

Five-match string of losses snapped

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The North Carolina Wesleyan volleyball team broke a five-match losing streak when they defeated Ferrum 15-9, 13-15, 16-14, 15-13 on Tuesday, Oct. 20. Vivian Vega had 32 digs and 40 assists to help the Lady Bishops.

Wesleyan coach Michon Lubbers said, "Defense was our game tonight." Laura Hilbert had nine kills and Theresa Graninger, Renee Walcott, and Tabitha Wilcox had three blocks each. The Lady Bishops improved to 16-14.

North Carolina Wesleyan lost their last home game 15-6, 15-9, 15-3 to Greensboro College on Friday, Oct. 23. "We did not execute anything," Wesleyan coach Michon Lubbers said.

The Lady Bishops are 16-15, 6-4 in the Dixie Conference. They have four matches on the road before the conference tournament.

Wesleyan fought in overtime, but could not come out on top as the women's soccer team fell to Randolph-Macon 2-1 on Wednesday, Oct. 14. Jessica Mook scored

early in the match for the Lady Bishops. Wesleyan held a 1-0 lead until the Lady Yellow Jackets tied the game at the 63-minute mark. Missy Derr scored the winning goal less than seen minutes into overtime. Randolph-Macon outshot Wesleyan 31-8, but Jen Foreman had 24 saves for the Lady Bishops.

North Carolina Wesleyan defeated Mary Washington 1-0 on Wednesday, Oct. 21, in men's soccer. Enrico Giancroce buried the rebound off the goalkeeper in the 115th minute of the match. The Bishops improved to 7-4-2. Wesleyan coach Greg Vogel said, "We have been focusing on defending during recent training sessions." Josh Morrison had seven saves for the Bishops.

The North Carolina Wesleyan men's soccer team fell to Virginia Wesleyan 4-0 on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Vincent Sciuillo scored three goals, but Drew Bartos' goal late in the first half took the momentum away from the Bishops. Wesleyan men's coach Greg Vogel said, "It was a very tough loss."



TITLE GAME — The Lady Bishops played — and defeated — Methodist College for the Dixie Conference title.



FAMILY JOINED SENIORDANYEL THOMSON AFTER BISHOPS' CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY.

Lady Bishops soccer team wins Dixie Conference championship

By RENNY TAYLOR

The Battling Bishops (17-17, 6-5) volleyball team did just that to start the week as they defeated Ferrum 3-1. "We battled and stayed on top," said Coach Lubbers. "I am very proud of the team to rally together and win the fourth game." With momentum on the line, the Bishop's defensive game rose to the occasion. Vivian Vega had 40 assists and 32 digs during the match.

The Bishops hosted one of the Dixie's toughest teams on Friday night and could not overcome the play of the Pride. Greensboro played a tough consistent match and the Bishops couldn't execute the shots.

The week started well for the Bishops as they thrubbed Chowan 3-0. The Bishops played a steady match against the Braves and continue to prepare for the Dixie Tournament. The weekend was not as good as Wesleyan dropped a pair of matches on the road to Shenandoah and Lebanon Valley.

MEN'S SOCCER — It took all of regulation and 25 minutes of overtime to determine the outcome as the Battling Bishops (9-5-2, 2-1-1, #10 in the South Region) came away with a 1-0 victory over Mary Washington. "We have been focusing on defending during recent training sessions," said Vogel. "We've scored a lot of goals this year but in some of our losses and draws we have given away too much in the back."

The Bishops did well holding off a persistent Mary Washington squad, and mounted a solid attack themselves. Enrico Giancroce scored following up on a great driven set piece from Oscar Roa.

The second game of the week saw the Bishops traveling to Virginia Wesleyan, which was ranked 17th in the nation and 2nd in the South Region. "A very tough loss," is all Vogel could say about the 4-0 loss. Although the play of the match was not four goals in Virginia Wesleyan's way as far as possession goes, they converted on two corners, and picked up on an errant ball in the back. "They are organized and very physical," said Vogel. "The goal just before half time hurt us a bit as far as momentum is concerned."

The Bishops moved forward in the Dixie Conference by defeating conference foe Averett 1-0. The Bishops took the lead at 67:00 on Joey Arment's goal as he tucked away a pass from Daimeon Savage. Savage shot through from the midfield and beat Averett's offside trap, then slotted the ball across the net to Arment as he streaked in following the play. The win pushed the Bishops to 2-1-1 in the Dixie. "This was a good road win for us against a much improved Averett squad who is now 11-5-1," said Head Coach Greg Vogel.

The Bishops secured a 2-1 overtime victory over Lynchburg College on Saturday, pushing their record to 9-5-2.

Lynchburg took the lead 10 minutes into the match but that was the only time they were to find the net. NCWC's Josh Addison tied the match at the 24-minute mark. Daimeon Savage scored 6:36 into the 1st overtime to give the Bishops the sudden death victory. The Bishops have two matches left in the regular season: Christopher Newport and Greensboro.

WOMEN'S SOCCER —

The Lady Bishops (11-6-2, 5-0-1) stretched the #5 team in the nation to the limit but the Eagles of Mary Washington converted the only goal in the 57th minute. "We played good team defense and counter attacked well," said Rob Donnenwirth. "We had some chances to score but didn't get our shots on frame. Mary Washington is a great team." The Eagles outshot the Bishops 16-4.

The latter part of the week saw a gut wrenching loss for the Bishops. The Bishops played with only one starting back from the beginning of the season. Wesleyan scored with 10 minutes remaining in the contest off Alexa Kapetanakis' 9th goal of the season. Thirteen minutes later, SCAD scored the equalizer. This was the result of no scoreboard on the field and the referees keeping the time. SCAD went on to win the game in overtime.

The Bishops won the Dixie Conference Championship with late game heroics from senior Danyel Thomson against conference rival Methodist College. Thomson is the lone Bishop senior and scored the game-winner with 4:40 remaining on Senior Day. The Bishops took a 1-0 lead on a corner kick which Tara Quigley finished. Methodist came back with two quick goals on counter attacks.

The Bishops controlled the second half and finally equalized on a Betsy Jones header off a corner kick. "We played a great second half after an awful first half. I am very happy for Danyel who deserves this for all the hard work she has put into this program," said Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth.

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