

# Sports

## Volleyball -- 1st 20 Win Season Since 1988



The Lady Monarchs ended the season on a down note as they dropped their final regular season game in the Dixie as well as their first game in the Dixie Tournament. Going into the last two weeks of regular season play Methodist was in contention for first place Dixie Conference honors.

Methodist recorded their first 20-win season since 1988 en route to their second place Dixie Conference finish.

The team ended the season with an overall mark of 20-17 and a Dixie record of 7-3. Scheduling placed the Lady Monarchs at a disadvantage during the final two weeks as the team was forced to travel to both Ferrum and Averett College. The teams' inability to play well away from the friendly confines of the March F. Riddle Center proved to be the deciding factor in both their regular season finish and their 3-1 loss to Ferrum in the semifinals of the Dixie Tournament.

## Lady Monarch Gain Partial Dixie Intercollegiate Title



The Lady Monarchs ended the regular season with an overall mark of 9-8-2. On Wednesday, October 28th Methodist recorded a 0-0 tie against arch-rival NC Wesleyan to gain partial ownership of the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title. The Lady Monarchs faced adversity this season with the loss of two starters to season-ending injuries. Considering the youth and inexperience the team had some impressive performances against quality teams including a 0-0 overtime tie to national powerhouse University of Rochester. Becky Morton (Jacksonville, NC) was named the Tournament Most Valuable Offensive Player for her outstanding play. Goalkeeper Kate Howard (Wooster, OH) had an outstanding tournament making 22 saves as

she faced 32 shots and 22 corners.

On October 11th the Lady Monarchs captured another impressive regional victory as they ousted Old Dominion Athletic Conference rival Roanoke College 2-0. The team recorded other shutout victories over Division II teams St. Andrews and Lees McRae and Division III Washington & Lee.

The Lady Monarchs named Becky Morton (FR., Jacksonville, NC), Colette Gilligan (SR., Dublin, Ireland), Jennifer Kimball ( ) and Ruth Keegan were named to the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic All-Conference 1st team. Goalkeeper Kate Howard (Wooster, OH) along with Kara Leonard (Tarpon Springs, FL) and Jennifer Savani (Lock Haven, PA) were named 2nd team All-Conference.

## Monarch's Football Gains Valuable Experience For '93

The Monarch football team has struggled through some disappointing outings this fall. The team opened the season on the road against Charleston Southern. The contest was extremely close with the Monarchs losing 20-19. During the final minute of the contest Methodist scored. After the score Head Coach Jim Sypult decided to go for a two point conversion for the win. The Monarchs failed to convert leaving the team just shy a victory.

The Monarchs then hosted the Quakers of Guilford College. Mental breakdowns both offensively and defensively led to a Quaker 37-8 victory. The next weekend the Monarchs were still unable to get on track as they suffered a 37-14 defeat at the hands of Salisbury State University. Methodist then traveled to Newport News, Va for a contest with the Apprentice School. The Apprentice school dominated play on both sides of the ball as they ousted the Monarchs 49-0.

Methodist bounced back and played impressively against Catholic University on October 3rd but still fell short of the victory 27-21. On the road the next

weekend against Bridgewater College the Monarchs were shutout 27-0.

Offensive miscues and failure to make quick decision on defense contributed to the 27-6 loss to Davidson College on Homecoming. The Monarchs turned the ball over eight times in their loss to the Wildcats.

On the road against a tough Maryville College team Methodist suffered another tough loss 34-6. The last home game slated the Monarchs against Old Dominion Athletic Conference foe Hampden-Sydney. Methodist played with lots of intensity but still came up short losing 17-3.

Even with the losing record this Monarch football team is much improved over last year's team. The 1992 Monarchs are very young and this youth and inexperience has been the cause of many of the losses. With valuable playing experience this fall the 1993 team looks to avenge their reputation as they return an experienced team with high ambition for a winning season.

Methodist ends their 1992 season on the road against Frostburg State University.



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