Sports Briefs

Women’s Soccer - The Lady Royals lost a pair of close games to top teams in the ODAC over the break. They lost 2-1 on Saturday, Oct. 18 versus second-ranked Washington & Lee University at Bomberger Field. Heather Bauman scored on an assist by Ellie Lind. They traveled to third-ranked Lynchburg College on Wednesday, Oct. 22 and lost 1-0 despite the efforts of keeper Joy Shaeiby who made three saves. Record: 8-5-0 overall, 6-3-0 ODAC (4th).

ODAC Statistical Leaders:

Ellie Lind: 1st - Shots/game: 6.00; 1st - Points/game: 3.83; 1st - Goals: 21; T-3rd - Game-winning goals: 3.

Josiah Garber:


Joy Shaeiby: 10th - Shutouts: 2.

Men’s Soccer - The Royals defeated local rival Bridgewater College 3-2 in overtime on Saturday, Oct. 18. Clayton Suydam scored two goals, including the game winner seven minutes into overtime. They then tied Division I High Point University 0-0, with Tim Koehn making nine saves to preserve the shutout and the tie. Record: 6-3-5 overall, 3-2-2 ODAC (5th).

ODAC Statistical Leaders:

Clayton Suydam: 7th - Shots/game: 3.15; 7th - Points/game: 1.31; T-8th - Goals: 7.

Eric Blosser: 10th - Shots/game: 2.85.

Tim Koehn: 5th - Saves/game: 4.92; 5th - Shutouts: 2.

Volleyball - The Lady Royals did not play during fall break, but will host Guilford College Thursday, Oct. 23. Record: 8-13 overall, 3-4 ODAC (6th).

ODAC Statistical Leaders:

Stephanie Miller: 1st - Service aces/game: 1.06.

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