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WKU SOCCER ANNOUNCES 2018 RECRUITING CLASS

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - WKU Soccer has announced its 2018 recruiting class, made up of two defenders, two midfielders, a forward and a goalkeeper, as announced by Head Coach Jason Neidell and assistant coaches Dustin Downey and Will Beddingfield on Wednesday afternoon.

The class features three Kentucky high school signees, including 2017 Miss Kentucky Soccer Ambere Barnett (Rockport, Ind.), Chelsea Moore (Harrodsburg) and Olivia Stanley (Crestwood). Lyric Schmidt joins the Lady Toppers from Kingsport, Tenn. Kerragan Mulzer (Santa Claus, Ind.) and Bailee Witt (Plainfield, Ill.) and round out the balanced recruiting class.

Neidell on WKU’s 2018 recruiting class: "Recruiting quality students with good character has always been the standard here at WKU, and the young ladies in this year’s recruiting class are no exception. They are terrific student-athletes who we are excited to call Lady Toppers and who will wear the logo proudly. We accomplished three additional main goals with this year’s class. We fulfilled all of our positional needs, we increased our overall athleticism and we added student-athletes who will push our competitive mentality. I am grateful to our assistant coaches, Dustin Downey and Will Beddingfield, for their commitment to the never-ending recruiting cycle."

WKU will seek an immediate impact from its newest freshmen as the Lady Toppers seek to replace five graduating seniors, four of whom drew starts in more than half of WKU’s matches during the 2017 season. The Lady Toppers are coming off a 7-9-1 campaign and finished the season strong, winning four of the last five matches against C-USA foes.

Ambere Barnett – Midfielder, 5’7”, Owensboro, Ky.

One of the most decorated players to ever sign with the Lady Toppers, Barnett captured the 2017 Miss Kentucky Soccer honor as the top player in the state after scoring 33 goals with 26 assists as a senior at Owensboro Catholic High School.

Prior to her award-winning senior season, Barnett attended the US Women’s National Team U19 Training Camp in the spring of 2017 and also traveled to the ECNL/id2 National Camp in July 2017, a week-long camp with approximately 90 of the nation’s top female players.

The lone Kentucky high school player selected to the West Team in the 2017 Girls High School All-American Game, Barnett played her club soccer with St. Louis Scott Gallagher-Illinois and was a member of the squad for five seasons beginning in eighth grade.

With Owensboro Catholic, Barnett’s storied career included back-to-back District 9 and Region 3 Player of the Year awards, four straight First Team All-State selections, two All-A State Championship MVP honors and a KHSAA championship match appearance in 2014. For her career, Barnett led the Lady Aces to a 93-12-3 overall record with three All-A state championships, three region championships and two KHSAA Final Four appearances.

Individually, the future Lady Topper tallied 117 goals and 81 assists in her four years with Owensboro Catholic, culminating in her prestigious Miss Kentucky Soccer award this past fall.

Neidell on Barnett: "Ambere’s accolades speak for themselves. She is one of the most decorated student-athletes that we have brought into our program. She is a complete and versatile player who is good on the ball and who can attack and defend equally well. Above all, she is an incredibly genuine and humble individual. There is no doubt that Ambere will have a great career here at WKU, and we are eager to get started with her."

Chelsea Moore – Defender, 5’7”, Harrodsburg, Ky.

After beginning her developmental career with the Lexington Futbol Club in 2011, Moore has also spent time with the Kentucky ODP program in 2013-14. During her tenure with Lexington FC, Moore has
reached at least the semifinals of the Kentucky State Cup in each of the last seven seasons, appeared in the finals in 2011, 2015 and 2016 and finally claimed the championship in 2017.

Moore has also been a member of the team that reached the finals of the 2014 Disney Showcase and claimed titles at the 2015 Southeast Showcase and 2016 Jefferson Cup while also qualifying for the Premier Division in the 2016 Midwest Regional League.

In high school, Moore was a standout for both Mercer County as a sophomore and junior and Boyle County as a senior, earning three straight All-District selections and back-to-back All-Region nods in 2016 and 2017. As a senior, Moore was named the Advocate Messenger All-Area Player of the Year and was named First Team All-State while helping Boyle County capture the 45th District championship and reach the semifinals of the 12th Region.

In three high school seasons, Moore collected 62 goals as a dangerous scoring threat. She is set to join fellow freshman Olivia Stanley as well as current Lady Toppers Brooke Tackett and Sarah Gorham as Kentucky natives suiting up for WKU.

**Olivia Stanley – Forward, 5'8", Crestwood, Ky.**

Stanley joins the Lady Toppers following standout careers at both the club and high school levels. A member of the Kentucky Fire Juniors, Stanley was the leading scorer for the club in 2017.

In high school, Stanley starred for four years at Oldham County, capturing All-State Honorable Mention nods in each of her first three years before earning First Team accolades as a senior in 2017. In addition to that First Team selection, Stanley was named both District and Region MVP following her strong season.

Stanley has also been strong in the classroom and was a recipient of the Dan Schultz Scholarship Award for her academic prowess. She will join current Lady Toppers Brooke Tackett and Sarah Gorham as well as incoming freshman Chelsea Moore as players on the 2018 roster from the state of Kentucky.

**Neidell on Stanley:** “Olivia is one of the top players coming out of Kentucky this year. She is extremely versatile and can play any position down the middle of the field. She is strong on the ball, clean technically, good in the air and strikes the ball well with both feet. We felt fortunate to get Olivia after connecting with her a little later in the recruiting process.”

**Lyric Schmidt – Defender, 5'6", Kingsport, Tenn.**

A longtime club soccer participant, Schmidt was first named to the ODP pool in West Virginia in 2012-13 before a move to California, where her playing career took off. In California, she was named to the Player Development Program in conjunction with her club team, DeAnza Force, in 2015. Schmidt also received an invitation to train with the US Youth National Team in 2013. She currently competes for FC Alliance U18/U19 at the club level.

After moving to Tennessee, Schmidt enrolled at Sullivan South High School and became the kicker for the school’s football team, earning honorable mention All-Conference accolades following the 2017 season.

Schmidt will join rising sophomore Tally Bishop as representatives from Tennessee on WKU’s 2018 roster.

**Neidell on Schmidt:** “We are fortunate to have the services of Lyric Schmidt. Between an injury and a move from Northern California to Tennessee during the recruiting process, Lyric’s exposure to Power 5 schools was limited. Like so many others, she visited campus and fell in love with the school and community. Lyric is strong, good on the tackle and brings a great defensive presence to the field.”

**Kerragan Mulzer – Forward, 5'5", Santa Claus, Ind.**

A standout high school player at Heritage Hills High School under Head Coach Andy Fischer, Mulzer finished her prep career as the Lady Patriots’ all-time leader with 28 assists. Mulzer, who currently competes at the club level with the Kentucky Fire Juniors, was named an All-Conference selection all four years in high school.
During her breakout senior year campaign, Mulzer notched 24 goals and 14 assists en route to an All-District First Team selection and a spot on the Academic All-State Team in Indiana for the second consecutive season. Mulzer is also a strong all-around athlete, having played four years of both basketball and track and field in addition to her soccer experience. She will join WKU’s top returning scorer, Chandler Backes, as well as incoming freshman Ambere Barnett, as players on the 2018 roster from the state of Indiana. 

Neidell on Mulzer: "It seems like Kerragan Mulzer has been to every single one of our camps for the past three years. As a result, we've gotten to know Kerragan really well. Beyond her terrific character, Kerragan brings many other positive intangibles to our group. On the playing field, she is a fierce competitor with great athleticism and speed. She also has a knack for finding good spaces in the box to get the ball and score goals.”

Bailee Witt -- Goalkeeper, 5'9", Plainfield, Ill.

One of the top goalkeepers from Illinois, Witt is set to join the Lady Toppers with a wealth of high-level club and ODP experience that began as early as 2012 with her selection to the ODP Illinois State Team where she was a member until 2016. During that same time frame, Witt was also a member of the Region II ODP squad. Witt attended ODP National Development Camp in 2013 and was a member of the Interregional Tournament Team from 2014-16. In 2016, Witt also made a trip to Costa Rica to compete with the 2000 Region II ODP team.

The standout goalkeeper has also competed at the club level with Team Chicago, appearing on both the National League and National Championships rosters for the team while serving as a captain. Witt has also spent time with Sockers FC as a member of its Developmental Academy.

Witt played one year of high school soccer as a freshman at Joliet Catholic Academy before focusing exclusively on club soccer. She will be the lone representative from Illinois on WKU’s 2018 roster and will join her brother Tyler Witt, a rising redshirt sophomore football player for the Hilltoppers. Neidell on Witt: "Bailee was on our recruiting radar since the ninth grade, and I must give props on this one to our retired president, Gary Ransdell. Dr. Ransdell sent a note to the soccer office about meeting Bailee while on campus for her brother’s football recruitment, and the rest is history. Bailee is an excellent goalkeeper with great athleticism and quick reflexes.”
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JACKSON INVITED TO NEW ZEALAND U-20 WOMEN’S WORLD CUP TRAINING CAMP

Deven Jackson Headshot and Action Shot Attached (please credit Steve Roberts if used)

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Rising sophomore Deven Jackson has received an invitation to New Zealand’s U-20 Women’s World Cup training camp this week as the nation looks to build its team for this summer’s event.

The Auckland, New Zealand, native will compete in the training camp from April 17-20, with the final team selection slated to happen later this summer. New Zealand will open play in the U-20 Women’s World Cup on August 5 against the Netherlands at 9:30 a.m. (CT) in Vannes, France. Drawn into Group A, New Zealand will also square off against host France (August 8 at 12:30 p.m. CT) and Ghana (August 12 at 9:30 a.m. CT) in the group stage.

In her first season on The Hill last fall, Jackson made 15 appearances and had one start for the Lady Toppers, playing a total of 617 minutes as a freshman. Jackson notched a pair of assists on the season, including assisting on Chandler Backes’ match-winner against Evansville on Sept. 3. The midfielder has previously spent time with New Zealand’s U-17 and U-19 programs and earned a spot on the U-17 World Cup roster, but could not compete due to an injury just before the event.

The 2018 U-20 Women’s World Cup will be hosted by France from August 5-24 in the cities of Vannes, Saint-Malo, Concarneau and Dinan-Lehon. New Zealand will be competing in the event for the seventh time in the nation’s history and posted its best showing in 2014, reaching the quarterfinals of the biannual tournament. North Korea is the reigning champion after claiming the title in Papua New Guinea in 2016.
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WKU SOCCER INKS PEKEZ FOR INCOMING FRESHMAN CLASS
Isidora Pekez Action Shot Attached

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU Soccer Head Coach Jason Neidell has announced the signing of Isidora Pekez, a native of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, who will join the Lady Toppers as part of the seven-member incoming freshman class.

“We are incredibly excited to add a signee of Isidora’s stature on the tail end of this recruiting cycle. Isidora is a complete midfield player who understands the game at a high level, has a tremendous comfort level on the ball and who can strike on frame from distance. She brings a wealth of high-level experience to our team. Most importantly, I was struck immediately by her personality. She is a sharply focused individual with a quiet confidence and a fiercely competitive mentality. She will do great things in a WKU uniform.”

Pekez brings a wealth of provincial experience, having competed with Team Alberta beginning at the U14 level in 2014. With Alberta’s U15 side in 2015, Pekez made the trip to Dallas to compete in the Dallas International Tournament, picking up a silver medal at the event, and also helped her U14 and U16 squads to bronze medal finishes at the Alberta Summer Youth Provincials.

More recently, Pekez earned a fourth-place finish with Team Alberta at the U18 Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg in 2017 and has competed in FC Edmonton’s REX program. The midfielder is currently a member of Northwest United’s women’s major league team and has competed with her high school, Archbishop O’Leary, at both the academy and senior team levels.

Pekez, who has been a member of the Canadian national team’s pool of players for the last two years, will join Deven Jackson (New Zealand) and Aleksandra Kozovic (Serbia) as current Lady Toppers who have earned that distinction internationally.

The signing of Pekez adds another piece to WKU’s strong incoming freshman class: the Canadian national will join Chelsea Moore, Olivia Stanley, Lyric Schmidt, Kerragan Mulzer, Bailee Witt and 2017 Miss Kentucky Soccer Ambere Barnett as new Lady Toppers in the fall.
BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU Soccer Head Coach Jason Neidell has announced the team’s 2018 fall schedule that includes eight regular season home matches at the WKU Soccer Complex and marquee non-conference road matches at SEC foes Ole Miss and Vanderbilt.

WKU’s 2018 slate will open with a trio of exhibition matches as the Lady Toppers first travel to Austin Peay on Aug. 4 before returning home against Saint Louis (Aug. 10) and Belmont (Aug. 12) to close out the preseason. The exhibitions against Saint Louis and Belmont will be the first exhibitions played at the WKU Soccer Complex since a bout against Northern Kentucky on Aug. 12, 2016.

The Lady Toppers kick off the regular season with three straight road matches, including the regular season opener at Murray State on Aug. 17 in the first meeting between the two sides since 2008. Following the tilt against the Racers, WKU will head south to Ole Miss on Aug. 19, marking the 11th consecutive season that the Lady Toppers have faced at least one SEC opponent. WKU will then round out the season-opening road trip at Evansville on Aug. 23, looking to maintain its streak of seven unbeaten matches against the Purple Aces.

In the regular season home opener on Aug. 26, WKU will square off against Miami (Ohio) as it seeks to improve on its already stellar 14-3 record in home openers at the WKU Soccer Complex. The Lady Toppers will remain at home for the next week after that opening match as they also battle Lipscomb (Aug. 31) and Kentucky Christian (Sept. 3) to close the three-match homestand.

A road tilt at Vanderbilt on Sept. 6 marks the end of non-conference play for the Lady Toppers as WKU seeks its first win in the series against the Commodores. Last year, WKU battled tightly down the stretch on its home field but ultimately dropped a hotly-contested 1-0 decision to Vanderbilt.

WKU enters its fifth season in C-USA play with four straight matches on the road against conference opponents. In the first two matches, the Lady Toppers will make the Gulf Coast swing at Southern Miss (Sept. 16) and Louisiana Tech (Sept. 23) before trekking to the East Coast for bouts at Charlotte (Sept. 28) and Old Dominion (Sept. 30). WKU will be facing Louisiana Tech for the first time since the 2015 season, and its matchup at Charlotte will be the first against the 49ers since falling in penalty kicks during the C-USA quarterfinals two years ago.

Over the final month of the regular season, WKU will play five of its six matches at the friendly confines of the WKU Soccer Complex. The Lady Toppers are set to meet FIU (Oct. 5) and UTEP (Oct. 7) on the first weekend of October before a pair of matches against perennial C-USA championship contenders North Texas (Oct. 12) and Rice (Oct. 14) the following weekend. Both the Mean Green and the Owls reached the 2017 NCAA Tournament after splitting the C-USA regular season (Rice) and tournament (North Texas) championships.

WKU will hit the road for its final regular season match away from home on Oct. 19, taking on UAB in Birmingham, Ala., as the Lady Toppers seek to avenge a 2-0 setback against the Blazers last season. For the second straight season, the Lady Toppers will host Marshall for Senior Night on Oct. 26 to close out the regular season.

The 2018 C-USA Tournament will be hosted at Old Dominion from Oct. 31-Nov. 4 at the ODU Soccer Complex with the top eight teams in the regular season standings qualifying for the conference tournament. In three of its four seasons as a member of the league, WKU has fallen in the C-USA Tournament to the eventual champion.

WKU returns its leading scorer from a year ago in Chandler Backes (15 points) and also brings back a talented young core of players including All-Freshman Team member Tally Bishop, Ashley Leonard and Deven Jackson. On the defensive side of the ball, the Lady Toppers will look to replace four-year starting goalkeeper Allison Leone, but have two-time C-USA Defensive Player of the Week Christina Bragado manning the center of the back line and All-C-USA pick Nicole Roseland as a steady force as a defensive midfielder.
# 2018 WKU Soccer Schedule

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LADY TOPPERS HEAD TO AUSTIN PEAY FOR SATURDAY EVENING EXHIBITION

The Lady Toppers kicked off the 2018 campaign with their first practice of the season on Wednesday evening and return all but two primary starters from last season’s roster. In 2017, WKU finished strong, winning four of its last five matches against C-USA opponents before falling just short of reaching the conference tournament on a tiebreaker.

Two-time All-C-USA selection Nicole Roseland is set to lead WKU’s returners into action in 2018. The senior has played in every possible match since arriving on The Hill in 2015 and has drawn starts in all but four of those contests, including all 17 matches last season. As a holding midfielder for the Lady Toppers, Roseland garnered First Team All-C-USA honors in 2016 before following up with a Third Team nod in 2017.

Chandler Backes, WKU’s leading scorer in each of the last two seasons, also returns for her junior campaign. The Carmel, Ind., native burst onto the scene with 10 goals during her freshman season in 2016 before adding six more last year; her 16 career goals through two seasons already rank 10th all-time on WKU’s goalscoring list. Including Backes, WKU brings back four of its top five point scorers from 2017, losing only Hannah Chua to graduation.

Along the back line, two-time C-USA Defensive Player of the Week Christina Bragado is back, as is sophomore Avery Jacobsen who started 12 matches during her debut season. Wingback Aleksandra Kozovic, who served as WKU’s free kick specialist for much of last season, also returns after starting 15 of a possible 17 matches for the Lady Toppers in 2017.

In goal, WKU will have a new primary goalkeeper for the first time since 2013 as it seeks to replace four-year starter Allison Leone. Redshirt junior Anne-Marie Ulliac sat out last season to satisfy NCAA transfer rules, while freshman Bailee Witt has jumped into the competition immediately as well. Whoever receives the nod will look to continue the tradition of WKU’s strong goalkeeping that has seen two players, Libby Stout and Nora Abolins, go on to play professionally overseas following their collegiate careers.

In addition to its returners, WKU is set to mix in seven newcomers throughout the preseason, including 2017 Miss Kentucky Soccer Ambere Barnett. Kentucky natives Chelsea Moore and Olivia Stanley will look to have an immediate impact, as will Kerragan Mulzer, Lyric Schmidt and late signee Isidora Pekez. In each of the last two seasons, a true freshman has finished in the top two in point scoring for the Lady Toppers.

Austin Peay is coming off an 8-7-3 campaign in 2017 and dealt WKU a 2-1 setback in the most recent regular season meeting on Aug. 25, 2017. The Lady Gows’ leading scorer from 2017, Kristin Robertson, is no longer with the program, but both McKenzie Dixon (nine points) and Morgan Drawdy (eight points) will be back in action. In goal, Mary Parker Powell returns after playing 1,410 minutes between the posts, making 53 saves and posting a goals against average of 1.09.

Following Saturday evening’s match, the Lady Toppers will close out their preseason with a pair of home exhibitions next weekend. WKU will welcome Saint Louis (6 p.m., Aug. 10) and Belmont (6 p.m., Aug. 12) to the WKU Soccer Complex to wrap up its preseason preparations before hitting the road to Murray State for its regular season opener at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17.
GORHAM'S LATE GOAL EARN 1-1 EXHIBITION DRAW AT AUSTIN PEAY

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. – Facing a 1-0 deficit with less than four minutes to play, redshirt senior Sarah Gorham found the back of the net to earn a 1-1 draw for WKU Soccer on the road at Austin Peay on Saturday evening in the first exhibition match of the preseason for both sides at Morgan Brothers Soccer Field.

Gorham, who led all players with three shots on goal, fired a long shot from outside the box into the right corner of the goal past Austin Peay’s Mary Parker Powell to secure the draw for the Lady Toppers. For Austin Peay, Jade Dauriat scored in the 70th minute and Powell finished with seven stops in goal.

All seven freshmen for the Lady Toppers saw action in their first competitive collegiate match, led by 2017 Miss Kentucky Soccer Ambere Barnett playing the full 90 minutes in the midfield. Chelsea Moore also drew the start in her first collegiate appearance, while Lyric Schmidt saw 73 minutes of playing time off the bench.

In goal, Anne-Marie Ulliac earned the start after sitting out the 2017 season to satisfy NCAA transfer rules and posted a clean sheet with two saves in the first half before giving way to freshman Bailee Witt. Despite giving up a goal midway through the second half, Witt came away with a save and kept the Lady Govs off the board over the final 20 minutes.

WKU flexed its offensive muscles for much of the night, outshooting Austin Peay 13-6, including a 9-3 mark in the second half. The Lady Toppers also earned five corner kicks to just two for the Lady Govs as six different players put a shot on frame for WKU.

The defense held strong early for the Lady Toppers as Austin Peay could not manage a shot until the 23:20 mark, when Ulliac came up with her first save in a WKU uniform against Austin Peay’s Shelby Stewart. Ulliac again shined just four minutes later to deny Claire LaRose to maintain the scoreless deadlock heading into the locker room.

In the second half, WKU put seven of its nine shots on goal, including early tries from Gorham and Barnett, but was stymied by Powell over the first 40 minutes of the frame. Austin Peay took a 1-0 lead at the 69:41 mark as Dauriat collected her own rebound during a scramble in front of the goal before beating Witt.

Despite six saves from Powell in the second half, Gorham finally found the breakthrough for WKU with 86:31 on the clock on an unassisted strike from outside the box. Entering her final year of play, Gorham is one of four seniors who will feature for WKU this season, joining Megan Morris, Hannah Cady and Nicole Roseland.

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Soccer Box Score (Final)
2018 WKU Lady Topper Soccer
Western Kentucky vs APSU (Aug 04, 2018 at Clarksville, Tenn.)

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Austin Peay exhibition #1 2018

Official's signature
### Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
**Western Kentucky vs APSU (Aug 04, 2018 at Clarksville, Tenn.)**

#### Western Kentucky Starters:
- **F** 5 BACKES, Chandler
- **D** 9 MORRIS, Megan
- **MF** 10 GORHAM, Sarah
- **D** 12 JACOBSEN, Avery
- **MF** 15 BARNETT, Ambere
- **D** 21 MOORE, Chelsea
- **D** 31 KOZOVIC, Aleksandra
- **MF** 33 ROSELAND, Nicole

#### APSU Starters:
- **GK** 1 POWELL, Mary Parker
- **D** 5 WISTROM, Caroline
- **MF** 6 DRAWDY, Morgan
- **MF** 7 STEWART, Shelby
- **MF** 9 ROTH, Gybson
- **F** 10 PENALOZA, Pamela
- **D** 12 SEMAAN, Renee
- **MF** 15 LAROSE, Claire
- **D** 17 THERRELL, Abby
- **F** 18 SMITH, Jennifer
- **F** 19 DIXON, McKenzie

**00:00** ULLIAC, Anne-Marie at goalie for Western Kentucky.

**00:00** POWELL, Mary Parker at goalie for APSU.
- Foul on APSU.
- Foul on APSU.

**13:24** Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere WIDE.
**14:47** Corner kick by APSU THERRELL, Abby [14:47].
**16:49** WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for MOORE, Chelsea.
**18:55** Corner kick by WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra [18:55].
**19:28** APSU substitution: FISHER, Melody for THERRELL, Abby.
- Foul on APSU.

**20:39** Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah, SAVE POWELL, Mary Parker.
**22:07** APSU substitution: WHITTAKER, Ashley for DIXON, McKenzie.
**22:15** APSU substitution: COSTANTINO, Katie for ROTH, Gybson.
**22:15** WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MORRIS, Megan.
**23:20** Shot by APSU STEWART, Shelby, SAVE ULLIAC, Anne-Marie.
- Foul on APSU.

**24:28** Offside against Western Kentucky.
**26:03** Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler WIDE.
**26:17** APSU substitution: BATEMAN, Amber for STEWART, Shelby.
**27:45** Shot by APSU LAROSE, Claire, SAVE ULLIAC, Anne-Marie.
**28:09** APSU substitution: DAURIAT, Jade for DRAWDY, Morgan.
**28:51** Shot by APSU LAROSE, Claire HIGH.
**30:05** WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for BACKES, Chandler.
**30:53** APSU substitution: BRADBERRY, Rachel for LAROSE, Claire.
**30:53** APSU substitution: ENGLAND, Ashton for PENALOZA, Pamela.
**30:53** APSU substitution: DEES, Meghan for WISTROM, Caroline.
**32:16** Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere WIDE.
**33:35** APSU substitution: KRAFT, Kaylee for SEMAAN, Renee.
- Foul on APSU.

**35:17** Offside against Western Kentucky.
**35:52** WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for KOZOVIC, Aleksandra.
**35:52** WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for JACOBSEN, Avery.
- Foul on APSU.
- Foul on Western Kentucky.
- Foul on APSU.

**41:24** APSU substitution: KENWARD, Katie for WHITTAKER, Ashley.
- Foul on Western Kentucky.

**45:00** End of period [45:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
Western Kentucky vs APSU (Aug 04, 2018 at Clarksville, Tenn.)

45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 WITT, Bailee at goalie for Western Kentucky.
45:00 For APSU: #1 POWELL, Mary Parker, #3 McKEEWON, Delanie, #4 BROWN, Goodwin, #6 DRAWDY, Morgan, #10 PENALOZA, Pamela, #12 SEMAAN, Renee, #18 SMITH, Jennifer, #22 DEES, Meghan, #23 FISHER, Melody, #24 KENWARD, Katie, #29 CARDINAL, Gwynevere.
45:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #21 MOORE, Chelsea, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #2 MULZER, Kerragan, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #4 SCHMIDT, Lyric, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #31 KOZOVIC, Aleksandra.

48:37 Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea HIGH.
49:48 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah, SAVE POWELL, Mary Parker.
52:59 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE POWELL, Mary Parker.

56:54 Offside against Western Kentucky.
58:03 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for MOORE, Chelsea.
58:03 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for MULZER, Kerragan.
58:03 WKU substitution: BRYANT, Kaylyn for JACOBSEN, Avery.
58:03 WKU substitution: TACKETT, Brooke for KOZOVIC, Aleksandra.
63:40 APSU substitution: DAURIAT, Jade for PENALOZA, Pamela.
63:40 APSU substitution: ROTH, Gybson for CARDINAL, Gwynevere.
63:40 APSU substitution: COSTANTINO, Katie for DRAWDY, Morgan.
65:01 Shot by WKU LEONARD, Ashley, SAVE POWELL, Mary Parker.
66:09 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler, SAVE POWELL, Mary Parker.
66:58 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [66:58].
67:02 Shot by WKU BRYANT, Kaylyn WIDE.
67:16 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for ROSELAND, Nicole.

*shot in box after save
Foul on APSU.

68:21 Shot by WKU SCHMIDT, Lyric, SAVE POWELL, Mary Parker.
68:57 Corner kick by WKU BARNETT, Ambere [68:57].
69:28 Shot by APSU DAURIAT, Jade, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
69:41 GOAL by APSU DAURIAT, Jade (FIRST GOAL).

WESTERN KENTUCKY 0, APSU 1

Foul on APSU.

71:07 Shot by WKU MORRIS, Megan, SAVE POWELL, Mary Parker.
72:32 APSU substitution: WISTROM, Caroline for DEES, Meghan.
72:32 APSU substitution: THERRELL, Abby for FISHER, Melody.
72:32 APSU substitution: LAROSE, Claire for McKEEWON, Delanie.
74:18 APSU substitution: BATEMAN, Amber for BROWN, Goodwin.
74:18 APSU substitution: WHITTAKER, Ashley for KENWARD, Katie.
74:54 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for LEONARD, Ashley.
74:54 WKU substitution: KOZOVIC, Aleksandra for TACKETT, Brooke.
76:17 Corner kick by APSU COSTANTINO, Katie [76:17].

Foul on APSU.

78:40 APSU substitution: KRAFT, Kaylee for SEMAAN, Renee.
Foul on APSU.

80:04 WKU substitution: ROSELAND, Nicole for BRYANT, Kaylyn.
80:37 Corner kick by WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra [80:37].
81:19 APSU substitution: DIXON, McKenzie for ROTH, Gybson.
81:19 APSU substitution: STEWART, Shelby for LAROSE, Claire.
81:19 APSU substitution: ENGLAND, Ashton for DAURIAT, Jade.
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
Western Kentucky vs APSU (Aug 04, 2018 at Clarksville, Tenn.)

81:19  APSU substitution: BRADBERRY, Rachel for SMITH, Jennifer.
82:48  Offside against APSU.
       Foul on APSU.
84:30  Corner kick by WKU KozoVic, Aleksandra [84:30].
85:13  Shot by APSU BRADBERRY, Rachel HIGH.
86:31  GOAL by WKU GORHAM, Sarah.

WESTERN KENTUCKY 1, APSU 1

*goal from outside box into right corner
90:00  End of period [90:00].
IRVING, Texas – WKU Soccer has been picked to finish ninth in the annual preseason C-USA coaches’ poll as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon.

Last season, WKU finished in a tie for eighth place in C-USA after a 4-5-1 record in conference play that saw the Lady Toppers come away victorious in four of their last five matches. Rice and North Texas, who have combined to win every regular season C-USA crown since 2014, are tabbed first and second, respectively, followed by 2016 tournament champion Charlotte, Old Dominion and Florida Atlantic. Two-time All-C-USA selection Nicole Roseland is set to lead WKU’s returners into action in 2018. The senior has played in every possible match since arriving on The Hill in 2015 and has drawn starts in all but four of those contests, including all 17 matches last season. As a holding midfielder for the Lady Toppers, Roseland garnered First Team All-C-USA honors in 2016 before following up with a Third Team nod in 2017.

Chandler Backes, WKU’s leading scorer in each of the last two seasons, also returns for her junior campaign. The Carmel, Ind., native burst onto the scene with 10 goals during her freshman season in 2016 before adding six more last year; her 16 career goals through two seasons already rank 10th all-time on WKU’s goalscoring list. Including Backes, WKU brings back four of its top five point scorers from 2017, losing only Hannah Chua to graduation.

Along the back line, two-time C-USA Defensive Player of the Week Christina Bragado is back, as is sophomore Avery Jacobsen who started 12 matches during her debut season. Wingback Aleksandra Kozovic, who served as WKU’s free kick specialist for much of last season, also returns after starting 15 of a possible 17 matches for the Lady Toppers in 2017.

In goal, WKU will have a new primary goalkeeper for the first time since 2013 as it seeks to replace four-year starter Allison Leone. Redshirt junior Anne-Marie Ulliac sat out last season to satisfy NCAA transfer rules, while freshman Bailee Witt has jumped into the competition immediately as well. Whoever receives the nod will look to continue the tradition of WKU’s strong goalkeeping that has seen two players, Libby Stout and Nora Abolins, go on to play professionally overseas following their collegiate careers.

In addition to its returners, WKU is set to mix in seven newcomers throughout the preseason, including 2017 Miss Kentucky Soccer Ambere Barnett. Kentucky natives Chelsea Moore and Olivia Stanley will look to have an immediate impact, as will Kerragan Mulzer, Lyric Schmidt and late signee Isidora Pekez. In each of the last two seasons, a true freshman has finished in the top two in point scoring for the Lady Toppers.

On Saturday evening, WKU earned a 1-1 draw after 90 minutes in its first exhibition match of the preseason at Austin Peay. Despite falling behind on a strike by the Lady Govs in the 70th minute, the Lady Toppers rallied behind a late equalizer from Gorham at the 86:31 mark to claim the split decision. WKU will close out its preseason slate with a pair of home exhibitions next weekend. The Lady Toppers will first welcome Saint Louis to the WKU Soccer Complex on Friday evening at 6 p.m. before clashing with Belmont on Sunday night, also at 6 p.m. WKU will then go on the road to Murray State for its regular season opener on Friday, Aug. 17, at 3 p.m.

2018 C-USA Women’s Soccer Preseason Coaches’ Poll (first-place votes in parentheses)
1. Rice (10)
2. North Texas (3)
3. Charlotte
4. Old Dominion
5. Florida Atlantic
6. UAB
7. Louisiana Tech
8. Middle Tennessee
9. **WKU**
10. UTEP
11. Marshall
12. Southern Miss (1)
13. UTSA
14. FIU

**2018 C-USA Women’s Soccer Preseason All-Conference Team**
Megan Greene, Charlotte
Ebba Blomqvist, Florida Atlantic
Nomvula Kgoale, Louisiana Tech
Peyton DePriest, Middle Tennessee (Offensive Player of the Year)
Dominique James, North Texas (Defensive Player of the Year)
Iris Achterhof, Old Dominion
Maya Hoyer, Rice
Annie Walker, Rice
Ola Akinniyi, Southern Miss
Kelsey Daugherty, UAB
Victoria Bohdan, UTEP
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WKU TO HOST SAINT LOUIS, BELMONT IN PRESEASON EXHIBITIONS
Exhibition Live Stats: sidearmstats.com/wku/wsoc/

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU is set to close out its preseason exhibition schedule with two matches at the WKU Soccer Complex this weekend, welcoming Saint Louis on Friday evening before taking on Belmont on Sunday. Both matches are slated for first kick at 6 p.m.

WKU is coming off a 1-1 draw in its first exhibition contest of the preseason last Saturday evening at Austin Peay. Trailing 1-0 after a goal by the Lady Govs in the 70th minute, Sarah Gorham tallied the late equalizer for the Lady Toppers with less than four minutes remaining, firing a dart past the goalkeeper from outside the box to secure the split decision.

All seven of WKU’s newcomers saw action in their first collegiate match, with Ambere Barnett and Chelsea Moore drawing starts. Barnett played the full 90 minutes in the midfield and tied with Gorham for the team lead with three shots, and all other freshmen saw at least 23 minutes of playing time.

In goal, WKU split halves between Anne-Marie Ulliac and Bailee Witt against Austin Peay. Ulliac earned the start and made two saves to keep a clean sheet in the first half, while Witt made a save and kept the Lady Toppers in position to equalize following Austin Peay’s goal.

Friday’s match is the lone exhibition of the preseason for Saint Louis, who posted a 15-3-2 overall record with a 7-2-1 mark in Atlantic 10 matches in 2017. The Billikens were receiving votes in the United Soccer Coaches poll midway through the season and return all five of their top scorers, including sophomore Olivia Petit, who finished the 2017 campaign with eight goals and four assists.

Between the pipes, Saint Louis brings back Mary Niehaus, who started all 20 matches and played all but 101 minutes for the Billikens last season. Niehaus allowed just 10 goals across 1,739 minutes for a goals against average of 0.52 while making 62 saves and totaling 10 solo shutouts.

Belmont will take the field on Thursday afternoon at Chattanooga before making the trip to Bowling Green on Sunday evening. Last season, the Bruins were 10-6-2 overall and 6-4 in OVC matches but posted nearly two goals per match with 35 on the season. Leading scorer Belicia Mendiola (nine goals, eight assists in 2017) is no longer on the roster, but second-leading scorer Julie Garst returns after netting five goals for Belmont last year.

Both goalkeepers who saw extensive minutes for Belmont last season are back in 2018, with Lily Herman leading the way after playing 1,410 minutes. Herman allowed 18 goals with 44 saves and five solo shutouts, while fellow keeper Abby Hunt surrendered five goals in 254 minutes of action.

Sunday’s match will close out the exhibition portion of WKU’s preseason and set the stage for the Lady Toppers’ regular season opener at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17 at Murray State. WKU owns a 4-1 all-time record against the Racers and captured the most recent meeting, 4-0, on Sept. 12, 2008.
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WKU FALLS TO SAINT LOUIS, 2-1, IN EXHIBITION TILT
PDF Box Score Attached

Head Coach Jason Neidell Postmatch Interview: youtu.be/yNGisN_qqzs

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU stymied a powerful Saint Louis offense for much of the evening, but Olivia Petit’s breakthrough in the 83rd minute dealt the Lady Toppers a 2-1 exhibition setback on Friday evening at the WKU Soccer Complex.

Aleksandra Kozovic, who previously scored off a direct free kick at UTSA last season, replicated the feat early in the match to give WKU an early lead. Freshman Olivia Stanley had a pair of shots as she earned the first start of her collegiate career, and six of WKU’s seven freshmen saw action in the second exhibition match of the preseason.

Saint Louis held a 16-6 advantage in shots on the night and held the Lady Toppers without a corner kick. In goal, Anne-Marie Ulliac came up big in key moments for WKU, making five saves while playing the full 90 minutes. For the Billikens, Olivia Silverman played the full match with one save while surrendering Kozovic’s strike.

Despite an early threat from the Billikens off a corner kick, WKU struck first on the night at the 10:58 mark. Chandler Backes was brought down by the hard-charging Saint Louis goalkeeper just outside the box, setting up the Lady Toppers with a free kick opportunity from just 20 yards out. With Backes over the ball, Kozovic took the free kick after a short run and buried it into the lower right corner for the early 1-0 advantage.

The Billikens responded just under 10 minutes later to level the match at 1-1. Annabelle Copeland made a long run down the left side and drew Ulliac out of goal with a charge. The redshirt junior slid to try to collect the ball but Copeland was able to pull her dribble around Ulliac’s outstretched arms and fire into the empty net for the equalizer.

Saint Louis drew three corner kick opportunities over the final 25 minutes of the first half, but WKU’s defense held strong and sent the two sides into the locker room level at one goal apiece.

Early in the second half WKU’s forwards went on the attack but were caught offsides three times in the first 15 minutes of the frame. On the last try, Backes flipped an overhead ball to Stanley with no one to beat before the goalkeeper, but the freshman was caught just offside by the sideline referee to end the dangerous threat.

In the 74th minute, Ulliac came up with a pair of fantastic saves to maintain the deadlock. Petit fired from point-blank range to Ulliac’s left and the Canadian parried the shot to the right, where Evie Lavelle was there for the rebound. Despite a second chance from just five yards out, Ulliac again denied the Billikens and sent the ball out of play with a strong save.

Petit found the match-winner at the 82:55 mark for Saint Louis. Isabella Palazzolo took a long run up the left side of the field and sent a cross into the box, and Petit was there with a strong volley into the back of the net to take the lead. WKU pushed up over the final five minutes looking for an equalizer, but were unable to come away with a chance on goal.

WKU will round out its preseason exhibition slate on Sunday evening at 6 p.m. as the Lady Toppers welcome Belmont to the WKU Soccer Complex. Following that match, WKU will hit the road for its regular season opener, heading to Murray State at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17, as the 2018 season officially gets underway.
Soccer Box Score (Final)
2018 WKU Lady Topper Soccer
Saint Louis vs WKU (Aug 10, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

Saint Louis vs. WKU
Date: Aug 10, 2018 • Attendance: 134
Weather: Partly Cloudy, 80°F

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Cautions and ejections:

Win-SILVERMAN, Olivia (1-0). Loss-ULLIAC, Anne-Marie (0-1).
Stadium: WKU Soccer Complex
Officials: Referee: Lucy Bell; Asst. Referee: Dennis Beard; Matthew Bell;
Alt. Official: Mandy Love; Scorer: Currie McFayden;
Offsides: Saint Louis 1, WKU 4.

Official's signature
Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
Saint Louis vs WKU (Aug 10, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

Saint Louis Starters:
D 2 KLUG, Alli
MF 3 POKORNY, Maddie
MF 5 REIMER, Courtney
F 7 SEITZER, Alyssa
D 8 FARLEY, Emma
F 9 NEWSOM, Kassie
MF 14 LAVELLE, Evie
D 15 PETIT, Olivia
GK 18 SILVERMAN, Olivia
D 19 PALAZZOLO, Isabella
MF 24 COX, Haley

WKU Starters:
F 5 BACKES, Chandler
D 9 MORRIS, Megan
MF 10 GORHAM, Sarah
D 12 JACOBSEN, Avery
D 14 BRYANT, Kaylyn
MF 15 BARNETT, Ambere
D 17 BRAGADO, Christina
GK 18 ULLIAC, Anne-Marie
F 23 STANLEY, Olivia
D 31 KOZOVIC, Aleksandra
MF 33 ROSELAND, Nicole

00:00 SILVERMAN, Olivia at goalie for Saint Louis.
00:00 ULLIAC, Anne-Marie at goalie for WKU.
Foul on WKU.
06:33 Corner kick by SLU REIMER, Courtney [06:33].
Foul on WKU.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on Saint Louis.
Foul on Saint Louis.
10:58 GOAL by WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra (FIRST GOAL), goal number 1 for season.

SAINT LOUIS 0, WKU 1

*direct off free kick to bottom right
Foul on WKU.
Foul on Saint Louis.
Foul on Saint Louis.
15:44 Shot by WKU JACOBSEN, Avery, SAVE SILVERMAN, Olivia.
Foul on WKU.
18:52 Shot by SLU LAVELLE, Evie BLOCKED.
19:06 Shot by SLU POKORNY, Maddie, SAVE ULLIAC, Anne-Marie.
Foul on Saint Louis.
19:41 SLU substitution: COPELAND, Annabelle for NEWSOM, Kassie.
19:41 SLU substitution: CREVOISERAT, Megan for POKORNY, Maddie.
20:44 GOAL by SLU COPELAND, Annabelle, goal number 1 for season.

SAINT LOUIS 1, WKU 1

*caught goalkeeper out of position, shot low right
Foul on WKU.
Foul on Saint Louis.
29:24 Offside against WKU.
29:35 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for JACOBSEN, Avery.
30:55 SLU substitution: BURKE, Isabel for FARLEY, Emma.
Foul on Saint Louis.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on WKU.
34:34 Corner kick by SLU FRIEDRICH, Hannah [34:34].
38:01 Corner kick by SLU FRIEDRICH, Hannah [38:01].
38:17 Shot by SLU CREVOISERAT, Megan BLOCKED.
Foul on WKU.
38:54 Shot by SLU PETIT, Olivia WIDE RIGHT.
39:03 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for KOZOVIC, Aleksandra.
39:03 SLU substitution: SANDS, Lindsay for SEITZER, Alyssa.
Foul on Saint Louis.
42:03 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for BACKES, Chandler.
Foul on WKU.
44:07 Corner kick by SLU FRIEDRICH, Hannah [44:07].
44:31 Header Shot by SLU PETIT, Olivia, SAVE ULLIAC, Anne-Marie.
45:00 End of period [45:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
Saint Louis vs WKU (Aug 10, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 For SLU: #11 FRIEDRICH, Hannah, #3 POKORNY, Maddie, #14 LAVELLE, Evie, #9 NEWSOM, Kassie, #24 COX, Haley, #20 COPELAND, Annabelle, #15 PETIT, Olivia, #18 SILVERMAN, Olivia, #19 PALAZZOLO, Isabella, #5 REIMER, Courtney, #8 FARLEY, Emma.
45:00 For WKU: #18 ULLIAC, Anne-Marie, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #5 BACKES, Chandler, #23 STANLEY, Olivia, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #31 KÖZOVIC, Aleksandra, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #12 JACOSEN, Avery.
45:22 Shot by SLU COPELAND, Annabelle WIDE RIGHT.
46:15 Offside against WKU.
48:55 Shot by SLU POKORNY, Maddie BLOCKED.
50:00 SLU substitution: SEITZER, Alyssa for FRIEDRICH, Hannah.
50:00 Foul on WKU.
53:35 Offside against WKU.
54:53 Offside against Saint Louis.
56:34 Corner kick by SLU REIMER, Courtney [56:34].
56:41 Shot by SLU FARLEY, Emma WIDE RIGHT.
56:41 Foul on WKU.
58:29 Offside against WKU.
58:29 Foul on WKU.
62:07 Shot by SLU POKORNY, Maddie WIDE RIGHT.
62:11 SLU substitution: NEWSOM, Kassie for COPELAND, Annabelle.
63:06 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia WIDE LEFT.
63:10 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for STANLEY, Olivia.
64:00 SLU substitution: KLUG, Alli for TEAM.
65:56 Corner kick by SLU REIMER, Courtney [65:56].
66:10 Shot by SLU COX, Haley, SAVE ULLIAC, Anne-Marie.
68:05 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for BARNETT, Ambere.
69:29 Shot by SLU FARLEY, Emma HIGH.
72:02 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler HIGH.
73:30 Shot by SLU PETIT, Olivia, SAVE ULLIAC, Anne-Marie.
73:34 Shot by SLU LAVELLE, Evie, SAVE ULLIAC, Anne-Marie.
74:03 Corner kick by SLU REIMER, Courtney [74:03].
74:11 Header Shot by SLU SEITZER, Alyssa BLOCKED.
75:24 SLU substitution: CREVOISERAT, Megan for SEITZER, Alyssa.
75:24 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for BACKES, Chandler.
75:24 WKU substitution: BARNETT, Ambere for PEKEZ, Isidora.
77:12 Shot by WKU SCHMIDT, Lyric WIDE RIGHT.
82:02 SLU substitution: SEITZER, Alyssa for LAVELLE, Evie.
82:02 SLU substitution: COPELAND, Annabelle for NEWSOM, Kassie.
82:55 GOAL by SLU PETIT, Olivia, Assist by PALAZZOLO, Isabella, goal number 1 for season.

SAINT LOUIS 2, WKU 1

*Soff cross from left side
Foul on WKU.
85:25 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MORRIS, Megan.
85:25 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for BRAGADO, Christina.
85:25 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for KÖZOVIC, Aleksandra.
85:41 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia WIDE RIGHT.
Foul on WKU.  
90:00   End of period [90:00].

SAINT LOUIS 2, WKU 1
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LADY TOPPERS OVERCOME BELMONT RALLY IN 3-2 EXHIBITION VICTORY

.pdf Box Score Attached
Head Coach Jason Neidell Postmatch Interview: youtu.be/fGl1UKL47H4

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Two early goals from Sarah Gorham put WKU in front in the first half, and a late strike from Chandler Backes helped the Lady Toppers overcome a furious rally by Belmont in a 3-2 WKU victory in exhibition action at the WKU Soccer Complex on Sunday evening.

With its final exhibition contest in the books, WKU finishes the preseason with a 1-1-1 record after previously earning a 1-1 draw at Austin Peay and dropping a 2-1 decision against Saint Louis.

Gorham wrapped up the preseason with her second and third goals of exhibition play, and the Lady Toppers totaled five as a team across the three matches. Backes added the match-winner on Sunday, and Aleksandra Kozovic scored off a direct free kick against Saint Louis on Friday night.

As a team, WKU controlled the offensive flow for much of the night, outshooting Belmont 19-4 for the match and 10-2 in the second half alone. After being held without a corner kick opportunity on Friday, the Lady Toppers had a 6-1 advantage in the category on Sunday with three in each half. Gorham led all players with four shots, three of which were on goal; for Belmont, Jessi Boozer led the Bruins with a pair of shots.

In goal, Anne-Marie Ulliac drew the start and played the first 66 minutes before giving way to Bailee Witt for the remainder of the match. Both allowed only one goal, and Witt earned the decision for being between the posts when Backes notched the match-winner. Abby Hunt and Lily Herman each played a half for Belmont, with Herman taking the loss despite six second-half saves.

WKU attacked early and often with both Ambere Barnett and Backes testing Hunt over the first six minutes. Gorham knocked in the early go-ahead goal at the 8:11 mark after a strong buildup through the midfield. Nicole Roseland slotted a pass through to freshman Lyric Schmidt, who found Gorham with a long through ball behind the defense. The redshirt senior dribbled past the hard-charging goalkeeper and scored on the empty net for the 1-0 lead.

Just under four minutes later, Gorham again found Hunt out of position to double WKU’s lead. Kozovic played the ball up for the midfielder who converted into the empty net to put the Lady Toppers up 2-0 just under 12 minutes into the match.

Two corners in the 33rd minute gave the Lady Toppers a chance to add another first-half goal, but the Belmont defense held strong, parrying away a shot from Gorham and seeing a shot from Schmidt go just wide to send the two sides into the locker room.

Belmont cut WKU’s lead in half just one minute into the second frame. Sarah Bossung set up a free kick from 35 yards out and placed the ball right on the foot of Boozer for the tap-in goal to put the Bruins on the board. Belmont threatened again in the 48th minute, but the would-be equalizer flew well to the left of the goal.

An own goal by WKU in the 69th minute leveled the match at 2-2. A strong shot by Belmont’s Julie Garst ricocheted hard off a WKU defender and into the right corner of the goal, erasing the Lady Toppers’ early advantage and setting up a race to the finish over the final 20 minutes.

Kerragan Mulzer’s great run down the right side and a well-placed cross into the center of the box for Backes proved to be the difference in the match. The freshman connected with WKU’s top returning goalscorer at the 78:33 mark, and Backes’ hard strike found the back of the net for the decisive goal. Despite a late push in the final minute by the Bruins, WKU’s defense held strong to claim the 3-2 win.

WKU is now set to open the 2018 regular season on Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. with a road trip to Murray State. The Lady Toppers own a 4-1 lead in the all-time series against the Racers, including a 4-0 victory in the most recent meeting between the two sides on Sept. 12, 2008.
Belmont vs. WKU
Date: Aug 12, 2018 • Attendance: 117
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**Cautions and ejections:**

YC-BEL #3 (71:53)

Win-WITT, Bailee (1-0). Loss-HERMAN, LILY (0-1).

Stadium: WKU Soccer Complex
Officials: Referee: Benjamin Kadric; Asst. Referee: Jonathan Bryan; Ronnie Cowan;
Alt. Official: Katrina Allender; Scorer: Currie McFayden;
Offsides: Belmont 0, WKU 8.

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Belmont vs WKU (Aug 12, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

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00:00   ULLIAC, Anne-Marie at goalie for WKU.  
01:32   Offside against WKU.  
       Foul on Belmont.  
04:40   Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE HUNT, ABBY.  
06:27   Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler HIGH.  
08:11   GOAL by WKU GORHAM, Sarah (FIRST GOAL), Assist by ROSELAND, Nicole and SCHMIDT, Lyric, goal number 1 for season.

BELMONT 0, WKU 1

*dribbled past goalkeeper after long pass  
09:21   Corner kick by WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra [09:21].  
09:30   Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea BLOCKED.  
       Foul on WKU.  
11:53   GOAL by WKU GORHAM, Sarah, Assist by KOZOVIC, Aleksandra, goal number 2 for season.

BELMONT 0, WKU 2

*pass up from 31, keeper out of position  
13:54   Offside against WKU.  
       Foul on Belmont.  
17:30   Shot by BEL BOOZER, JESSI BLOCKED.  
18:01   Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea HIGH.  
18:04   WKU substitution: JACOBSEN, Avery for MOORE, Chelsea.  
18:04   WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for MULZER, Kerragan.  
21:27   Offside against WKU.  
25:21   BEL substitution: FIREK, MACKENZIE for MICHELA, MEGAN.  
25:21   BEL substitution: PETTIT, MORGAN for BOOZER, JESSI.  
26:03   Offside against WKU.  
       Foul on Belmont.  
27:54   WKU substitution: TACKETT, Brooke for KOZOVIC, Aleksandra.  
28:42   Offside against WKU.  
30:25   BEL substitution: ZIESIG, KAMERON for CLEMENTS, NIKI.  
30:25   BEL substitution: POYNTER, HALEY for HAWKINS, ANNA BROCK.  
30:25   BEL substitution: NGUYEN, EMILY for GARST, JULIE.  
30:25   BEL substitution: KREBS, HALLE for HEWITT, PAIGE.  
32:02   Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [32:02].  
32:11   Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah BLOCKED.  
32:37   Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [32:37].
Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
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32:43 Shot by WKU SCHMIDT, Lyric WIDE RIGHT.
30:25 BEL substitution: VERNON,RACHEL for POYNTER,HALEY.
34:19 Shot by WKU SCHMIDT, Lyric HIGH.
36:40 Offside against WKU.
37:41 Offside against WKU.
37:54 WKU substitution: LÉONARD, Ashley for BACKES, Chandler.
37:54 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for ROSELAND, Nicole.
30:25 BEL substitution: POYNTER,HALEY for PARSONS,GRACE.
39:19 Shot by BEL ZIESIG,KAMERON BLOCKED.
45:00 End of period [45:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
Belmont vs WKU (Aug 12, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 For WKU: #18 ULLIAC, Anne-Marie, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #8 TACKETT, Brooke, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #7 LEONARD, Ashley, #5 BACKES, Chandler, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #31 KOZOVIC, Aleksandra, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole.
45:00 For BEL: #3 BOOZER, JESSI, #9 PARSONS, GRACE, #21 VERNON, RACHEL, #13 MONIS, KAYLA, #25 DIAZ, HANNAH, #7 BOSSUNG, SARAH, #18 CLEMENTS, NIKI, #12 FIREK, MACKENZIE, #15 GARST, JULIE, #22 KREBS, HALLE, #1 HERMAN, LILY.
45:00 HERMAN, LILY at goalie for Belmont.
Foul on WKU.
46:18 GOAL by BEL BOOZER, JESSI, Assist by BOSSUNG, SARAH, goal number 1 for season.

BELMONT 1, WKU 2

*short shot after free kick from 7
47:59 Shot by BEL DIAZ, HANNAH WIDE LEFT.
51:02 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole WIDE LEFT.
52:55 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah, SAVE HERMAN, LILY.
53:58 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler WIDE RIGHT.
Foul on Belmont.
Foul on WKU.
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57:15 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole, SAVE HERMAN, LILY.
57:49 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for TACKETT, Brooke.
57:49 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for LEONARD, Ashley.
59:59 Corner kick by WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra [59:59].
61:34 Corner kick by WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra [61:34].
Foul on WKU.
65:44 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
65:44 WKU substitution: WITT, Bailee for ULLIAC, Anne-Marie.
65:44 BEL substitution: WHITCOMB, EMILY for DIAZ, HANNAH.
65:44 WITT, Bailee at goalie for WKU.
66:55 BEL substitution: MICHELA, MEGAN for FIREK, MACKENZIE.
66:55 BEL substitution: MAITLAND, SHANNON for BOSSUNG, SARAH.
Foul on Belmont.
68:55 GOAL by BEL OWN GOAL.

BELMONT 2, WKU 2

*deflected off WKU defender
Foul on WKU.
Foul on Belmont.
71:53 Yellow card on BEL BOOZER, JESSI.
71:53 BEL substitution: PETTIT, MORGAN for BOOZER, JESSI.
71:53 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for MOORE, Chelsea.
71:53 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for STANLEY, Olivia.
72:40 Header Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE HERMAN, LILY.
72:34 BEL substitution: ZIESIG, KAMERON for MONIS, KAYLA.
72:34 BEL substitution: HEWITT, PAIGE for KREBS, HALLE.
73:48 BEL substitution: HAWKINS, ANNA BROCK for CLEMENTS, NIKI.
75:36 Offside against WKU.
Foul on Belmont.
76:10 BEL substitution: CHAWAN, JORDAN for VERNON, RACHEL.
Foul on Belmont.
77:49 Corner kick by WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra [77:49].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
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77:54 Shot by WKU BRYANT, Kaylyn BLOCKED.
77:59 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole, SAVE HERMAN,LILY.
78:33 GOAL by WKU BACKES, Chandler, Assist by MULZER, Kerragan, goal number 1 for season.

BELMONT 2, WKU 3

*cross to center from 2
78:33 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
78:33 BEL substitution: NGUYEN,EMILY for MICHELA,MEGAN.
Foul on Belmont.
83:54 BEL substitution: SVOBODA,ALLIE for GARST,JULIE.
85:30 Shot by WKU MULZER, Kerragan, SAVE HERMAN,LILY.
86:11 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for MULZER, Kerragan.
Foul on Belmont.
87:38 Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea, SAVE HERMAN,LILY.
88:12 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for MOORE, Chelsea.
89:23 Corner kick by BEL SVOBODA,ALLIE [89:23].
90:00 End of period [90:00].

BELMONT 2, WKU 3
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Women’s Soccer / Contact: Currie McFayden, Associate Director of Athletic Communications/Media Relations

WKU SOCCER OPENS 2018 REGULAR SEASON AT MURRAY STATE, OLE MISS

Murray State Live Stats: stats.statbroadcast.com/statmonitr/?id=218615

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU Soccer is set to kick off its 2018 regular season campaign on Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. as the Lady Toppers travel to Murray State before a 6 p.m. swing on Sunday evening to Oxford, Miss., to battle SEC foe Ole Miss.

WKU is coming off a 7-9-1 season in 2017 and put together a 1-1-1 mark in its three preseason exhibition matches. The Lady Toppers earned a 1-1 draw at Austin Peay and fell 2-1 against Saint Louis before finishing the exhibition slate with a thrilling 3-2 win over Belmont last Sunday night. Sarah Gorham notched three preseason goals, including two in the finale against Belmont, and Anne-Marie Ulliac allowed just three goals while playing 200 minutes between the pipes.

Top returning goalscorer Chandler Backes, who netted WKU’s match-winner against Belmont in the 79th minute, is back for the Lady Toppers after tallying 16 goals over her first two seasons on The Hill. Backes’ 16 goals already rank 10th all-time on WKU’s career goalscoring list, and the Carmel, Ind., native has led the Lady Toppers in points in each of the last two campaigns.

Gorham, one of four seniors on the roster, did not score in 2017 but was a constant offensive threat with 30 shots, the second-best mark on the squad. After a trio of preseason goals, the fifth-year senior alongside Nicole Roseland, Hannah Cady and Megan Morris, will be looking to close her WKU career in winning fashion.

All of WKU’s seven freshmen saw extensive action in the preseason, led by 2017 Miss Kentucky Soccer Ambere Barnett’s three starts. Chelsea Moore, Lyric Schmidt and Olivia Stanley also drew starts across WKU’s three exhibitions, and freshman goalkeeper Bailee Witt saw just under 90 minutes of action in relief of Ulliac.

Murray State put together a 15-2-2 record in a 2017 campaign that saw the Racers win both the OVC regular season and tournament championships. Before falling to then-No. 20 Tennessee in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, Murray State dropped only one contest in the regular season, falling 1-0 at Saint Louis on Sept. 17. Top scorer Harriet Withers (12 goals) graduated from the programs, but the Racers are set to return both Rebecca Kubin (seven goals) and Miyah Watford (six goals) to a powerful offensive attack.

Alex Steigerwald played all but a single minute in goal for Murray State last season with 67 saves and a 0.66 goals against average and is back for her senior season, giving first-year head coach Matt Lodge an experienced option in goal.

Ole Miss, who received 12 votes in the United Soccer Coaches’ preseason poll, is coming off a 10-7-3 season in 2017. Leading scorers CeCe Kizer (16 goals, seven assists) and Channing Foster (12 goals, two assists) are both back for the Rebels; Kizer was also the leading scorer among all SEC players last season and was named the program’s first-ever United Soccer Coaches All-American.

In goal, Marnie Merritt returns after playing all but 121 minutes for Ole Miss in 2017. The redshirt senior made 65 saves and surrendered just 23 goals for a 1.18 goals against average while notching six solo shutouts.

Following this weekend’s matches, WKU will remain on the road for a mid-week tilt at Evansville next Thursday evening at 7 p.m. The Lady Toppers own a near-perfect 7-1-1 all-time record against the Purple Aces, including a 4-1 victory in the most recent meeting on Sept. 3, 2017, in Bowling Green last season.
MURRAY, Ky. – WKU put together a strong second half and saw action from all seven of its freshmen in the 2018 regular season opener at Murray State on Friday afternoon, falling 1-0 against the Racers after an early first-half goal.

Junior Chandler Backes led the way for the WKU attack, putting three of her four shots on goal on the afternoon, and freshmen Ambere Barnett and Olivia Stanley each put at least one try on goal as well. Murray State outshot the Lady Toppers 18-9, but held only a slim 7-6 advantage in shots on goal across the 90 minutes.

Barnett joined fellow freshmen Lyric Schmidt and Chelsea Moore in the starting lineup in their regular season debut, with all three seeing at least 51 minutes of playing time on Friday.

Between the pipes, Anne-Marie Ulliac drew the start for the Lady Toppers, but freshman Bailee Witt came on in the eighth minute for the remainder of the match. Despite giving up the early goal, Witt recovered and kept a clean sheet over the final 80 minutes with six saves in her first official collegiate match.

For Murray State, Miyah Watford and goalscorer Abby Jones combined for nine of the team’s 18 shots, and Alex Steigerwald kept a clean sheet with six saves while playing the full 90 minutes.

Murray State struck first on the afternoon, three minutes after Witt was brought on to replace Ulliac. Jones found the back of the net for the Racers off the feed from Kayla Travis after Witt got a hand on the ball but could not parry it away as the Racers took an early 1-0 lead.

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Forced into action in her first collegiate match, Witt made a pair of saves just over two minutes apart midway through the half to maintain the one-goal deficit. The Plainfield, Ill., native stonewalled both Jones and Watford to keep WKU within striking distance as the two sides headed into the locker room with Murray State still holding a 1-0 advantage. Backes came out firing in the second half, testing Steigerwald less than three minutes into the period with a strong shot on goal, but the Racers’ goalkeeper again came up with the stop to maintain her shutout. In the 53rd minute, Witt turned in a trio of saves for the Lady Toppers in a two-minute span, showing off her athleticism to fend off the powerful Murray State attack.

Stanley nearly converted for WKU at the 57:17 mark as WKU continued to search for the equalizer. One of two Lady Topper freshmen from Kentucky, Stanley put power on the strike but could not quite find the back of the net.

Over the final 10 minutes of the match, both Backes and Stanley had tries that went wide and were blocked, respectively, as the Lady Toppers made a final push to level the match. Murray State’s back line was able to hold strong down the stretch, however, as WKU dropped the hotly-contested 1-0 decision to begin their 2018 campaign.

WKU will be back in action on Sunday evening at 6 p.m. as the Lady Toppers head south to battle Ole Miss in Oxford, Miss. The Rebels are receiving votes in the first United Soccer Coaches poll of the season and return the SEC’s leading scorer from 2017 in CeCe Kizer. WKU and Ole Miss have squared off on the pitch two times in program history, with WKU holding a 1-0-1 lead in the series; in the most recent meeting, the two sides battled to a scoreless draw on Aug. 27, 2010, in Oxford.
WKU (0-1) vs. Murray State (1-0)
Date: Aug 17, 2018  •  Attendance: 175
Weather: Sunny

WKU

Goals by period 1 2 Total
WKU 0 0 0
Murray State 1 0 1

Murray State

WKU

Po # Player Sh SO G A Fo Min
18 ULLIAC, Anne-Marie - - - - - 8
4 SCHMIDT, Lyric - - - - 2 63
5 BACKES, Chandler 4 3 - - 1 72
10 GORHAM, Sarah - - - - - 90
12 JACOBSEN, Avery - - - - - 81
14 BRYANT, Kaylyn - - - - - 90
15 BARNETT, Ambere 3 2 - - 1 81
17 BRAGADO, Christina - - - - - 90
21 MOORE, Chelsea - - - - 1 51
31 KOZOVIC, Aleksandr - - - - 2 76
33 ROSELAND, Nicole - - - - - 90
-- Substitutes --
1 WITT, Bailee - - - - - 82
2 MULZER, Kerragan - - - - - 36
6 PEKEZ, Isidora - - - - - 23
7 LEONARD, Ashley - - - - - 12
23 STANLEY, Olivia 2 1 - - 1 45
Totals 9 6 0 0 8

Murray State

Po # Player Sh SO G A Fo Min
gk 13 STEIGERWALD, Alex - - - - - 90
2 CAIN, Cori - - - - - 90
3 ASHTON, Caroline 1 - - - - 76
5 WATFORD, Miyah 5 2 - - 2 81
6 TRAVIS, Kayla 1 1 - - 2 71
9 JONES, Abby 4 2 1 - - 65
10 HECKMAN, Izzy - - - - - 90
11 HASCH, Karsyn - - - - - 90
14 MORCHE, Joselle 1 1 - - 1 90
20 KUBIN, Rebecca 3 - - - 70
28 PITTENGER, Reagan 1 1 - - 65
-- Substitutes --
7 MENDEZ, Arianna - - - - - 3
16 SAMISCH, Allison - - - - - 19
19 COOPER, Symone - - - - 1 26
24 TILTON, Elizabeth - - - - - 15
25 HEISE, Emma 1 - - - 39
26 FAULK, Victoria - - - - - 3
30 HALL, Marley - - - - - 6
Totals 18 7 1 1 8

# Goalkeepers Min GA Saves
18 ULLIAC, Anne-Marie 7:55 0 0
1 WITT, Bailee 82:05 1 6

WKU

Shots by period 1 2 Total
WKU 4 5 9
Murray State 9 9 18

Corner kicks 1 2 Total
WKU 1 1 2
Murray State 4 3 7

Murray State

Saves by period 1 2 Total
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Murray State 4 2 6

Fouls 1 2 Total
WKU 4 4 8
Murray State 6 2 8

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YC-MUR #5 (1:14)

Win-STEIGERWALD, Alex (1-0). Loss-WITT, Bailee (0-1).

Stadium: Cutchin Field
Officials: Referee: Keith Green; Asst. Referee: Jay Giddings; Randy Pavlovic;
Offsides: WKU 0, Murray State 2.

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**Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)**
**WKU vs Murray State (Aug 17, 2018 at Murray, Ky.)**

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01:04  Foul on Murray State WATFORD, Miyah against WKU ULLIAC, Anne-Marie.
01:14  Yellow card on MUR WATFORD, Miyah.
02:01  Corner kick by MUR TRAVIS, Kayla [02:01].
02:27  Foul on Murray State MORCHE, Joselle against WKU BARNETT, Ambere.
02:49  Foul on Murray State TRAVIS, Kayla against WKU GORHAM, Sarah.
03:39  Foul on WKU BACKES, Chandler against MUR PITTENGER, Reagan.
05:16  Shot by MUR JONES, Abby HIGH.
07:55  WKU substitution: WITT, Bailee for ULLIAC, Anne-Marie.
07:55  WITT, Bailee at goalie for WKU.
08:28  Foul on Murray State HASCH, Karsyn against WKU MOORE, Chelsea.
10:56  GOAL by MUR JONES, Abby (FIRST GOAL), Assist by TRAVIS, Kayla.

**WKU 0, MURRAY STATE 1**

*Went through goalkeeper's hands and trickled into net*

12:23  Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE STEIGERWALD, Alex.
14:02  Foul on Murray State TRAVIS, Kayla against WKU JACKSON, Deven.
18:03  Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler, SAVE STEIGERWALD, Alex.
18:46  Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE STEIGERWALD, Alex.
19:12  Foul on WKU SCHMIDT, Lyric against MUR ASHTON, Caroline.
20:17  Corner kick by WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra [20:17].
21:52  Foul on WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra against MUR WATFORD, Miyah.
22:29  Shot by MUR JONES, Abby, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
22:45  Corner kick by MUR JONES, Abby [22:45].
23:05  Header Shot by MUR ASHTON, Caroline BLOCKED.
24:56  Shot by MUR WATFORD, Miyah, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
27:01  Shot by MUR WATFORD, Miyah BLOCKED.
27:22  Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler, SAVE STEIGERWALD, Alex.
29:33  Shot by MUR KUBIN, Rebecca WIDE.
31:40  Shot by MUR WATFORD, Miyah HIGH.
31:44  MUR substitution: HEISE, Emma for KUBIN, Rebecca.
31:44  WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
36:41  WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for MOORE, Chelsea.
36:41  MUR substitution: TILTON, Elizabeth for JONES, Abby.
36:41  MUR substitution: COOPER, Symone for TRAVIS, Kayla.
40:57  Shot by MUR WATFORD, Miyah HIGH.
Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
WKU vs Murray State (Aug 17, 2018 at Murray, Ky.)

41:03 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for BACKES, Chandler.
42:03 MUR substitution: MENDEZ, Arianna for WATFORD, Miyah.
42:03 MUR substitution: FAULK, Victoria for ASHTON, Caroline.
42:38 Corner kick by MUR FAULK, Victoria [42:38].
42:54 Foul on Murray State COOPER, Symone against WKU MULZER, Kerragan.
45:00 End of period [45:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
WKU vs Murray State (Aug 17, 2018 at Murray, Ky.)

45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 For MUR: #13 STEIGERWALD, Alex, #2 CAIN, Cori, #20 KUBIN, Rebecca, #10 HECKMAN, Izzy, #14 MORCHE, Joselle, #28 PITTENGER, Reagan, #6 TRAVIS, Kayla, #3 ASHTON, Caroline, #9 JONES, Abby, #11 HASCH, Karsyn, #5 WATFORD, Miyah.
45:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #31 KOZOVIC, Aleksandra, #5 BACKES, Chandler, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #4 SCHMIDT, Lyric, #23 STANLEY, Olivia.

47:48 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler, SAVE STEIGERWALD, Alex.
50:11 Shot by MUR JONES, Abby BLOCKED.
51:44Corner kick by MUR TRAVIS, Kayla [51:44].
52:09 Shot by MUR TRAVIS, Kayla, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
53:24Corner kick by MUR TRAVIS, Kayla [53:24].
53:43 Shot by MUR MORCHE, Joselle, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
54:44 Shot by MUR WATFORD, Miyah, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
55:20 Corner kick by MUR TRAVIS, Kayla [55:20].
55:23 Shot by MUR KUBIN, Rebecca HIGH.
56:49 Foul on WKU SCHMIDT, Lyric against MUR JONES, Abby.
57:17 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia, SAVE STEIGERWALD, Alex.
59:25 Foul on WKU STANLEY, Olivia against MUR STEIGERWALD, Alex.
61:17 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
61:17 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for KOZOVIC, Aleksandra.
61:17 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for BACKES, Chandler.
62:21 Foul on Murray State WATFORD, Miyah against WKU PEKEZ, Isidora.
63:05 MUR substitution: COOPER, Symone for PITTENGER, Reagan.
63:56 MUR substitution: HEISE, Emma for JONES, Abby.
65:49 Shot by MUR HECKMAN, Izzy BLOCKED.
66:27 Shot by MUR KUBIN, Rebecca WIDE.
67:18 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere BLOCKED.
68:02 Offside against Murray State.
Foul on WKU MOORE, Chelsea against MUR ASHTON, Caroline.
70:15 MUR substitution: SAMISCH, Allison for TRAVIS, Kayla.
70:15 MUR substitution: PITTENGER, Reagan for ASHTON, Caroline.
71:31 Header Shot by MUR HEISE, Emma WIDE.
73:01 Foul on Murray State CAIN, Cori against WKU STANLEY, Olivia.
73:50 MUR substitution: TILTON, Elizabeth for KUBIN, Rebecca.
75:10 MUR substitution: HALL, Marley for WATFORD, Miyah.
75:10 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for JACOBSEN, Avery.
75:10 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for MOORE, Chelsea.
75:10 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for STANLEY, Olivia.
75:10 WKU substitution: KOZOVIC, Aleksandra for PEKEZ, Isidora.
78:06 Shot by MUR PITTENGER, Reagan, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
80:02 Corner kick by WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra [80:02].
80:50 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for BARNETT, Ambere.
80:50 MUR substitution: WATFORD, Miyah for SAMISCH, Allison.
80:50 MUR substitution: ASHTON, Caroline for PITTENGER, Reagan.
80:50 MUR substitution: JONES, Abby for TILTON, Elizabeth.
80:50 MUR substitution: KUBIN, Rebecca for HALL, Marley.
80:50 MUR substitution: TRAVIS, Kayla for COOPER, Symone.
82:33 Offside against Murray State.
83:25 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler WIDE.
83:32 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for LEONARD, Ashley.
84:26 WKU substitution: JACOBSEN, Avery for MULZER, Kerragan.
84:56 Foul on WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra against MUR ASHTON, Caroline.
86:07 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia BLOCKED.
90:00  End of period [90:00].

WKU 0, MURRAY STATE 1
OXFORD, Miss. – WKU dropped a 4-0 decision on Sunday evening in a tough road battle at SEC foe Ole Miss as the Lady Toppers continued their season-opening three-match road swing.

Bailee Witt, making her first collegiate start in goal for the Lady Toppers, made four saves while playing the full 90 minutes between the posts. Fellow freshman Olivia Stanley also drew her first start since arriving on The Hill, seeing 60 minutes of action and launching a pair of shots for WKU.

CeCe Kizer, a United Soccer Coaches All-American in 2017, netted a hat trick for Ole Miss and led all players with four shots on goal. Marnie Merritt played all 90 minutes in goal for the Rebels to earn the shutout.

Neither side was able to get much going on the offensive end early in the match, with just one combined shot attempt over the first 15 minutes. Ole Miss generated a pair of corners and had two chances around the 20-minute mark, but WKU’s defense held strong and turned away both tries.

Kizer nearly got the Rebels on the board at the 27:55 mark, but Witt shined in goal for the Lady Toppers and came up with her first save of the match, stonewalling the 2017 All-American to keep the score deadlocked after a half-hour of play.

Just before the halftime break, Ole Miss found the back of the net off the foot of Kizer, who fired to the bottom left corner for the 1-0 advantage. Witt came up with another key save against [Channing Foster]] with just under two minutes left in the frame to keep the deficit at one goal for the Lady Toppers entering the locker room.

After storms rolled through the area causing a roughly 40-minute lightning delay, Ole Miss drew a penalty kick after a called handball in the box with 59:52 on the clock. Kizer, the SEC’s top returning goalscorer from last season, stepped up and converted the penalty to double the Rebels’ lead with just over 30 minutes remaining.

Ole Miss added two more goals over the final half-hour, as WKU surrendered an own goal (61st minute) and Kizer (72nd minute) scored for the Rebels to push the lead to 4-0.

Over the final 15 minutes, WKU was able to push up and had four shots, but the Lady Toppers were unable to put any of the chances on frame.

With the first weekend of play in the books, WKU will return to the pitch for a mid-week tilt at Evansville on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. The Lady Toppers are Purple Aces have a long history, squaring off nine times against each other in program history with WKU holding a near-perfect 7-1-1 record. In the most recent meeting on Sept. 3, 2017, in Bowling Green last season, WKU took down Evansville, 4-1, behind a pair of goals from Chandler Backes and one strike each from Ashley Leonard and Megan Morris.
Soccer Box Score (Final)
2018 WKU Soccer
WKU vs Ole Miss (Aug 19, 2018 at Oxford, Miss.)

WKU (0-2) vs. Ole Miss (2-0)
Date: Aug 19, 2018 • Attendance: 663
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Cautions and ejections:

Win-Marnie Merritt (2-0). Loss-WITT, Bailee (0-2).
Stadium: OM Soccer Stadium
Officials: Referee: Ceciah Valero; Asst. Referee: Alyssa Pennington; Barbara Jo Agnew B.;
Alt. Official: Rhiannon Harrison; Timekeeper: Will Redmond; Scorer: Mitch Praxl;
Offsides: WKU 1, Ole Miss 3.

Official's signature
WKU Starters:

GK  1  WITT, Bailee
F   5  BACKES, Chandler
D   9  MORRIS, Megan
MF  10 GORHAM, Sarah
D   12 JACOBSEN, Avery
D   14 BRYANT, Kaylyn
MF  15 BARNETT, Ambere
MF  17 BRAGADO, Christina
F   23 STANLEY, Olivia
D   31 KOZOVIC, Aleksandra
MF  33 ROSELAND, Nicole

Ole Miss Starters:

GK  00 Marnie Merritt
MF  5  CeCe Kizer
D   6  Grace Johnson
MF  10 Julia Phillips
F   12 Channing Foster
D   15 Mary Kate Smith
F   16 Gabby Little
MF  21 Haleigh Stackpole
D   22 Ella Frischknecht
D   23 Chanel Thomas
F   26 Madisyn Pezzino

00:00  WITT, Bailee at goalie for WKU.
00:00  Marnie Merritt at goalie for Ole Miss.
       Foul on WKU.
02:42  Offside against Ole Miss.
       Foul on Ole Miss.
06:01  Shot by OM Julia Phillips HIGH.
       Foul on Ole Miss.
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13:55  Offside against Ole Miss.
15:51  OM substitution: Molly Martin for Madisyn Pezzino.
       Foul on WKU.
17:04  Shot by OM CeCe Kizer BLOCKED.
17:42  Corner kick by OM Julia Phillips [17:42].
18:37  Corner kick by OM Julia Phillips [18:37].
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41:05  Shot by OM Channing Foster WIDE LEFT.
41:09  OM substitution: Sophie Dineen for Sydney Michalak.
41:09  WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for BACKES, Chandler.
42:13  GOAL by OM CeCe Kizer (FIRST GOAL), goal number 2 for season.

WKU 0, OLE MISS 1

*Shot from top of 18, finished bottom left corner.
42:13  OM substitution: Marisa Kutchma for CeCe Kizer.
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45:00  End of period [45:00].
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52:44 Shot by OM Channing Foster BLOCKED.
53:06 Corner kick by OM Madisyn Pezzino [53:06].
53:13 Shot by OM Haleigh Stackpole BLOCKED.
57:55 Corner kick by WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra [57:55].
58:30 Corner kick by WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra [58:30].
59:52 OM CeCe Kizer PENALTY KICK GOAL, goal number 3 for season.

WKU 0, OLE MISS 2
Foul on Ole Miss.
60:55 GOAL by OM OWN GOAL.

WKU 0, OLE MISS 3
*Cross into 18 deflected over goalkeepers head and in
61:44 Corner kick by WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra [61:44].
63:32 Shot by OM Gabby Little, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
64:26 Corner kick by OM Madisyn Pezzino [64:26].
64:55 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere HIGH.
65:38 OM substitution: Lonnie Mulligan for Madisyn Pezzino.
65:38 OM substitution: Molly Martin for Grace Johnson.
66:52 Corner kick by OM Haleigh Stackpole [66:52].
68:20 Shot by OM Gabby Little, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
68:37 OM substitution: Sophie Dineen for Gabby Little.
71:04 GOAL by OM CeCe Kizer, Assist by Channing Foster, goal number 4 for season.

WKU 0, OLE MISS 4
*Dribbled around keeper and passed into open net
71:04 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for JACOBS, Avery.
71:04 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for STANLEY, Olivia.
71:04 OM substitution: Marisa Kutchma for Channing Foster.
71:04 OM substitution: Tara Sullivan for CeCe Kizer.
73:43 Corner kick by OM Haleigh Stackpole [73:43].
74:45 OM substitution: Julia Phillips for Haleigh Stackpole.
76:23 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere WIDE LEFT.
76:33 OM substitution: Maddy Houghton for Chanel Thomas.
76:33 OM substitution: Sydney Michalak for Lonnie Mulligan.
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
WKU vs Ole Miss (Aug 19, 2018 at Oxford, Miss.)

77:39 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler WIDE RIGHT.
77:51 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MORRIS, Megan.
81:25 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah HIGH.
81:29 OM substitution: Gabby Little for Sophie Dineen.
81:49 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for ROSELAND, Nicole.
83:18 Corner kick by OM Julia Phillips [83:18].
83:23 Header Shot by OM Ella Frischknecht HIGH.
83:26 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for BACKES, Chandler.
85:23 Shot by WKU LEONARD, Ashley BLOCKED.
85:57 Corner kick by WKU LEONARD, Ashley [85:57].
Foul on Ole Miss.
90:00 End of period [90:00].

WKU 0, OLE MISS 4
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SOCCER HEADS TO EVANSVILLE FOR MID-WEEK BATTLE THURSDAY NIGHT

Evansville Live Stream (ESPN Plus): espn.com/watch/_/id/1ee999e1-0304-40ca-8c31-9f25ec088812/western-kentucky-vs-evansville

Evansville Live Stats: gopurpleaces.com/sidearmstats/wsoc/summary

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU Soccer will wrap up its three-game road trip to open the regular season on Thursday evening, making the short trip to Indiana to battle nearby rival Evansville at 7 p.m. (CT).

Thursday’s match will be carried as a live stream on ESPN Plus. Fans can purchase a subscription to the service and will be able to follow along via ESPN’s mobile app or online.

In the opening weekend of play, WKU faced a pair of tough opponents on the road, falling at Murray State (1-0) and Ole Miss (4-0) last Friday and Sunday, respectively. Thursday’s trip to Evansville will give the Lady Toppers a chance to pick up their first victory of the season in a series where they own a sizable 7-1-1 all-time advantage.

Last season, WKU hosted the Purple Aces at the WKU Soccer Complex and came away with a 4-1 victory following a pair of goals from Chandler Backes as well as strikes from Ashley Leonard and Megan Morris. Across the nine all-time meetings against Evansville, WKU has surrendered only six goals, including only one over the last seven matchups.

A pair of freshmen have been responsible for more than half of WKU’s shots through its first two matches, with midfielder Ambere Barnett (five) and forward Olivia Stanley (four) pairing to fire nine of the Lady Toppers’ 16 attempts. Barnett has also drawn the start in both matches to start her collegiate career thus far, while Stanley earned a spot in the starting lineup at Ole Miss.

Sarah Gorham, Kaylyn Bryant and Christina Bragado have played all 180 minutes through the first two matches to lead all Lady Toppers. In goal, Bailee Witt has played all but eight minutes while making 10 saves, including a key stop against Ole Miss All-American CeCe Kizer on Sunday evening, to begin her tenure on The Hill.

Evansville enters Thursday’s bout after splitting its opening weekend matches, defeating Southeast Missouri 2-1 before being dealt a 2-0 shutout against Austin Peay. Jayme-Lee Hunter and Montana Portenier netted the Purple Aces’ goals at Southeast Missouri, with Amanda DaSilva and Mandy Hamm each dealing one assist.

In goal, Michaela Till has played all 180 minutes for the Purple Aces, making 13 saves and surrendering a trio of goals on the young season. Last season, Till started 14 of Evansville’s 17 matches as a freshman, posting a 2.08 goals against average with 59 saves in her debut season.

Following Thursday’s mid-week tilt, WKU will head back home for its first match of the regular season at the WKU Soccer Complex on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. against Miami (Ohio). All WKU Soccer home matches this season will feature free admission for all fans. The Lady Toppers will be squaring off with the RedHawks for the third time in four seasons and will be seeking their first victory in the series. In the most recent matchup, Miami (Ohio) claimed a 3-2 double overtime win over WKU on Aug. 26, 2016.
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BARNETT’S BIG NIGHT LEADS WKU PAST EVANSVILLE, 4-1
PDF Box Score Attached

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – Freshman Ambere Barnett fired two goals and assisted on a third, and two more strikes from Aleksandra Kozovic and Sarah Gorham powered WKU to a 4-1 win at Evansville on Thursday evening for the team’s first victory of the 2018 regular season.

WKU (1-2) flexed its offensive muscles against the Purple Aces (1-2) throughout the night, tallying its most goals in a single match since also scoring four against Evansville on Sept. 3, 2017, last season. The win was also WKU’s third straight in the series and ran its undefeated streak against the Purple Aces to eight straight matches dating back to 2006.

Barnett led the way for the Lady Toppers with two goals and an assist, notching only the 18th five-point match by an individual in program history, and her two goals marked the first time that a freshman scored multiple times in a match for WKU since Chandler Backes did so against Morehead State on Sept. 11, 2016. The 2017 Miss Kentucky Soccer honoree scored both goals in the second half and assisted on Gorham’s tally midway through the first frame.

Kozovic and Gorham each notched their first goals of the season, and Backes tallied her first point of the year as well with an assist on Gorham’s strike. As a team, WKU was dominant offensively, outshooting Evansville 16-5 and holding the Purple Aces to just two shots on goal, both of which came in the final five minutes of play.

In goal, Bailee Witt played the full 90 minutes and made one save while giving up only Jayme-Lee Hunter’s late goal for Evansville. Michaela Till and Julie Rabe each played a half for the Purple Aces with both surrendering a pair of goals apiece.

WKU attacked early and often against the Purple Aces, with Barnett testing Till and forcing the Evansville keeper into action just 54 seconds into the match. Kozovic found the breakthrough for the Lady Toppers and netted the squad’s first goal of the season and second of her career at the 7:56 mark. The junior dribbled around her defender into the box and fired into the back of the net for the early 1-0 lead.

The Lady Topper attack continued to threaten throughout much of the first half, as Megan Morris put a shot on goal while Backes and Barnett each had good chances turned away by defender as WKU sought to double its lead.

Gorham came through with the insurance goal with 29:15 showing on the clock, pushing WKU’s lead over the Purple Aces to 2-0. Set up by feeds from Backes and Barnett, the redshirt senior tallied her first regular season goal since Nov. 2, 2016, after turning in a strong preseason performance. That 2-0 scoreline following Gorham’s strike would hold through the halftime break.

Early in the second half, WKU picked up right where it left off in the first 45 minutes, netting a pair of goals in the first 12 minutes of the frame. The first, at the 54:38 mark, came after the ball fell at Barnett’s feet inside the box and she buried the shot past Evansville’s Rabe for the first collegiate goal of her career.

Just over three minutes later, the freshman struck again on an unassisted solo run. Gathering the ball just outside the box, the Rockport, Ind., native dribbled through the Purple Aces’ defense and converted the chance to push the WKU lead to 4-0 with just over 30 minutes remaining.

Despite a late goal from Hunter for Evansville, the Purple Aces were unable to mount a comeback against the strong Lady Topper attack as WKU held strong to claim the 4-1 decision.

With Thursday’s mid-week tilt in the books, WKU will head back home for its first match of the regular season at the WKU Soccer Complex on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. against Miami (Ohio). All WKU Soccer home matches this season will feature free admission for all fans. The Lady Toppers will be squaring off with the RedHawks for the third time in four seasons and will be seeking their first victory in the series. In the most recent matchup, Miami (Ohio) claimed a 3-2 double overtime win over WKU on Aug. 26, 2016.
Soccer Box Score (Final)
2018 WKU Soccer
WKU vs Evansville (8/23/2018 at Evansville, Ind.)

WKU(1-2, 0-0 C-USA) vs.
Evansville(1-2, 0-0 MVC)
Date: 8/23/2018 • Attendance: 390
Weather: Sunny and 80

WKU
Po # Player Sh SO G A Min
1 WITT, Bailee - - - - 90
5 BACKES, Chandler 2 1 - 1 64
9 MORRIS, Megan 2 1 - - 59
10 GORHAM, Sarah 1 1 1 - 90
12 JACOBSEN, Avery - - - - 72
14 BRYANT, Kaylyn 1 1 - - 90
15 BARNETT, Ambere 6 3 2 1 74
17 BRAGADO, Christina - - - - 90
21 MOORE, Chelsea - - - - 54
31 KOZOVIC, Aleksandr 1 1 1 - 37
33 ROSELAND, Nicole 1 - - - 72
-- Substitutes --
2 MULZER, Kerragan 1 - - - 24
4 SCHMIDT, Lyric - - - - 45
6 PEKEZ, Isidora - - - - 34
7 LEONARD, Ashley - - - - 26
8 TACKETT, Brooke 1 1 - - 18
23 STANLEY, Olivia - - - - 39
Totals 16 - 9 - 4 - 2

Goals by period 1 2 Total
WKU 2 2 4
Evansville 0 1 1

Evansville
Po # Player Sh SO G A Min
1 Till, Michaela - - - - 45
4 Wolak, Emily - - - - 74
5 Rickett, Emily - - - - 90
8Ormson, Emily - - - - 90
10 Eyler, Alex - - - - 71
12 Harvey, Mikayla - - - - 47
13 Portenier, Montana 3 - - 1 50
16 Hamm, Mandy - - - - 90
21 Phelps, Abby - - - - 29
22 Brown, Samantha - - - - 32
24 Blair, Morgan - - - - 45
-- Substitutes --
0 Rabe, Julie - - - - 45
2 Pagan, Sierra - - - - 16
3 Osinski, Sara 1 1 - - 61
6 DaSilva, Amanda - - - - 43
9 Hunter, Jayme-Lee 1 1 1 - 35
11 Lear, Molly - - - - 24
15 Soderberg, Linnea - - - - 58
18 Leazer, Maggie - - - - 16
23 Panella, Olivia - - - - 45
Totals 5 - 2 - 1 - 1

# Goalkeepers Min GA Saves
1 WITT, Bailee 90:00 1 1

Shots by period 1 2 Total
WKU 11 5 16
Evansville 0 5 5

Corner kicks 1 2 Total
WKU 3 2 5
Evansville 1 0 1

Saves by period 1 2 Total
WKU 0 1 1
Evansville 3 2 5

Scoring summary:
No. Time Team Goal scorer Assist Description
1. 7:56 WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra (unassisted) Dribbled around defender and scored
2. 29:15 WKU GORHAM, Sarah (unassisted) BARNETT, Ambere BACKES, Chandler
3. 54:38 WKU BARNETT, Ambere (unassisted) 15 finds ball in box and finishes
4. 57:40 WKU BARNETT, Ambere (unassisted) 15 dribbles across top of box and into box scores
5. 88:43 UE Hunter, Jayme-Lee Portenier, Montana Portenier's pass slips through defender to Hunter's feet who scores

Cautions and ejections:
YC-WKU #7 (62:05)

Win-WITT, Bailee (1-2). Loss-Till, Michaela (1-2).

Official's signature
Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
WKU vs Evansville (8/23/2018 at Evansville, Ind.)

WKU Starters:
- GK 1 WITT, Bailee
- 5 BACKES, Chandler
- 9 MORRIS, Megan
- 10 GORHAM, Sarah
- 12 JACOBSEN, Avery
- 14 BRYANT, Kaylyn
- 15 BARNETT, Ambere
- 17 BRAGADO, Christina
- 21 MOORE, Chelsea
- 31 KOZOVIC, Aleksandra
- 33 ROSELAND, Nicole

Evansville Starters:
- 1 Till, Michaela
- 4 Wolak, Emily
- 5 Rickett, Emily
- 8 Ormsom, Emily
- 10 Eyler, Alex
- 12 Harvey, Mikayla
- 13 Portenier, Montana
- 16 Hamm, Mandy
- 21 Phelps, Abby
- 22 Brown, Samantha
- 24 Blair, Morgan

00:00 WITT, Bailee at goalie for WKU.
00:00 Till, Michaela at goalie for Evansville.
00:54 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE Till, Michaela.
01:44 Corner kick by UE Till, Michaela [01:44].
04:45 Corner kick by WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra [04:45].
07:56 GOAL by WKU KOZOVIC, Aleksandra (FIRST GOAL).

WKU 1, EVANSVILLE 0

*Dribbled around defender and scored
Foul on Evansville.
09:04 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole HIGH.
10:38 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler WIDE.
   Foul on WKU.
   Foul on Evansville.
16:59 Offside against Evansville.
17:24 Shot by WKU MORRIS, Megan, SAVE Till, Michaela.
   Foul on Evansville.
22:44 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere BLOCKED.
24:18 Shot by WKU MORRIS, Megan WIDE.
   Foul on WKU.
29:15 GOAL by WKU GORHAM, Sarah, Assist by BARNETT, Ambere and BACKES, Chandler.

WKU 2, EVANSVILLE 0

5 and 15 connected with 10 who finished in upper right corner
29:15 UE substitution: Pagan, Sierra for Wolak, Emily.
29:15 UE substitution: Hunter, Jayme-Lee for Harvey, Mikayla.
29:15 UE substitution: Osinski, Sara for Portenier, Montana.
29:15 UE substitution: DaSilva, Amanda for Phelps, Abby.
29:15 UE substitution: Leazer, Maggie for Portenier, Montana.
31:06 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere BLOCKED.
32:14 UE substitution: Soderberg, Linnea for Brown, Samantha.
32:14 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
32:14 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for KOZOVIC, Aleksandra.
33:28 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MORRIS, Megan.
   Foul on WKU.
34:04 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [34:04].
36:41 Shot by WKU MULZER, Kerragan BLOCKED.
37:17 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for MOORE, Chelsea.
37:29 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [37:29].
37:35  Header Shot by WKU BRYANT, Kaylyn, SAVE Till, Michaela.
Foul on WKU.
42:18  WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for BARNETT, Ambere.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on WKU.
45:00  End of period [45:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
WKU vs Evansville (8/23/2018 at Evansville, Ind.)

45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #4 SCHMIDT, Lyric, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #23 STANLEY, Olivia, #31 KOZO VIC, Aleksandra, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn.
45:00 For UE: #0 Rabe, Julie, #5 Rickett, Emily, #16 Hamm, Mandy, #23 Panella, Olivia, #10 Eyler, Alex, #6 DaSilva, Amanda, #4 Wolak, Emily, #3 Osinski, Sara, #11 Lear, Molly, #8 Ormsen, Emily, #15 Soderberg, Linnea.
45:00 Rabe, Julie at goalie for Evansville.
47:00 Offside against WKU.
Foul on WKU.
49:46 Corner kick by WKU KOZO VIC, Aleksandra [49:46].
54:38 GOAL by WKU BARNETT, Ambere.

WKU 3, EVANSVILLE 0

* 15 finds ball in box and finishes
57:40 GOAL by WKU BARNETT, Ambere.

WKU 4, EVANSVILLE 0

*15 dribbles across top of box and into box and scores
58:38 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for MORRIS, Megan.
58:38 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for STANLEY, Olivia.
58:38 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for ROSELAND, Nicole.
58:38 WKU substitution: TACKETT, Brooke for JACOBSEN, Avery.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on Evansville.
Foul on WKU.
62:05 Yellow card on WKU LEONARD, Ashley.
Foul on WKU.
66:18 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MOORE, Chelsea.
68:56 UE substitution: Portenier, Montana for Lear, Molly.
70:24 Shot by UE Portenier, Montana WIDE.
70:37 UE substitution: Hunter, Jayme-Lee for Eyler, Alex.
71:51 UE substitution: Harvey, Mikayla for Wolak, Emily.
71:51 UE substitution: Wolak, Emily for DaSilva, Amanda.
73:01 Header Shot by UE Portenier, Montana WIDE.
74:23 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere BLOCKED.
74:47 Corner kick by WKU LEONARD, Ashley [74:47].
77:04 Shot by WKU TACKETT, Brooke, SAVE Rabe, Julie.
77:04 For WKU: #23 STANLEY, Olivia, #1 WITT, Bailee, #5 BACKES, Chandler, #6 PEKEZ, Isidora, #23 STANLEY, Olivia, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery.
Foul on WKU.
81:14 Offside against Evansville.
Foul on Evansville.
85:05 Shot by UE Portenier, Montana WIDE.
86:39 Header Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler, SAVE Rabe, Julie.
87:04 Shot by UE Osinski, Sara, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
88:40 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MORRIS, Megan.
88:43 GOAL by UE Hunter, Jayme-Lee, Assist by Portenier, Montana.

WKU 4, EVANSVILLE 1
*Portenier's pass slips through defender to Hunter's feet who scores
90:00 End of period [90:00].

WKU 4, EVANSVILLE 1
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LADY TOPPERS OPEN REGULAR SEASON HOME SLATE WITH MIAMI (OHIO) SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Miami (Ohio) Live Stats: wkusports.com/sidearmstats/wsoc

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Coming off its first win of the 2018 campaign at Evansville on Thursday, WKU Soccer will head home for its first regular season bout of the year on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m., battling Miami (Ohio) at the WKU Soccer Complex.

Sunday’s match, as will be the case for all home matches this season, will feature free admission for all fans into the Soccer Complex. The bout with the RedHawks will be the first of eight regular season home tilts that WKU will host and is the first of three straight at home after the team opened the regular season with three consecutive matches on the road.

In their last time out on Thursday evening, the Lady Toppers (1-2) put on an offensive show at Evansville, scoring early and never looking back en route to a 4-1 win over the Purple Aces. Freshman Ambere Barnett led the way for WKU with two goals and an assist, and both Sarah Gorham and Aleksandra Kozovic found the back of the net for the first time this season.

WKU’s 4-1 win over Evansville was its largest margin of victory in a road match since defeating Belmont, 3-0, on Sept. 17, 2016, and its four goals were the most for the squad since netting four, also against Evansville, on Sept. 3, 2017, last season.

Through three matches, Barnett leads the way with five points (two goals, one assist) for the Lady Toppers and is seeking to mark WKU’s third straight season with a true freshman finishing in the top two on the squad in goals scored. Chandler Backes was the team leader with 10 strikes in 2016, while Tally Bishop ranked second on the team with a trio of goals in 2017.

Among field players, Gorham and defenders Kaylyn Bryant and Christina Bragado have been constants for WKU through three matches, as all three players have played every possible minute thus far on the season. Gorham, who scored three goals in preseason exhibition play, snapped a long regular season drought without a goal on Thursday, finding the back of the net for the first time since the C-USA Quarterfinals against Charlotte on Nov. 2, 2016, a span of 19 matches.

In goal, Bailee Witt has played every minute since replacing Anne-Marie Ulliac early in the season opener and has performed well, making 11 saves across 262 minutes of action between the posts. With her starts against Ole Miss and Evansville, Witt is the first true freshman to start in goal for the Lady Toppers since four-year starter Allison Leone did so during the 2014 campaign.

Miami (Ohio) has started the regular season with an 0-2 record after bouts with Big Ten foes Northwestern and Indiana. The RedHawks fell against the Wildcats 2-1 last Friday afternoon before dropping a 3-0 shutout against the Hoosiers on Sunday in the Hoosier Challenge Cup. Olivia Winnett owns the lone goal for the RedHawks thus far, with assists from both Jordan King and Reagan Fleck. Miami (Ohio) has been held to only eight shots through two matches and has put five of those on goal.

Patricia Koutoulas has played every minute in goal for the RedHawks, tallying nine saves while surrendering five goals for a goals against average of 2.50. Koutoulas also played every minute in goal for Miami (Ohio) in 2017 as the team posted a 2-15-1 overall record despite a 1.56 goals against average for the senior.

Sunday’s tilt is the third all-time meeting between the Lady Toppers and the RedHawks, and WKU will be looking to claim their first win in the series. Miami (Ohio) earned a 4-0 win in the first-ever meeting on Aug. 23, 2015, in Bowling Green before following up with a 3-2 triumph in double overtime on Aug. 26, 2016, two seasons ago.

Following Sunday’s battle, WKU will remain at home for its next two contests. In their next time out, the Lady Toppers are set to take on Lipscomb next Friday evening at 6 p.m. as WKU looks to maintain its perfect series record against the Bisons; WKU holds a 6-0 record in the all-time series against Lipscomb and has allowed only two goals across those six matches, including a 2-0 win on Aug. 18, 2017, in the most recent meeting last season.
BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Freshman midfielder Ambere Barnett netted her third goal in the last two matches, but Miami (Ohio) answered with a strike in the second half as WKU fought to a 1-1 draw after 110 minutes with the RedHawks at the WKU Soccer Complex on Sunday afternoon.

WKU (1-2-1) got a match-high seven shots from Barnett, including her goal in the 24th minute that gave the Lady Toppers a halftime lead. Roseland also stepped up offensively for WKU with five shots on the afternoon, including a couple from distance that nearly found the back of the net.

Four different freshmen earned starts for the Lady Toppers, with Bailee Witt, Lyric Schmidt, Barnett and Chelsea Moore all in the starting lineup. Victoria Mayo and Tally Bishop also made their season debuts off the bench for WKU, playing 25 and 47 minutes, respectively, in their first action of the year.

In goal, Witt played the full 110 minutes and gave up only one goal while making a pair of saves. For Miami (Ohio), Patricia Koutoulas also played the full match with eight saves while giving up Barnett’s first-half strike.

Barnett started the WKU attack within the first minute of play, making a solo run through the box and firing a shot toward the upper corner that took a strong save by Koutoulas to maintain the deadlock. The RedHawks also nearly grabbed the early lead on a corner kick in the ninth minute. Set up by Jordan King’s corner kick, Lydia Brosnahan’s header found goal but Witt was there for the stop.

Buoyed by a flurry of corners, WKU broke through at the 23:26 mark for the 1-0 advantage. Three corners by Roseland over the preceding two minutes left the Miami defense pinned back, and Chandler Backes found space in the box to shoot. Despite a deflection by a Miami defender, the ball fell right to the feet of Barnett, who converted the chance into the top left corner for her third goal on The Hill in just four matches.

WKU had four more shots over the final 20 minutes of the first half but did not put any on goal, sending the two sides into the locker room with the Lady Toppers holding a 1-0 lead.

Both goalkeepers were tested over the first 12 minutes of the second half, with Witt and Koutoulas both making saves to keep the Lady Toppers one goal ahead. Miami found the equalizer with 63:41 on the clock off the foot of Bogdanovitch, who received a pass from Olivia Winnett in the center of the box and fired past Witt to level the match at 1-1 with just under 30 minutes left in regulation.

The best chance for either side to avoid overtime came in the 73rd minute. A Roseland corner kick set up a scrum inside the box, and a hard header from Kaylyn Bryant nearly put the Lady Toppers back in front. Following that chance, neither side was able to come up with another goal, setting up WKU’s first overtime contest of the 2018 season.

Across the 20 minutes of overtime, WKU outshot Miami 7-0, including three shots on goal, but was unable to break through the stout defense of the RedHawks. A late corner kick by Miami gave the RedHawks a last chance, but the WKU defense cleared out the threat as the final whistle sounded to split the 1-1 draw.

Following Sunday’s battle, WKU will remain at home for its next two contests. In their next time out, the Lady Toppers are set to take on Lipscomb next Friday evening at 6 p.m. as WKU looks to maintain its perfect series record against the Bisons; WKU holds a 6-0 record in the all-time series against Lipscomb and has allowed only two goals across those six matches, including a 2-0 win on Aug. 18, 2017, in the most recent meeting last season.
Soccer Box Score (Final)
2018 WKU Lady Topper Soccer
Miami (Ohio) vs WKU (Aug 26, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

Miami (Ohio) (0-2-1) vs.
WKU (1-2-1)
Date: Aug 26, 2018 • Attendance: 147
Weather: Partly Cloudy, 91°F

### Miami (Ohio)

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- 7 LEONARD, Ashley 1 1 - - 11
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### Cautions and ejections:

YC-MIAMI #21 (64:43)

Miami (Ohio)-KOUTOULAS, Pat (0-2-1). WKU-WITT, Bailee (1-2-1).

Stadium: WKU Soccer Complex

Officials: Referee: Benjamin Kadrict; Asst. Referee: Franklin Taylor; Gary Emberton;
Alt. Official: Driton Hyseni; Scorer: Currie McFayden;
Offsides: Miami (Ohio) 1, WKU 0.

Official's signature
Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
Miami (Ohio) vs WKU (Aug 26, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

Miami (Ohio) Starters:  WKU Starters:
GK 1 KOUTOULAS, Pat  GK 1 WITT, Bailee
MF 4 BOGDANOVITCH, Lyda  D 4 SCHMIDT, Lyric
D 11 FEHLAN, Kirsten  F 5 BACKES, Chandler
MF 17 SPINELL, Sophi  D 9 MORRIS, Megan
D 19 BROSNAHAN, Lydia  MF 10 GORHAM, Sarah
MF 21 KING, Jordan  D 12 JACOBSEN, Avery
D 22 FLECK, Reagan  D 14 BRYANT, Kaylyn
F 25 DEMARCO, Kristina  MF 15 BARNETT, Ambere
MF 27 GRUBBS, Desiree  D 17 BRAGADO, Christina
D 28 ALBRECHT, Lauren  F 21 MOORE, Chelsea
MF 33 ROSELAND, Nicole

00:00 KOUTOULAS, Pat at goalie for Miami (Ohio).
00:00 WITT, Bailee at goalie for WKU.
  Foul on Miami (Ohio).
00:59 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE KOUTOULAS, Pat.
07:20 Shot by WKU SCHMIDT, Lyric WIDE RIGHT.
08:43 Corner kick by MIAMI KING, Jordan [08:43].
08:51 Header Shot by MIAMI BROSNAHAN, Lydia, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
  Foul on Miami (Ohio).
  Foul on WKU.
  Foul on Miami (Ohio).
17:46 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler WIDE LEFT.
18:30 MIAMI substitution: ROBERTS, Emily for KING, Jordan.
20:54 WKU substitution: BISHOP, Tally for MOORE, Chelsea.
21:23 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [21:23].
22:00 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [22:00].
22:05 Shot by WKU BISHOP, Tally, SAVE KOUTOULAS, Pat.
22:27 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [22:27].
23:23 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler BLOCKED.
23:26 GOAL by WKU BARNETT, Ambere (FIRST GOAL), goal number 3 for season.

MIAMI (OHIO) 0, WKU 1

*unassisted off rebound from 5's blocked shot
23:26 MIAMI substitution: KLIKA, Tyler for DEMARCO, Kristina.
  Foul on Miami (Ohio).
27:36 MIAMI substitution: HARRIS, Syd for WINNETT, Olivia.
  Foul on Miami (Ohio).
32:02 WKU substitution: MAYO, Victoria for MORRIS, Megan.
32:02 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
32:02 MIAMI substitution: MASYS, Chloe for ALBRECHT, Lauren.
32:56 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere HIGH.
33:11 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for BARNETT, Ambere.
34:07 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole HIGH.
37:06 Shot by WKU BRYANT, Kaylyn WIDE RIGHT.
39:47 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for BISHOP, Tally.
39:47 MIAMI substitution: CHRISTIANSEN, Tori for SPINELL, Soph.
42:51 Shot by WKU MULZER, Kerragan HIGH.
45:00 End of period [45:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
Miami (Ohio) vs WKU (Aug 26, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 For MIAMI: #1 KOUTOULAS, Pat, #22 FLECK, Reagan, #21 KING, Jordan, #5 HARRIS, Syd, #18 WINNETT, Olivia, #11 FEHLAN, Kirsten, #12 MASYS, Chloe, #17 SPINELL, Soph, #19 BROSNAHAN, Lydia, #4 BOGDANOVITCH, Lyda, #25 DEMARCO, Kristina.
45:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #4 SCHMIDT, Lyric, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #25 BISHOP, Tally, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #5 BACKES, Chandler.

46:11 Shot by MIAMI HARRIS, Syd WIDE LEFT.
47:41 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere WIDE LEFT.
50:51 Shot by MIAMI HARRIS, Syd, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
Foul on Miami (Ohio).
52:20 Shot by MIAMI SPINELL, Soph BLOCKED.
52:57 Corner kick by MIAMI KING, Jordan [52:57].
53:26 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere BLOCKED.
Foul on Miami (Ohio).
54:37 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole WIDE LEFT.
54:45 WKU substitution: TACKETT, Brooke for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
Foul on WKU.
57:14 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole, SAVE KOUTOULAS, Pat.
57:49 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
57:49 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MORRIS, Megan.
57:49 WKU substitution: MAYO, Victoria for BISHOP, Tally.
57:49 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for ROSELAND, Nicole.
59:01 MIAMI substitution: ALBRECHT, Lauren for HARRIS, Syd.
60:58 Shot by WKU PEKEZ, Isidora HIGH.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on Miami (Ohio).
63:41 GOAL by MIAMI BOGDANOVITCH, Lyda, Assist by WINNETT, Olivia, goal number 1 for season.

MIAMI (OHIO) 1, WKU 1

*pass from 18 to center box
Foul on Miami (Ohio).
64:43 Yellow card on MIAMI KING, Jordan.
64:43 WKU substitution: ROSELAND, Nicole for GORHAM, Sarah.
66:20 MIAMI substitution: CHRISTIANSEN, Tori for BROSNAHAN, Lydia.
67:09 MIAMI substitution: KLIKA, Tyler for DEMARCO, Kristina.
68:50 Shot by WKU MAYO, Victoria, SAVE KOUTOULAS, Pat.
Foul on Miami (Ohio).
70:32 MIAMI substitution: GRUBBS, Desiree for KING, Jordan.
70:32 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for MAYO, Victoria.
70:32 WKU substitution: GORHAM, Sarah for BARNETT, Ambere.
70:32 WKU substitution: MORRIS, Megan for MAYO, Victoria.
70:32 WKU substitution: BISHOP, Tally for STANLEY, Olivia.
72:01 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [72:01].
72:06 Shot by WKU BRYANT, Kaylyn HIGH.
Foul on Miami (Ohio).
73:17 MIAMI substitution: BROSNAHAN, Lydia for CHRISTIANSEN, Tori.
75:04 Shot by WKU MORRIS, Megan, SAVE KOUTOULAS, Pat.
75:25 MIAMI substitution: DEMARCO, Kristina for SPINELL, Soph.
Foul on Miami (Ohio).
Foul on Miami (Ohio).
78:40 MIAMI substitution: KING, Jordan for BOGDANOVITCH, Lyda.
78:40 WKU substitution: BARNETT, Ambere for PEKEZ, Isidora.
Foul on WKU.

81:06 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for BISHOP, Tally.
81:06 Foul on Miami (Ohio).
Foul on WKU.

81:06 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for TACKETT, Brooke.
Foul on Miami (Ohio).

85:22 MIAMI substitution: SPINELL, Soph for KLIKA, Tyler.

89:07 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere WIDE LEFT.
89:15 MIAMI substitution: KLIKA, Tyler for DEMARCO, Kristina.

90:00 End of period [90:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (OT period)
Miami (Ohio) vs WKU (Aug 26, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

90:00 Start of OT period [90:00].
90:00 For MIAMI: #1 KOUTOULAS, Pat, #30 KLIKA, Tyler, #18 WINNETT, Olivia, #4 BOGDANOVITCH, Lyda, #5 HARRIS, Syd, #17 SPINELL, Soph, #12 MASYS, Chloe, #22 FLECK, Reagan, #19 BROSNAHAN, Lydia, #21 KING, Jordan, #11 FEHLAN, Kirsten.
90:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #21 MOORE, Chelsea, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #2 MULZER, Kerragan, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #4 SCHMIDT, Lyric, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn.
90:38 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole WIDE RIGHT.
91:20 Shot by WKU SCHMIDT, Lyric BLOCKED.
Foul on WKU.
93:39 WKU substitution: MAYO, Victoria for MULZER, Kerragan.
Foul on Miami (Ohio).
95:02 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [95:02].
95:17 Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea, SAVE KOUTOULAS, Pat.
95:58 MIAMI substitution: GRUBBS, Desiree for HARRIS, Syd.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on Miami (Ohio).
98:16 MIAMI substitution: DEMARCO, Kristina for KLIKA, Tyler.
98:16 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for MOORE, Chelsea.
100:00 End of period [100:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (OT2 period)
Miami (Ohio) vs WKU (Aug 26, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

100:00 Start of OT2 period [100:00].

For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #25 BISHOP, Tally, #5 BACKES, Chandler, #7 LEONARD, Ashley, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #4 SCHMIDT, Lyric, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery.

For MIAMI: #1 KOUTOULAS, Pat, #18 WINNETT, Olivia, #21 KING, Jordan, #25 DEMARCO, Kristina, #19 BROSNAHAN, Lydia, #17 SPINELL, Soph, #12 MASYS, Chloe, #22 FLECK, Reagan, #27 GRUBBS, Desiree, #4 BOGDANOVITCH, Lyda, #11 FEHLAN, Kirsten.

100:00 For MIAMI: #1 KOUTOULAS, Pat, #18 WINNETT, Olivia, #21 KING, Jordan, #25 DEMARCO, Kristina, #19 BROSNAHAN, Lydia, #17 SPINELL, Soph, #12 MASYS, Chloe, #22 FLECK, Reagan, #27 GRUBBS, Desiree, #4 BOGDANOVITCH, Lyda, #11 FEHLAN, Kirsten.

102:23 Shot by WKU LEONARD, Ashley, SAVE KOUTOULAS, Pat.

103:26 Offside against Miami (Ohio).

104:17 MIAMI substitution: KLIKA, Tyler for DEMARCO, Kristina.

104:17 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for LEONARD, Ashley.

104:17 WKU substitution: MORRIS, Megan for BISHOP, Tally.

104:17 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.

104:57 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia BLOCKED.

105:59 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole, SAVE KOUTOULAS, Pat.

107:54 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere WIDE LEFT.

109:49 Corner kick by MIAMI KING, Jordan [109:49].

110:00 End of period [110:00].

MIAMI (OHIO) 1, WKU 1
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LADY TOPPERS CONTINUE HOMESTAND AGAINST LIPSCOMB FRIDAY EVENING

Lipscomb Live Stream (C-USA TV): conferenceusa.com/watch/default.aspx?Live=5017
Lipscomb Live Stats: wkusports.com/sidearmstats/wsoc

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU Soccer will continue its three-match homestand as the Lady Toppers welcome Lipscomb to the WKU Soccer Complex on Friday evening at 6 p.m. to close out the month of August on the pitch.

Friday night’s match, like all home matches during the 2018 campaign, will feature free admission for all fans at the Soccer Complex.

The Lady Toppers carry a perfect all-time series record against the Bisons heading into Friday’s battle, winning all six previous matchups against Lipscomb while conceding only two goals in the series. In the most recent meeting, WKU claimed a 2-0 shutout victory over the Bisons on Aug. 18, 2017, in Nashville last season.

In WKU’s (1-2-1) last time out, the Lady Toppers battled for a full 110 minutes against Miami (Ohio) in their home opener last Sunday afternoon, settling for a 1-1 draw against the RedHawks despite a 26-5 advantage in shots. Freshman Ambere Barnett fired the goal for WKU, her third over the last two matches, and three members of WKU’s stout back line; Kaylyn Bryant, Christina Bragado and Avery Jacobsen; played all 110 minutes despite temperatures in the mid-90s.

Barnett’s three goals thus far are tied for third among all C-USA players, while her seven total points rank fourth in the league. Already showing off her talent as an offensive force, Barnett has also taken 18 shots, second only to Old Dominion’s Natalie Johnson in C-USA.

In goal, Bailee Witt has played all but eight minutes this season between the posts for the Lady Toppers and lowered her goals against average to 1.69 after allowing only one goal on Sunday. A true freshman, Witt has made 13 saves across WKU’s first four matches to rank seventh among C-USA goalkeepers in her debut season on The Hill.

WKU’s 26 shots against Miami (Ohio) on Sunday were the team’s most in a single match since firing 27 at UTEP on Oct. 2, 2015, and the Lady Toppers are now outshooting their opponents, 58-46, through four matches. Of WKU’s 58 shots, the Lady Toppers have put 24 on goal, including 18 in the two most recent matches at Evansville and against Miami.

Lipscomb (2-1-1) won its first two matches of the season over Belmont and Tennessee Tech before earning a scoreless draw against Ohio and taking a heartbreaking 1-0 loss against Miami (FL) last weekend at Vanderbilt’s Music City Invitational. The Bisons held the ACC power in check for 81 minutes before the Hurricanes broke through at the 81:24 mark to deal Lipscomb its first loss of 2018. Olivia Doak leads the Bisons with three goals through four matches, and Riley Henry has also found the back of the net twice for Lipscomb. Allie Dunn has dished out a pair of assists and sits atop the team’s leaderboard (alongside Doak) with 11 shots.

Kate Mason has played all 380 minutes in goal for Lipscomb, making 15 saves and allowing only three goals for a goals against average of 0.71.

WKU will round out its non-conference home slate in a Labor Day tilt against Kentucky Christian on Monday night at 6 p.m. at the WKU Soccer Complex. The match will be WKU’s first regular-season bout against a non-Division I program since a 3-2 victory over Southern Indiana on Aug. 28, 2009, and admission will be free for all fans.
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STANLEY NETS FIRST CAREER GOAL IN 1-1 DRAW AGAINST LIPSCOMB

PDF Box Score Attached
Head Coach Jason Neidell Postmatch Interview: youtu.be/lRbXPvYiNHw

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Freshman Olivia Stanley scored the first goal of her collegiate career just before halftime, but Lipscomb rebounded with a second-half goal as WKU battled to a 1-1 draw against the Bisons on Friday evening at the WKU Soccer Complex.

WKU (1-2-2) held a halftime lead for the second straight match but was unable to put away the Bisons, as Lipscomb (2-1-2) got on the board with just over four minutes remaining in regulation. The Lady Toppers held a sizable 21-11 advantage in shots, while Lipscomb took five corner kicks to WKU’s four on the night.

Both Stanley and Victoria Mayo tallied their first points of the 2018 season, with Mayo’s deflected shot setting up Stanley’s go-ahead score in the 42nd minute. Sarah Gorham led all players with five shots, including three on goal, while Stanley chipped in four shots of her own in only 33 minutes of action off the bench.

Gorham, Kaylyn Bryant, Christina Bragado and Nicole Roseland each played the full 110 minutes for the Lady Toppers in the field, and Avery Jacobsen subbed out for just one minute at the end of the opening half. In goal, Bailee Witt played the full match and made five saves while nearly picking up the first shutout of her young career.

For Lipscomb, Allie Dunn had a team-best three shots, and Jordan Walsh tallied the late equalizer to send the match to extra time. Kate Mason played the full match between the posts, making seven saves and allowing only Stanley’s first-half goal.

Much as it did on Sunday afternoon, WKU came out shooting early and often against the Bisons, firing four shots in the opening 15 minutes of play to put pressure on the defense. Chandler Backes and Megan Morris each had shots go wide of the goal, but Roseland got power behind a shot from outside the box and forced Mason to make the save in the center of the goal in the fourth minute.

Another breakthrough nearly came at the 21:39 mark as Gorham struck the crossbar from the top of the box. The redshirt senior turned to shoot and her attempt deflected off a Lipscomb defender before striking the center of the bar and bouncing back into play to continue the attack. Chelsea Moore collected the rebound and fired a shot a few seconds later but could not find the target.

A scrum in the box with 41:19 on the clock led to WKU’s go-ahead goal just before halftime. Mayo settled the ball and clashed with a Lipscomb defender, causing the ball to bounce to the foot of Stanley, and the freshman converted the chance just eight minutes after subbing on to send the Lady Toppers into the halftime break with a 1-0 advantage.

Both goalkeepers were forced into action over the first 20 minutes of the second half, with Witt stonewalling Lipscomb’s Brooke Brenner and Mason making a pair of saves for the Bisons as the Lady Toppers remained out in front. Lipscomb earned a pair of corner kicks in the 66th minute on a threatening attack, but was not able to create anything out of either opportunity.

Late in the half, Witt made a pair of stops less than two minutes apart to maintain the 1-0 scoreline, but Walsh was able to collect the rebound off the second save and found the back of the net to equalize for Lipscomb with just over four minutes remaining. WKU looked to push up to find the match-winner as the clock winded down, but the two sides were forced into extra time knotted at 1-1.

Despite a 5-1 advantage in shots, three of which were put on goal in the first period of overtime, WKU was unable to find the golden goal over the extra 20 minutes of play. Backes, Morris and Gorham all had shots on goal against Mason, but the Lipscomb keeper turned away all three chances as the Lady Toppers settled for their second straight 1-1 draw.

WKU will return to the pitch on Monday evening at 6 p.m. for a Labor Day tilt against in-state opponent Kentucky Christian at the WKU Soccer Complex. The Lady Toppers have never faced Kentucky Christian in program history, and the matchup will be WKU’s first regular season match against a non-Division I opponent since defeating Southern Indiana, 3-2, on Aug. 28, 2009.
Soccer Box Score (Final)
2018 WKU Lady Topper Soccer
Lipscomb vs WKU (Aug 31, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

Lipscomb (2-1-2) vs.
WKU (1-2-2)
Date: Aug 31, 2018 • Attendance: 172
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### Cautions and ejections:

YC-LIP #9 (72:06)

Lipscomb-MASON, Kate (2-1-2). WKU-WITT, Bailee (1-2-2).

Stadium: WKU Soccer Complex

Officials: Referee: Matthew Drew; Asst. Referee: Robert Batson; Tony Sheets;
Alt. Official: Franklin Taylor; Scorer: Currie McFayden;
Offsides: Lipscomb 2, WKU 0.

Official's signature
Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
Lipscomb vs WKU (Aug 31, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

Lipscomb Starters:
GK 1 MASON, Kate
D 3 BAILEY, Justis
F 7 DUNN, Allie
F 8 SCHURCH, Emanuela
MF 9 DOAK, Olivia
MF 12 BRENNER, Brooke
D 14 MCKAY, Maycie
D 17 MCFADDEN, Logan
MF 20 DILLER, Dominique
D 24 ECK, Hailey
D 25 ECHOLS, Kaitlin

WKU Starters:
GK 1 WITT, Bailee
D 4 SCHMIDT, Lyric
F 5 BACKES, Chandler
D 9 MORRIS, Megan
MF 10 GORHAM, Sarah
D 12 JACOBSEN, Avery
D 14 BRYANT, Kaylyn
MF 15 BARNETT, Ambere
D 17 BRAGADO, Christina
F 21 MOORE, Chelsea
MF 33 ROSELAND, Nicole

00:00 MASON, Kate at goalie for Lipscomb.
00:00 WITT, Bailee at goalie for WKU.
00:09 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler WIDE RIGHT.
01:04 Offside against Lipscomb.
Foul on Lipscomb.
03:13 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole, SAVE MASON, Kate.
Foul on Lipscomb.
11:34 Shot by WKU MORRIS, Megan WIDE LEFT.
12:12 Shot by LIP DUNN, Allie, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
13:45 Shot by WKU MORRIS, Megan WIDE LEFT.
Foul on WKU.
20:45 Shot by LIP MCKAY, Maycie WIDE LEFT.
21:39 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah HIT CROSSBAR.
21:55 Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea WIDE RIGHT.
24:00 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah, SAVE MASON, Kate.
25:19 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [25:19].
27:35 LIP substitution: HENRY, Riley for DUNN, Allie.
27:35 LIP substitution: WALSH, Jordan for SCHURCH, Emanuela.
27:35 WKU substitution: BISHOP, Tally for MOORE, Chelsea.
Foul on WKU.
33:47 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
33:47 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for BARNETT, Ambere.
Foul on WKU.
38:57 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia BLOCKED.
39:35 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [39:35].
39:41 Header Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia BLOCKED.
41:00 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [41:00].
41:08 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah BLOCKED.
41:19 GOAL by WKU STANLEY, Olivia (FIRST GOAL), Assist by MAYO, Victoria, goal number 1 for season.

LIPSCOMB 0, WKU 1

*collected rebound off 3’s shot
41:19 LIP substitution: PATTI, Emily for DILLER, Dominique.
41:19 LIP substitution: JONES, Kristi for BRENNER, Brooke.
41:19 LIP substitution: GILMORE, Selah for DOAK, Olivia.
41:19 LIP substitution: MGEE, Kammy for MCKAY, Maycie.
43:44 WKU substitution: TACKETT, Brooke for JACOBSEN, Avery.
43:44 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MAYO, Victoria.
45:00   End of period [45:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
Lipscomb vs WKU (Aug 31, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #4 SCHMIDT, Lyric, #5 BACKES, Chandler, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #25 BISHOP, Tally, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #10 GORHAM, Sarah.
45:00 For LIP: #1 MASON, Kate, #3 BAILEY, Justis, #24 ECK, Hailey, #10 WALSH, Jordan, #12 BRENNER, Brooke, #14 MCKAY, Maycie, #7 DUNN, Allie, #21 PATTI, Emily, #17 MCFADDEN, Logan, #9 DOAK, Olivia, #8 SCHURCH, Emanuela.
49:30 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [49:30].
49:35 Shot by WKU SCHMIDT, Lyric HIGH.
52:36 Shot by LIP BRENNER, Brooke, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
52:59 Shot by LIP DUNN, Allie, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
53:52 Shot by WKU SCHMIDT, Lyric WIDE RIGHT.
Foul on WKU.
58:15 Header Shot by LIP DUNN, Allie WIDE RIGHT.
58:25 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
Foul on Lipscomb.
60:38 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah, SAVE MASON, Kate.
61:21 WKU substitution: MAYO, Victoria for BISHOP, Tally.
62:09 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole, SAVE MASON, Kate.
65:04 Corner kick by LIP MCKAY, Maycie [65:04].
65:52 Corner kick by LIP WALSH, Jordan [65:52].
Foul on WKU.
69:06 LIP substitution: ECHOLS, Kaitlin for BRENNER, Brooke.
69:06 LIP substitution: JONES, Kristi for WALSH, Jordan.
69:06 LIP substitution: TORBETT, Hannah for SCHURCH, Emanuela.
69:06 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
70:53 WKU substitution: BISHOP, Tally for BARNETT, Ambere.
Foul on Lipscomb.
72:06 Yellow card on LIP DOAK, Olivia.
72:06 LIP substitution: HENRY, Riley for DOAK, Olivia.
72:06 LIP substitution: GILMORE, Selah for DUNN, Allie.
72:06 LIP substitution: MCGEE, Kammy for MCKAY, Maycie.
Foul on Lipscomb.
72:06 Corner kick by LIP JONES, Kristi [72:06].
72:06 Corner kick by LIP TORBETT, Hannah [72:06].
72:06 Header Shot by LIP HENRY, Riley HIGH.
72:06 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for MORRIS, Megan.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on Lipscomb.
80:42 LIP substitution: DOAK, Olivia for HENRY, Riley.
80:42 LIP substitution: BRENNER, Brooke for ECHOLS, Kaitlin.
80:42 LIP substitution: WALSH, Jordan for JONES, Kristi.
80:42 LIP substitution: MCKAY, Maycie for TORBETT, Hannah.
80:42 LIP substitution: DILLER, Dominique for ECK, Hailey.
81:06 LIP substitution: SCHURCH, Emanuela for TORBETT, Hannah.
81:06 LIP substitution: DUNN, Allie for MCGEE, Kammy.
81:19 WKU substitution: MORRIS, Megan for MOORE, Chelsea.
83:02 LIP substitution: HENRY, Riley for DUNN, Allie.
83:02 WKU substitution: BARNETT, Ambere for MAYO, Victoria.
83:59 Header Shot by LIP WALSH, Jordan, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
84:27 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for STANLEY, Olivia.
84:50 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler WIDE RIGHT.
85:52 Shot by LIP BRENNER, Brooke, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
85:58 GOAL by LIP WALSH, Jordan, Assist by BRENNER, Brooke, goal number 1 for season.

LIPSCOMB 1, WKU 1
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
Lipscomb vs WKU (Aug 31, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

*shot off rebound from 12
88:05 Corner kick by LIP WALSH, Jordan [88:05].
89:30 Shot by LIP SCHURCH, Emanuela WIDE LEFT.
90:00 End of period [90:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (OT period)
Lipscomb vs WKU (Aug 31, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

90:00 Start of OT period [90:00].
90:00 For LIP: #1 MASON, Kate, #3 BAILEY, Justis, #17 MCFADDEN, Logan, #20 DILLER, Dominique, #14 MCKAY, Maycie, #9 DOAK, Olivia, #8 SCHURCH, Emanuela, #21 PATTI, Emily, #4 HENRY, Riley, #12 BRENNER, Brooke, #10 WALSH, Jordan.
90:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #3 MAYO, Victoria, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #23 STANLEY, Olivia, #5 BACKES, Chandler, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #9 MORRIS, Megan.
91:21 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler, SAVE MASON, Kate.
92:30 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia HIGH.
94:06 Offside against Lipscomb.
94:12 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia HIGH.
Foul on Lipscomb.
96:06 WKU substitution: BISHOP, Tally for MAYO, Victoria.
96:55 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for STANLEY, Olivia.
97:38 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah, SAVE MASON, Kate.
Foul on Lipscomb.
100:00 End of period [100:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (OT2 period)
Lipscomb vs WKU (Aug 31, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

100:00 Start of OT2 period [100:00].
100:00 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for BISHOP, Tally.
100:00 LIP substitution: ECK, Hailey for BAILEY, Justis.
100:00 LIP substitution: BAILEY, Justis for ECK, Hailey.
104:06 LIP substitution: MCGEE, Kammy for SCHURCH, Emanuela.
104:06 WKU substitution: BISHOP, Tally for MOORE, Chelsea.
  Foul on Lipscomb.
  Foul on WKU.
108:53 Shot by LIP MCGEE, Kammy WIDE RIGHT.
108:58 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for BISHOP, Tally.
109:57 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole BLOCKED.
110:00 End of period [110:00].

LIPSCOMB 1, WKU 1
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LADY TOPPERS CLOSE HOMESTAND WITH LABOR DAY BATTLE VS. KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN
Kentucky Christian Live Stats: wkusports.com/sidearmstats/wsoc

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – After earning 1-1 draws in each of its first two home matches, WKU will look to close out its three-match homestand with a victory over Kentucky Christian on Monday evening at 6 p.m. at the WKU Soccer Complex.

The Lady Toppers (1-2-2) have carried a lead heading into the halftime break against both Miami (Ohio) and Lipscomb in its first two home tilts, but have surrendered second-half equalizers and settled for draws in both matches. Ambere Barnett tallied the go-ahead goal against the RedHawks last Sunday, while Olivia Stanley netted her first collegiate goal in the 42nd minute against the Bisons on Friday.

Monday’s battle is WKU’s first against a non-Division I opponent since a 3-2 win over Southern Indiana on Aug. 28, 2009, as Kentucky Christian is an NAIA member out of Grayson, Ky. The Lady Knights will be the second opponent from the state of Kentucky that the Lady Toppers have faced thus far on the season after falling 1-0 against Murray State in the season opener on Aug. 17.

WKU also carries a five-match unbeaten streak at the Soccer Complex dating back to last season entering Monday’s match. The Lady Toppers won their final three home matches in 2017 and have collected draws in their first two bouts in 2018. Should WKU earn a favorable result on Monday, the six-match unbeaten streak would be the program’s longest at home since a six-match stretch that spanned Sept. 15-Oct. 21, 2012, and included five wins and one draw.

Barnett leads the Lady Toppers with three goals across her first five matches on The Hill, and WKU has also gotten goals from Stanley, Sarah Gorham and Aleksandra Kozovic this season. In just her second match back after returning from injury, Victoria Mayo dished out the assist on Stanley’s goal against Lipscomb on Friday, and Barnett, Gorham and Chandler Backes have also recorded an assist apiece for WKU.

With 26 shots against Miami and 21 in Friday’s bout with Lipscomb, WKU has back-to-back matches with 20 or more shots for the first time since Aug. 27 and Sept. 3, 2017, when the Lady Toppers peppered UT Martin (20 shots) and Evansville (23 shots) in consecutive matches. Through five matches, the Lady Toppers are averaging four more shots per match than they did during the 2017 season.

Bailee Witt has come close to claiming the first shutout of her career in each of the last two matches and has lowered her goals against average to 1.49 across 482 minutes of action since taking over as the starter in goal. Witt has made 18 saves, five of which came against Lipscomb in WKU’s last time out, and has allowed more than one goal just one time in 2018.

New WKU goalkeeper Sydney Engle, a former four-year WKU Volleyball standout, is expected to dress for Monday’s match. Should she see action, Engle would become the first WKU student-athlete to play for both the volleyball and women’s soccer teams during her time on The Hill.

Kentucky Christian (0-2) will be playing its third match in four days as it visits the Soccer Complex on Monday evening. The Lady Knights dropped a pair of matches to Oakland City on Friday and Saturday, falling 5-1 in the first before dropping a 2-1 decision in the second. Alexia Sharp tallied the goal for Kentucky Christian in the first match against Oakland City, and goalkeeper Savannah Brewer made seven saves despite surrendering the five goals.

Following Monday’s match, WKU will remain on the road for more than a month, with five straight matches away from home. The Lady Toppers will take on Vanderbilt in their next time out on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. before beginning C-USA play at Southern Miss at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16. WKU will be back at the Soccer Complex on Friday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. as the Lady Toppers square off against FIU.
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BIG OFFENSIVE NIGHT LEADS WKU PAST KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN, 9-0
PDF Box Score Attached
Head Coach Jason Neidell Postmatch Interview: youtu.be/-WmkcY7W8H4
Goalkeeper Sydney Engle Postmatch Interview: youtu.be/x05WbAx90g4

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Seven different Lady Toppers found the back of the net, four of whom tallied their first career goals, and WKU outshot Kentucky Christian 37-0 in a 9-0 victory at the WKU Soccer Complex on Monday evening.

Kerragan Mulzer, Chelsea Moore, Victoria Mayo and Nicole Roseland each scored for the first time in their collegiate careers, and both Olivia Stanley and Tally Bishop scored twice for the Lady Toppers.

Chandler Backes, WKU’s leading scorer over the last two seasons, also fired her first goal of the 2018 season midway through the opening half.

Much of WKU’s damage was done in the first half as the Lady Toppers (2-2-2) scored eight times in just over a 30-minute span to put the match far out of reach for the Lady Knights (0-3). After attempting 32 shots in the opening 45 minutes, WKU had only five in the second half and scored once on Moore’s strike in the 58th minute.

In goal, WKU had a historic substitute in the 73rd minute as former four-year volleyball player Sydney Engle subbed on in relief of Bailee Witt. With her 17 minutes of action, Engle became the first Lady Topper and only second known student-athlete in C-USA history to compete in at least one match in the sports of women’s soccer and volleyball in their careers. Witt and Engle combined for WKU’s first shutout of the season, with neither facing a shot on the night.

WKU’s nine goals matched the second-most in a single match in program history and were the Lady Toppers’ most since also scoring nine against Morehead State on Sept. 8, 2002. The school record of 12 goals came in the program’s first season against Trevecca Nazarene on Sept. 26, 2001.

For Kentucky Christian, Savannah Brewer played the full match in goal, making nine saves and surrendering the nine goals to the relentless Lady Topper attack.

WKU’s offense came out of the gates on fire and never looked back on Monday evening, firing eight shots over the first 12 minutes before breaking through the Kentucky Christian defense on Stanley’s one-on-one attack at the 11:16 mark. Set up by passes through the midfield from Isidora Pekez and Mulzer, Stanley beat the keeper with a dribble to the left to get the Lady Toppers on the board early.

Nine minutes later, Roseland doubled the lead on her first career goal. Playing in her 61st career match on The Hill, the Altamonte Springs, Fla., native finally found the back of the net on a through-ball from Moore, giving Roseland a one-on-one opportunity which she converted.

Mulzer and Stanley brought the lead to 4-0 with goals less than three minutes apart. Mulzer received a pass from Brooke Tackett at the 23:49 mark and sent the ball into the lower right corner, and Stanley took passes from Mulzer and Christina Bragado before slotting home her effort into the right corner as well.

Backes struck for her 17th career goal at the 33:09 mark to move into a tie for ninth place alongside Betsy Duncan on WKU’s all-time goalscoring charts. Roseland directed a pass to Backes on the right side of the box, and the junior fired opposite post to beat Brewer for her first tally of the season.

Just over three minutes apart, Bishop found the back of the net twice, first off a short pass from Backes and again on an unassisted strike. Backes slipped a near-post pass in for the sophomore, who chipped it past the keeper for the 5-0 lead, and Bishop’s second was a low shot with 42:45 on the clock to close WKU’s scoring for the half.
In between Bishop’s goals, Mayo also tallied her first career goal. Sarah Gorham sent a pass out to Tackett on the right wing, who sent a long cross to the far post. After a brief scrum in the box, Mayo fired a blast past Brewer and helped WKU carry an 8-0 advantage into the locker room.

Moore closed the night’s scoring with 57:29 on the clock. The freshman sent a laser into the top corner off feeds from Bragado and Stanley to push WKU to the final 9-0 scoreline. Despite not scoring over the final 30 minutes, WKU continued to keep Kentucky Christian pinned back and did not allow a single shot on the evening.

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Soccer Box Score (Final)
2018 WKU Lady Topper Soccer
Kentucky Christian vs WKU (Sep 03, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

Kentucky Christian (0-3) vs.
WKU (2-2-2)
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### Cautions and ejections:

Win-WITT, Bailee (2-2-2). Loss-BREWER, Savannah (0-3).

Stadium: WKU Soccer Complex

Officials: Referee: Daniel Scott; Asst. Referee: Dennis Beard; Benjamin Kadric;
Alt. Official: Tony Sheets; Scorer: Currie McFayden;
Offsides: Kentucky Christian 0, WKU 6.

Official's signature
Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
Kentucky Christian vs WKU (Sep 03, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

**Kentucky Christian Starters:**
- GK 0 BREWER, Savannah
- MF 2 SHARP, Alexia
- MF 3 PRIDEY, Mary
- D 11 LANGSTAFF, Mandy
- MF 16 PRICE, Brianna
- D 17 CONOVER, Randi
- MF 20 MINOR, Montanna
- D 21 SMITH, Savanna
- MF 22 HONAKER, Allison
- D 23 LIMINGS, Kaylee
- D 25 SMITH, Abby

**WKU Starters:**
- GK 1 WITT, Bailee
- F 2 MULZER, Kerragan
- D 4 SCHMIDT, Lyric
- MF 6 PEKEZ, Isidora
- D 8 TACKETT, Brooke
- MF 10 GORHAM, Sarah
- D 14 BRYANT, Kaylyn
- D 17 BRAGADO, Christina
- F 21 MOORE, Chelsea
- F 23 STANLEY, Olivia
- MF 33 ROSELAND, Nicole

00:00 BREWER, Savannah at goalie for Kentucky Christian.
00:00 WITT, Bailee at goalie for WKU.
00:09 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah BLOCKED.
00:39 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [00:39].
00:51 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole, SAVE BREWER, Savannah.
02:11 Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea BLOCKED.
  Foul on Kentucky Christian.
03:58 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [03:58].
04:30 Shot by WKU MULZER, Kerragan BLOCKED.
05:00 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [05:00].
05:33 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia BLOCKED.
06:04 Offside against WKU.
07:40 Shot by WKU BRAGADO, Christina WIDE RIGHT.
  Foul on WKU.
08:50 Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea WIDE LEFT.
10:16 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [10:16].
11:16 GOAL by WKU STANLEY, Olivia (FIRST GOAL), Assist by PEKEZ, Isidora and MULZER, Kerragan, goal number 2 for season.

**KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN 0, WKU 1**

*drilled past goalkeeper one on one
12:40 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah BLOCKED.
13:01 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah, SAVE BREWER, Savannah.
15:25 Shot by WKU TACKETT, Brooke HIGH.
16:24 Shot by WKU SCHMIDT, Lyric, SAVE BREWER, Savannah.
17:19 WKU substitution: JACOBSEN, Avery for PEKEZ, Isidora.
17:33 Offside against WKU.
18:04 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia HIGH.
  Foul on WKU.
20:10 GOAL by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole, Assist by MOORE, Chelsea, goal number 1 for season.

**KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN 0, WKU 2**

*set up one on one by 21's through ball
21:03 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia BLOCKED.
21:36 Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea HIGH.
  mandatory water break
23:49 GOAL by WKU MULZER, Kerragan, Assist by TACKETT, Brooke, goal number 1 for season.

**KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN 0, WKU 3**
Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)  
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*pass into box, low shot to right
24:37 Offside against WKU.
25:18 Offside against WKU.
26:15 GOAL by WKU STANLEY, Olivia, Assist by MULZER, Kerragan and BRAGADO, Christina, goal number 3 for season.

KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN 0, WKU 4

*low shot to right
26:53 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia, SAVE BREWER, Savannah.
27:38 Shot by WKU BRAGADO, Christina BLOCKED.  
Foul on WKU.
29:33 WKU substitution: MORRIS, Megan for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
29:33 WKU substitution: MAYO, Victoria for MOORE, Chelsea.
29:33 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for STANLEY, Olivia.
31:09 Shot by WKU MORRIS, Megan WIDE RIGHT.
32:21 Shot by WKU MAYO, Victoria, SAVE BREWER, Savannah.
33:09 GOAL by WKU BACKES, Chandler, Assist by ROSELAND, Nicole, goal number 1 for season.

KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN 0, WKU 5

*shot from right side low left
33:54 Shot by WKU MORRIS, Megan BLOCKED.
34:22 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah HIGH.
36:19 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler HIGH.
36:22 KCU substitution: SINGH, Sandy for CONOVER, Randi.
36:22 WKU substitution: BISHOP, Tally for ROSELAND, Nicole.
36:22 WKU substitution: BARNETT, Ambere for BRAGADO, Christina.
36:59 Shot by WKU MAYO, Victoria HIGH.
37:47 Header Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler, SAVE BREWER, Savannah.
39:36 GOAL by WKU BISHOP, Tally, Assist by BACKES, Chandler, goal number 1 for season.

KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN 0, WKU 6

*short pass to 25, chip into goal
41:26 GOAL by WKU MAYO, Victoria, Assist by GORHAM, Sarah and TACKETT, Brooke, goal number 1 for season.

KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN 0, WKU 7

*long cross from 8 to far post
42:45 GOAL by WKU BISHOP, Tally, goal number 2 for season.

KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN 0, WKU 8

*low shot to right
43:50 Corner kick by WKU BISHOP, Tally [43:50].
43:54 Shot by WKU BRYANT, Kaylyn, SAVE BREWER, Savannah.
45:00 End of period [45:00].
45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #8 TACKETT, Brooke, #4 SCHMIDT, Lyric, #5 BACKES, Chandler, #23 STANLEY, Olivia, #2 MULZER, Kerragan, #21 MOORE, Chelsea, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #3 MAYO, Victoria.
45:00 For KCU: #0 BREWER, Savannah, #22 HONAKER, Allison, #2 SHARP, Alexia, #11 LANGSTAFF, Mandy, #3 PRIDEY, Mary, #23 LIMINGS, Kaylee, #21 SMITH, Savanna, #17 CONOVER, Randi, #16 PRICE, Brianna, #20 MINOR, Montanna, #25 SMITH, Abby.
47:01 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler, SAVE BREWER, Savannah.
47:40 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [47:40].
57:29 GOAL by WKU MOORE, Chelsea, Assist by BRAGADO, Christina and STANLEY, Olivia, goal number 1 for season.

**KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN 0, WKU 9**

*long shot to top corner
60:38 WKU substitution: GORHAM, Sarah for BACKES, Chandler.
67:42 Offside against WKU.
72:37 Shot by WKU SCHMIDT, Lyric HIGH.
72:43 KCU substitution: SINGH, Sandy for CONOVER, Randi.
72:43 WKU substitution: BISHOP, Tally for MOORE, Chelsea.
72:43 WKU substitution: BRYANT, Kaylyn for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
72:43 WKU substitution: MORRIS, Megan for BRAGADO, Christina.
72:43 WKU substitution: ENGLE, Sydney for WITT, Bailee.
72:43 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for STANLEY, Olivia.
72:43 ENGLE, Sydney at goalie for WKU.
77:16 Offside against WKU.
84:55 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for TACKETT, Brooke.
84:55 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BISHOP, Tally.
84:55 KCU substitution: CONOVER, Randi for PRIDEY, Mary.
89:03 Shot by WKU MORRIS, Megan, SAVE BREWER, Savannah.
89:07 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler HIGH.
90:00 End of period [90:00].

**KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN 0, WKU 9**
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / September 5, 2018
Women’s Soccer / Contact: Currie McFayden, Associate Director of Athletic Communications/Media Relations

**LADY TOPPERS CLOSE NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT VANDERBILT THURSDAY NIGHT**

*Vanderbilt Live Stream: [espn.com/watch/search/vanderbilt](http://espn.com/watch/search/vanderbilt)*


**BOWLING GREEN, Ky.** – Coming off one of the biggest wins in program history, WKU Soccer will round out its 2018 non-conference schedule at 7 p.m. on Thursday evening as the Lady Toppers make the short trek to Nashville, Tenn., to square off against SEC foe Vanderbilt.

Any WKU fans who make the trip are asked to park in the 25th Street Garage for Thursday night’s match. The match will also be streamed on SEC Network Plus, available both online and through the ESPN app for a subscription fee.

WKU (2-2-2) tallied eight first-half goals en route to a 9-0 victory over Kentucky Christian at the WKU Soccer Complex on Monday night, matching the second-most goals ever scored in a single match in school history. The Lady Toppers’ 13 total assists established a new school record, topping the 11 against Trevecca Nazarene on Sept. 26, 2001. WKU finished Monday’s match with a 37-0 advantage in total shots over the Lady Knights and has taken 20 or more shots in each of its last three matches.

Two freshmen, Ambere Barnett and Olivia Stanley, lead the Lady Toppers with three goals apiece this season, and Stanley has scored all three of her goals in WKU’s two most recent matches, including a pair against Kentucky Christian on Monday. Another underclassmen, sophomore Tally Bishop, also scored two goals against the Lady Knights after missing WKU’s first three matches of the season.

As a team, WKU has already fired 116 shots through its first six matches, an average of 19.3 per match. Those 116 shots are already more than halfway to WKU’s 2017 total of 201 across 17 matches, and the Lady Toppers are attempting nearly eight more shots per match so far this season.

In goal, WKU made history on Monday evening as Sydney Engle relieved starter Bailee Witt, playing the final 17 minutes of the match. Engle, a former four-year volleyball standout for the Lady Toppers, became only the second known student-athlete in C-USA history, alongside Rice’s Kristina Hoban, to appear in at least one match in both volleyball and women’s soccer for the same school.

Witt has been strong in goal since taking over as the starter against Ole Miss, making 18 saves and sporting a goals against average of 1.30 across 555 minutes of playing time. The true freshman shared the shutout against Kentucky Christian with Engle as WKU held its opponent without scoring for the first time in 2018.

Vanderbilt (5-1) enters Thursday’s match on a five-match winning streak since dropping its opener against Florida State on Aug. 16. The Commodores have surrendered only three goals all season and shut out their two most recent opponents, defeating Saint Louis (2-0 on Aug. 31) and North Alabama (4-0 on Sept. 2). Vanderbilt will also be WKU’s second SEC opponent this season after the Lady Toppers previously dropped a 4-0 decision against Ole Miss.

Haley Hopkins and Kaylann Boyd lead Vanderbilt with four goals and 15 shots apiece, and Hopkins sits atop the team leaderboard with 10 points on the year. Leila Azari has dished out a team-best four assists through six matches, and the Commodores have split their goalkeeping minutes almost evenly between Taiana Tolleson (276 minutes) and Lauren Demarchi (251 minutes).

WKU will be aiming for its first win over the Commodores in the fifth all-time meeting between the two sides. Last season, the Lady Toppers dropped a tight 1-0 decision to Vanderbilt on Sept. 8, 2017, in the most recent meeting.

With WKU’s non-conference slate in the books after Thursday’s bout, the Lady Toppers will open their 2018 C-USA schedule next Sunday, Sept. 16, as they head south to take on Southern Miss at 1 p.m. Now in Year 5 as a member of the conference, WKU will be meeting the Golden Eagles for the fourth time and has an unbeaten record in the series, holding a 2-0-1 edge. In the most recent meeting on Sept. 21, 2017, last season, the Lady Toppers and Golden Eagles battled to a 0-0 draw after 110 minutes in Hattiesburg, Miss.
Women’s Soccer / Contact: Currie McFayden, Associate Director of Athletic Communications/Media Relations

WKU DROPS NON-CONFERENCE FINALE AT VANDERBILT, 2-0

PDF Box Score Attached

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Freshman goalkeeper Bailee Witt made a career-high eight saves as WKU concluded its 2018 non-conference slate with a 2-0 setback on the road at SEC foe Vanderbilt on Thursday evening at the Vanderbilt Soccer Complex.

Though the Commodores found the back of the net once in each half, Witt shined on the night and kept the Lady Toppers in the match, with six of her eight saves coming in the first 45 minutes of play. Witt’s eight saves were the most in a single match by a WKU goalkeeper since Allison Leone also had eight against Rice on Sept. 28, 2017.

Megan Morris, Sarah Gorham and Chandler Backes all had one shot apiece for the Lady Toppers (2-3-2), with Morris and Gorham putting their attempts on goal and testing Vanderbilt goalkeeper Lauren Demarchi in the first half.

Vanderbilt (6-1) held an 18-3 edge in shots on the evening and held WKU without a corner kick opportunity as the Commodores extending their winning streak to six matches.

In goal, Witt turned in her eight saves while playing the full 90 minutes for the Lady Toppers. For Vanderbilt, Demarchi and Taiana Tolleson each played a half, with Demarchi making a pair of saves in the first 45 minutes and earning the victory.

Two early saves from Witt in the opening 15 minutes kept Vanderbilt off the scoresheet, as the freshman stonewalled Elwell twice in a 10-minute span before the Commodores broke through for a goal in the 15th minute. Set up off a corner kick by Elwell, Welch found the back of the net at the far post to put the Commodores in front.

Three minutes later Witt made a strong pair of back-to-back saves against Welch and Haley Hopkins to maintain the one-goal differential at a critical moment. Later in the half, at the 37:44 mark, Gorham nearly pulled WKU level on a strong shot that could have been the equalizer, but Demarchi made the save to deny the redshirt senior.

Neither side could get anything going offensively in the final five minutes of the opening half, sending WKU into the locker room facing a one-goal deficit after the first 45 minutes.

In the second half, Vanderbilt’s defense clamped down on the Lady Toppers, refusing to give much space to shoot for much of the 45 minutes and holding WKU without a shot in the frame. Witt again came up big for WKU, however, with two more saves in the second half to deny the high-powered Commodore attack.

Vanderbilt reached the final scoreline with its second goal of the night in the 76th minute. Elwell found space after a short dribble into the box and lofted a shot into the top center of the goal to give the Commodores a 2-0 lead. WKU pushed up and battled hard down the stretch, but was unable to break through the stout Vanderbilt defense over the final 10 minutes.

With WKU’s non-conference slate in the books after Thursday’s bout, the Lady Toppers will open their 2018 C-USA schedule next Sunday, Sept. 16, as they head south to take on Southern Miss at 1 p.m. Now in Year 5 as a member of the conference, WKU will be meeting the Golden Eagles for the fourth time and has an unbeaten record in the series, holding a 2-0-1 edge. In the most recent meeting on Sept. 21, 2017, last season, the Lady Toppers and Golden Eagles battled to a 0-0 draw after 110 minutes in Hattiesburg, Miss.
Soccer Box Score (Final)
2018 WKU Soccer
WKU vs Vanderbilt (Sep 06, 2018 at Nashville, Tenn.)

WKU (2-3-2) vs. Vanderbilt (6-1)
Date: Sep 06, 2018 • Attendance: 330
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1 | WITT, Bailee | 90:00 | 2 | 8 |

# Goalkeepers | Min | GA | Saves
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01 | Demarchi, Lauren | 45:00 | 0 | 2 |
00 | Tolleson, Taiana | 45:00 | 0 | 0 |

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WKU | 3 | 0 | 3
Vanderbilt | 10 | 8 | 18

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WKU | 0 | 0 | 0
Vanderbilt | 5 | 6 | 11

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Scoring summary:

Cautions and ejections:

Win-Demarchi, Lauren (5-0). Loss-WITT, Bailee (2-3-2).
Stadium: VU Soccer Complex
Officials: Referee: Chris Heintzman; Asst. Referee: Matt Drew; Roger Street;
Alt. Official: Ronnie Cowan;
Offsides: WKU 1, Vanderbilt 1.

Official's signature
WKU Starters:
G  1  WITT, Bailee
D  3  MAYO, Victoria
D  4  SCHMIDT, Lyric
F  5  BACKES, Chandler
D  9  MORRIS, Megan
M 10  GORHAM, Sarah
D 12  JACOBSEN, Avery
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M 33  ROSELAND, Nicole

Vanderbilt Starters:
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D 13  Dorsey, Nia
D 14  Welch, Jackie
D 15  Elwell, Madison
F 17  Hopkins, Haley
D 22  Shamburger, Ella

00:00  WITT, Bailee at goalie for WKU.
00:00  Demarchi, Lauren at goalie for Vanderbilt.
00:00  Start of 1st period [00:00].
01:15  Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler WIDE.
03:30  Shot by VANDY Elwell, Madison, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
      Foul on WKU.
      Foul on Vanderbilt.
11:30  Shot by WKU MORRIS, Megan, SAVE Demarchi, Lauren.
12:00  Header Shot by VANDY Boyd, Kaylann [13:30].
13:30  Corner kick by VANDY Boyd, Kaylann [13:30].
13:50  Shot by VANDY Elwell, Madison, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
14:10  Corner kick by VANDY Elwell, Madison [14:10].
14:23  GOAL by VANDY Welch, Jackie (FIRST GOAL), Assist by Elwell, Madison, goal number 1 for season.

WKU 0, VANDERBILT 1

*off the corner deflected to her and in left side
17:02  Shot by VANDY Welch, Jackie, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
17:25  Shot by VANDY Hopkins, Haley, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
22:30  VANDY substitution: King, Karissa for Eberts, Hannon.
22:30  VANDY substitution: Ellis, Paola for Welch, Jackie.
26:15  Corner kick by VANDY Elwell, Madison [26:15].
      Foul on WKU.
27:15  Shot by VANDY Elwell, Madison, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
28:10  Corner kick by VANDY Elwell, Madison [28:10].
28:40  Corner kick by VANDY Boyd, Kaylann [28:40].
28:55  Shot by VANDY Harriott, Madiya WIDE.
31:00  VANDY substitution: Simmons, Olivia for Boyd, Kaylann.
      Foul on WKU.
33:00  Shot by VANDY Hopkins, Haley HIGH.
      Foul on Vanderbilt.
37:44  Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah, SAVE Demarchi, Lauren.
38:36  Shot by VANDY Hopkins, Haley, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
39:26  VANDY substitution: Konte, Myra for Elwell, Madison.
39:26  VANDY substitution: Cutshall, Peyton for Jackson, Grace.
39:26  VANDY substitution: Rossett, Rebecca for Hopkins, Haley.
39:26  WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
      Foul on Vanderbilt.
45:00  End of period [45:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
WKU vs Vanderbilt (Sep 06, 2018 at Nashville, Tenn.)

45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 For WKU: #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #4 SCHMIDT, Lyric, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #5 BACKES, Chandler, #1 WITT, Bailee, #3 MAYO, Victoria.
45:00 For VANDY: #00 Tolleson,Taiana, #9 Boyd,Kaylann, #13 Dorsey,Nia, #5 Konte,Myra, #22 Shamburger,Ella, #8 Simmons,Olivia, #26 Cutshall,Peyton, #3 Harriott,Madiya, #20 Rossett,Rebecca, #31 King,Karissa, #10 Saltmarsh,Caroline.
45:00 Tolleson,Taiana at goalie for Vanderbilt.
Foul on WKU.
49:08 Offside against WKU.
50:07 Shot by VANDY Saltmarsh,Caroline WIDE.
53:40 Corner kick by VANDY Rossett,Rebecca [53:40].
53:21 Header Shot by VANDY Boyd,Kaylann HIGH.
54:01 Corner kick by VANDY Rossett,Rebecca [54:01].
54:21 Offside against Vanderbilt.
56:24 VANDY substitution: Elwell,Madison for Konte,Myra.
57:39 VANDY substitution: Boyle,Mairin for Rossett,Rebecca.
59:30 Shot by VANDY Boyd,Kaylann WIDE.
59:30 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
59:30 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for ROSELAND, Nicole.
59:30 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MAYO, Victoria.
59:30 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for MORRIS, Megan.
Foul on Vanderbilt.
61:35 Corner kick by VANDY Elwell,Madison [61:35].
62:58 VANDY substitution: Welch,Jackie for Simmons,Olivia.
Foul on WKU.
68:14 Header Shot by VANDY Hopkins,Haley WIDE.
68:20 WKU substitution: MORRIS, Megan for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
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73:25 Corner kick by VANDY Elwell,Madison [73:25].
74:00 VANDY substitution: Konte,Myra for King,Karissa.
75:54 GOAL by VANDY Elwell,Madison, goal number 3 for season.

WKU 0, VANDERBILT 2

*beat some defenders and kicked it over goalie
74:55 VANDY substitution: Jackson,Grace for Saltmarsh,Caroline.
78:10 VANDY substitution: Ellis,Paola for Hopkins,Haley.
78:10 VANDY substitution: Eberts,Hannon for Dorsey,Nia.
80:56 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for BACKES, Chandler.
80:56 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for BARNETT, Ambere.
83:52 VANDY substitution: Simmons,Olivia for Welch,Jackie.
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83:11 Corner kick by VANDY Elwell,Madison [83:11].
84:26 Shot by VANDY Ellis,Paola, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
Foul on Vanderbilt.
83:48 Shot by VANDY Ellis,Paola BLOCKED.
86:22 VANDY substitution: Allen,Madi for Jackson,Grace.
86:45 Shot by VANDY Simmons,Olivia, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
87:20  Corner kick by VANDY Elwell,Madison [87:20].
90:00  End of period [90:00].

**WKU 0, VANDERBILT 2**
LADY TOPPERS OPEN C-USA PLAY AT SOUTHERN MISS SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Southern Miss Live Stream: conferenceusa.com/watch/default.aspx?Live=4938
Southern Miss Live Stats: southernmiss.com/sidearmstats/wsoc/summary

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU is set to kick off Conference USA play on Sunday afternoon as the Lady Toppers travel to Hattiesburg, Miss., for a tilt against Southern Miss to begin Year 5 as a member of the league.

The Lady Toppers (2-3-2) are looking to bounce back after dropping a 2-0 decision to Vanderbilt in the first of five consecutive matches on the road. Bailee Witt made a career-high eight saves on the night, continuing a streak of impressive performances for the freshman goalkeeper.

Freshman midfielder Ambere Barnett and freshman forward Olivia Stanley lead the Lady Toppers on the attack, scoring three goals each at the halfway point of the regular season. Junior forward Chandler Backes has also put pressure on opposing goalkeepers, attempting eighteen shots and eight shots on goal in seven matches played. Redshirt senior midfielder Sarah Gorham has been a consistent presence on the pitch, playing a team-high 648 minutes this season, assisting on two goals and scoring once.

As a team, WKU has combined to score fifteen goals in 2018 and has attempted an average of 17 shots per game. On defense, the Lady Toppers have allowed just ten goals on 75 shots, with only 36 shots on target.

Witt has held WKU's opponents to either zero or one goal in five of the seven matches played this season. The Plainfield, Ill., native has 26 saves and sports a 1.40 goals against average in just under 645 minutes of action between the posts.

Southern Miss (6-1) enters Sunday's match on a six-match winning streak, with their last defeat coming nearly one month ago against Mississippi State, in which the Golden Eagles were shut out, 3-0. In their most recent match on Sept. 13, Southern Miss secured a 6-1 victory on the road at Jackson State, as freshman midfielder Olivia Durham led the Golden Eagles with two goals on the day, with four other Golden Eagles tallying one goal apiece. Sophomore midfielder Miah Zuazua leads the Golden Eagles with seven goals and 18 points on the season.

In goal, sophomore Kendall Mindnich has played well over 340 minutes for Southern Miss, collecting 13 saves across five matches played. The Golden Eagles have registered five shutout victories this season.

A win would continue WKU's unbeaten run against Southern Miss, as the Lady Toppers have not lost to the Golden Eagles since WKU joined Conference USA in 2014. Most recently, WKU traveled to Hattiesburg for a match last season, playing to a 0-0 draw after 110 minutes. Since joining the conference, WKU owns a 3-1 record in C-USA openers.

Following Sunday's match, the Lady Toppers will be off until the following Sunday, Sept. 23, when the team travels to Ruston, La., to take on the Lady Techsters of Louisiana Tech. WKU will then play two more matches on the road before returning to the WKU Soccer Complex on Friday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. as the Lady Toppers host FIU in their C-USA home opener.
HATTIESBURG, Miss. – In its 2018 C-USA opener on Sunday afternoon, WKU fell 1-0 on a Southern Miss golden goal in overtime at the USM Soccer Complex.

WKU (2-4-2) outshot Southern Miss 11-10 and held the Golden Eagles to just a pair of shots on goal on the afternoon, but could not find the back of the net despite several chances throughout the match.

Chandler Backes led the way offensively for the Lady Toppers with three shots, including one on goal late in regulation that nearly became the match-winner. In goal, Bailee Witt played the full 96 minutes and made a key save early in the second half to keep the scoreline even at the time.

The win was the seventh in a row for Southern Miss (7-1), which has not dropped a match since its season opener against Mississippi State on Aug. 16. Stephanie Garcia had a match-high five shots for the Golden Eagles, while Miah Zuazua tallied the golden goal in overtime to secure the win. Kendell Mindnich played the full match in goal, making four saves to earn the clean sheet.

In the opening 10 minutes of the match, WKU weathered a pair of Southern Miss corner kicks, clearing out both of the set piece opportunities as a shot off the second sailed well wide of the goal. The Lady Toppers answered back with a shot of their own from Backes in the 10th minute, but the junior’s chance was also wide as the two teams remained deadlocked early.

Ten minutes later, Southern Miss nearly jumped in front off a header from Zuazua inside the box. Set up by a free kick, she got her head on the ball and sent it toward goal; the chance went just over the crossbar, however, as Witt covered the top of the goal to stonewall the Golden Eagles’ leading scorer.

Nicole Roseland had a pair of corner kicks in the final 12 minutes of action in the first half, including one in the closing seconds, but the Lady Toppers were unable to generate a shot off the corners as the two teams headed into the locker room without a goal.

Both teams traded chances in the opening minutes of the second half, with Roseland’s rocket from outside the box highlighting WKU’s attack. The senior pulled back from 25 yards and fired toward goal, forcing Mindnich to dive to her left and parry the ball out for a corner kick. Two minutes later, Garcia had a chance for the Golden Eagles, but Witt was there for her first save of the afternoon.

Both Lyric Schmidt and Backes put shots on goal in the closing minutes of regulation. Schmidt’s try came from distance after Southern Miss failed to clear out a corner in the 79th minute; the defender got power behind the shot but was too far out to threaten the Southern Miss goalkeeper who managed to snag the ball in midair. With just over three minutes left, Backes nearly found the winner from close range but again was denied by Mindnich.

Zuazua gave Southern Miss the victory in the first overtime period, set up by a long shot from the right sideline. Hannah Abrams played the ball in and Zuazua slid to make contact with the ball inside the box, changing the trajectory just enough to find the back of the net for the golden goal.

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Soccer Box Score (Final)  
2018 WKU Soccer  
WKU vs Southern Miss (Sep 16, 2018 at Unknown)

WKU2-4-2 (0-1, C-USA) vs.  
Southern Miss7-1 (1-0, C-USA)  
Date: Sep 16, 2018 • Attendance: 153  
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Alt. Official: Scott Hannah; Timekeeper: David Cohen; Scorer: Anna Grissett;
Offsides: WKU 3, Southern Miss 3.

Official's signature
Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
WKU vs Southern Miss (Sep 16, 2018 at Unknown)

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13:04 Shot by USM GARCIA, Stephanie HIGH. Foul on Southern Miss.
15:36 Offside against WKU. Foul on WKU.
19:51 Shot by USM ZUAZUA, Miah HIGH.
Foul on Southern Miss.
22:13 USM substitution: MALDONALDO, Monica for CARACHEO, Jenny.
25:00 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for MAYO, Victoria.
26:15 Offside against Southern Miss.
26:51 Shot by USM GARCIA, Stephanie WIDE.
27:18 Corner kick by USM MALDONALDO, Monica [27:18].
27:31 Shot by USM RAMOS, JoAnnie HIGH.
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33:08 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
33:08 USM substitution: SHEPHERD, Jessica for DURHAM, Olivia.
34:13 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [34:13].
37:06 USM substitution: ROBERTSON, Morgan for ABRAMS, Hannah.
Foul on Southern Miss.
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42:58 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for STANLEY, Olivia.
42:58 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MOORE, Chelsea.
44:49 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [44:49].
45:00 End of period [45:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
WKU vs Southern Miss (Sep 16, 2018 at Unknown)

45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #3 MAYO, Victoria, #4 SCHMIDT, Lyric, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #21 MOORE, Chelsea, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole.
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45:38 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole, SAVE MINDNICH, KENDELL.
46:08 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [46:08].
48:04 Shot by USM GARCIA, Stephanie, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
48:29 Shot by USM GARCIA, Stephanie BLOCKED.
48:43 Offside against Southern Miss.
53:01 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere WIDE.
54:47 USM substitution: CARACHEO, Jenny for MALDONALDO, Monica.
56:37 Header Shot by USM GARCIA, Stephanie HIGH.
56:45 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
57:35 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MOORE, Chelsea.
57:35 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for MAYO, Victoria.
59:51 USM substitution: SANTIAGO, Elishah for GARCIA, Stephanie.
63:37 Offside against Southern Miss.
64:37 Shot by USM ABRAMS, Hannah BLOCKED.
65:02 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for BARNETT, Ambere.
65:25 Shot by WKU MAYO, Victoria WIDE.
65:46 USM substitution: ROBERTSON, Morgan for ZUAZUA, Miah.
67:12 Offside against WKU.
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70:39 USM substitution: ZUAZUA, Miah for ROBERTSON, Morgan.
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71:58 USM substitution: ABRAMS, Hannah for SANTIAGO, Elishah.
Foul on Southern Miss.
74:46 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for JACOBSEN, Avery.
74:46 USM substitution: SHEPHERD, Jessica for RAMOS, JoAnnie.
Foul on Southern Miss.
77:23 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere BLOCKED.
77:32 Shot by WKU MULZER, Kerragan WIDE.
77:59 Corner kick by WKU LEONARD, Ashley [77:59].
78:13 Shot by WKU SCHMIDT, Lyric, SAVE MINDNICH, KENDELL.
Foul on Southern Miss.
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85:24 WKU substitution: JACOBSEN, Avery for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
86:31 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler, SAVE MINDNICH, KENDELL.
Foul on Southern Miss.
Foul on WKU.
90:00 End of period [90:00].
90:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #3 MAYO, Victoria, #4 SCHMIDT, Lyric, #5 BACKES, Chandler, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole.
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Play-by-Play Summary (OT period)
WKU vs Southern Miss (Sep 16, 2018 at Unknown)

95:00  Start of OT period [95:00].
96:13  GOAL by USM ZUAZUA, Miah (FIRST GOAL), Assist by ABRAMS, Hannah.

**WKU 0, SOUTHERN MISS 1**

*Game winning goal in front of WKU bench

**WKU 0, SOUTHERN MISS 1**
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / September 22, 2018
Women’s Soccer / Contact: Currie McFayden, Associate Director of Athletic Communications/Media
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LADY TOPPERS CONTINUE LONG ROAD SWING AT LOUISIANA TECH SUNDAY
LA Tech Live Stats: latechsports.com/sidearmstats/wsoc/summary

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU will continue its month-long trek away from home on Sunday afternoon at
1 p.m. as the Lady Toppers head south to battle Louisiana Tech in their second C-USA clash of the
season.

The Lady Toppers (2-4-2, 0-1-0 C-USA) are coming off a 1-0 overtime setback at Southern Miss last
Sunday afternoon in their second of five straight matches on the road. WKU had good chances
throughout the match but was unable to capitalize as the Golden Eagles fired the golden goal just six
minutes into the first frame of extra time.

Freshmen Ambere Barnett and Olivia Stanley lead the Lady Toppers on the attack, scoring three goals
each just past the halfway point of the regular season. Junior Chandler Backes has also put pressure on
opposing goalkeepers, attempting 21 shots and nine shots on goal in eight matches played. Redshirt
senior midfielder Sarah Gorham has been a consistent presence on the pitch, playing a team-high 744
minutes this season, assisting on two goals and scoring once.

As a team, WKU has combined to score 15 goals in 2018 and has attempted an average of 16.3 shots per
game. On defense, the Lady Toppers have allowed just 11 goals on 85 shots, with only 38 shots on
target.

Bailee Witt has held WKU's opponents to either zero or one goal in six of the eight matches played this
season. The Plainfield, Ill., native has 27 saves and sports a 1.34 goals against average in just over 741
minutes of action between the posts.

Louisiana Tech (8-3, 1-1 C-USA) enters Sunday's match coming off a 3-2 overtime victory over Old
Dominion on Friday evening. Despite a second-half rally by the Monarchs, Jaelyn Peeples netted the
match-winner for the Lady Techsters just under three minutes into extra time to come away with the
victory. Kaylee Zettler (six) and Mylene Roy-Ouellet (five) have combined to score 11 of Louisiana Tech’s
24 goals this season; Roy-Ouellet also leads the team with 15 total points. Peeples and Roy-Ouellet both
hold the team lead with five assists through 11 matches.

In goal, the Lady Techsters have three different goalkeepers who have played at least 180 minutes this
season, led by Carlotta Cartelli’s 514 minutes of action. Cartelli has surrendered only two goals with 17
saves, good for a 0.35 goals against average. Against Old Dominion, Courtney Tompkins drew the start
between the posts and gave up two goals before Cartelli subbed on in the 78th minute and earned the
victory.

Should WKU pick up a win on Sunday afternoon, it would continue a strong run in matches played in the
state of Louisiana throughout program history. The Lady Toppers hold an 8-3-2 record in 13 matches in
the Gulf Coast state, with all but three of those tilts coming against former Sun Belt rivals Louisiana and
Louisiana-Monroe. A win would also give WKU its first on the road against the Lady Techsters in school
history.

Following Sunday's match, the Lady Toppers will be off the pitch until Friday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m. when
WKU makes the trip to Charlotte. WKU will then play one more match on the road (at Old Dominion on
Sept. 30) before returning to the WKU Soccer Complex on Friday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. as the Lady Toppers
host FIU in their C-USA home opener.
WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / September 23, 2018
Women’s Soccer / Contact: Currie McFayden, Associate Director of Athletic Communications/Media Relations

LADY TOPPERS FALL 2-1 ON THE ROAD AT LOUISIANA TECH
PDF Box Score Attached

RUSTON, La. – In its third match of a grueling five-match road trip, WKU fell 2-1 on the road at Louisiana Tech on Sunday afternoon.

WKU (2-5-2, 0-2-0 C-USA) put six of its 10 shots on goal and continued its recent run of strong defensive outings, allowing the fourth-fewest goals the Lady Techsters have scored in a match this season. Senior Nicole Roseland netted the lone goal for the Lady Toppers, her second of the year, while Sarah Gorham also led the Lady Toppers with three shots in the match.

The win marks the second consecutive victory and their eighth in their last 10 matches for the Lady Techsters and moves them to 9-3 on the season and 2-1 in C-USA play.

Louisiana Tech put consistent pressure on the Lady Topper defense through the opening half, as the Lady Techsters recorded six shots in the period. Mylene Roy-Ouellet had two shots in just seven minutes played, one of which was saved by Bailee Witt and the other sailed above the crossbar.

The Lady Toppers and Lady Techsters traded blows for much of the first half, as both teams were active on offense throughout the opening 45 minutes. WKU attempted three shots in the period and had two corners, while Louisiana Tech had six shots and just one corner.

WKU started off the match strong, as both Megan Morris and Gorham recorded shots just nine minutes into the contest. Lyric Schmidt had a shot on goal with just two minutes left in the half, which sailed just left of the goal.

The second half proved to be exciting on both ends of the field, as the teams combined for 15 shots, five corners and three goals over the final 45 minutes.

Louisiana Tech scored the match’s opening goal in the 61st minute, as Jaelyn Peeples scored from 30 yards out for her second goal of the season.

After just over 20 minutes of the Lady Techsters holding a 1-0 lead, Nicole Roseland scored her second of the season on an unassisted shot from inside the 18-yard box that rattled off the post and rolled past the keeper.

However, Louisiana Tech would break the tie just four minutes later, as Amber Posthauer would score with just two minutes remaining in the contest. Posthauer was assisted on that goal by Nomvula Kgoale and Roy-Ouellet.

The Lady Toppers will be off until Friday, Sept. 28, when the team travels to Charlotte, N.C., to take on Charlotte. WKU will then play the final match of its road trip on Sunday, Sept. 30, in Norfolk, Va., against the Monarchs of Old Dominion before returning to the WKU Soccer Complex on Friday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. to host FIU.
Soccer Box Score (Final)
2018 WKU Soccer
WKU vs Louisiana Tech (Sep 23, 2018 at Ruston, La.)

WKU (2-5-2, 0-2-0 C-USA) vs.
Louisiana Tech (9-3-0, 2-1-0 C-USA)
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Cautions and ejections:
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Officials: Referee: Adrian Gonzalez; Asst. Referee: Tim Chiasson; Logan Reeves;
Alt. Official: Jose Cordova; Timekeeper: Joey Torres; Scorer: Kane McGuire;
Offsides: WKU 4, Louisiana Tech 0.

Official's signature
WKU vs Louisiana Tech (Sep 23, 2018 at Ruston, La.)

**Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)**

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45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
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45:00 For TECH: #4 KGOALE, Nomvula, #13 PEEPSLES, Jaelyn, #20 AUGUSTYN, Alexandra, #10 WINSTONE, Sylvannah, #22 ZETTLER, Kaylee, #18 LI, Stella, #34 BANKS, Hanna, #15 ROY-OUELLET, Mylene, #2 JOHNSON, Makenna, #23 LEBLANC, Alexandra, #1 CARTELLI, Carlotta.
Foul on Louisiana Tech.
Foul on WKU.
52:26 Offside against WKU.
53:07 Shot by TECH KGOALE, Nomvula BLOCKED.
53:17 TECH substitution: PARENT, Gabrielle for WINSTONE, Sylvannah.
Foul on WKU.
56:53 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah WIDE RIGHT.
Foul on Louisiana Tech.
Foul on WKU.
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60:33 Corner kick by TECH LEBLANC, Alexandra [60:33].
60:50 GOAL by TECH PEEPSLES, Jaelyn (FIRST GOAL), Assist by LI, Stella, goal number 2 for season.

WKU 0, LOUISIANA TECH 1

*played back after corner kick, shot from 30 yards
60:50 TECH substitution: MCDOUGAL, Maycie for PARENT, Gabrielle.
60:50 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
60:50 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for MAYO, Victoria.
63:32 Shot by WKU JACOBSEN, Avery, SAVE CARTELLI, Carlotta.
Foul on Louisiana Tech.
65:55 Header Shot by TECH LI, Stella, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
67:27 Shot by TECH LI, Stella WIDE LEFT.
68:23 Shot by TECH MCDOUGAL, Maycie, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
Foul on Louisiana Tech.
69:49 Shot by WKU JACOBSEN, Avery, SAVE CARTELLI, Carlotta.
70:22 WKU substitution: MAYO, Victoria for MORRIS, Megan.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on Louisiana Tech.
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75:10 Shot by TECH ROY-OUELLET, Mylene, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
Foul on WKU.
76:33 WKU substitution: MORRIS, Megan for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
76:33 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for BRAGADO, Christina.
Foul on WKU.
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79:41 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [79:41].
80:10 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [80:10].
80:27 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [80:27].
81:15 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE CARTELLI, Carlotta.
82:43 Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea, SAVE CARTELLI, Carlotta.
82:50 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [82:50].
83:21 GOAL by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole, goal number 2 for season.

WKU 1, LOUISIANA TECH 1
*Shot inside 18, deflected and inside far post
83:41 TECH substitution: POSTHAUER, Amber for ZETTLER, Kaylee.
84:30 TECH substitution: SMITH, Sophia for LI, Stella.
84:30 WKU substitution: BRAGADO, Christina for STANLEY, Olivia.
Foul on WKU.
86:11 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah HIGH.
87:27 Shot by TECH KGOALE, Nomvula, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
87:50 GOAL by TECH POSTHAUER, Amber, Assist by KGOALE, Nomvula and ROY-OUELLET, Mylene, goal number 3 for season.

**WKU 1, LOUISIANA TECH 2**

*Chipped over keeper
87:50 TECH substitution: ZETTLER, Kaylee for AUGUSTYN, Alexandra.
87:50 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BRAGADO, Christina.
Foul on Louisiana Tech.
90:00 End of period [90:00].

**WKU 1, LOUISIANA TECH 2**
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WKU WRAPS UP PROGRAM-RECORD ROAD SWING AT CHARLOTTE, OLD DOMINION THIS WEEKEND

Charlotte Live Stream: conferenceusa.com/watch/?Live=4841
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Old Dominion Live Stream: conferenceusa.com/watch/default.aspx?Live=4822
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BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – After being on the road for nearly the entirety of the month of September, WKU Soccer will end its five-match road trip this weekend with visits to C-USA foes Charlotte on Friday evening at 6 p.m. and Old Dominion on Sunday afternoon at Noon.

WKU’s five consecutive true road matches are the longest such streak in program history, with the road stretch beginning on Sept. 6 at Vanderbilt and also including C-USA tilts at Southern Miss and Louisiana Tech.

The Lady Toppers (2-5-2, 0-2 C-USA) enter Friday’s match at Charlotte seeking their first victory in C-USA play. WKU tallied its first goal of the C-USA season in its last outing at Louisiana Tech, as Nicole Roseland fired past the keeper in the 84th minute. Despite the late equalizer, the Lady Techsters were able to find the match-winner just over four minutes later as the Lady Toppers fell, 2-1.

Ambere Barnett and Olivia Stanley lead the Lady Toppers with three goals apiece, and both Roseland and Tally Bishop have netted a pair of goals as well. Barnett and Chandler Backes are tied atop the team’s leaderboard with 21 shots each, with Backes holding a narrow one-shot lead with nine attempts on goal through nine matches.

In goal, Bailee Witt has played all but 17 minutes since Anne-Marie Ulliac’s early injury in the season opener, posting a 1.41 goals against average with 33 saves across 831 minutes of action along the way.

Charlotte (6-3, 2-0 C-USA) has gotten off to a hot start in C-USA play, outscoring FIU and Old Dominion by a combined score of 8-1 over its first two matches. Going back to non-conference play, the 49ers have won four of their five most recent matches.

Megan Greene leads Charlotte with six goals and 14 points on the 2018 campaign, while also posting team-high marks in shots (35) and shots on goal (21). Jamie Fankhauser (3), Julia Grainda (2) and Sophie Sipprell (2) have all also found the back of the net multiple times for Charlotte, and Riley Orr leads the squad with three assists.

In goal, Abby Stapleton has played all 820 minutes for the 49ers, posting five shutouts and 35 saves while surrendering only 10 goals, good for a goals against average of 1.10 through nine matches.

Friday’s meeting will be WKU’s first against the 49ers since the 2016 C-USA Quarterfinals hosted by Charlotte. In that matchup, Sarah Gorham found the late equalizer for the Lady Toppers to send the match to extra time, but Charlotte ultimately advanced in a penalty kick shootout after the 1-1 draw.

Old Dominion (3-5-2, 0-2 C-USA) began the season with a 2-0-1 record in its first three tilts but has posted just a 1-5-1 record since Aug. 26, including defeats in five of its last six outings.

Morgan Hall and Kira Laurento lead the Monarchs with three goals apiece on the year, and Natalie Johnson has tallied six assists en route to leading the squad with eight points.

Erin Davidson and Jasmine Crawley have split time in goal for Old Dominion, with Davidson drawing 719 minutes of action and Crawley filling in for the remaining 234 minutes. The two have combined for three shutouts, 26 saves and a goals against average of 1.23 in 2018.

WKU will be seeking its first-ever win over the Monarchs after falling in the first three meetings in the series. Most recently, the Lady Toppers dropped a 1-0 decision in double overtime in Norfolk on Sept. 15, 2017, last season.

Following this weekend’s bouts, WKU will finally return home to the WKU Soccer Complex next weekend for a pair of battles against FIU (6 p.m. on Oct. 5) and UTEP (1 p.m. on Oct. 7). The Lady Toppers own a six-match unbeaten streak (4-0-2) at home stretching back to last season and have posted a win (Kentucky Christian) and two ties (Miami and Lipscomb) thus far this season.
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WKU DEALT 2-1 SETBACK AT CHARLOTTE FRIDAY EVENING
PDF Box Score Attached

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Senior Megan Morris scored her first goal of the season in the ninth minute, but a pair of early goals from Charlotte were the difference as WKU fell, 2-1, at Transamerica Field on Friday night in C-USA action.

WKU (2-6-2, 0-3 C-USA) entered the night playing its fourth match of a five-match road swing, the longest stretch in program history. Chandler Backes and Morris each recorded a shot on goal for the Lady Toppers, and Morris’ early goal was also the fourth of her career and first since scoring against Evansville on Sept. 3, 2017.

Bailee Witt turned in another strong performance in goal, making seven saves to stymie the powerful attack of the 49ers (7-3, 3-0 C-USA). The Plainfield, Ill., native now has five or more saves in four of her last six matches dating back to WKU’s Aug. 31 match against Lipscomb.

Annie Sorando and Sophie Sipprell scored Charlotte’s goals in the third and eighth minutes, respectively, and Megan Greene added two assists on the night. Sipprell and Julia Grainda led all players with five shots apiece, and Abby Stapleton played the full 90 minutes between the posts for the 49ers, making one first-half save to earn the clean sheet.

Witt was pressed into action early for the Lady Toppers, making her first stop of the night on a rebounded attempt before the 49ers jumped in front on a goal at the 2:43 mark. Sorando fired past Witt after an assist from Greene to give Charlotte the early 1-0 advantage.

The 49ers doubled their lead just under five minutes later on a strike by Sipprell, but the Lady Toppers answered back almost immediately off the foot of Morris. Nicole Roseland served up a corner kick for WKU which Charlotte attempted to clear out; however, Morris gained control of the ball at the top of the 18-yard box and fired past Stapleton and into the right corner to cut the deficit to 2-1 with 8:26 on the clock.

Three saves in a nine-minute span from Witt midway through the half prevented the 49ers from adding to the lead, while Backes gave WKU its best chance of the half in the 25th minute, narrowly missing the equalizer as the Charlotte goalkeeper came away with the save, helping to send both sides into the locker room with the Lady Toppers trailing by one goal.

Throughout the second half, Witt shined for the Lady Toppers, making three saves in the frame to keep WKU within striking distance, including a stop against Greene, Charlotte’s leading scorer, with just under 15 minutes remaining.

Charlotte’s defense clamped down on WKU over the final 45 minutes, holding the Lady Toppers without a shot despite good attacking opportunities. With just over 25 minutes left, WKU was whistled offside on back-to-back possessions to end threatening attacks, and the Lady Toppers were unable to find the equalizer over the closing minutes of the match.

WKU will close out its long road trip on Sunday afternoon at Noon (CT) as the Lady Toppers battle Old Dominion in Norfolk, Va. Following this weekend’s bouts, WKU will finally return home to the WKU Soccer Complex next weekend for a pair of battles against FIU (6 p.m. on Oct. 5) and UTEP (1 p.m. on Oct. 7). The Lady Toppers own a six-match unbeaten streak (4-0-2) at home stretching back to last season and have posted a win (Kentucky Christian) and two ties (Miami and Lipscomb) thus far this season.
**Soccer Box Score (Final)**

**2018 WKU Soccer**

**WKU vs Charlotte (Sep 28, 2018 at Charlotte, N.C.)**

WKU (2-6-2, 0-3 C-USA) vs. Charlotte (7-3, 3-0 C-USA)

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**Cautions and ejections:**

YC-CHA #14 (63:32); YC-WKU #23 (67:42); YC-CHA #18 (73:45)

Win-STAPLETON, Abby (7-3). Loss-WITT, Bailee (2-6-2).

Stadium: Transamerica Field


Offsides: WKU 3, Charlotte 5.

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Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
WKU vs Charlotte (Sep 28, 2018 at Charlotte, N.C.)

WKU Starters:
GK  1  WITT, Bailee
F   3  MAYO, Victoria
D   4  SCHMIDT, Lyric
F   5  BACKES, Chandler
F   9  MORRIS, Megan
M  10  GORHAM, Sarah
D  12  JACOBSEN, Avery
D  14  BRYANT, Kaylyn
M  15  BARNETT, Ambere
D  17  BRAGADO, Christina
M  33  ROSELAND, Nicole

Charlotte Starters:
GK  1  STAPLETON, Abby
M   4  CLOWER, Amelia
F   7  GREENE, Megan
M   9  GEISELHART, Sandra
D  14  ORR, Riley
F  18  GRAINDA, Julia
D  20  TAYLOR, Abby
M  22  SIPPRELL, Sophie
D  23  HONEYCUTT, Julia
M  24  SORANDO, Annie
D  27  HAMBY, Meredith

00:00  WITT, Bailee at goalie for WKU.
00:00  STAPLETON, Abby at goalie for Charlotte.
01:19  Corner kick by CHA SIPPRELL, Sophie [01:19].
01:45  Shot by CHA SORANDO, Annie BLOCKED.
01:51  Shot by CHA SIPPRELL, Sophie, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
02:43  GOAL by CHA SORANDO, Annie (FIRST GOAL), Assist by GREENE, Megan and SORANDO, Annie, goal number 1 for season.

WKU 0, CHARLOTTE 1

*Short pass from left side to 7, turn to 24 for shot from 10 yards
04:17  Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole BLOCKED.
04:33  Shot by WKU MAYO, Victoria WIDE.
05:38  Offside against WKU.
06:45  Shot by CHA SIPPRELL, Sophie BLOCKED.
07:24  GOAL by CHA SIPPRELL, Sophie, Assist by GEISELHART, Sandra and GREENE, Megan, goal number 3 for season.

WKU 0, CHARLOTTE 2

*Cross from right side to 7, short pass between defenders to 22
08:19  Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [08:19].
08:26  GOAL by WKU MORRIS, Megan, goal number 1 for season.

WKU 1, CHARLOTTE 2

*Strike from top of 18 on right corner after clear attempt following CK
10:44  Foul on Charlotte.
11:15  Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere WIDE.
11:43  Foul on WKU.
11:50  Foul on WKU.
12:16  Shot by CHA GRAINDA, Julia BLOCKED.
15:14  Offside against Charlotte.
17:45  Shot by CHA GRAINDA, Julia WIDE.
18:56  Shot by CHA GRAINDA, Julia HIT POST.
19:20  Shot by CHA SORANDO, Annie, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
22:47  Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [22:47].
24:12  Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler, SAVE STAPLETON, Abby.
25:09  Shot by CHA GRAINDA, Julia, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
27:33  Foul on WKU.
28:10  Shot by CHA GREENE, Megan, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
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28:58 Shot by CHA GRAINDA, Julia WIDE.
29:02 CHA substitution: ARTETA, Michaella for SORANDO, Annie.
29:02 CHA substitution: DOUGLAS, Brynn for TAYLOR, Abby.
31:25 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
33:53 Foul on Charlotte.
34:27 CHA substitution: FANKHAUSER, Jamie for CLOWER, Amelia.
36:11 Offside against Charlotte.
36:40 CHA substitution: MANSER, Mary for GRAINDA, Julia.
36:40 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for MORRIS, Megan.
38:12 Foul on WKU.
39:20 Foul on Charlotte.
40:39 CHA substitution: HICKSON, Kate for HONEYCUTT, Julia.
45:00 End of period [45:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
WKU vs Charlotte (Sep 28, 2018 at Charlotte, N.C.)

45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 For CHA: #1 STAPLETON, Abby, #11 HICKSON, Kate, #29 DOUGLAS, Brynn, #27 HAMBY, Meredith, #14 ORR, Riley, #17 CLARK, Jazzin, #22 SIPPRELL, Sophie, #7 GREENE, Megan, #9 GEISELHART, Sandra, #2 FANKHAUSER, Jamie, #25 MANSER, Mary.
45:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #7 LEONARD, Ashley, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #5 BACKES, Chandler, #4 SCHMIDT, Lyric, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #17 BRAGADO, Christina.
47:45 Shot by CHA CLARK, Jazzin BLOCKED.
48:57 Corner kick by CHA ORR, Riley [48:57].
49:51 Foul on Charlotte.
51:38 Foul on Charlotte.
52:57 Foul on WKU.
54:12 Shot by CHA CLARK, Jazzin, SAVE TEAM.
54:20 Shot by CHA SIPPRELL, Sophie, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
54:45 Corner kick by CHA SIPPRELL, Sophie [54:45].
55:12 Foul on Charlotte.
56:30 Shot by CHA MANSER, Mary, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
56:38 CHA substitution: SOCHA, Emma for MANSER, Mary.
57:16 Corner kick by CHA GEISELHART, Sandra [57:16].
59:04 Shot by CHA FANKHAUSER, Jamie BLOCKED.
59:08 Shot by CHA CLARK, Jazzin WIDE.
60:28 WKU substitution: MAYO, Victoria for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
60:28 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for LEONARD, Ashley.
60:28 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
63:32 Foul on Charlotte.
63:32 Yellow card on CHA ORR, Riley.
63:38 Offside against WKU.
64:58 Offside against WKU.
65:21 CHA substitution: HONEYCUTT, Julia for ORR, Riley.
65:43 Foul on WKU.
66:27 CHA substitution: GRAINDA, Julia for SOCHA, Emma.
67:42 Foul on WKU.
67:42 Yellow card on WKU STANLEY, Olivia.
67:52 CHA substitution: CLOWER, Amelia for HICKSON, Kate.
67:52 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for BARNETT, Ambere.
70:49 Shot by CHA SIPPRELL, Sophie WIDE.
73:45 Foul on Charlotte.
73:45 Yellow card on CHA GRAINDA, Julia.
73:52 WKU substitution: BARNETT, Ambere for PEKEZ, Isidora.
73:52 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for MORRIS, Megan.
73:52 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MOORE, Chelsea.
73:52 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for STANLEY, Olivia.
73:52 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for BRAGADO, Christina.
74:57 CHA substitution: ORR, Riley for SIPPRELL, Sophie.
75:27 Shot by CHA GREENE, Megan, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
77:00 Header Shot by CHA GREENE, Megan WIDE.
77:42 Shot by CHA CLARK, Jazzin BLOCKED.
78:03 Corner kick by CHA ORR, Riley [78:03].
78:19 Corner kick by CHA ORR, Riley [78:19].
79:43 Offside against Charlotte.
80:16 WKU substitution: MORRIS, Megan for MULZER, Kerragan.
80:16 CHA substitution: SORANDO, Annie for FANKHAUSER, Jamie.
81:02 Foul on Charlotte.
82:00 Offside against Charlotte.
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83:55 Foul on Charlotte.
84:28 CHA substitution: SIPPRELL, Sophie for CLARK, Jazzin.
84:28 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for LEONARD, Ashley.
84:28 Foul on WKU.
85:12 WKU substitution: BRAGADO, Christina for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
85:12 CHA substitution: SHAND, Haley for CLOWER, Amelia.
86:08 Offside against Charlotte.
90:00 End of period [90:00].

WKU 1, CHARLOTTE 2
NFL BOX Score Attached

NORFOLK, Va. – Old Dominion scored three goals in the final 17 minutes of play as WKU fell, 4-0, at the ODU Soccer Complex on Sunday afternoon to end its five-match road trip. Ambere Barnett led the Lady Toppers (2-7-2, 0-4 C-USA) with three shots on the day, putting two of those chances on target, and both Megan Morris and Ashley Leonard had two shots apiece. In goal, Bailee Witt played the full 90 minutes and made three saves, all of which came in the second half of play.

For the Monarchs (4-6-2, 1-3 C-USA), Morgan Hall had a team-best three shots and scored a pair of goals while playing only 51 minutes off the bench; Iris Achterhof also assisted on a pair of the Monarch goals. In goal, Jasmine Crawley played the full match and made four saves to record the clean sheet. WKU’s offense peppered Crawley over the first quarter-hour of the match, with shots from Lyric Schmidt, Barnett and Morris keeping the Monarch defense on its heels. Schmidt and Barnett’s chances went just wide of the net, while Morris, who scored for the Lady Toppers on Friday evening at Charlotte, notched WKU’s first shot on goal of the afternoon at the 16:35 mark.

Old Dominion jumped in front with a 1-0 advantage after Hall’s goal in the 23rd minute. Carla Morich served the ball into the box, and Hall fired past Witt to give the Monarchs the lead midway through the opening half.

Leonard nearly pulled the Lady Toppers level just under 10 minutes later, pressing Crawley into action with a strong shot on goal. In the closing minutes of the half, Leonard also took a pair of corner kicks for WKU, but the Lady Toppers were unable to create chances off either set piece and entered the locker room with a 1-0 deficit.

WKU again came close to equalizing in the 53rd minute off the head of Barnett. The freshman went up for a contested header and directed the shot toward goal, but Crawley again was there for the save to maintain the Monarchs’ advantage.

Witt came up with a pair of big saves a few minutes later to keep the Lady Toppers within striking distance, stonewalling shots from Cristina Bashara and Natalie Johnson for her first two stops of the afternoon.

Over the final 17 minutes of the match, Old Dominion found the back of the net three times to reach the final 4-0 scoreline. Hall, Kyra Ricks and Amanda Nhek each scored for the Monarchs as Achterhof dished out assists on two of the goals.

With its long road trip finally in the books, WKU will finally return home to the WKU Soccer Complex next weekend for a pair of battles against FIU (6 p.m. on Oct. 5) and UTEP (1 p.m. on Oct. 7). The Lady Toppers own a six-match unbeaten streak (4-0-2) at home stretching back to last season and have posted a win (Kentucky Christian) and two ties (Miami and Lipscomb) thus far this season.
**Soccer Box Score (Final)**

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**Officials:**

Referee: Michael Hill; Asst. Referee: Jeff Lord;  
Alt. Official: Aaron Gallagher;  

Stadium: ODU Soccer Complex  

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**Cautions and ejections:**

- YC-WKU #33 (32:33)

Win-CRAWLEY, Jasmine (1-4-0). Loss-WITT, Bailee (2-7-2).

Stadium: ODU Soccer Complex

Officials: Referee: Aaron Gallagher; Asst. Referee: Charles Raney; Michael Hill;  
Alt. Official: Jeff Lord;  

Offsides: WKU 0, Old Dominion 3.

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00:00 WITT, Bailee at goalie for WKU.
00:00 CRAWLEY, Jasmine at goalie for Old Dominion.

**01:42** Shot by ODU GARRICK, Emily WIDE.
Foul on Old Dominion.

**10:06** Shot by ODU GARRICK, Emily BLOCKED.
Foul on Old Dominion.

**14:58** Shot by WKU SCHMIDT, Lyric WIDE.

**16:35** Shot by WKU MORRIS, Megan, SAVE CRAWLEY, Jasmine.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on WKU.

**18:34** Shot by ODU JOHNSON, Natalie WIDE.

**21:07** WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.

**21:07** ODU substitution: BRADLEY, Deirdre for GARRICK, Emily.

**21:07** ODU substitution: HALL, Morgan for VILOV, Blair.

**22:02** GOAL by ODU HALL, Morgan (FIRST GOAL), Assist by MORICH, Carla, goal number 4 for season.

**WKU 0, OLD DOMINION 1**

* Foul on WKU.

**26:08** Shot by ODU LAURENTO, Kira HIGH.

**26:15** WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for MAYO, Victoria.

**26:15** WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for JACOBSEN, Avery.

**28:33** WKU substitution: TACKETT, Brooke for SCHMIDT, Lyric.

**28:33** ODU substitution: ACHTERHOF, Iris for JOHNSON, Natalie.
Foul on WKU.

**28:53** ODU substitution: RICKS, Kyra for BASHARA, Cristina.

**30:20** Shot by WKU LEONARD, Ashley, SAVE CRAWLEY, Jasmine.

**30:41** Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [30:41].

**32:33** Yellow card on WKU ROSELAND, Nicole.
Foul on WKU.

**34:02** Offside against Old Dominion.

**34:40** WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for TACKETT, Brooke.

**35:54** Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia WIDE.
Foul on Old Dominion.

**39:39** Offside against Old Dominion.

**40:37** WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for BARNETT, Ambere.

**40:37** WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for STANLEY, Olivia.

**42:05** Corner kick by WKU LEONARD, Ashley [42:05].
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42:16 Corner kick by WKU LEOARD, Ashley [42:16].
45:00 End of period [45:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
WKU vs Old Dominion (Sep 30, 2018 at Norfolk, Va.)

45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 For ODU: #00 CRAWLEY, Jasmine, #10 ACHTERHOF, Iris, #3 ROBERTS, Emily, #14 KENNETT, Riley, #9 LAURENTO, Kira, #21 HALL, Morgan, #8 MORICH, Carla, #15 GARRICK, Emily, #12 BASHARA, Cristina, #6 TAPPER, Talia, #4 HASTINGS, Lana.
45:00 For WKU: #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #4 SCHMIDT, Lyric, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #7 LEONARD, Ashley, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #21 MOORE, Chelsea, #1 WITT, Bailee.
45:37 Shot by ODU LAURENTO, Kira BLOCKED.
Foul on Old Dominion.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on Old Dominion.

52:00 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE CRAWLEY, Jasmine.
54:18 Shot by ODU TAPPER, Talia HIGH.
54:34 ODU substitution: VILOV, Blair for GARRICK, Emily.
54:34 ODU substitution: JOHNSON, Natalie for ACHTERHOF, Iris.
56:17 Shot by ODU VILOV, Blair HIGH.
56:22 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for MOORE, Chelsea.
56:22 WKU substitution: MAYO, Victoria for LEONARD, Ashley.
57:24 Shot by ODU BASHARA, Cristina, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
57:51 Shot by WKU MORRIS, Megan WIDE.
58:23 Shot by ODU JOHNSON, Natalie, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
Foul on Old Dominion.
59:39 Offside against Old Dominion.
60:24 Shot by WKU PEKEZ, Isidora WIDE.
Foul on Old Dominion.
61:44 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE CRAWLEY, Jasmine.
63:34 ODU substitution: RICKS, Kyra for HALL, Morgan.
63:34 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for BRAGADO, Christina.
63:34 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for PEKEZ, Isidora.
63:58 ODU substitution: BRADLEY, Deirdre for MORICH, Carla.
66:24 ODU substitution: MORNINGSTAR, Madison for KENNETT, Riley.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on Old Dominion.
71:16 ODU substitution: TATE, Raegan for HASTINGS, Lana.
72:29 ODU substitution: ACHTERHOF, Iris for JOHNSON, Natalie.
72:29 ODU substitution: HALL, Morgan for BASHARA, Cristina.
73:39 Corner kick by ODU ACHTERHOF, Iris [73:39].
73:55 GOAL by ODU HALL, Morgan, goal number 5 for season.

WKU 0, OLD DOMINION 2

75:04 ODU substitution: MORICH, Carla for LAURENTO, Kira.
79:27 Shot by ODU ACHTERHOF, Iris WIDE.
79:35 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for MAYO, Victoria.
79:35 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for STANLEY, Olivia.
Foul on WKU.
81:03 Shot by ODU HALL, Morgan, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
81:16 ODU substitution: BENTLEY, Gaby for HALL, Morgan.
81:44 Shot by ODU BENTLEY, Gaby BLOCKED.
82:40 WKU substitution: TACKETT, Brooke for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
84:39 GOAL by ODU RICKS, Kyra, Assist by ACHTERHOF, Iris and NHEK, Amanda, goal number 1 for season.

WKU 0, OLD DOMINION 3
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
WKU vs Old Dominion (Sep 30, 2018 at Norfolk, Va.)

* 85:12 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
85:12 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for ROSELAND, Nicole.
87:28 GOAL by ODU NHEK, Amanda, Assist by ACHTERHOF, Iris, goal number 3 for season.

WKU 0, OLD DOMINION 4

* Foul on Old Dominion.
88:37 Shot by WKU LEONARD, Ashley WIDE.
90:00 End of period [90:00].

WKU 0, OLD DOMINION 4
BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – With its month-long road trip finally in the books, WKU Soccer will return to the friendly confines of the WKU Soccer Complex for a pair of matches this weekend, hosting FIU on Friday evening at 6 p.m. before battling UTEP at 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

The Lady Toppers (2-7-2, 0-4 C-USA) are coming off the longest stretch of true road matches in program history, with five straight matches, including their first four tilts of C-USA play, on the road. Friday’s bout with FIU will be WKU’s first at home since a 9-0 victory over Kentucky Christian on Sept. 3 and will also double as the team’s C-USA home opener for this season.

WKU will look to continue its strong run at the Soccer Complex, with an unbeaten 4-0-2 mark over its last six home matches dating back to last season. The Lady Toppers are 1-0-2 at home thus far in 2018, defeating Kentucky Christian and earning draws against Miami (Ohio) and Lipscomb. WKU’s current six-match unbeaten home streak is the program’s longest since a 5-0-1 stretch during the 2012 campaign.

Last weekend, WKU fell in a pair of matches at current league leader Charlotte and Old Dominion, with Megan Morris scoring early in the battle at Charlotte for her first goal of the season. Freshman goalkeeper Bailee Witt shined for the Lady Toppers, making 10 combined saves across the two tilts, and she now has five or more saves in three of WKU’s last five matches and in five total matches this season.

Ambere Barnett and Olivia Stanley remain atop the team’s scoring charts with three goals and seven points apiece, and Nicole Roseland trails just behind with two goals and one assist. For Roseland, a senior who has played from a holding midfielder position for much of her career, the two goals are also the first of her tenure on The Hill.

FIU (0-12-1, 0-4-1 C-USA) dropped its first 12 matches of the season before earning its first favorable result in its last time out, claiming a 2-2 draw against Louisiana Tech last Sunday afternoon. The Panthers have struggled to find the back of the net for much of the season, being shut out in seven of their 13 matches and tallying only nine goals thus far while surrendering 46 to their opponents.

Ashley Adams has accounted for nearly half of the Panthers’ scoring this season, scoring a team-best four goals to match Kaydeen Jack (three goals, two assists) for the team lead with eight total points. Rayquel Berry is the only other goalscorer for FIU through 13 matches, having found the back of the net twice while appearing in every match.

In goal, Christina Velazquez has played every minute for FIU as a true freshman, posting a goals against average of 3.48 with 76 saves in 1,190 minutes of action.

On Sunday, UTEP (6-6-1, 1-3 C-USA) will visit the Soccer Complex after dropping both of its matches last weekend, falling to UAB and Middle Tennessee in El Paso. After holding a 5-3-1 overall record following a 2-0 win over FIU on Sept. 16, the Miners have dropped three of their four most recent matches and have been held to one goal or fewer in each of those three setbacks.

Lauren Crenshaw leads the Miners with five goals this season and is one of six multi-goal scorers for the team. Vic Bohdan has added four goals and Anna Jimmerson has tallied three, while April Pate has dished out a team-best four assists.

Alyssa Palacios has played every minute between the pipes for UTEP, seeing just over 1,230 minutes of playing time while making 62 saves for a 1.24 goals against average and three shutouts.

Following this weekend’s action, WKU will remain at home for two more matches next weekend against two of the perennial C-USA title contenders in North Texas (Oct. 12 at 6 p.m.) and Rice (Oct. 14 at 1 p.m.). The Mean Green are one of four unbeaten teams still remaining in conference play, while Rice has struggled this season with a 3-6 record after reaching the NCAA Tournament with an at-large bid in 2017.
LEONARD’S HAT TRICK PROPELS WKU PAST FIU, 4-0

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PDF Box Score Attached

Head Coach Jason Neidell Postmatch Interview:youtu.be/07Ozxak20Nc
Sophomore Forward Ashley Leonard Postmatch Interview:youtu.be/ZP99nPBAslg

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Making the first start of her collegiate career, sophomore Ashley Leonard fired her way to WKU Soccer history on Friday evening, tallying the sixth hat trick in program history as the Lady Toppers downed FIU, 4-0, at the WKU Soccer Complex.

Leonard scored goals on all three of her shot attempts and notched the hat trick in only 54 minutes of action. The three-goal outing was the first such match for the Lady Toppers since Chelsea Smith claimed a hat trick against ULM on Oct. 15, 2010, and Leonard’s six points were tied for the third-most in a single match in program history as well.

WKU (3-7-2, 1-4 C-USA) got its first goal of the night from Sarah Gorham off assists from Ambere Barnett and Megan Morris before Leonard took over for her hat trick. As a team, the Lady Toppers held a 23-6 advantage in shots on the night and earned seven corner kicks compared to only one for FIU.

Bailee Witt earned her first career solo shutout after playing the full 90 minutes while making three saves to help snap WKU’s five-match losing skid.

For FIU (0-13-1, 0-5-1 C-USA), Ashley Adams, Tamia Roberts and Rayquel Berry each had a shot on goal, while Christina Velazquez took the loss in net, making five saves but surrendering WKU’s four goals.

WKU applied offensive pressure early in the matchup, firing four shots over the first 15 minutes and earning a pair of corner kicks over that same span. The Lady Toppers created chances off both set piece opportunities, getting a hard header from Barnett and a quick chip shot from Morris off the corners, but were unable to find the early breakthrough.

In quick succession, the Lady Toppers grabbed a 2-0 lead over FIU on goals in the 19th and 20th minutes only 27 seconds apart. On the first, Morris played in a cross to the far post from the right side that found Barnett, who slid a low pass to Gorham near the penalty spot. The redshirt senior found space and buried the ball past Velazquez for the 1-0 advantage.

Leonard capitalized on WKU’s momentum just 27 seconds later. At the helm of a strong attack, the sophomore was dragged down in the box by an FIU defender, causing the referee to award WKU a penalty kick. Leonard opted to take the kick herself and slotted home the chance into the lower left corner to make the scoreline 2-0 in WKU’s favor.

Velazquez kept FIU down by two goals with a pair of saves against Chandler Backes and Barnett late in the opening half to maintain the 2-0 score through the halftime break.

Just 20 seconds into the second half, Leonard struck again for the Lady Toppers. Set up by a well-placed through-ball from Barnett, Leonard broke away for a one-on-one opportunity against the goalkeeper and hammered home her second strike of the night to push the WKU lead to 3-0 early in the second frame.

Leonard completed the hat trick at the 54:47 mark on a goal from distance, placing the well-struck ball just over the outstretched arms of Velazquez for the 4-0 lead.

Following the final goal, WKU’s defense clamped down on the Panthers, limiting FIU to only two shots over the final 35 minutes of play to seal the victory and earn the three points in the C-USA Tournament race.

WKU will return to action on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. for its second of four straight matches at the WKU Soccer Complex. The Lady Toppers are set to host UTEP on Sunday as they look to protect the team’s current seven-match unbeaten streak at the Soccer Complex dating back to last season.
Soccer Box Score (Final)
2018 WKU Soccer
FIU vs WKU (Oct 05, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

FIU-13-1 (0-5-1 C-USA) vs. WKU3-7-2 (1-4 C-USA)
Date: Oct 05, 2018 • Attendance: 158
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Cautions and ejections:
Win-WITT, Bailee (3-7-2). Loss-VELAZQUEZ, Christina (0-13-1).
Stadium: WKU Soccer Complex
Officials: Referee: Elvis Mahmutovic; Asst. Referee: Caleb Nobles; John Metz;
Alt. Official: Ronnie Cowan; Scorer: Currie McFayden;
Offsides: FIU 0, WKU 1.

Official's signature
FIU vs WKU (Oct 05, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

FIU Starters:
GK  00 VELAZQUEZ, Christina  
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MF  9 SANDAHL, Olivia  
D   11 WHITAKER, Lauren  
F   21 ADAMS, Ashley  
D   22 HILLIARD, Jasmin  
D   24 ROBERTS, Tamia  
D   27 TELFORD, Kristin  
F   28 BERRY, Rayquel  
F   30 HARRIS, Chynna

WKU Starters:
GK  1 WITT, Bailee  
F   3 MAYO, Victoria  
F   7 LIONARD, Ashley  
D   9 MORRIS, Megan  
MF  10 GORHAM, Sarah  
D   12 JACOBSEN, Avery  
D   14 BRYANT, Kaylyn  
F   15 BARNETT, Ambere  
D   17 BRAGADO, Christina  
MF  21 MOORE, Chelsea  
MF  33 ROSELAND, Nicole

00:00 VELAZQUEZ, Christina at goalie for FIU.
00:00 WITT, Bailee at goalie for WKU.
Foul on WKU.
03:51 Shot by FIU MOSS, Sierra HIGH.
04:30 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere BLOCKED.
Foul on FIU.
06:42 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [06:42].
06:49 Header Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere WIDE RIGHT.
Foul on WKU.
08:53 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [08:53].
09:00 Shot by WKU MORRIS, Megan HIGH.
Foul on FIU.
Foul on FIU.
13:52 Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea, SAVE VELAZQUEZ, Christina.
15:00 Shot by FIU BERRY, Rayquel, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
Foul on FIU.
18:41 GOAL by WKU GORHAM, Sarah (FIRST GOAL), Assist by MORRIS, Megan and BARNETT, Ambere, goal number 2 for season.

FIU 0, WKU 1

*cross from 15
Foul on FIU.
19:08 WKU LEONARD, Ashley PENALTY KICK GOAL, goal number 1 for season.

FIU 0, WKU 2

20:07 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [20:07].
Foul on WKU.
22:41 Corner kick by FIU HILLIARD, Jasmin [22:41].
22:45 Header Shot by FIU MANTEAS, Jacky WIDE LEFT.
Foul on FIU.
24:43 FIU substitution: JACK, Kaydeen for HILLIARD, Jasmin.
24:43 FIU substitution: TAYLOR, Torrie for MANTEAS, Jacky.
24:43 FIU substitution: JOHNSON, Kedie for HARRIS, Chynna.
24:43 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for LEONARD, Ashley.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on FIU.
32:52 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for MAYO, Victoria.
33:11 FIU substitution: BREEDLOVE, Angel for TELFORD, Kristin.
33:44 FIU substitution: ROUSE, Michaela for SANDAHL, Olivia.
Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
FIU vs WKU (Oct 05, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

35:13 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler, SAVE VELAZQUEZ, Christina.
38:16 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE VELAZQUEZ, Christina.
38:53 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [38:53].
39:00 Header Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere HIGH.
41:50 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MOORE, Chelsea.
43:59 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia WIDE LEFT.
45:00 End of period [45:00].
45:00 For FIU: #9 SANDAHL, Olivia, #5 MANTEAS, Jacky, #2 MOSS, Sierra, #14 TAYLOR, Torrie, #19 BREEDLOVE, Angel, #18 ROUSE, Michaela, #11 WHITAKER, Lauren, #24 ROBERTS, Tamia, #10 JACK, Kaydeen, #00 VELAZQUEZ, Christina, #21 ADAMS, Ashley.
45:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #7 LEONARD, Ashley, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #3 MAYO, Victoria, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #21 MOORE, Chelsea, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #9 MORRIS, Megan.
45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].  
45:20 GOAL by WKU LEONARD, Ashley, Assist by BARNETT, Ambere, goal number 2 for season.

**FIU, WKU 3**

*through ball from 15  
Foul on FIU.

47:38 Shot by WKU JACOBSEN, Avery, SAVE VELAZQUEZ, Christina.

48:58 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere HIGH.

50:13 Shot by FIU ROBERTS, Tamia, SAVE WITT, Bailee.  
Foul on FIU.

54:47 GOAL by WKU LEONARD, Ashley, goal number 3 for season.

**FIU, WKU 4**

*long shot from outside the box

54:47 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for ROSELAND, Nicole.

56:21 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler, SAVE VELAZQUEZ, Christina.

57:19 FIU substitution: BERRY, Rayquel for WHITAKER, Lauren.

58:23 FIU substitution: JOHNSON, Kedie for ROUSE, Michaela.

61:25 WKU substitution: ROSELAND, Nicole for GORHAM, Sarah.  
Foul on WKU.

62:02 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for LEONARD, Ashley.

62:02 WKU substitution: TACKETT, Brooke for MOORE, Chelsea.

62:02 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for JACOBSEN, Avery.

62:02 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MAYO, Victoria.

63:08 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [63:08].

63:45 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere WIDE LEFT.

63:50 FIU substitution: HARRIS, Chynna for BREEDLOVE, Angel.

64:48 Shot by FIU SANDAHL, Olivia BLOCKED.  
Foul on FIU.

66:32 Shot by FIU ADAMS, Ashley, SAVE WITT, Bailee.  
Foul on WKU.

69:36 WKU substitution: GORHAM, Sarah for BARNETT, Ambere.

69:36 FIU substitution: WHITAKER, Lauren for SANDAHL, Olivia.  
Foul on WKU.

71:32 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah HIT CROSSBAR.

73:18 Offside against WKU.

74:36 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah WIDE RIGHT.  
Foul on FIU.

75:50 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia HIGH.

75:52 WKU substitution: JACOBSEN, Avery for MORRIS, Megan.

75:52 FIU substitution: ROUSE, Michaela for MANTEAS, Jacky.

77:39 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for BACKES, Chandler.

77:39 WKU substitution: MAYO, Victoria for STANLEY, Olivia.

78:21 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [78:21].

78:28 Shot by WKU PEKEZ, Isidora HIGH.

80:51 Shot by WKU PEKEZ, Isidora WIDE LEFT.

80:55 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for MULZER, Kerragan.

81:35 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [81:35].

81:41 Shot by WKU PEKEZ, Isidora WIDE RIGHT.

81:45 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for ROSELAND, Nicole.

83:04 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for BRYANT, Kaylyn.

87:48 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah HIGH.
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
FIU vs WKU (Oct 05, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

90:00  End of period [90:00].

FIU 0, WKU 4
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WKU’S BIG FIRST HALF KEEPS UTEP RALLY AT BAY IN 4-3 VICTORY

PDF Box Score Attached

Head Coach Jason Neidell Postmatch Interview: youtube.be/4jTCzOWewXQ
Freshman Midfielder Ambere Barnett Postmatch Interview: youtube.be/B6Jj4NO2Q34

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU’s offense shined for the second straight match, firing three first-half goals as the Lady Toppers held back a furious UTEP comeback attempt in the second half to earn a 4-3 victory at the WKU Soccer Complex on Sunday afternoon.

Freshman Ambere Barnett continued her dynamic debut season on The Hill, playing a role in all four WKU (4-7-2, 2-4 C-USA) goals on the afternoon. Barnett scored the first and third goals herself while assisting on Sarah Gorham’s pair of goals, including what would become the match-winner in the 56th minute. Following Sunday’s match, Barnett leads the Lady Toppers in goals (five), assists (five) and total points (15) through 13 matches.

Gorham’s pair of goals capped a strong weekend for the Lexington, Ky., native who also had the match-winning goal on Friday night against FIU. Gorham led all players with four shots on the afternoon and played the entire 90 minutes despite the unseasonal heat.

In goal, Bailee Witt earned her fourth victory of the year and made three saves while playing the full 90 minutes between the pipes.

For UTEP (6-7-1, 1-4 C-USA), Lauren Crenshaw put all three of her shot attempts on goal and scored the Miners’ final goal directly off a free kick in the 84th minute. Alyssa Palacios played the opening half in goal and took the loss while making a pair of saves, and Caley Leask relieved her for the second half, also making two saves and giving up one goal.

Much like it did on Friday evening against FIU, WKU’s early offensive attack quickly cracked through the UTEP defense. At the 5:28 mark, Nicole Roseland played a ball up the right wing to Avery Jacobsen, who turned and fired a cross into the box. Barnett, lying in wait at the far post, made her jump on the cross and headed it toward goal, beating Palacios to give WKU the quick 1-0 lead.

Less than 15 minutes later, the Lady Toppers doubled their lead on a strike from Gorham. Set up by a cross from Megan Morris and a short chip pass from Barnett, the redshirt senior sent a blast from close range into the back of the net with 20:03 on the clock, putting WKU up 2-0 over the visiting Miners midway through the opening half.

Riding that momentum, WKU drew a foul 10 yards outside the box in the 34th minute, setting up a free kick opportunity in prime scoring position. Roseland initially ran over the ball without playing it, and Barnett followed on the second run, launching a shot straight at goal and scoring directly off the free kick for her second goal of the afternoon and a 3-0 advantage heading into the halftime break.

Carleigh Simmons closed the gap to two goals for the Miners just 27 seconds into the second half on her first goal of the season, but WKU answered right back at the 55:01 mark on another goal from Gorham. Set up yet again by a pinpoint pass from Barnett, Gorham fired from distance and beat Leask to the lower left corner to restore the three-goal advantage for the Lady Toppers, 4-1, with 35 minutes remaining.

Over the final 20 minutes, UTEP managed to score goals from Vic Bohdan (72nd minute) and Crenshaw (84th minute), but the Lady Topper defense held strong over the final five minutes of action, denying the Miners a chance to complete the comeback. With the victory, WKU ran its home unbeaten streak to eight consecutive matches (6-0-2) dating back to last season and defeated UTEP for the first time in program history.

Following its weekend sweep of FIU and UTEP, WKU has secured six points in the race for the C-USA Tournament and will continue its homestand with two matches next weekend. First, the Lady Toppers will battle North Texas on Friday evening at 6 p.m., then WKU will welcome Rice to the Soccer Complex next Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.
Soccer Box Score (Final)
2018 WKU Soccer
UTEP vs WKU (Oct 07, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

UTEP6-7-1 (1-4 C-USA) vs. WKU4-7-2 (2-4 C-USA)

Date: Oct 07, 2018 • Attendance: 179
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Cautions and ejections:
YC-WKU #21 (49:02)

Win-WITT, Bailee (4-7-2). Loss-PALACIOS, Alyssa (6-7-1).

Officials: Referee: Kevin Fiker; Asst. Referee: Benjamin Hall; Mathew Drew;
Alt. Official: Benjamin Kadric; Scorer: Currie McFayden;
Offsides: UTEP 1, WKU 2.

Official's signature
Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
UTEP vs WKU (Oct 07, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

UTEP Starters:
GK 5 PALACIOS, Alyssa
D 1 PAYNE, Cayla
F 3 SOTO, Jackie
MF 7 VALENTINE, Natalie
F 8 FISHER, Kam
D 9 ROSS, Payton
D 14 LEWIS, Kori
MF 16 SIMMONS, Carleigh
D 18 CRENSHAW, Lauren
D 29 PUGSLEY, Nicole
MF 32 PATE, April

WKU Starters:
GK 1 WITT, Bailee
F 3 MAYO, Victoria
F 7 LEONARD, Ashley
D 9 MORRIS, Megan
MF 10 GORHAM, Sarah
D 12 JACOBSEN, Avery
D 14 BRYANT, Kaylyn
F 15 BARNETT, Ambre
D 17 BRAGADO, Christina
MF 21 MOORE, Chelsea
MF 33 ROSELAND, Nicole

00:00 PALACIOS, Alyssa at goalie for UTEP.
00:00 WITT, Bailee at goalie for WKU.
02:21 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [02:21].
02:46 Shot by WKU LEONARD, Ashley WIDE RIGHT.
03:17 Shot by UTEP PAYNE, Cayla HIGH.
Foul on UTEP.
05:28 Header GOAL by WKU BARNETT, Ambre (FIRST GOAL), Assist by JACOBSEN, Avery and ROSELAND, Nicole, goal number 4 for season.

UTEP 0, WKU 1

*header after cross from 12
Foul on UTEP.
12:09 Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea, SAVE PALACIOS, Alyssa.
15:26 Offside against WKU.
20:03 GOAL by WKU GORHAM, Sarah, Assist by BARNETT, Ambre and MORRIS, Megan, goal number 3 for season.

UTEP 0, WKU 2

*short pass from 15
mandatory water break
20:03 UTEP substitution: JIMMERSON, Anna for VALENTINE, Natalie.
20:03 UTEP substitution: BOHDAN, Vic for FISHER, Kam.
22:30 Shot by UTEP PUGSLEY, Nicole BLOCKED.
24:47 UTEP substitution: WARRIOR, Maya for SOTO, Jackie.
28:12 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler WIDE RIGHT.
29:37 UTEP substitution: VAUGHAN, Hayley for PUGSLEY, Nicole.
30:17 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah HIGH.
Foul on UTEP.
Foul on UTEP.
33:52 GOAL by WKU BARNETT, Ambre, goal number 5 for season.

UTEP 0, WKU 3

*off free kick
33:52 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for LEONARD, Ashley.
34:00 Shot by UTEP CRENSHAW, Lauren, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
35:39 UTEP substitution: NGONGO, Jojo for JIMMERSON, Anna.
Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
UTEP vs WKU (Oct 07, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

Foul on WKU.
37:57 Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea WIDE LEFT.
38:04 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MOORE, Chelsea.
38:04 UTEP substitution: ENOKSON, Jodie for PATE, April.
38:04 UTEP substitution: SMITH, Sheridan for CRENSHAW, Lauren.
39:17 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for ROSELAND, Nicole.
39:48 Shot by UTEP BOHDAN, Vic, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
40:16 Offside against UTEP.
41:00 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia, SAVE PALACIOS, Alyssa.
42:15 UTEP substitution: HARVEY, Chardonnae for WARRIOR, Maya.
44:44 Corner kick by WKU STANLEY, Olivia [44:44].
45:00 End of period [45:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
UTEP vs WKU (Oct 07, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 For WKU: #3 MAYO, Victoria, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #21 MOORE, Chelsea, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #7 LEONARD, Ashley, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #1 WITT, Bailee.

45:00 For UTEP: #20 NGONGO, Jojo, #19 ENOKSON, Jodie, #9 ROSS, Payton, #3 SOTO, Jackie, #16 SIMMONS, Carleigh, #12 JIMMERSON, Anna, #1 PAYNE, Cayla, #14 LEWIS, Kori, #18 CRENSHAW, Lauren, #32 PATE, April, #5 PALACIOS, Alyssa.

45:27 GOAL by UTEP SIMMONS, Carleigh, goal number 1 for season.

UTEP 1, WKU 3

*off misplay by goalkeeper
45:27 LEASK, Caley at goalie for UTEP.
45:27 UTEP substitution: LEASK, Caley for PALACIOS, Alyssa.

Foul on WKU.
49:02 Yellow card on WKU MOORE, Chelsea.
50:50 Corner kick by UTEP SIMMONS, Carleigh [50:50].
Foul on UTEP.
51:48 Offside against WKU.
Foul on UTEP.
55:01 GOAL by WKU GORHAM, Sarah, Assist by BARNETT, Ambere, goal number 4 for season.

UTEP 1, WKU 4

*pass from 15 shot to low left corner
55:57 Corner kick by UTEP SIMMONS, Carleigh [55:57].
55:01 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for MOORE, Chelsea.
Foul on UTEP.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on UTEP.

58:53 UTEP substitution: PUGSLEY, Nicole for PAYNE, Cayla.
60:25 UTEP substitution: BOHDAN, Vic for JIMMERSON, Anna.
60:52 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MAYO, Victoria.
60:52 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for LEONARD, Ashley.
61:23 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia, SAVE LEASK, Caley.
63:15 UTEP substitution: VAUGHAN, Hayley for SIMMONS, Carleigh.
63:15 UTEP substitution: CARREON, Danielle for ENOKSON, Jodie.
66:28 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [66:28].
mandatory water break
Foul on WKU.

68:17 UTEP substitution: FISHER, Kam for SOTO, Jackie.
69:07 UTEP substitution: VALENTINE, Natalie for PATE, April.
69:42 Shot by UTEP CRENSHAW, Lauren, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
70:28 WKU substitution: MAYO, Victoria for STANLEY, Olivia.
71:03 GOAL by UTEP BOHDAN, Vic, goal number 5 for season.

UTEP 2, WKU 4

*one on one against keeper
71:05 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for BARNETT, Ambere.
Foul on UTEP.
74:20 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [74:20].
Foul on UTEP.
75:22 UTEP substitution: SOTO, Jackie for CRENSHAW, Lauren.
75:22 UTEP substitution: PATE, April for VALENTINE, Natalie.
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
UTEP vs WKU (Oct 07, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

75:22  UTEP substitution: JIMMERSON, Anna for BOHDAN, Vic.
75:22  UTEP substitution: SIMMONS, Carleigh for VAUGHAN, Hayley.
75:22  UTEP substitution: ENOKSON, Jodie for CARREON, Danielle.
75:56  Shot by UTEP FISHER, Kam wide left.
78:22  WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
78:22  WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for MAYO, Victoria.
81:16  UTEP substitution: BOHDAN, Vic for JIMMERSON, Anna.
81:16  UTEP substitution: CRENSHAW, Lauren for NGONGO, Jojo.
81:16  WKU substitution: BARNETT, Ambere for MULZER, Kerragan.
82:27  Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah, save LEASK, Caley.
Foul on WKU.
83:50  GOAL by UTEP CRENSHAW, Lauren, goal number 6 for season.

**UTEP 3, WKU 4**

*direct off free kick
Foul on UTEP.
86:05  UTEP substitution: NGONGO, Jojo for SOTO, Jackie.
87:39  WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MOORE, Chelsea.
88:50  Shot by WKU LEONARD, Ashley high.
Foul on UTEP.
90:00  End of period [90:00].

**UTEP 3, WKU 4**
BARNETT NAMED C-USA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Ambere Barnett Headshot and Action Shot Attached (please credit Steve Roberts if used)

IRVING, Texas – Freshman midfielder Ambere Barnett has been named the C-USA Offensive Player of the Week as announced by the conference office on Monday afternoon. The honor is the first of Barnett’s career and WKU’s first weekly conference award of the 2018 season.

Barnett, a native of Rockport, Ind., spearheaded the WKU attack in victories over FIU and UTEP this weekend, scoring a pair of goals and assisting on four others; in total, Barnett either scored or assisted on six of WKU’s eight goals across the two contests, including both match-winners that were scored by Sarah Gorham.

In Friday’s 4-0 shutout of FIU, Barnett assisted on WKU’s first and third goals to push the Lady Toppers to their first C-USA victory of the season. The freshman also shifted up into a center forward role compared to her normal spot in the midfield, allowing her to serve as the focal point of the offensive attack. Barnett’s move proved to be a revelation for Ashley Leonard as well, who netted WKU’s first hat trick since 2010 in the victory.

On Sunday afternoon, Barnett took full control of the offense, having a hand in each of WKU’s four goals in the thrilling 4-3 victory. She put the Lady Toppers on the board just over five minutes into the match, and later made it 3-0 in WKU’s favor on a direct strike off a free kick at the 33:52 mark.

The 2017 Miss Kentucky Soccer honoree is WKU’s first C-USA Offensive Player of the Week since Chandler Backes picked up the accolades on Sept. 6, 2016, and is the Lady Toppers’ 13th C-USA Player of the Week award winner since joining the conference prior to the 2014 campaign. Of WKU’s 31 all-time conference player of the week awards, 11 have come since the beginning of the 2016 season.

For the season, Barnett leads WKU in goals (five), assists (five) and total points (15) through 13 matches, and she is only the second Lady Topper in program history to have a pair of matches with five or more points in a single season, joining Jenna Silverberg in 2003.

Following its weekend sweep of FIU and UTEP, WKU has secured six points in the race for the C-USA Tournament and will continue its homestand with two matches next weekend. First, the Lady Toppers will battle North Texas on Friday evening at 6 p.m., then WKU will welcome Rice to the Soccer Complex next Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.
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WKU WRAPS UP HOMESTAND AGAINST NORTH TEXAS, RICE THIS WEEKEND
North Texas Live Stream: goto.ps/2OhnK4K
Rice Live Stream: goto.ps/2CFco4v
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BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Coming off one of its best weekends of conference play since joining C-USA in 2014, WKU will face a pair of strong tests at the WKU Soccer Complex this weekend, hosting No. 24 North Texas on Friday evening at 6 p.m. before welcoming Rice on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. The Mean Green are the reigning C-USA Tournament champions, while Rice captured the 2017 C-USA regular season title; both advanced to the NCAA Tournament last season.

Friday’s match against nationally-ranked North Texas will be the first time that WKU has hosted a ranked opponent since squaring off against then-No. 20 Memphis on Sept. 4, 2011. The Lady Toppers have never faced a ranked conference opponent in program history and will be seeking their first-ever win over a ranked opponent in the United Soccer Coaches (formerly the NSCAA) poll.

On Sunday, WKU Soccer will be accepting donations for the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation, whose mission is to improve the quality of life for children battling pediatric brain tumors and other childhood cancers and to raise awareness through their Adopt-A-Child, Safe on the Sidelines and Guardian Angel Programs. Donations will be accepted both at the match as well as online at the Friends of Jaclyn donation page.

Last weekend, WKU (4-7-2, 2-4 C-USA) picked up two critical wins in the race for a spot in the C-USA Tournament, shutting out FIU (4-0) on Friday before downing UTEP in a 4-3 thriller on Sunday afternoon. The Lady Toppers scored four goals in both matches, the first time that the program has achieved that feat in back-to-back conference matches since the 2009 season. With the two wins, WKU sits just one point out of the eighth and final spot for the C-USA Tournament with four matches to play.

After having a hand in six of WKU’s eight goals last weekend, freshman Ambere Barnett was named the C-USA Offensive Player of the Week. Barnett scored two goals and assisted on four others en route to the first weekly award of her collegiate career, and she now leads WKU in goals (five), assists (five) and total points (15) this season. Barnett was WKU’s first recipient of the Offensive Player of the Week honor since Chandler Backes on Sept. 6, 2016.

North Texas (9-1-1, 4-0 C-USA) is one of two unbeaten teams remaining in C-USA play alongside Florida Atlantic. The Mean Green, ranked No. 24 in this week’s USC poll, have won seven consecutive matches and carry a 518-minute shutout streak into Friday’s clash; North Texas’ lone loss this season came in a 1-0 setback on the road at then-No. 12 Santa Clara on Aug. 27.

The Mean Green have five players that have scored three goals or more, led by Taylor Torres (six) and Aaliyah Nolan (five). Torres has also dished out a team-best five assists and owns 17 total points in 2018. In goal, Kelsey Brann has seen the vast majority of the minutes, playing 965 of a possible 1,010 minutes between the posts. Brann has notched 35 saves and has helped North Texas to allow just three goals, tied alongside UC Riverside and Penn for the fewest among Division I teams. With eight shutouts, the Mean Green have not surrendered a single goal against a C-USA opponent through four matches.

Rice (4-7, 2-3 C-USA) entered the year as the preseason favorite to claim the C-USA regular season championship with 10 first-place votes, but the Owls have struggled in conference play, dropping three of their first five matches.

Erin Mikeska leads Rice with three goals in 2018, followed by Marissa Topolski and Caleigh Boeckx who have found the back of the net twice. Lianne Mananquil leads the squad with five assists, and Topolski has a team-best eight points. In goal, Bella Killgore has played all but 163 minutes, posting a goals against average of 1.50 with 37 saves and two solo shutouts.

WKU will round out its four-match homestand with this weekend’s matches before heading back out on the road for a visit to UAB on Friday, Oct. 19. The Lady Toppers will then close the regular season on Friday, Oct. 26, against Marshall at the WKU Soccer Complex for Senior Night, where Nicole Roseland, Sarah Gorham, Hannah Cady and Megan Morris will be honored for their contributions to the program.
BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU got an early goal from redshirt senior Sarah Gorham and turned in one of its best defensive performances of the season on Friday evening to earn a hard-fought 1-1 draw against No. 24 North Texas at the WKU Soccer Complex.

WKU (4-7-3, 2-4-1 C-USA) earned a historic point with the draw, picking up a positive result against a ranked opponent for the second time in program history and first since a 1-1 draw against then-No. 17 Cal Poly on Sept. 16, 2005. The draw was also the first point that the Lady Toppers have earned against perennial frontrunner North Texas since joining C-USA prior to the 2014 season.

Gorham’s 15th-minute goal was enough for the draw and was the first score that North Texas had surrendered in 534 minutes of play. Megan Morris and Ambere Barnett, the reigning C-USA Offensive Player of the Week, picked up assists on the goal; Barnett also tied for the lead among all players with six shots on the night.

Bailee Witt came up with three key first-half saves for the Lady Toppers while playing the full 110 minutes between the posts.

North Texas (9-1-2, 4-0-1 C-USA) had its seven-match winning streak snapped with the result. Aaliyah Nolan led the Mean Green with six shots and paired with Carissa Sanders for the assists on Berklee Peters’ equalizer in the 78th minute. Kelsey Brann played the full match in goal for the Mean Green, making seven saves and allowing only Gorham’s strike.

Both sides came out firing in the first 10 minutes of the match as both goalkeepers were tested early. In the fifth minute, Ashley Leonard pulled up from outside the box and sent a curling chance toward the far post, but Brann was able to get under the ball for the stop. Less than one minute later, Nolan tested Witt on a long try as well with the freshman getting the best of the Mean Green forward with the save.

Much like both matches last weekend, WKU found the early breakthrough at the 14:24 mark to take a 1-0 lead. Morris played the ball up from the back line to Barnett, who slotted a low pass through to Gorham. The redshirt senior slipped in behind the North Texas back line off her run and created a one-on-one opportunity against the goalkeeper, which she converted for her fifth goal of the season and the early advantage.

Nicole Roseland challenged Brann directly off a pair of free kicks later in the half, getting good strength behind the shots but being too far out to find the back of the net. WKU also weathered four Mean Green corner kicks over a 15-minute span midway through the frame, with the defense stepping up to clear out the dangerous attacks each time.

In the closing minutes of the half, Witt came up with a big save on a point-blank chance by Maci Schoonover to send the Lady Toppers into the halftime break with their 1-0 lead intact.

WKU came out of the locker room with a flurry of five shots in the first 10 minutes of the second half but was unable to put any of the chances on goal as the North Texas defense buckled down. The Lady Toppers also cleared out a pair of early corner kicks by the Mean Green in the second minute of the frame to maintain their lead.

Chandler Backes had WKU’s best chance at the match-winner at the 69:07 mark. Despite coming from a tight angle on the left side, the junior launched a shot from seven yards out that forced Brann into a diving save to parry away the shot. North Texas equalized after a scrum inside the box on a corner kick in the 78th minute. Nolan lined up the set piece for the Mean Green and played it into the box; with a group of players from both sides around the ball, Peters was able to get a foot on it and send it into the lower left corner to make it 1-1 with 12 minutes remaining in regulation, and neither side was able to find the match-winner over that span.

In extra time, the best chances for both teams came in the final two minutes. Barnett fired a long shot that curled into the arms of Brann, while Peters sent the would-be match-winner for North Texas well over the crossbar with seconds remaining to close out the 1-1 draw.

WKU will round out its four-match homestand on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. as the Lady Toppers welcome 2017 C-USA regular season champion Rice to the WKU Soccer Complex. On Sunday, WKU Soccer will be accepting donations for the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation, whose mission is to improve the quality of life for children battling pediatric brain tumors and other childhood cancers and to raise awareness through their Adopt-A-Child, Safe on the Sidelines and Guardian Angel Programs. Donations will be accepted both at the match as well as online at the Friends of Jaclyn donation page.
Soccer Box Score (Final)
2018 WKU Soccer

#24 North Texas vs WKU (Oct 12, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

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**Cautions and ejections:**

YC-WKU #15 (80:42)

North Texas-BRANN, Kelsey (9-1-2). WKU-WITT, Bailee (4-7-3).

Stadium: WKU Soccer Complex
Officials: Referee: Rizal Milliken; Asst. Referee: Esteban Eordogh; Bradford Dirschel;
Alt. Official: Benjamin Kadric; Scorer: Currie McFayden;
Offsides: North Texas 1, WKU 1.

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Official's signature
Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
#24 North Texas vs WKU (Oct 12, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

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MF 21 MOORE, Chelsea  
MF 33 ROSELAND, Nicole

00:00 BRANN, Kelsey at goalie for North Texas.  
00:00 WITT, Bailee at goalie for WKU.  
01:21 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere HIGH.  
04:20 Shot by WKU LEONARD, Ashley, SAVE BRANN, Kelsey.  
04:59 Shot by UNT NOLAN, Aaliyah, SAVE WITT, Bailee.  
07:15 Header Shot by WKU LEONARD, Ashley WIDE RIGHT.  
14:24 GOAL by WKU GORHAM, Sarah (FIRST GOAL), Assist by BARNETT, Ambere and MORRIS, Megan, goal number 5 for season.

NORTH TEXAS 0, WKU 1

*through ball from 15 to 1-on-1  
15:30 Corner kick by UNT BRUFFETT, Logan [15:30].  
16:38 Shot by UNT NOLAN, Aaliyah BLOCKED.  
17:05 Corner kick by UNT BRUFFETT, Logan [17:05].  
17:09 Header Shot by UNT DeFRAIN, Elle Marie WIDE LEFT.  
18:16 Shot by UNT NOLAN, Aaliyah BLOCKED.  
20:00 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [20:00].  
20:21 UNT substitution: SCHOONOVER, Maci for DIAZ, Ariel.  
Foul on North Texas.

23:07 Shot by WKU MORRIS, Megan, SAVE BRANN, Kelsey.  
29:59 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for LEONARD, Ashley.  
29:59 UNT substitution: GOMEZ, Zoe for LAMPE, Brooke.  
29:59 UNT substitution: BUNGER, Ansley for PETERS, Berklee.  
29:59 UNT substitution: KLEIN, Olivia for NOLAN, Aaliyah.  
30:56 Corner kick by UNT BRUFFETT, Logan [30:56].  
31:23 Offside against North Texas.  
Foul on North Texas.

33:40 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole, SAVE BRANN, Kelsey.  
34:35 UNT substitution: GUDERIAN, Madeline for BRUFFETT, Logan.  
Foul on WKU.  
36:34 Shot by UNT GUDERIAN, Madeline, SAVE WITT, Bailee.  
Foul on North Texas.

37:57 Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole, SAVE BRANN, Kelsey.  
38:59 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for MOORE, Chelsea.  
41:45 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere BLOCKED.  
43:29 Shot by UNT SCHOONOVER, Maci, SAVE WITT, Bailee.  
45:00 End of period [45:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
#24 North Texas vs WKU (Oct 12, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #3 MAYO, Victoria, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #21 MOORE, Chelsea, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #7 LEONARD, Ashley, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole.
45:00 For UNT: #12 BRUFFETT, Lauryn, #23 LAMPE, Brooke, #16 DeFRAIN, Elle Marie, #22 PETERS, Berklee, #14 BRUFFETT, Logan, #19 SANDERS, Carissa, #25 JAMES, Dominique, #3 SCHOONOVER, Maci, #11 NOLAN, Aaliyah, #18 NEWELL, Natalie, #00 BRANN, Kelsey.
46:10 Corner kick by UNT NOLAN, Aaliyah [46:10].
46:17 Header Shot by UNT SANDERS, Carissa BLOCKED.
46:39 Corner kick by UNT NOLAN, Aaliyah [46:39].
48:26 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah BLOCKED.
52:14 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere WIDE RIGHT. Foul on North Texas.
53:21 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere WIDE LEFT.
54:25 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah BLOCKED.
55:07 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere BLOCKED.
55:34 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [55:34].
56:10 UNT substitution: Gomez, Zoe for SCHOONOVER, Maci.
57:51 Shot by UNT NOLAN, Aaliyah WIDE RIGHT.
57:54 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for MAYO, Victoria.
59:45 Corner kick by WKU LEONARD, Ashley [59:45].
59:52 UNT substitution: GUDERIAN, Madeline for BRUFFETT, Logan. Foul on North Texas.
61:59 Corner kick by UNT GUDERIAN, Madeline [61:59].
63:10 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for JACOBSEN, Avery. Foul on North Texas.
65:45 UNT substitution: KLEIN, Olivia for LAMPE, Brooke.
65:45 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for LEONARD, Ashley.
68:38 Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea BLOCKED.
69:07 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler, SAVE BRANN, Kelsey. Foul on WKU. Foul on North Texas.
71:04 Shot by UNT DeFRAIN, Elle Marie WIDE RIGHT.
71:08 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MOORE, Chelsea.
71:08 UNT substitution: BRUFFETT, Logan for GOMEZ, Zoe. Foul on North Texas.
73:03 Offside against WKU.
74:06 UNT substitution: LAMPE, Brooke for BRUFFETT, Lauryn.
74:45 Shot by UNT BRUFFETT, Logan BLOCKED.
75:33 Corner kick by UNT NOLAN, Aaliyah [75:33].
76:12 WKU substitution: JACOBSEN, Avery for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
76:12 UNT substitution: GOMEZ, Zoe for DeFRAIN, Elle Marie.
76:58 Corner kick by UNT NOLAN, Aaliyah [76:58].
77:02 GOAL by UNT PETERS, Berklee, Assist by NOLAN, Aaliyah and SANDERS, Carissa, goal number 5 for season.

NORTH TEXAS 1, WKU 1

*off corner kick
77:02 UNT substitution: BRUFFETT, Lauryn for GOMEZ, Zoe.
77:02 WKU substitution: MAYO, Victoria for MULZER, Kerragan. Foul on WKU.
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
#24 North Texas vs WKU (Oct 12, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

79:53 UNT substitution: DeFRAIN, Elle Marie for BRUFFETT, Logan.
Foul on North Texas.
Foul on WKU.
80:42 Yellow card on WKU BARNETT, Ambere.
80:54 UNT substitution: SCHOONOVER, Maci for KLEIN, Olivia.
81:36 Shot by UNT DeFRAIN, Elle Marie WIDE RIGHT.
83:25 Header Shot by UNT DeFRAIN, Elle Marie WIDE LEFT.
83:29 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for BACKES, Chandler.
Foul on North Texas.
85:33 UNT substitution: DIAZ, Ariel for PETERS, Berklee.
Foul on North Texas.
87:32 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah, SAVE BRANN, Kelsey.
Foul on North Texas.
Foul on North Texas.
89:16 Shot by WKU STANLEY, Olivia BLOCKED.
Foul on WKU.
90:00 End of period [90:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (OT period)
#24 North Texas vs WKU (Oct 12, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

90:00 Start of OT period [90:00].
90:00 For UNT: #00 BRANN, Kelsey, #25 JAMES, Dominique, #13 GUDERIAN, Madeline, #19 SANDERS, Carissa, #23 LAMPE, Brooke, #12 BRUFFETT, Lauryn, #22 PETERS, Berklee, #18 NEWELL, Natalie, #16 DeFRAIN, Elle Marie, #14 BRUFFETT, Logan, #11 NOLAN, Aaliyah.
90:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #21 MOORE, Chelsea, #23 STANLEY, Olivia, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #3 MAYO, Victoria, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn.
Foul on North Texas.
93:26 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for STANLEY, Olivia.
93:26 UNT substitution: KLEIN, Olivia for BRUFFETT, Logan.
Foul on North Texas.
Foul on North Texas.
97:19 UNT substitution: GOMEZ, Zoe for BRUFFETT, Lauryn.
99:09 Shot by UNT NOLAN, Aaliyah HIGH.
99:11 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for MOORE, Chelsea.
100:00 End of period [100:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (OT2 period)
#24 North Texas vs WKU (Oct 12, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

100:00 Start of OT2 period [100:00]. For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #5 BACKES, Chandler, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #7 LEONARD, Ashley, #3 MAYO, Victoria, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole.

100:00 For UNT: #00 BRANN, Kelsey, #12 BRUFFETT, Lauryn, #25 JAMES, Dominique, #19 SANDERS, Carissa, #23 LAMPE, Brooke, #13 GUDERIAN, Madeline, #16 DeFRAIN, Elle Marie, #10 DIAZ, Ariel, #22 PETERS, Berklee, #11 NOLAN, Aaliyah, #18 NEWELL, Natalie.
Foul on North Texas.
Foul on WKU.

104:52 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for MAYO, Victoria.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on WKU.

107:26 UNT substitution: GOMEZ, Zoe for LAMPE, Brooke.
107:26 UNT substitution: KLEIN, Olivia for DIAZ, Ariel.

108:09 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE BRANN, Kelsey.
109:42 Shot by UNT NOLAN, Aaliyah, SAVE TEAM.
109:48 Shot by UNT PETERS, Berklee HIGH.

110:00 End of period [110:00].

NORTH TEXAS 1, WKU 1
WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
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WKU RALLIES TWICE FROM TWO-GOAL DEFICIT, DRAWS 3-3 AGAINST RICE
PDF Box Score Attached
Head Coach Jason Neidell Postmatch Interview: youtu.be/_EyxTCYaZgU

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU trailed by two goals on two separate occasions against Rice on Sunday afternoon, but a strong rally over the final 30 minutes of regulation gave the Lady Toppers a hard-earned 3-3 draw over the visiting Owls at the WKU Soccer Complex.

Goals from Kaylyn Bryant and Olivia Stanley, alongside Chandler Backes’ first-half strike, gave WKU (4-7-4, 2-4-2 C-USA) another critical point in the race to make the C-USA Tournament. The draw capped an impressive weekend for the Lady Toppers, who earned a point against both the 2017 C-USA regular season (Rice) and tournament (North Texas) champions.

WKU peppered the Rice defense with 20 shots on Sunday afternoon, including eight from reigning C-USA Offensive Player of the Week Ambere Barnett. With her eight shots on Sunday, Barnett now has 47 on the season, tied for the 10th-most in a single season by any Lady Topper and the most by a WKU player since Iris Dunn had 51 in 2015. Bailee Witt played the full 110 minutes in goal, making two saves while earning the draw.

Rice (5-7-3, 3-3-1 C-USA) had goals from Annie Walker and Dominique Mazero on the afternoon, as well as an own goal against WKU. The Owls had a 6-5 advantage in corner kicks but ultimately were unable to stave off the strong second-half rally by the Lady Toppers.

In goal, Bella Killgore played the full match for Rice, allowing WKU’s three goals while also coming away with three saves.

Nicole Roseland nearly put WKU in front just under 10 minutes into the match on a long shot from outside the box. The senior found the ball in space from 30 yards and fired on goal, but Killgore was able to get under the ball for the save as it had just a bit too much lift.

Midway through the half, Rice got two quick goals, both off headers, to take a 2-0 lead over the Lady Toppers. Walker scored the first off a corner kick in the 22nd minute, and Mazero doubled the lead at the 34:46 mark off assists from Lianne Mananquil and Marissa Topolski.

Despite falling behind by two goals, however, WKU battled its way right back into the match before halftime as Backes tallied her first goal since Sept. 3. Set up by a low pass from Kerragan Mulzer on the right side, the junior fired a hard shot into the lower right corner past the goalkeeper to cut the deficit in half and send WKU into the halftime break trailing by only one goal, 2-1.

Coming out of the break, Ashley Leonard appeared to have pulled WKU even in the 53rd minute on a short chip shot from inside the box, but the sophomore was whistled offside and the goal was disallowed, restoring Rice’s 2-1 lead. The Owls were able to add an insurance goal on an own goal just two minutes later to push WKU’s deficit to 3-1 with 35 minutes to play.

The Lady Toppers refused to go away, cutting back into the lead again at the 61:29 mark. Roseland lined up a corner from the left side, and Bryant streaked toward the goal in front of the Rice defenders before clipping the ball off her head and into the back of the net for her first goal of the season to cut the Rice lead to 3-2.

Ten minutes later, WKU equalized off the foot of Stanley to completely erase Rice’s advantage. Barnett made a long run up the right side before cutting into the box. As she drew defenders, Stanley found space in the center of the box and took a short pass from Barnett, angling a low shot into the left corner to tie the match.

Neither side was able to threaten over the final 20 minutes of regulation as WKU headed to extra time for the second straight match.

WKU’s best chance at a golden goal came just over three minutes into the first frame of extra time. Mulzer brought down a corner kick from Roseland at the edge of the box, but fired over the crossbar to maintain the deadlock. Rice had a pair of chances in the final five minutes of the second overtime, but the Owls pulled both chances well wide of the goal as WKU claimed the come-from-behind 3-3 draw.

Now on a four-match unbeaten streak, WKU will head south for its final road match of the regular season as the Lady Toppers are set to battle UAB next Friday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. WKU sits just outside of the eighth and final spot for qualification into the C-USA Tournament following this weekend’s results as the Lady Toppers look to battle their way into postseason play over their final two matches.
### Soccer Box Score (Final)
#### 2018 WKU Soccer
**Rice vs WKU (Oct 14, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)**

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- 2 Dominique Mazero
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- 11 Ashley Burgess
- 16 Caleigh Boeckx
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### Cautions and ejections:

**YC-RICE #9 (91:54)**

- Rice-Bella Killgore (5-7-3). WKU-WITT, Bailee (4-7-4).

**Officials:**
- Referee: Josh Kelley; Asst. Referee: Jessica Medley; Khary Williams;
- Alt. Official: Benjamin Kadric; Scorer: Currie McFayden;
- Referee: Killgore (91:54).

**Stadium:** WKU Soccer Complex

**Offsides:** Rice 1, WKU 2.

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**Official's signature**
Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
Rice vs WKU (Oct 14, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

Rice Starters:
- GK 0  Bella Killgore
- D 6  Darcy Mickalow
- MF 7  Erin Mikeska
- MF 8  Rebecca Keane
- F 9  Annie Walker
- MF 12  Lianne Mananquil
- D 17  Gabby Martinez
- D 20  Trinity King
- F 21  Marissa Topolski
- D 24  Caleigh Page

WKU Starters:
- GK 1  WITT, Bailee
- MF 3  MAYO, Victoria
- D 9  MORRIS, Megan
- MF 10  GORHAM, Sarah
- D 12  JACOBSEN, Avery
- D 14  BRYANT, Kaylyn
- F 15  BARNETT, Ambere
- D 17  BRAGADO, Christina
- F 21  MOORE, Chelsea
- F 23  STANLEY, Olivia
- MF 33  ROSELAND, Nicole

00:00  Bella Killgore at goalie for Rice.
00:00  WITT, Bailee at goalie for WKU.
02:22  Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah BLOCKED.
03:39  Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [03:39].
       Foul on Rice.
       Foul on Rice.
07:00  Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere WIDE LEFT.
09:30  Shot by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole, SAVE Bella Killgore.
13:49  RICE substitution: Dominique Mazero for Rebecca Keane.
       Foul on WKU.
20:46  Shot by RICE Annie Walker, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
21:22  Corner kick by RICE Lianne Mananquil [21:22].
21:23  Header GOAL by RICE Annie Walker (FIRST GOAL), Assist by Lianne Mananquil, goal number 3 for season.

RICE 1, WKU 0

*off corner kick
22:04  Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere HIGH.
22:13  WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for MAYO, Victoria.
       Foul on WKU.
24:05  Shot by RICE Dominique Mazero BLOCKED.
       Foul on Rice.
       Foul on WKU.
30:14  Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere BLOCKED.
31:04  Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere WIDE RIGHT.
31:09  WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for MOORE, Chelsea.
33:08  Shot by WKU LEONARD, Ashley WIDE RIGHT.
34:46  Header GOAL by RICE Dominique Mazero, Assist by Marissa Topolski and Lianne Mananquil, goal number 2 for season.

RICE 2, WKU 0

*header after cross from right
34:46  RICE substitution: Caleigh Boeckx for Marissa Topolski.
       Foul on Rice.
38:37  WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MORRIS, Megan.
39:29  Shot by RICE Lianne Mananquil WIDE LEFT.
39:36  RICE substitution: Ashley Burgess for Annie Walker.
40:13  Corner kick by RICE Lianne Mananquil [40:13].
Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)
Rice vs WKU (Oct 14, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

41:05 GOAL by WKU BACKES, Chandler, Assist by MULZER, Kerragan, goal number 2 for season.

RICE 2, WKU 1

*shot to low right
41:05 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for ROSELAND, Nicole.
41:51 Corner kick by WKU LEONARD, Ashley [41:51].
41:57 RICE substitution: Erin van Dolder for Gabby Martinez.
43:23 Shot by RICE Dominique Mazero, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
Foul on WKU.
45:00 End of period [45:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
Rice vs WKU (Oct 14, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 For RICE: #0 Bella Killgore, #13 Delaney Schultz, #3 Erin van Dolder, #6 Darcy Mickalow, #2 Dominique Mazero, #21 Marissa Topolski, #12 Lianne Mananquil, #7 Erin Mikeska, #20 Trinity King, #9 Annie Walker, #24 Caleigh Page.

45:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #21 MOORE, Chelsea, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #5 BACKES, Chandler, #7 LEONARD, Ashley, #9 MORRIS, Megan.

Foul on WKU.

52:04 Offside against WKU.

53:05 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah HIGH.

54:27 GOAL by RICE OWN GOAL.

RICE 3, WKU 1

*own goal
Foul on Rice.

56:45 Header Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere HIGH.

58:39 Shot by RICE Lianne Mananquil BLOCKED.


59:48 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for LEONARD, Ashley.

59:48 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for JACOBSEN, Avery.

61:25 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [61:25].

61:29 Header GOAL by WKU BRYANT, Kaylyn, Assist by ROSELAND, Nicole, goal number 1 for season.

RICE 3, WKU 2

*off corner kick

64:11 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.

65:22 Offside against WKU.

66:14 Shot by RICE Dominique Mazero BLOCKED.

66:18 WKU substitution: BARNETT, Ambere for MOORE, Chelsea.

66:18 RICE substitution: Caleigh Boeckx for Dominique Mazero.

66:49 Corner kick by RICE Lianne Mananquil [66:49].

67:09 Header Shot by RICE Caleigh Boeckx HIGH.

Foul on Rice.

Foul on WKU.

Foul on WKU.

70:22 WKU substitution: JACOBSEN, Avery for MORRIS, Megan.

71:03 Shot by WKU MULZER, Kerragan HIGH.

72:46 GOAL by WKU STANLEY, Olivia, Assist by BARNETT, Ambere, goal number 4 for season.

RICE 3, WKU 3

*short cross to center

Foul on Rice.

Foul on WKU.

Foul on Rice.

75:54 Shot by WKU SCHMIDT, Lyric, SAVE Bella Killgore.

76:18 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for STANLEY, Olivia.

76:18 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for MAYO, Victoria.
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)  
Rice vs WKU (Oct 14, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

76:18  WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for SCHMIDT, Lyric.
76:18  WKU substitution: MORRIS, Megan for MULZER, Kerragan.
76:18  RICE substitution: Dominique Mazero for Caleigh Boeckx.
Foul on Rice.
78:23  Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere WIDE RIGHT.
79:08  Shot by RICE Annie Walker BLOCKED.
79:34  Corner kick by RICE Lianne Mananquil [79:34].
Foul on Rice.
Foul on WKU.
83:44  Shot by RICE Annie Walker WIDE LEFT.
Foul on Rice.
85:08  Shot by RICE Dominique Mazero HIGH.
85:13  WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MOORE, Chelsea.
86:31  Corner kick by RICE Lianne Mananquil [86:31].
86:43  RICE substitution: Gabby Martinez for Erin van Dolder.
89:32  WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
Foul on WKU.
90:00  End of period [90:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (OT period)
Rice vs WKU (Oct 14, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

90:00 Start of OT period [90:00].
90:00 For RICE: #20 Trinity King, #7 Erin Mikeska, #12 Lianne Mananquil, #24 Caleigh Page, #3 Erin van Dolder, #6 Darcy Mickalow, #0 Bella Killgore, #2 Dominique Mazero, #9 Annie Walker, #21 Marissa Topolski, #13 Delaney Schultz.
90:00 For WKU: #2 MULZER, Kerragan, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #7 LEONARD, Ashley, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #4 SCHMIDT, Lyric, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #1 WITT, Bailee. Foul on Rice.
91:54 Yellow card on RICE Annie Walker.
92:10 Offside against Rice.
93:15 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [93:15].
93:21 Shot by WKU MULZER, Kerragan HIGH.
94:53 RICE substitution: Caleigh Boeckx for Erin Mikeska.
95:25 WKU substitution: MAYO, Victoria for MULZER, Kerragan.
95:43 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE Bella Killgore.
96:21 Shot by WKU JACOBSEN, Avery HIGH.
98:31 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for LEONARD, Ashley.
99:39 Corner kick by RICE Lianne Mananquil [99:39].
100:00 End of period [100:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (OT2 period)
Rice vs WKU (Oct 14, 2018 at Bowling Green, Ky.)

100:00 Start of OT2 period [100:00].
100:00 For RICE: #3 Erin van Dolder, #6 Darcy Mickalow, #9 Annie Walker, #20 Trinity King, #13 Delaney Schultz, #24 Caleigh Page, #21 Marissa Topolski, #12 Lianne Mananquil, #17 Gabby Martinez, #2 Dominique Mazero, #0 Bella Killgore.
100:00 For WKU: #1 WITT, Bailee, #4 SCHMIDT, Lyric, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #23 STANLEY, Olivia, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #3 MAYO, Victoria.
Foul on WKU.
100:43 Shot by RICE Delaney Schultz WIDE RIGHT.
101:33 Shot by WKU MAYO, Victoria HIGH.
102:27 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere BLOCKED.
102:55 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [102:55].
Foul on Rice.
Foul on Rice.
Foul on Rice.
106:08 Shot by RICE Marissa Topolski WIDE LEFT.
Foul on Rice.
108:18 Shot by RICE Erin van Dolder WIDE RIGHT.
Foul on Rice.
110:00 End of period [110:00].

RICE 3, WKU 3
WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / October 18, 2018
Women’s Soccer / Contact: Currie McFayden, Associate Director of Athletic Communications/Media Relations

WKU HEADS SOUTH TO UAB FOR FINAL REGULAR SEASON ROAD MATCH
UAB Live Stream: goto.ps/2OxLXUE
UAB Live Stats: goto.ps/2J6Xc0b

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Riding a four-match unbeaten streak following a pair of draws last weekend, WKU will look to continue its push for a C-USA Tournament berth on Friday evening at 7 p.m. as the Lady Toppers travel to Birmingham, Ala., to battle UAB.

Friday’s tilt will be WKU’s first match away from home since Sept. 30 at Old Dominion, and the Lady Toppers (4-7-4, 2-4-2 C-USA) will be seeking their first victory away from the WKU Soccer Complex since a 4-1 win over Evansville on Aug. 23. Should WKU come away with a win or a draw against the Blazers (7-6-1, 4-3 C-USA), the Lady Toppers would have their first five-match unbeaten streak since the 2016 campaign, when WKU won five straight matches from Sept. 11 through Sept. 30.

Currently, the Lady Toppers sit just outside the eighth and final qualifying spot for the 2018 C-USA Tournament, set to be hosted by Old Dominion in Norfolk, Va. WKU has eight points with two matches remaining, with Old Dominion and Rice tied for the eighth spot with 10 points apiece.

Freshman Ambere Barnett, who leads the Lady Toppers in nearly every offensive category, has already placed her name into the WKU record book for two different marks. Barnett has 47 shots this season, tied for the 10th-most in program history in one campaign, and her seven assists are tied for the fourth-most in a single season; Barnett’s seven assists are also the most by any Lady Topper since Kellie Walker set the school record with 12 in 2009.

Sarah Gorham has also turned in one of her best seasons on The Hill, with five goals and two assists. Three of Gorham’s five goals have been match-winners for the Lady Toppers, and four of her five strikes have come in the four most recent matches for WKU. For her career, Gorham has tallied nine goals and seven assists.

Defensively, Kaylyn Bryant, Christina Bragado and Avery Jacobsen have provided the backbone of WKU’s back line this season, each playing more than 1,300 minutes out of a possible 1,436. The trio has helped to hold eight of WKU’s opponents to one goal or fewer, including limited the powerful attack of then-No. 24 North Texas to just one goal on Oct. 12. In goal, Bailee Witt has made 54 saves and earned her first solo shutout against FIU on Oct. 5.

UAB has scored just 12 goals this season across 14 contests, with a team-best seven of those from Kamilah Mustafa. Jamiera Lunsford (three) and Caroline Kehrer (two) round out the Blazers’ trio that has found the back of the net in 2018. Betsy Ornelas and Megan Hudgens have each served up a team-best three assists, and Mustafa leads the way with 15 total points.

In goal, Kelsey Daugherty has played all 1,278 minutes for UAB, totaling 74 saves, five shutouts and sporting a goals against average of only 1.06, giving up just 15 goals.

WKU owns a 2-1-1 all-time record against UAB, with the two sides meeting once in each of the last four seasons since the Lady Toppers joined C-USA. WKU will be seeking its first victory in Birmingham, however, after a 1-1 draw in 2015 and a 2-0 setback to close the regular season last year.

Following Friday’s match, WKU will have only its regular season finale remaining as the Lady Toppers host Marshall next Friday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m. for Senior Night at the WKU Soccer Complex. Gorham, Megan Morris, Nicole Roseland and Hannah Cady will each be honored for their contributions to the program as the Lady Toppers clash with the Thundering Herd, potentially with a spot in the C-USA Tournament on the line.
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Women’s Soccer / Contact: Currie McFayden, Associate Director of Athletic Communications/Media Relations

WKU SOCCER FALLS 2-1 IN OVERTIME AT UAB
PDF Box Score Attached

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Sarah Gorham’s strike in the 20th minute erased an early deficit for the Lady Toppers, but WKU could not overcome UAB’s overtime golden goal on Friday evening at BBVA Compass Field, falling 2-1 in the C-USA clash. Gorham, a redshirt senior who will be honored in next week’s Senior Night ceremony at the WKU Soccer Complex, now has a team-high six goals this season. Dynamic freshman Ambere Barnett and sophomore Victoria Mayo paired up on the assists for the goal, with Barnett now factoring into seven of WKU’s last nine goals dating back to the Oct. 7 match against UTEP.

Barnett attempted a match-high four shots for WKU (4-8-4, 2-5-2 C-USA), putting three of those on goal, and Gorham, Chelsea Moore and Chandler Backes each finished with two shots apiece. Natalie Presedo and Regan Kommor each finished the evening with a pair of shots for the Blazers (8-6-1, 5-3 C-USA). Bailee Witt played the full match in goal for the Lady Toppers and made a critical save at the end of the regulation with just over 10 seconds remaining to extend the match into extra time.

Presedo and Kamilah Mustafa were the goalscorers for UAB, with Mustafa and Betsy Ornelas credited on the assists. In goal, Kelsey Daugherty played the entire match for the Blazers, finishing with five saves and surrendering only the early goal to Gorham. UAB pressed up early in the match and took a 1-0 lead on its third shot of the evening in the 13th minute. After Presedo and Kommor each sent shots over the crossbar in the first 10 minutes, Presedo got in close and managed to chip in a goal off the assist from Mustafa with 12:11 on the clock. Despite falling behind early, however, WKU fired right back on its very next shot. Set up by assists from Barnett and Mayo, Gorham found space in the box and blasted the cross into the top of the goal at the 19:09 mark, erasing the early deficit and knotting the match back up at one goal apiece with just under 20 minutes played.

Barnett had two chances in the 28th and 40th minutes to put the Lady Toppers in front, but both tries were corralled by UAB’s Daugherty to maintain the 1-1 deadlock through the halftime break. Coming out of the locker room, WKU weathered four UAB corner kick opportunities in the first 15 minutes of the second half, with the only shot attempt sailing well over the bar in the 54th minute. At the 65:58 mark, Barnett again broke free and created a go-ahead opportunity but was unable to sneak her shot past the goalkeeper.

In the closing seconds of regulation, Witt made a crucial save against Kassandra Daniel to extend the game, stonewalling the UAB attacker and ending the Blazer threat to force extra time for the third straight match for the Lady Toppers. Ashley Leonard nearly found the golden goal just under three minutes into the first overtime period before Daugherty brought in the ball for her fifth save of the night. Just over one minute later, the Blazers got the golden goal off the foot of Mustafa, who finished into the back of the net off the cross from Ornelas.

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Soccer Box Score (Final)
2018 WKU Soccer
WKU vs UAB (Oct 19, 2018 at Birmingham, Ala.)

WKU (4-8-4, 2-5-2 C-USA) vs.
UAB (8-6-1, 5-3-0 C-USA)

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Goals by period | 1 | 2 | OT | Total
WKU | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1
UAB | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2

Saves by period | 1 | 2 | OT | Total
WKU | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1
UAB | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5

Fouls | 1 | 2 | OT | Total
WKU | 3 | 6 | 1 | 10
UAB | 4 | 5 | 0 | 9

Corner kicks | 1 | 2 | OT | Total
WKU | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2
UAB | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4

Shots by period | 1 | 2 | OT | Total
WKU | 5 | 5 | 11 | 11
UAB | 4 | 3 | 1 | 8

Fouls:
1. 12:11 UAB PRESEDO, Natalie (1) MUSTAFA, Kamilah Chipped goalkeeper from range
2. 19:09 WKU GORHAM, Sarah (6) BARNETT, Ambere MAYO, Victoria Finished cross into roof of net
3. 94:04 UAB MUSTAFA, Kamilah (8) ORNELAS, Betsy Cross from Ornelas finds Mustafa who fini keeper

Cautions and ejections:
YC-UAB #4 (89:51); YC-WKU #1 (89:51); YC-WKU #3 (89:51)

Win-DAUGHERTY, Kelsey (8-6-1, 5-3-0 C-USA). Loss-WITT, Bailee (4-8-4, 2-5-2 C-USA).
Stadium: BBVA Compass Field
Officials: Referee: Austin Saini; Asst. Referee: Miriama Kocisova; Amanda Ross; Alt. Official: Eric Zimmer;
Offsides: WKU 3, UAB 0.

Official's signature
**Play-by-Play Summary (1st period)  
WKU vs UAB (Oct 19, 2018 at Birmingham, Ala.)**

**WKU Starters:**
- GK 1 WITT, Bailee
- D 3 MAYO, Victoria
- F 7 LEONARD, Ashley
- D 9 MORRIS, Megan
- MF 10 GORHAM, Sarah
- D 12 JACOBSEN, Avery
- D 14 BRYANT, Kaylyn
- MF 15 BARNETT, Ambere
- D 17 BRAGADO, Christina
- D 21 MOORE, Chelsea
- MF 33 ROSELAND, Nicole

**UAB Starters:**
- GK 00 DAUGHERTY, Kelsey
- D 2 CAMERON, Melissa
- D 4 DANIEL, Kassandra
- D 6 PRESEDO, Natalie
- F 7 KEHRER, Caroline
- D 8 OTTO, Alex
- MF 10 DO, Jessica
- F 13 LUNSFORD, Jamiera
- MF 18 BUSE, Sarah
- MF 21 KOMMOR, Regan
- F 27 MUSTAFA, Kamilah

00:00 WITT, Bailee at goalie for WKU.
00:00 DAUGHERTY, Kelsey at goalie for UAB.
08:39 Shot by UAB PRESEDO, Natalie HIGH.
11:24 Shot by UAB KOMMOR, Regan HIGH.
12:11 GOAL by UAB PRESEDO, Natalie (FIRST GOAL), Assist by MUSTAFA, Kamilah, goal number 1 for season.

**WKU 0, UAB 1**

*Chipped goalkeeper from range*
Foul on WKU.
19:09 GOAL by WKU GORHAM, Sarah, Assist by BARNETT, Ambere and MAYO, Victoria, goal number 6 for season.

**WKU 1, UAB 1**

*Finished cross into roof of net*
Foul on WKU.
21:08 Offside against WKU.
Foul on UAB.
22:41 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for LEONARD, Ashley.
23:48 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [23:48].
24:03 Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea HIGH.
26:29 UAB substitution: HUDGENS, Megan for DO, Jessica.
27:41 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE DAUGHERTY, Kelsey.
28:10 Corner kick by WKU ROSELAND, Nicole [28:10].
28:22 Shot by WKU GORHAM, Sarah WIDE LEFT.
30:35 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for MAYO, Victoria.
30:35 WKU substitution: BACKES, Chandler for MOORE, Chelsea.
30:35 WKU substitution: SCHMIDT, Lyric for JACOBSEN, Avery.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on UAB.
Foul on WKU.
34:46 Shot by UAB KOMMOR, Regan BLOCKED.
35:15 UAB substitution: ORNELAS, Betsy for KEHRER, Caroline.
Foul on UAB.
39:15 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE DAUGHERTY, Kelsey.
39:49 UAB substitution: COLLUM, Tay for CAMERON, Melissa.
39:49 UAB substitution: VARNADO, Izzy for HUDGENS, Megan.
39:49 UAB substitution: THRASHER, Lucy for KOMMOR, Regan.
Foul on UAB.
45:00 End of period [45:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
WKU vs UAB (Oct 19, 2018 at Birmingham, Ala.)

45:00 Start of 2nd period [45:00].
45:00 For UAB: #00 DAUGHERTY, Kelsey, #7 KEHRER, Caroline, #8 OTTO, Alex, #6 PRESEDO, Natalie, #2 CAMERON, Melissa, #21 KOMMOR, Regan, #27 MUSTAFA, Kamilaah, #13 LUNSFORD, Jamiera, #10 DO, Jessica, #4 DANIEL, Kassandra, #18 BUSE, Sarah.
45:00 For WKU: #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #23 STANLEY, Olivia, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #17 BRAGADO, Christina, #3 MAYO, Victoria, #1 WITT, Bailee, #21 MOORE, Chelsea.
51:18 Corner kick by UAB KOMMOR, Regan [51:18].
53:06 UAB substitution: THRASHER, Lucy for KOMMOR, Regan.
53:29 Corner kick by UAB BUSE, Sarah [53:29].
56:59 Corner kick by UAB BUSE, Sarah [56:59].
57:50 Corner kick by UAB BUSE, Sarah [57:50].
58:18 WKU substitution: PEKEZ, Isidora for MOORE, Chelsea.
58:18 WKU substitution: LEONARD, Ashley for MAYO, Victoria.
Offside against WKU.
Foul on UAB.
62:34 WKU substitution: HUDGENS, Megan for LUNSFORD, Jamiera.
64:51 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere BLOCKED.
Foul on UAB.
65:58 Shot by WKU BARNETT, Ambere, SAVE DAUGHERTY, Kelsey.
66:28 UAB substitution: COLLUM, Tay for CAMERON, Melissa.
66:28 UAB substitution: ORNELAS, Betsy for MUSTAFA, Kamilaah.
66:28 UAB substitution: KOMMOR, Regan for BUSE, Sarah.
68:36 WKU substitution: MULZER, Kerragan for LEONARD, Ashley.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on UAB.
72:13 UAB substitution: LUNSFORD, Jamiera for DO, Jessica.
72:13 WKU substitution: MUSTAFA, Kamilaah for KEHRER, Caroline.
72:13 WKU substitution: BUSE, Sarah for THRASHER, Lucy.
72:13 WKU substitution: BARNETT, Ambere for PEKEZ, Isidora.
Foul on WKU.
75:31 WKU substitution: MOORE, Chelsea for MULZER, Kerragan.
75:31 WKU substitution: MAYO, Victoria for STANLEY, Olivia.
76:39 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler BLOCKED.
78:13 UAB substitution: CAMERON, Melissa for COLLUM, Tay.
78:13 UAB substitution: KEHRER, Caroline for ORNELAS, Betsy.
Foul on WKU.
Foul on UAB.
Foul on UAB.
Foul on WKU.
85:12 Shot by WKU BACKES, Chandler, SAVE DAUGHERTY, Kelsey.
86:39 Shot by WKU MOORE, Chelsea WIDE.
86:46 UAB substitution: ORNELAS, Betsy for HUDGENS, Megan.
86:46 WKU substitution: STANLEY, Olivia for BACKES, Chandler.
89:04 Shot by UAB BUSE, Sarah BLOCKED.
89:48 Shot by UAB DANIEL, Kassandra, SAVE WITT, Bailee.
89:51 Yellow card on UAB DANIEL, Kassandra.
89:51 Yellow card on WKU WITT, Bailee.
89:51 Yellow card on WKU MAYO, Victoria.
Play-by-Play Summary (2nd period)
WKU vs UAB (Oct 19, 2018 at Birmingham, Ala.)

89:51  UAB substitution: COLLUM, Tay for DANIEL, Kassandra.
90:00  End of period [90:00].
Play-by-Play Summary (OT period)
WKU vs UAB (Oct 19, 2018 at Birmingham, Ala.)

90:00 Start of OT period [90:00].
90:00 For UAB: #00 DAUGHERTY, Kelsey, #2 CAMERON, Melissa, #18 BUSE, Sarah, #6 PRESEDO, Natalie, #13 LUNSFORD, Jamiera, #21 KOMMOR, Regan, #5 ORNELAS, Betsy, #8 OTTO, Alex, #18 BUSE, Sarah, #4 DANIEL, Kassandra, #7 KEHRER, Caroline.
90:00 For WKU: #12 JACOBSEN, Avery, #14 BRYANT, Kaylyn, #33 ROSELAND, Nicole, #1 WITT, Bailee, #9 MORRIS, Megan, #21 MOORE, Chelsea, #7 LEONARD, Ashley, #3 MAYO, Victoria, #15 BARNETT, Ambere, #10 GORHAM, Sarah, #17 BRAGADO, Christina.
92:19 Offside against WKU.
92:57 Shot by WKU LEONARD, Ashley, SAVE DAUGHERTY, Kelsey. Foul on WKU.
94:04 GOAL by UAB MUSTAFA, Kamilah, Assist by ORNELAS, Betsy, goal number 8 for season.

WKU 1, UAB 2

*Cross from Ornelas finds Mustafa who finishes past keeper
94:04 End of period [94:04].

WKU 1, UAB 2
LADY TOPPERS WRAP UP REGULAR SEASON AGAINST MARSHALL ON SENIOR NIGHT

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Live Stats: goto.ps/2A4EnI3

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU Soccer will close out the 2018 regular season on Friday evening at 6 p.m. against Marshall at the WKU Soccer Complex, with Sarah Gorham, Nicole Roseland, Hannah Cady and Megan Morris set to be honored in a ceremony following the match as part of Senior Night festivities.

As the program has done in recent seasons, the Senior Night ceremony will take place following the match and will feature the four seniors with their families and friends. Over the last four years, WKU has claimed 31 victories and earned its best finish in conference play since joining C-USA, placing third in the standings in 2016 with a 12-6-1 record. Gorham, Roseland, Cady and Morris have combined for 19 goals and 18 assists during their careers on The Hill and will look to add to those tallies in their final home match on Friday evening. WKU will also be seeking to close out an unbeaten season at the WKU Soccer Complex for just the second time in program history after previously accomplishing that feat in 2008.

The Lady Toppers (4-8-4, 2-5-2 C-USA) had their four-match unbeaten streak snapped in their last time out, dropping a 2-1 decision in overtime at UAB last Friday night. Gorham found the back of the net in the 20th minute off assists from Ambere Barnett and Victoria Mayo to equalize, but the Blazers tallied the golden goal just over four minutes into the first overtime period to pick up the win.

Gorham’s goal at UAB was her sixth of the season, the most among Lady Toppers in 2018 and her most in a single season in her career. With one more match to play, the redshirt senior has put together a strong career on The Hill, totaling 10 goals and seven assists across her four seasons of action, and has fired four match-winning goals, including three this season against Evansville, FIU and UTEP.

Barnett leads WKU with 18 points (five goals, eight assists) this season and will likely finish as WKU’s top point-scorer, marking the second time in the last three seasons that a true freshman has led the Lady Toppers in the category after Chandler Backes also accomplished the feat in 2016. Barnett’s eight assists are currently tied for the third-most in a single season in WKU Soccer history.

On defense, no starting member of WKU’s back line has played fewer than 1,232 minutes this season, with Kaylyn Bryant (1,495 of a possible 1,530) and Christina Bragado (1,457) leading the way. Avery Jacobsen (1,385) and Megan Morris (1,232) round out the quartet that has helped to hold WKU’s opponents to one goal or fewer in eight different matches this season.

Bailee Witt has started all but the season-opening match at Murray State in goal, making 55 saves with a goals against average of 1.67 across her 16 matches between the posts.

Marshall (5-8-3, 3-5-1 C-USA) enters Friday’s contest on a five-match winless streak, with its most recent victory coming in a 1-0 win on Sept. 28 at Old Dominion. In the Thundering Herd’s last time out, they earned a 2-2 draw against Louisiana Tech, getting goals from Gabby Powers and Farah Abu-Tayeh to pick up a point in the C-USA clash.

Marah and Farah Abu-Tayeh lead the Thundering Herd with eight and six goals, respectively, and both sit atop the team’s leaderboard with 17 points apiece. Farah Abu-Tayeh has dished out a team-best five assists, and Marah Abu-Tayeh has fired 36 shots to lead Marshall this season.

In goal, Megan Bonelli has played all but 136 minutes for Marshall and sports a 1.70 goals against average with 76 saves and a pair of solo shutouts.

Friday’s match will mark the end of the 2018 season for the Lady Toppers, who are set to bring back 70 percent of their goalscoring and 75 percent of their assists on offense from this season heading into 2019. With a win or draw on Friday evening, the Lady Toppers will also carry an 11-match home unbeaten streak into next season, the second-longest active streak among C-USA teams in that category.
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WKU COMPLETES UNBEATEN HOME SEASON WITH 2-0 SENIOR NIGHT WIN OVER MARSHALL

Senior Class with Director of Athletics Todd Stewart, WKU President Dr. Timothy C. Caboni and Head Coach Jason Neidell
Attached (please credit Steve Roberts if used)

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Freshman Ambere Barnett shined on WKU’s Senior Night on Friday evening, scoring a pair of goals to lead the Lady Toppers over Marshall, 2-0, at the WKU Soccer Complex.

WKU’s four seniors; Sarah Gorham, Nicole Roseland, Hannah Cady and Megan Morris; were honored in a postmatch ceremony that included their friends and family, the WKU coaching staff and support staff, Director of Athletics Todd Stewart and WKU President Dr. Timothy C. Caboni.

WKU (5-8-4, 3-5-2 C-USA) completed only the second unbeaten season on its home field in program history, finishing with a 4-0-4 record at the Soccer Complex this season. Only once before, during the 2008 campaign, had the Lady Toppers previously accomplished that feat. The Lady Toppers finish the 2018 season with an 11-match unbeaten streak at home, the second-longest active streak among C-USA programs.

Barnett led all players with seven shots on the evening, putting four of those on goal en route to her two-goal outing. The dynamic freshman finishes her first season on The Hill with seven goals, eight assists and 22 total points, tied for the seventh-most points by an individual in a single season in WKU Soccer history.

Roseland, Olivia Stanley and Avery Jacobsen contributed WKU’s assists on the night, while Bailee Witt picked up her second solo shutout in goal, playing the full 90 minutes while making three saves to preserve the clean sheet.

For Marshall (5-9-3, 3-6-1 C-USA), Gabby Powers and Rene Ross led the way with three shots apiece, and Jenna Zuzolo placed two shots on goal. Megan Bonelli played the full match between the posts for the Thundering Herd, making six saves while giving up WKU’s two goals.

WKU came out firing in the first 15 minutes, getting chances from Stanley, Roseland and Barnett in the early goings of the match. None of the trio were able to put their chances on target, but the early pressure forced the Marshall defense on its heels as the Thundering Herd attempted to fend off the powerful Lady Topper attack.

A flurry of four corner kicks in a six-minute span gave Marshall a chance to move in front, but the WKU defense fended off each set piece opportunity while not surrendering a single shot on goal. Two shots were blocked away by WKU defenders, while three others sailed wide or high of the goal to maintain the early deadlock.

A strong buildup from the midfield handed WKU its first goal of the evening at the 25:11 mark as Barnett struck from point-blank range to put WKU up 1-0. Roseland played a long ball up the left side to Stanley, who collected the pass and sent in a cross from the left wing that found the foot of Barnett. The freshman immediately turned and slotted home a low shot past the goalkeeper for her sixth goal of the year.

Chandler Backes had a one-on-one opportunity that was saved by Bonelli with just over five minutes remaining in the first half, and the two sides headed into the locker room with the Lady Toppers holding a 1-0 lead after the first 45 minutes.

Barnett and Chelsea Moore came out of the break with a pair of shots on goal in the early minutes of the second half, though neither was able to increase WKU’s lead on the chances. In the 59th minute, WKU was whistled for a foul inside the box, awarding the Thundering Herd with a penalty kick. Ashley Seltzer lined up the spot kick seeking the equalizer, but skied the kick well over the crossbar as WKU held onto its 1-0 advantage.

WKU netted the insurance goal and doubled its lead with 71:09 on the clock, once again off the foot of Barnett. Set up by a strong shot by Jacobsen after a long run, the freshman collected the rebound after it bounced off the Marshall goalkeeper’s hands and fired her second goal of the contest to increase the lead to 2-0 with under 20 minutes remaining.

In the closing minutes of the season, WKU’s defense held strong and did not allow Marshall to take a shot on goal to close out the 2-0 season-ending victory.
IRVING, Texas – Senior midfielder Nicole Roseland has been named the C-USA Defensive Player of the Week by the conference office following the final match of her career on The Hill, a 2-0 victory over Marshall on Senior Night last Friday evening.

Roseland, a two-time All-C-USA selection, earned the Defensive Player of the Week distinction for the second time in her career, previously claiming the accolades as a sophomore on Sept. 26, 2016. The award is also WKU’s second Player of the Week honor this season after Ambere Barnett was named Offensive Player of the Week on Oct. 8.

Since becoming a member of C-USA in 2014, Roseland is just the third Lady Topper to earn multiple Player of the Week honors. Allison Leone captured a program-record four Goalkeeper of the Week awards (two in 2016, two in 2017) and Christina Bragado earned a pair of Defensive Player of the Week accolades in 2017.

Against the Thundering Herd, Roseland played the full 90 minutes in her holding midfielder role, pushing WKU to its third shutout of the 2018 season and holding Marshall to only a single shot on goal over the final 45 minutes of play. The Altamonte Springs, Fla., native also assisted on Barnett’s match-winning goal in the first half.

Statistically, Roseland enjoyed the strongest season of her career with the Lady Toppers, totaling career-high marks in goals (two), assists (four) and total points (eight). She started all 17 matches for WKU and finishes her career ranked ninth in school history with 68 starts.

Roseland, along with fellow seniors Sarah Gorham, Hannah Cady and Megan Morris, was honored in a postmatch ceremony following the Marshall match on Friday evening for her accomplishments with the Lady Toppers.
BARNETT, GORHAM, ROSELAND EARN ALL-C-USA ACCOLADES

IRVING, Texas -- Ambere Barnett, Sarah Gorham and Nicole Roseland have each picked up All-C-USA honors as announced by the conference office on Tuesday afternoon, with Barnett being named to the First Team and All-Freshman Team and Gorham and Roseland each earning a spot on the Second Team.

The all-conference honors are the first of Barnett and Gorham’s careers, while Roseland is now a three-time honoree (First Team in 2016, Second Team in 2017) while also earning an All-Freshman Team slot in 2015. Roseland is one of only six players in program history to earn all-conference honors at least three times and is the first to accomplish that feat since Iris Dunn did so in 2013, 2015 and 2016.

Barnett also joined exclusive company in Lady Topper history with her First Team nod, becoming only the second player in school history to earn First Team all-conference accolades as a freshman. The 2017 Kentucky Miss Soccer follows in the footsteps of Lady Topper legendary goalkeeper Libby Stout, who was named First Team All-Sun Belt in her debut season in 2008.

Among First and Second Team members, no member had more representatives than the Lady Toppers, with WKU, Florida Atlantic and Middle Tennessee each having three players named to the top two teams. The Lady Toppers had three or more players named to the top two teams for the second time in five seasons as a member of C-USA after previously having four First and Second Team members in 2016.

One of the top freshmen in the league from opening day, Barnett shined for the Lady Toppers this season with team-leading marks in goals (seven), assists (eight) and total points (22). Her eight assists were tied for third in WKU single-season history, while her 22 points were tied for seventh and were the most by a Lady Toppers since Amanda Buechel had 24 during the 2012 campaign.

Barnett also attempted 58 shots this season, tied for the fourth-most in a single season in program history, and became only the second WKU player to have multiple matches in a single season with five or more points after recording five (two goals, one assist) against Evansville on Aug. 23 and six (two goals, two assists) while facing UTEP on Oct. 7.

Named WKU’s Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2017-18, Gorham capped her WKU career with a flourish as a redshirt senior, finishing with career bests in goals (six) and points (14). One of the most vocal leaders on the team, Gorham fired WKU’s match-winning goals against Evansville, FIU and UTEP this season and was critical in WKU’s 1-1 draw with then-No. 24 North Texas on Oct. 12, scoring for the Lady Toppers as WKU claimed its first point against the Mean Green since joining C-USA.

Despite missing the 2015 season due to injury, Gorham returned to appear in every possible match over her final three seasons, starting in all but two of those appearances. The Lexington, Ky., native rounded out her strong career on The Hill with 10 goals, seven assists and 27 points while finishing just outside the top 10 in school history with 103 shots. Gorham also wrote her name in WKU’s record book by scoring the 500th goal in program history against UT Martin on Aug. 19, 2016.

Often an unsung hero for the Lady Toppers while playing as a holding midfielder for much of her career, Roseland entered her senior season with one career point; despite that, the Altamonte Springs, Fla., native enjoyed the best statistical season of her career in 2018, scoring her first two career goals and adding four assists for WKU. Roseland also played a career-high 1,526 minutes (of a possible 1,620) this season, finishing her career with just under 6,000 minutes played for the Lady Toppers.

Roseland came up with a big assist on Senior Night for WKU, sending in a cross to Barnett for what would become the match-winning goal to send the seniors out with a victory. Roseland wrapped up her
WKU career with 68 starts in 72 appearances; her 68 starts rank ninth in school history as she started the final 50 matches of her career.

WKU finished the 2018 campaign with a 5-8-4 overall record and a 3-5-2 mark in C-USA matches. For the second straight season, the Lady Toppers finished strong down the stretch, dropping only one of their final six matches while completing an undefeated season at the WKU Soccer Complex for only the second time in school history.

**2018 All-C-USA First Team**
- Kelsey Daugherty, UAB
- Ebba Blomqvist, Florida Atlantic
- Dominique James, North Texas
- Ola Akinniyi, Southern Miss
- Lianne Mananquil, Rice
- Mary O’Hara, Florida Atlantic
- Hannah Tillett, Middle Tennessee
- Nomvula Kgoale, Louisiana Tech
- Peyton DePriest, Middle Tennessee
- Megan Greene, Charlotte

**Ambere Barnett, WKU**

**2018 All-C-USA Second Team**
- Jennifer Ocampo, Florida Atlantic
- Sydney Navarro, Middle Tennessee
- Riley Orr, Charlotte
- Emily Roberts, Old Dominion
- Miah Zuazua, Southern Miss

**Nicole Roseland, WKU**

**Sarah Gorham, WKU**
- Iris Achterhof, Old Dominion
- Aaliyah Nolan, North Texas
- Annie Walker, Rice
- Marah Abu-Tayeh, Marshall
- Kamilah Mustafa, UAB

**2018 All-C-USA Third Team**
- Kelsey Brann, North Texas
- Carissa Sanders, North Texas
- Ashley Seltzer, Marshall
- Elizabeth Doll, Louisiana Tech
- Alex Maxson, Florida Atlantic
- Erin Mikeska, Rice
- Amber Hoot, Middle Tennessee
- Carla Morich, Old Dominion
- Taylor Torres, North Texas
- Ellis Patterson, UTSA
- Elisha Holmes, Florida Atlantic
- Julia Grainda, Charlotte
- Berklee Peters, North Texas

**2018 All-C-USA Freshman Team**

**Ambere Barnett, WKU**
- Hannah Tillett, Middle Tennessee
Hailey Landrus, Florida Atlantic
Kelsey Brann, North Texas
Delaney Schultz, Rice
Olivia Durham, Southern Miss
Alexandra Augustyn, Louisiana Tech
Jojo Ngongo, UTEP
Sandra Geiselhart, Charlotte
Lexi Bolton, UTSA
Kaydeen Jack, FIU

2018 C-USA Offensive Player of the Year
Peyton DePriest, Middle Tennessee

2018 C-USA Defensive Player of the Year
Dominique James, North Texas

2018 C-USA Midfielder of the Year
Lianne Mananquil, Rice

2018 C-USA Goalkeeper of the Year
Kelsey Daugherty, UAB

2018 C-USA Freshman of the Year
Hannah Tillett, Middle Tennessee

2018 C-USA Coach of the Year
Patrick Baker, Florida Atlantic
BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Four Lady Toppers have been selected to the C-USA All-Academic Team as announced by the conference office on Thursday afternoon, with Sarah Gorham earning a First Team nod and Kaylyn Bryant, Megan Morris and Nicole Roseland each earning a spot on the Second Team. WKU’s four All-Academic honorees are the program’s most since becoming a member of C-USA prior to the 2014 season, with the Lady Toppers having three representatives in 2014, 2015 and 2016. Both Gorham and Roseland picked up the honors for the second time in their careers, while Bryant and Morris are first-time honorees for WKU.

Among all teams, no C-USA member had more representatives on this year’s team than WKU’s four, which matched Middle Tennessee for the most in the conference. Charlotte sat just behind with three, and Florida Atlantic, Southern Miss and UAB each had two players recognized for their work in the classroom.

Named WKU’s Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2017-18, Gorham capped her WKU career with a flourish as a redshirt senior, finishing with career bests in goals (six) and points (14). One of the most vocal leaders on the team, Gorham fired WKU’s match-winning goals against Evansville, FIU and UTEP this season and was critical in WKU’s 1-1 draw with then-No. 24 North Texas on Oct. 12, scoring for the Lady Toppers as WKU claimed its first point against the Mean Green since joining C-USA.

Often an unsung hero for the Lady Toppers while playing as a holding midfielder for much of her career, Roseland entered her senior season with one career point; despite that, the Altamonte Springs, Fla., native enjoyed the best statistical season of her career in 2018, scoring her first two career goals and adding four assists for WKU. Roseland also played a career-high 1,526 minutes (of a possible 1,620) this season, finishing her career with just under 6,000 minutes played for the Lady Toppers.

A key member of WKU’s back line, Bryant played more minutes (1,585) than every WKU field player except for Gorham this season. A starter in all 17 matches for the Lady Toppers, Bryant came up with two critical plays in WKU’s draws against North Texas and Rice; against the Mean Green, the junior cleared a late shot off the line in the second overtime period to preserve the 1-1 draw, and Bryant scored off a Roseland corner kick against the Owls to cut Rice’s lead to 3-2 in the 62nd minute: WKU would go on to score again 10 minutes later to earn a 3-3 draw.

Finally, Morris also starred along the back line for the Lady Toppers, often making long runs up the wing as a facilitator on offense as well. The senior made 15 starts in 16 appearances this season and tallied all five of her points in C-USA play, scoring a goal at Charlotte and notching assists against FIU, UTEP and North Texas. Under Morris’ watch, the Lady Toppers had three shutouts this season, including a 2-0 shutout of Marshall on Senior Night in her final match on The Hill.

WKU finished the 2018 campaign with a 5-8-4 overall record and a 3-5-2 mark in C-USA matches. For the second straight season, the Lady Toppers finished strong down the stretch, dropping only one of their final six matches while completing an undefeated season at the WKU Soccer Complex for only the second time in school history.

2018 C-USA All-Academic First Team
Julia Grainda, Charlotte
Megan Greene, Charlotte
Ebba Blomqvist, Florida Atlantic
Alex Maxson, Florida Atlantic
Peyton DePriest, Middle Tennessee
Amber Hoot, Middle Tennessee
Iris Achterhof, Old Dominion
Ola Akinniyi, Southern Miss
JoAnnie Ramos, Southern Miss
Kelsey Daugherty, UAB
Sarah Gorham, WKU

2018 C-USA All-Academic Second Team
Jamie Fankhauser, Charlotte
Ashley Seltzer, Marshall
Carolin Englehard, Middle Tennessee
Sydney Navarro, Middle Tennessee
Dominique James, North Texas
Natalie Presedo, UAB
Carleigh Simmons, UTEP
Michelle Cole, UTSA
Kaylyn Bryant, WKU
Megan Morris, WKU
Nicole Roseland, WKU
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NEIDELL ANNOUNCES FIRST GROUP OF FOUR EARLY SIGNEES FOR LADY TOPPER SOCCER

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Head Coach Jason Neidell has announced the first of three groups of early signees for Lady Topper Soccer, the first under the new early recruiting period in November. WKU’s first group of signees includes four regional players, including one Kentucky native in Katie Erwin. Ansley Cate will make the short trek to The Hill from just across the border in Tennessee, while Logan Barber and Maddie Mitchell are set to join the Lady Toppers from Indiana and Ohio, respectively.

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Logan Barber – Midfielder, 5’6”, New Albany, Ind.
A highly decorated player at both the club and high school level, Barber is set to bring a wealth of experience to the Lady Toppers immediately upon her arrival on The Hill. Barber has been a member of the Kentucky ODP squad since 2011 and served as the team captain in both 2017 and 2018; in addition, Barber has also competed at the international level within the ODP program, serving as a team captain on trips to compete in the Netherlands (2017) and England (2018). Barber has also been a member of the Region II ODP team for the last two years and has been invited to participate in the interregional event in Boca Raton, Fla., against the other three Region teams.
Barber has served as the team captain of her club team, Kentucky Fire Juniors, since 2014 and helped to lead the team to three consecutive State Cup championships from 2015 to 2017. For her strong efforts this year, Barber was selected as the Kentucky Youth Soccer Player of the Year, a prestigious annual honor awarded to the top girls’ youth soccer player in the state.
In high school, Barber played under Head Coach Shannon Dennehey at New Albany Senior High School, earning a spot on the Courier-Journal’s All-Area Team in each of her four seasons. A team captain as a junior and senior, Barber finished her high school career with 45 goals and 31 assists in just 67 career matches, and helped to lead the Dogs to the Hoosier Hills Conference championship in 2015.
Neidell on Barber: “Logan is the total package. She is a great person and a complete player who loves the game.”

Katie Erwin – Forward, 5’6”, Louisville, Ky.
Erwin joins the Lady Toppers from Male High School in Louisville, where she was a four-year star for the Bulldogs. A standout offensive player, Erwin was named Male’s Offensive Player of the Year in each of her first three seasons, including a junior year that saw her set the school’s single-season assist record, setting up 30 goals. A two-time First Team selection on the 7th Region team as a junior and senior, Erwin was also named an All-State selection in 2017 after also earning’s Male’s Golden Boot with 22 goals in addition to her 30 assists. During her time at Male, Erwin competed under Head Coach Christian Lauria.
Since joining Kentucky’s ODP pool in 2013, Erwin has gained extensive experience at the club level, reaching the ODP Region II pool in 2018 and traveling with Kentucky’s ODP program to compete in Liverpool, England. In addition to her ODP experience, Erwin has also reached the Kentucky State Cup finals three times in 2015, 2016 and 2018.
Neidell on Erwin: “Katie is an attacking player who makes dynamic runs off the ball and has a good finishing touch.”

Ansley Cate – Forward, 5’7”, Paris, Tenn.
An explosive scorer from northern Tennessee, Cate wrapped up her high school career at Henry County High School earlier this fall with 109 career goals while playing for Head Coach Thomas Klingenburg.
Cate earned the squad's Offensive Player of the Year two times during her career and was also selected as the Patriots' Newcomer of the Year as a freshman in 2015. As a senior, Cate earned a spot on the All-State squad during her final year with Henry County.

Not only an honoree at the team level, Cate was a four-time All-District 13 selection by the TSSAA and captured the district’s Offensive MVP honors as a junior in 2017.

**Neidell on Cate:** “Ansley finally gives us a left-footed threat combined with great speed and athleticism.”

**Maddie Mitchell – Midfielder, 5’6”, Dayton, Ohio**

Mitchell heads to The Hill after a decorated club and high school career in southern Ohio, competing for the Ohio South ODP state team in 2016 and 2017, the Ohio Galaxies Elite 00 squad from 2015-18 and as a three-year player at Vandalia-Butler High School under Head Coach Burt Mattice.

In high school, Mitchell was a three-time All-Greater Western Ohio Conference North honoree, picking up Second Team honors in 2016 before earning First Team spots during her junior and senior campaigns. Additionally, she earned All-Area North accolades in 2017 and 2018 while also bringing home All-District honors as a senior from the Miami Valley Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association.

**Neidell on Mitchell:** “Maddie has wonderful potential and is an athletic player who can play make or score herself.”
NEIDELL ADDS THREE PLAYERS TO EARLY SIGNEE GROUP

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – After previously announcing four new Lady Toppers last week, Head Coach Jason Neidell has announced another trio of players who will head to The Hill to begin their collegiate careers next fall. Samantha Francis (Raleigh, N.C.), Taylor Stanley (Macomb, Mich.) and Jordan Strauss (Parkland, Fla.) will look to make their mark at WKU.

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Samantha Francis – Midfielder, 5’5”, Raleigh, N.C.

Hailing from North Carolina, Francis is set to bring a dynamic background to The Hill that includes a dramatic double-overtime goal to win a State Cup championship and ECNL national final trips in 2017 and 2018. The former came during the 2016 season: Francis led her squad in goals scored, but none came at a more important time that the State Cup final, where she converted a penalty kick in double overtime to clinch the victory in the clutch moment.

Francis also competed in the national ECNL finals in 2017 and 2018 with CASL (later rebranded as NCFC Youth), traveling to Chicago for the 2017 event and Seattle in 2018.

During her playing time at Wakefield High School, Francis was a four-year starter for Head Coach CJ Komons and the Wolverines. She captured a pair of all-conference and all-region honors in both 2017 and 2018 and helped the Wolverines to the No. 1 ranking in the nation for high school girls’ soccer for 14 weeks during the 2017 campaign.

Neidell on Francis: “Sam has a strong soccer pedigree and is a versatile and complete player who is great in the open field.”


Continuing the trend of recent Lady Toppers to hail from Michigan, Stanley will make the trek south and bring national championship experience at the ODP level. A two-time Michigan State Cup champion in 2016 and 2017, Stanley helped to lead her squad to even further heights during that 2016 season, claiming the regional championship before the storybook season culminated in a national championship.

In high school, Stanley competed at Eisenhower High School under Head Coach Merhdad Nekoogar. During her time with the Eagles, Stanley picked up All-District and All-County honors for her high level of play.

Neidell on Stanley: “Taylor is a quick and tenacious forward who can create on the dribble with a great nose for the goal.”

Jordan Strauss – Midfielder, 5’9”, Parkland, Fla.

A highly decorated player out of Florida, Strauss brings extensive high school and club-level experience to the Lady Toppers. She was a three-year member of the Florida ODP team (2014-17) while also competing with the Region III ODP squad (2014-16). A captain with her club team, Sunrise Sting 2001, Strauss was a two-time Southern Regional Championship participant, claimed the championship at the September 2017 Disney Showcase Qualifier and helped to lead her squad to the 2018 Florida NPL, SRPL AND R3PL First Division championships.

In high school, Strauss was a three-year letterwinner at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School under Head Coach Laura Rountree, competing for her final three seasons after missing her freshman season due to injury. Strauss had a breakout 2017-18 season with the Lady Eagles, scoring five goals and assisting on six others en route to earning a spot on the Miami Herald All-Broward County Team. Now serving as a captain for the 2018-19 campaign, Strauss also earned the team’s 2018 Unsung Hero award and was a finalist for the 2018 Marjory Stoneman Douglas Female Athlete of the Year.

Neidell on Strauss: “Jordan is a very technical midfielder who uses both feet well and can strike from range.”
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WKU SOCCER ADDS FOUR MORE EARLY SIGNEE NEWCOMERS

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Head Coach Jason Neidell has added four more early signees to the WKU Soccer roster in addition to the seven previously announced players last week. Ashley Kobylinski (Mesa, Ariz.), Afton Schraml (Colorado Springs, Colo.), Emily Speidel (Carmel, Ind.) and Sydney Ernst (St. Louis, Mo.) are set to head for The Hill this fall, with all four set for roles in the defensive half of the field. Speidel and Ernst are both defenders, while Kobylinski and Schraml will play between the posts for the Lady Toppers.

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Ashley Kobylinski – Goalkeeper, 6’1”, Mesa, Ariz.
A standout goalkeeper at both the club and high school level, Kobylinski brings a wealth of experience to The Hill. She has spent time with Arizona’s ODP team in both 2017 and 2018, including captaining the squad during a trip to Paris to represent the United States. Her club squad, AZ Arsenal, has been ranked first in Arizona, second regionally and fourth nationally during her time with the team. Kobylinski earned the Overachiever Award with AZ Arsenal for three straight seasons from 2016-18 and claimed the Arizona Youth Soccer Association State Championship in both 2017 and 2018. AZ Arsenal also reached the Region IV final in 2018 and claimed second place in the USYSA National League.
Kobylinski has been a key piece in three other championships for AZ Arsenal, including the 2017 Surf Cup, the 2017 FWRL Desert Premier League and 2018 Jefferson Cup.
In high school, Kobylinski played three years at Gilbert High School under Head Coach Ben Holzer and was also a four-year letterwinner in track and field. Named the Team MVP as a freshman, Kobylinski has also been named the AZ Central Academic All-Star of the Week in recognition for her performance both on the field and in the classroom.
Neidell on Kobylinski: “Ashley is a very spirited and intelligent young lady, as well as an athletically gifted goalkeeper with great range.”

Afton Schraml – Goalkeeper, 5’11”, Colorado Springs, Colo.
WKU’s second goalkeeper in its early signing class, Schraml brings championship experience from her time spent with the Pride FC Predators at the club level. Beginning with the Presidents Day Tournament in Phoenix, Ariz., in 2015, Schraml helped to lead the squad to titles at the Rush Denver Cup (2015) and the U15/U16 Colorado Youth Soccer Association Super League (2015 and 2016). In addition to the championships, Schraml has also finished as the runner-up in the Colorado State Cup (2015 and 2016) and the Surf Cup in 2018.
As a three-year starter under Head Coach Gary Douglass at Liberty High School, Schraml was named Second Team All-City in 2015-16 and 2016-17 and claimed the honor of being named to the Academic All-State First Team in 2018-19. Schraml was also a member of the Lancers team that received the Academic Team Championship award in 2018-19.
Neidell on Schraml: “Afton is a talented goalkeeper who possesses a terrific combination of athleticism and technical ability.”

Emily Speidel – Defender, 5’8”, Carmel, Ind.
Hailing from the same high school as rising Lady Topper senior Chandler Backes, Speidel has competed at a high level for both her club and high school programs throughout her career. Beginning at Carmel United SC where she was a member of two state championship teams, Speidel then moved on to FC
Pride, where she has won an additional two state championships, the US Club National Championship in 2014 and a USYS National League divisional championship in 2017. FC Pride also reached the Youth National Championship semifinals in 2016 and 2017, and Speidel has served as a team captain for the squad during the 2017-18 and 2018-19 campaigns.

A four-year letterwinner and two-year starter at Carmel High School under Head Coach Frank Dixon, Speidel has twice been honored as an Indiana Soccer Coaches’ Association All-State selection, earning Second Team honors in 2017 before following up with First Team accolades in 2018. After captaining the Greyhounds to the 2018 Indiana 3A state championship, Speidel was selected to the 2018 High School All-American Game representing the West Team. In addition, she was selected to the United Soccer Coaches’ All-Central Region Team and received the prestigious honor of landing a spot on the organization’s All-American Team.

Speidel closed her high school career with 13 goals and 14 assists in 75 matches played for Carmel. Neidell on Speidel: “Emily is one of the top players coming out of Indiana this year and brings a wealth of experience to our back line.”

Sydney Ernst – Defender, 5’6”, St. Louis, Mo.

The final member of WKU’s early signing period, Ernst has been a member of the St. Louis Scott Gallagher Soccer Club since 2014 and has reached the ECNL national playoffs in each of the last four seasons. Ernst has also been named to the Player Development Program, in which she competed in 2014-15, and to the US Soccer Training Program in 2015-16.

In high school, Ernst has been a member of the squad at St. Joseph’s Academy, a nationally-ranked high school program, and has excelled in the classroom as well as on the field, being named to St. Joseph’s Academy honor roll every year since 2015.

Neidell on Ernst: “Sydney is a fast and athletic defender who is great in the air and loves to compete.”