

CAMPUS LIFE

Fall Sports Preview

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The 2011 Fall Sports Season has begun! The Avenging Angels soccer, cross country, and volleyball teams have been hard at work preparing for the competition to begin. This preview will feature a quick update from each of the teams and include information about season predictions, key players and biggest challenges.

Soccer:

The Meredith Soccer team is looking to defend their reputation as one of the biggest competitors in the USA South. The team was predicted to finish second in their conference behind

Christopher Newport University. The Avenging Angels are hard at work hoping to win the USA South Conference Championships and earn a spot in the NCAA tournament. The Angels are looking to captains Sarah Murray, Annah Kane and Kimberly Williams to lead the team to success. This could prove to be challenging as 70% of the team is made up of underclassmen. The Avenging Angels are known across the conference as being one of the toughest competitors. This year's team plans to uphold that legacy and obtain a winning record.

"We strive to play the best soccer possible every time we hit the field," stated Coach Paul Smith. "If we play our very best game, the sky is the limit for us!"

Cross Country:

The Avenging Angels Cross Country team has been training hard, hoping to improve upon last year's third place finish in the USA South Conference. The team's goal this year is to be among the top twenty teams in the NCAA South/Southeast Region. The 2011 Avenging Angels squad has several talented athletes bringing a great level of depth to the team. The top seven runners are completely interchangeable with time. Each team member is working hard to increase their 5k and 6k times in order to get the best time possible in meets.

"We are a young team with nine of our runners new to collegiate cross country," said Coach Amy Olsen. "We are looking

to Juniors Megan Beebe and Morgan Youd to provide a vital role for guiding freshmen in both practice and race day competition."

Volleyball:

The Meredith Volleyball team is looking to prove themselves as a powerhouse in the USA South Conference. The team is filled with many talented players and is led by Seniors Mary-Beth Finnagen, Emily Anderson, and Rebecca Yow. Last year's MVP, Junior Cori Spade continues to dominate offensively and has already been awarded USA South Volleyball Player of the Week. Although being picked to finish sixth overall in the conference, the Avenging Angels are working hard to finish games and have already won six out of their eight games so far this season.

"We have a great team chemistry on the court. Our overall goal is to finish as one of the top four teams in the conference. We have a very experienced starting lineup and have been training very hard. Our players are conditioned and mentally prepared for matches," commented Coach Fiona Barkley.

All of the Avenging Angels sports teams are determined to have a successful season and do their part to represent Meredith College athletics. Be sure to come out and support the teams during their games and meets!

Campus Calendar: 9/21-10/5

collected by Kristen Gallagher

- "Fresh" – the movie – Sept 21 @ 8pm in BDH courtyard

- Autumn begins – Sept. 23

- Interviewing Workshop – Sept 23 @ 10am in ACP

- "What Would Jesus Buy?" – movie – Sept 25 @ 7pm

- Student Body Meeting – Sept 26 @ 10am (2nd cate) or 5:30pm (BDH)

- Grad School – personal statements – Sept 26 @ 10am in ACP

- Sin Nombre film – Sept 26 @ 6:30 in Kresge

- Prepare to network event – Sept 26, 12pm or 5pm in ACP

- Networking event – Sept 27, 5:30pm, SMB

- Taste of research – Sept 28, 4:30pm, SMB

- The Tempest (Performances are Wednesday, Sept. 28-Thursday, Sept. 29 at 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 30 and October 1 at 6 p.m., and October 2 at 3 p.m. in McIver Amphitheater.)

- Study abroad application for spring due date – Sept 30

- SAF deadline – Sept 30