

SPORTS WEEKEND OVERVIEW: A WEEKEND FOR TRIUMPH

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Allowing for high athletic reputation, Meredith had a plethora of victories over the weekend. Meredith's soccer team prevailed in their opening game in the Agnes Scott College's women's sweat tournament in Decatur, Georgia. The team defeated Salem 1-0. Margaux Spiegel was aided by Hannah Worley and Carter Watson to score the single goal. The tournament concluded with a final game against Agnes Scott.

In other news, Meredith volleyball is now 2-8 after defeating Guilford in four games 25-20, 24-26, 25-18, and 25-23. As a highlight, Mallory Booker guided the path for Meredith with 14 kills and 23 digs. Morgan White had 12 kills, 19 digs and four service aces. However, the Avenging Angels failed to gain the lead on Va. Wesleyan 3-1.

Meredith then maintained their run over Peace College in cross country triumph at the Meredith Avenging Angels 5K. The event was hosted by Meredith and Peace Colleges. Six of the leading runners were from Meredith. Finishing in the top three, Lauren McDonald, Joyce McLeod, and Jessica Panameno led a group of runners. ■

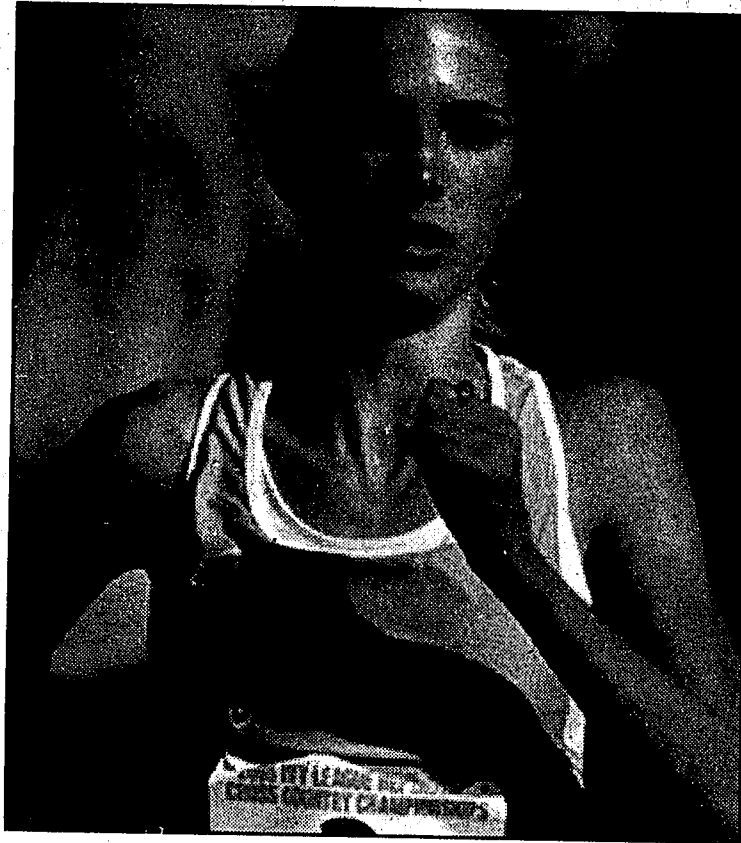


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ON THE RIGHT TRACK: MEREDITH SETS THE STAGE FOR PROMOTION OF ATHLETICS

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What better than a new state of the art sports complex to fulfill the obligation of sustaining an image of outstanding recreation and athletics? Meredith College is beginning the first phase of a \$4.3 million investment for a new athletic field and track complex. The first phase comprises evaluation, facilities access, utilities, sports lighting, and the track and athletic field; it is expected to be completed by spring 2009. The complex is under works because Meredith's current soccer field does not comply with the present minimum requirements for NCAA play. If the field does not meet NCAA standards, then conference and tournaments may not be held at home. The field will be located on the front lawn enclosed by Hillsborough and Faircloth Street.

According to standards, soccer fields must be arranged in a North/South orientation. Therefore there is only a small quantity of vacant zones left on campus. Also, the chosen location offers various gains such as irrigation, visibility from the Main Campus Drive, and entry to present parking lots. Proof of Meredith College's dedication to athletics was an integral part in the choice of the position of the upcoming complex. The facility may also provide many amenities for several other events such as graduation at the amphitheater.

Throughout the late spring and summer of 2007, Meredith worked with the consulting company Brailsford and Dunlavey to assess the College's master sketch of the athletic facility. Representatives from Brailsford and Dunlavey visited to survey selections for the innovative athletic sports ground. The blueprint to reposition the soccer field was then reviewed by the business

and finance and executive committees of the Meredith Board of Trustees. Afterwards, the entire board was introduced to the idea, and it was eventually approved. Those in charge of planning for the complex are Maureen Hartford, president; Jean Jackson, vice president for college programs; Bill Wade, vice president for business and finance; Allen Page, vice president for academic programs; Marie Chamblee, dean of the School of Education, Health and Human Sciences; Melinda Campbell, professor of health and exercise and sports science; Jackie Myers, athletics director; Tom Sherry, director of operations; and Harry Cadman, assistant director of project and grounds.

A new level of competition track and recreational field will be an element of the new field. As for the lighting, it will be versatile in allowing adjustment when needed according to the use. The entrance of the facility will be following the campus brick architecture. Seating will include a natural environment with grass covered seating like the amphitheater. After the main phase is complete, the plan includes restrooms, vendors, locker rooms, storage for track and field equipment, and even 248 count seating. The field will also be made of synthetic grass for the use of athletics. Right now, look for the construction by the orange fence that sets an outline of the building site. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Sept. 19

Tennis @ Meredith
Invitational Tournament
Cross Country @ Peace Pacers 5K

Saturday, Sept. 20

Tennis @ Meredith
Invitational Tournament
Volleyball vs. Chris. Newport @ Peace
Volleyball vs. Ferrum @ Peace

Sunday, Sept. 21

Tennis @ Meredith
Invitational Tournament
Volleyball @ Mary Baldwin
Soccer vs. Lynchburg
Volleyball vs. Averett @ Mary Baldwin

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Soccer vs. NC Wesleyan
Volleyball vs. Methodist

Saturday, Sept. 27

Tennis @ ITAs
Volleyball vs. Shenandoah @
Greensboro
Cross Country @ Greensboro Cross
Country Invitational
Volleyball @ Greensboro
Soccer vs. Christopher Newport

Need a break from homework?

Need to get off campus,
but you live too far to go
home for the weekend?
The Campus Activities
Board is hosting a trip
to Busch Gardens in Wil-
liamsburg, Virginia on
Saturday, September 27,
2008. The cost is \$25, and
you have to provide your
own money for food and
souvenirs. Hurry and sign
up for this exciting day
of fun!