

SPORTS

Sports Highlights (Sept. 3 - 9)

FOOTBALL

The Monarchs opened their second season ever on Saturday, September 8 at Cumberland (KY) with a 43-12 loss. After getting on the board first with an opening quarter 35 yard touchdown via the air, the Cumberland offense answered with 21 points in the first half. Half time score: 21-6.

Cumberland's Scott Hamilton who scored 2 T.D.'s in the first half on runs of 14 yards and 1 yard, caught a 21 yard pass from (QB) Wes Greibel for his 3rd tally of the night with 7:02 remaining in the 3rd quarter. Methodist's Bobby Ellis blocked the "point after" attempt making the score 27-6.

The fourth quarter saw Cumberland's reserve QB Chris Watson throw 2 long T.D. strikes of 28 and 40 yards. Topping off an explosive 4th quarter was a 43 yard field goal by Cumberland's Bryan Metzger.

Methodist's aerial combination of QB Robbie Barnhill to Rich Jinnette produced a 2nd touchdown in the final period with a 10 yard scoring pass.

Barnhill was 10 for 16 with 1 interception and 2 touchdowns. Rich Jinnette was the favorite receiver with 3 catches for 69 yards and 2 T.D.'s. The leading rusher was Mike Yanovok with 31 yards.

Defensively, the Monarchs were led by Willie Blue who had 8 tackles and 1 interception. Rich Pope and Russell Seaton had 6 tackles each.

CROSS COUNTRY

Coach Craig Penney took his young cross country runners to the Pembroke State Invitational Meet on Saturday, September 8. The hot, humid weather and the strong field caused Coach Penney to say, "Our young squad has a long way to go. However, I am pleased with their First Meet performance. We will get stronger."

Freshman Darrin Ganyard:	26th - 28:22
Junior Ben Sentz:	32nd - 28:49
Senior Jon Davidson:	42nd - 29:30
Freshman Brett Dietrich:	60th - 30:01
Junior Paul Mann:	63rd - 30:23
Senior John Storms:	1st - 26:17 (unattached runner)

WOMEN'S GOLF

After a disappointing start, Coach Ann Davidson's women golfers improved each day with a final round of 324.

"The UNC tournament is by far the strongest field we'll face all year", remarked Coach Davidson. "It is an opportunity for a challenge and learning experience against maybe 8-10 of the toughest Division One schools in the country," she said.

"I did not know what to expect from this team which lost two outstanding seniors in Suzanne Hughes and Melissa D'Ziabo. Now that I have seen some of the individual bright spots, I am beginning to have some perspective for their potential," said the new Coach.

Juniors Rindy Garner and Denise Woodard are doing a great job of leading the team.

Rindy Garner:	79-81-76 = 234
Denise Woodard:	83-78-81 = 242
Allyson Greer:	85-89-77 = 251
Stacie McTigue:	88-81-90 = 259
Christie Smith:	89-99-91 = 279

Rindy and Denise had their "best ever" scores. Sophomore Stacie McTigue had an 81 in the second round, a career low, along with Woodard's 78. Garner's 76 featured a 35 on her first 9.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Record:	W	L	T
Overall:	4	0	0
Conference:	0	0	0
Latest Rankings:	#1 in the nation		

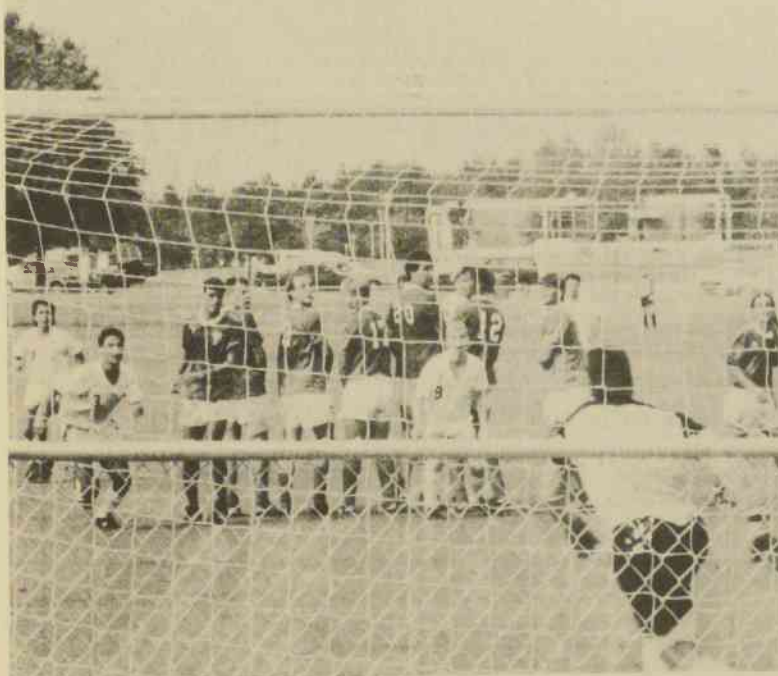
The Women's Soccer Team added two more victories to their skein of four as they won the Flower City Tournament in Rochester, NY during the weekend of September 8-9. Junior Ann Thorpe was named MVP while Sophomore Collette Gilligan was honored as the Offensive Player of the tournament.

This tournament was a tremendous test this early in the season. Beating Plymouth State 3-0 (ranked 4th in nation) on Saturday was an excellent result. We played well all over the park. The 2-1 victory over William Smith proved to be a tougher game. This was not a pretty win, but being down 1-0 and coming back to win was impressive," said Coach Pereira. William Smith was ranked #3 nationally.

MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team split a couple of games at the Mary Washington Tournament during the weekend of September 8-9. On Saturday, they lost 0-1 to the host school and came back to post a 2-0 win over Randolph-Macon on Sunday.

Coach Alan Dawson expressed his dissatisfaction with the play of the team in describing this as "the worst weekend of soccer from this group." He also said, "We need to get back to basics and get rid of the idea that we are a good team!"



Lady Monarchs Defeat Greensboro College

by Lisa Chavez

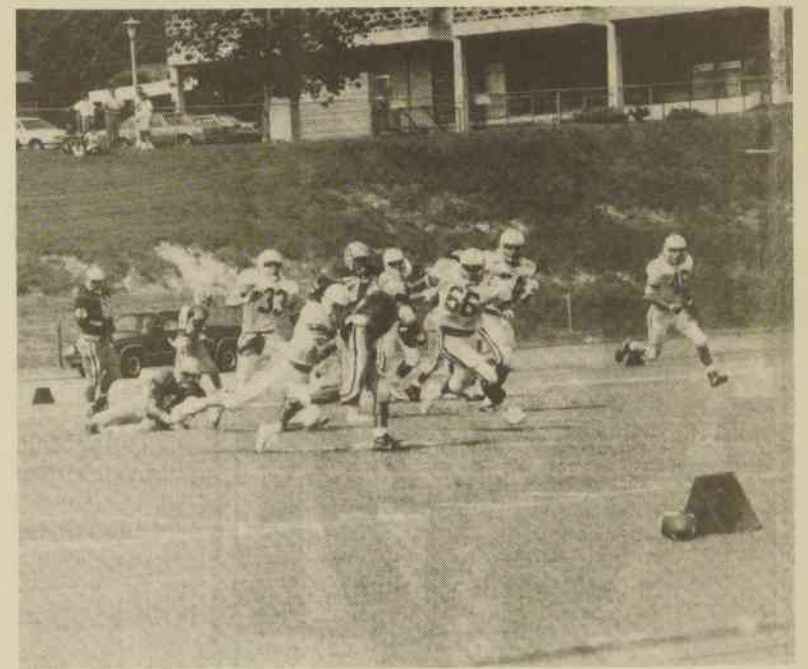
Methodist College women's soccer team, ranked number one in the nation, lived up to its billing September 12th by soundly defeating Greensboro College 8-0. The Lady Monarchs outshot Greensboro 30-2 and scored four goals in each half.

Center Forward Collette Gilligan scored a goal within the first five minutes of the game. Anne Thorpe and Traci Wilson also contributed two goals each, while Robyn Leff and Kathy Bryant each had one goal and one assist. Sandra Soler had one goal also.

This is the team's first year of being ranked as number one in the nation. The program has been in existence for seven years. At the start of the season, the team gained their ranking by winning the North Carolina Wesleyan Tournament and the Rochester Flower City Tournament.

They were able to overpower superb teams such as number three ranked William-Smith, and number five ranked Plymouth State. Although the team has already played extremely difficult matches, the most difficult opponents they have yet to play are North Carolina State University, Barry College, and regional rival Mary Washington.

Joe Pereira, who has coached the women for seven years, feels that the success of the team lies in the return of three All-American players—Anne Thorpe, Catherine Byrne, and Tricia Criswell. "With such a strong upper class group returning, we are hoping to match last year and maybe go one step further by being in the national finals this year," comments Coach Pereira. The women's team made it to the national semi-finals last year but fell short to Ithaca College.



Rob Pilewski,
who led the
men's golf team
to new heights in
1989-90, receives
the Sykes Cup
Award from
Athletic Director
Tom Austin.

Sports Highlights (September 10 - 16)

FOOTBALL

The Monarch football team opened its 1990 home season with a disappointing 10-0 loss to Washington and Lee University. Adding to the gloom was the costly injury to the number 1 receiver, Rich Jinnette, who suffered a broken collarbone. His chances of returning this season are doubtful.

Offensively, Steve McNeil led all rushing for Methodist with 99 yards on 25 carries. McNeil also caught 5 passes for 36 yards.

Russell Seaton led the defense with 5 unassisted tackles, 7 assisted tackles and broke up 3 passes. Last week's defensive standout, Willie Blue, broke up two passes recovered a fumble and was in on 10 tackles. Others who recovered fumbles were James Brown, Bobby Ellis and Joe Arbogast. Rich Pope and James Brown had one interception each.

VOLLEYBALL

September 11 (Home): Methodist defeated Meredith 15-7; 15-9; 15-13
September 14 (Away): Methodist lost to Averett 15-12; 15-17; 15-10;
7-15; 8-5

September 15 (Away): Methodist lost to Ferrum 15-9; 8-15; 2-15; 12-15
Methodist defeated Salem 15-4; 15-2

The Lady Monarch Volleyball team posted its first ever win in the new PAC with a victory over Meredith College. Danielle Genest led the team with 12 kills and a hitting percentage of .455. Jill Sturefeldt followed with 9 kills and a .277 hitting percentage. Paty Strahan had 4 service aces and Loric Sanita had a team high of 15 digs.

The Averett and Ferrum games were hard fought matches for the young Methodist team. "The four freshmen and two juniors are showing a lot of promise for the future," said first year coach Karen Smith. Coach Smith felt her squad had a solid beginning and expects her team to steadily improve with a few more games behind them.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Women's Golf team traveled to Farmville, Virginia to participate in the Lady Lancer Tournament at Division II National Champion, Longwood College. Par (37-37) 74.

The host team won the event while individual honors went to UNC-W senior Nina Van Doumpt, an international student - athlete from Sweden.

Methodist finished 5th out of 9 teams with the following 3 day totals:

Day 1:	335
Day 2:	324
Day 3:	334

Individual scores for Methodist:

Junior Rindy Garner	84-79-84 = 247
Junior Denise Woodard	83-79-86 = 248
Sophomore Allyson Greer	2-83-83 = 248
Sophomore Stacie McTigue	86-85-81 = 252
Sophomore Jen Potvin	90-90-90 = 270

Bright spots for this tournament featured 79's by Rindy Garner and Denise Woodard on the second day of play. Stacie McTigue continues to improve with a team low round of 81 on the last day and her career best tournament. "Inconsistency on the part of our veteran players plus poor putting and concentration lapses accounted for the disappointing 5th place finish," said Coach Davidson.

The new coach had praise for the team saying "The scores will begin to improve soon because there are several key areas that are really showing progress that are not reflected in the scores of this tournament.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Overall Record:	6-0-0
Conference:	1-0-0
Latest Ranking:	#1 in Nation

September 12 (Home): Methodist 8, Greensboro 0
September 16 (Home): Methodist 7, Randolph-Macon 0

Coach Joe Pereira's women booters made it 6 in a row with impressive wins over Greensboro College and Randolph-Macon to open the home season.

Collette Gilligan had an outstanding week with 4 goals. She had one against Greensboro and 3 in the Randolph-Macon contest. Traci Wilson also had 4 goals with 2 in both games. Robin Leff had 3 goals last week.

"We had very impressive numbers in both games this week. In the Greensboro game, the entire team played very strong," said coach Pereira.

"Against Randolph-Macon we really dominated the game out-shooting them by a wide margin," added the coach.

MEN'S SOCCER

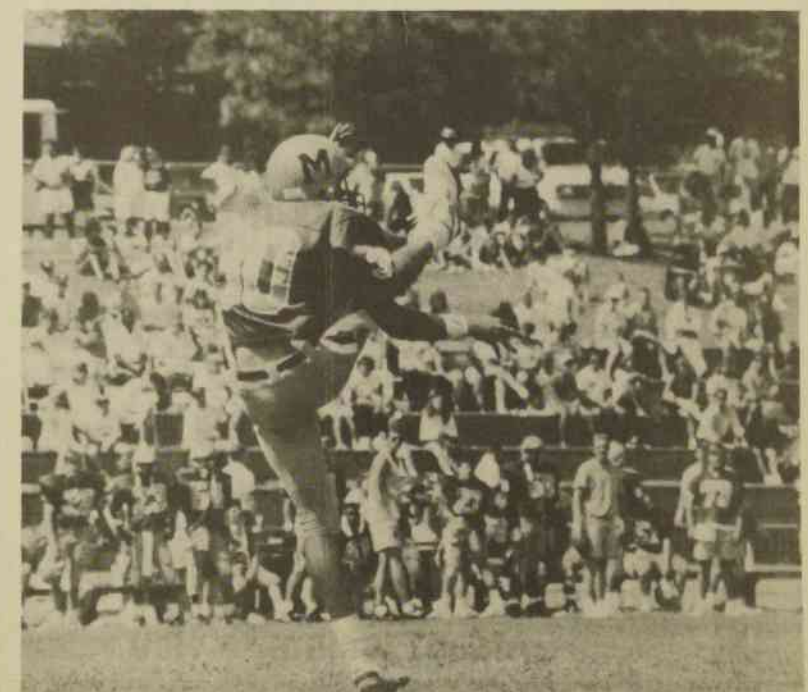
Overall Record:	4 2 0
Conference:	0 0 0

September 13: Methodist 2, UNC-W 1
September 15: Methodist 5, East Carolina 1

This week saw our men's soccer team post a couple of big wins over Division I programs to successfully open their home season.

Coach Alan Dawson described the win over UNC-W as scrappy, well-earned and a very composed performance. "The confidence gained in the win over a good UNC-W squad carried over into the game against E.C.U. We are, hopefully, back on track again," said Coach Dawson.

The coach singled out several individuals for praise, "Jay Haley collected 4 goals in a brilliant performance against E.C.U. Finbarr Clancy has played back to back marvelous performance as he scored the winning goal against UNC-W and made four assists to Jay Haley in the win over E.C.U. Jim Maher turned in 2 great games and is presently playing at a higher level than in the past."



Methodist College Men's Soccer Team
Defeats University of NC-Wilmington 2-1 September 13, 1990