the win. Kristin Moyer, Molly Harrington’s third goal of the season, and Kristie Soudar all tallied hat tricks. Jonalyn Denlinger scored two goals, and assisted in two others. Stephanie Derstine scored a goal and added two assists. Sophomore Ashley Beylerscored once and assisted on Hollins’ third goal of the game. Senior Jennie Hunter scored her first goal of the year to finish the scoring.

The win pushes their record to 9-0, 5-0 in conference games. Hollins fell to 0-6. 0-4.

EMU’s next game is Saturday at Johns Hopkins University. Still looming in the future is a showdown with the fifth ranked Lions of The College of New Jersey. EMU travels to Ewing, NJ on Oct. 18.

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Soccer ranked in the South

The men’s and women’s soccer teams both moved into the top 10 schools in the NCAA Division II south region. The National Soccer Coaches Association of America ranked the men eight and the women ninth.

Four other Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) teams are among the regions best. Virginia Wesleyan is ranked third, Washington and Lee University is fourth, and Lynchburg College is fifth.

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September 29, 2003

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1 Emory University (Ga.) 9-0-0
2 Greensboro (N.C.) 7-1-1
3 Salisbury University (Md.) 4-1-2
4 Christopher Newport U. (Va.) 6-1-1
5 Roanoke College (Va.) 6-2-0
6 Mary Washington College (Va.) 5-2-1
7 Washington and Lee U. (Va.) 4-0-1
8 Eastern Mennonite University 5-1-2
9 York College (Pa.) 5-2-1
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7 Greensboro College(N.C.) 5-1-2
8 Hardin-Simmons University 5-3-0
9 Eastern Mennonite University 5-2-1
10 Mississippi College 10-1-0
10 Christopher Newport U. (Va.) 4-3-0