

Sports

Mustangs October Soccer Game Recaps

10/23—Mustangs Defeat Division I Wolverines

In non-conference play between MCCC and Essex County College on Friday, the NJCAA Division III Mustangs women's soccer team overtook the NJCAA Division I Wolverines.

The Mustangs started the game strong when freshman Megan Kelly (North Penn) beat the Wolverines goal keeper one-on-one to score in the 9th minute of play. Up 1-0, the Mustangs kept the offensive momentum and control of the ball landing in the second half with a one-goal lead over the Wolverines.

Mustangs sophomore Stephanie Doran (Lansdale Catholic) bumped up her team another notch with a breakaway goal in the first five minutes of the second half. Down by two, the Wolverines scrambled to recover finally grabbing a goal of their own in the 79th minute of play. With just over 10 minutes left in the game the Wolverines fought to close the gap, but the Mustangs defense held on earning the team the 2-1 victory.

10/21—Ravens Slide Past Mustangs

Confident from a 3-0 win over the Reading Area Community College Ravens earlier in the season, the Mustangs anticipated a repeat performance in their second match up with the team. But the Ravens threw the Mustangs a curve ball jumping out to a 2-0 lead off two goals from Ravens forward Mickey Hettrick.

Focused on depleting the Ravens' advantage the Mustangs pushed up freshman midfielder Ahmed Faik (Upper Dublin), who tied up the score within six minutes of Hettrick's second goal.

With two goals apiece, both teams entered the second half with intense offensive drive. Missing a number of scoring chances at both ends of the field, the teams whittled down the clock until the Ravens finally slipped one past the Mustangs goal keeper with only seven minutes left in the game. The Mustangs pressured the Ravens looking for retribution, but were unable to find the back of the net.

10/20—Mustangs Fall to Nationally Ranked Vikings

The nationally ranked Ocean County College Vikings MCCC Tuesday to battle the Mustangs for the top seed in this week's NJCAA Division III Region 19 playoffs. Ranked third in the nation in Division III, the Vikings looked to hold their first place seeding while the Mustangs tried for an upset.

But the Mustangs efforts were not enough as the Vikings came on strong scoring first in the ninth minute of play and maintaining offensive control throughout the first half. By half time the Vikings led the Mustangs 2-0 and followed up their solid 45-minute performance with three more goals in the second half. The game concluded in a 5-0 win for the Vikings.

10/19—Mustangs Post 3-1 Victory Over Hawks

The Mustangs beat the Harrisburg Area Community College Hawks 3-0 on Monday October 19, 2009.

The Hawks and Mustangs played evenly throughout the game earning 15 shots apiece. But Hawks goal keeper Joshua Buser was no match for the expertly placed shots of Mustangs all-star freshman forwards Tom Dempsey (Methacton) and Dave Griffith (North Penn).

Two minutes into the first half Dempsey blasted one by Buser setting up an early lead for the Mustangs. In the 37th minute the Hawks answered back as Stephen Handford slipped a shot into the back of the Mustangs net. Tied at one apiece Griffith turned it into high gear and scored on a breakaway just 5 minutes later. Dempsey completed the Mustangs offensive drive with an early second half goal to give the Mustangs a two goal lead from which the Hawks were unable to recover.

This 3-1 win over the Hawks brings the Mustangs men's

soccer record to 10-4. The team will play its last regular season game later in the week against Reading Area Community College before heading into the Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference playoffs.

10/14—Spartans Too Much For Mustangs

The Mustangs lost to the Northampton Community College Spartans 2-0 on Wednesday.

Despite a 2-1 win over the Spartans in their first match up of the season on Sept. 22, the Mustangs were unable to repeat the performance in Wednesday's game. The Spartans came on strong and maintained control of the ball outmanuvering and outshooting the Mustangs. The Mustangs had a number of scoring chances but were unable to get on the board. Daniel Pereira (Northampton Area) of the Spartans scored both goals for the opposition.

10/13—Mustangs Top Roadrunners 2-0

The Mustangs strolled past the Gloucester County Community College Roadrunners in Tuesday's NJCAA Region XIX match up.

The Mustangs posted on the scoreboard early as the team's leading scorer freshman Jeannine Mason (Methacton) finished a cross ball from freshman Katie Miller (Plymouth Whitemarsh) in the 5th minute of the game. The Mustangs continued their offensive press and score again in the 29th minute when freshman Carla Sirak (Ewing) put the ball in the back of the net from 15 yards out.

The Mustangs controlled the ball for the majority of the play pounding the Roadrunners defense but the Roadrunners goal keeper held off 16 shots to keep the final score at 2-0.



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