

# Men's soccer pounds two teams from Iowa

'Dogs defeat Iowa Wesleyan 7-0 at home, travel to easily defeat Upper Iowa 8-0

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The Iowa Wesleyan University team knew it had a daunting task ahead when the Tigers made the trip to Kirksville on Sept. 21. After all, facing a dominant Bulldog squad on the road is difficult for any team. Showing up 15 minutes before the start time only makes things even harder.

Before the Tigers players had time to tape their ankles, the purple and white applied early pressure and cruised to a 7-0 victory. The team continued its winning ways with another convincing victory Sunday afternoon, this time on the road against regional foe Upper Iowa University by a score of 8-0.

Senior midfielder Martin Clayes got the ball rolling against Iowa Wesleyan in the 37th minute when he scored to give the 'Dogs the lead. Only 55 seconds later, senior midfielder Nate Gaudreault scored on a cross from senior midfielder Geoff Brengle. It wasn't long before senior midfielder Paul Link gave the team a commanding 3-0 lead with a goal assisted by Gaudreault in the 40th minute.

The second half was a preview of years to come in Bulldog soccer as three freshmen and a sophomore tallied goals for the 'Dogs. Freshmen midfielders Aaron Bornstein, Dan Wehrmann and midfielder/forward Matt Taylor recorded their first collegiate goals

while sophomore forward Tony Novelty scored his second goal of the season.

"I think the guys that came off the bench showed a bit of passion today to say, 'I want a starting spot,'" head coach Duke Cochran said. "They changed the game when they came in."

Freshman Ryan Farrar came into the match in the 70th minute and saw action in net for the Bulldogs. It was the first time a goalkeeper other than junior Nate Gibson had spent time between the posts since the 2003 season, a span of more than 2,600 minutes of game time.

The 'Dogs made the trip north Sunday afternoon to take on the Peacocks of Upper Iowa, and their offensive onslaught traveled with them, much to the delight of Cochran.

"Upper Iowa has been doing OK this season, though their record doesn't show it," Cochran said. "We played as well as I've seen us play. We knocked the ball around really well. It was the Truman Bulldogs showing what kind of soccer they play."

Unlike against Iowa Wesleyan, the 'Dogs wasted no time in putting crooked numbers up on the scoreboard as senior Sean Birrell tallied his second goal of the season in the 10th minute on a feed from Clayes, giving the team an early lead. Gaudreault, Novelty and freshman midfielder Kevin Barry also scored in the first half.

Clayes scored his team-leading fifth goal in the second half while junior midfielder Ryan Cravens tacked on two goals and senior forward Lars Pottgiesser added one of his own to help give the 'Dogs the victory.

Once again, Gibson finished the game on the sidelines as redshirt freshman Chris Kirkweg saw action for the first time in his

career, entering the match in the 76th minute. Like Farrar, though, he was not challenged and did not record a save.

"Chris [Kirkweg] and Ryan [Farrar] add competition and make me have to work harder knowing that they're right there," Gibson said. "Any time seen on the field is good time, and, though it may not be against the competition they want to see, it gives them the opportunity to be out there with the guys they'll be working with in the next few years."

The 'Dogs now sit at 7-2 on the season and continue to climb up the regional ladder in their quest for the postseason. In addition to helping the program in the present, winning matches helps the team much further down the road as well.

"Having success always helps in recruiting, and a winning team self-promotes itself," Athletic Director Jerry Wollmering said. "When a program is able to have success and support from larger crowds, that's always a driving factor for trying to recruit and have a good following."

A long road trip awaits the team this weekend as they travel east to play a pair of regional matches. The 'Dogs will play Northern Kentucky University on Friday and Findlay University (Ohio) on Sunday afternoon. Findlay pulled an upset on the 2003 Bulldog squad in the Elite Eight, and many players on the current roster played for that team as well.

"With the history of what they did to us in the tournament two years ago, there are a lot of guys on this team that took that loss hard," Cochran said. "The desire to pay back for what they did to them will stick with these boys for a long time."



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Senior back Mike Boyle fights for the ball during the Bulldogs' 1-0 win over Lewis University Sept. 18. Boyle scored the game-winning goal in the contest. After two wins over the last eight days, the 'Dogs are 7-2.

# Women's tennis delivers solid performance at ITAs

Senior Becky Dinsick reaches quarterfinals; Blair and Salmon also strong for team

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This past weekend in Maryville, Mo., redemption was spelled B-E-C-K-Y.

The women's tennis team competed in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regionals at Northwest Missouri State University. While four players won opening-round matches, senior Becky Dinsick highlighted the tournament.

Dinsick, who missed all of last year recovering from Tommy John surgery, said she didn't expect much out of the tournament.

"I was prepared for the worst to happen," she said. "I was not confident after the Truman Invitational."

Dinsick faced Carissa Knoderer, who played her way into the field of 64. Dinsick easily handled Knoderer by scores of 6-2, 6-1 to advance to the second round. Dinsick then played junior Cyndi Nagy of Colorado State University-Pueblo. Dinsick won two hard-fought sets 7-5, 6-4 to advance to the field of 16.

Rockhurst University (Mo.) freshman Hannah Lazenby squared off next against Dinsick in the field of 16. She previously had knocked off Bulldog freshman Lindsay Blair in three sets. Dinsick avenged her teammate by beating Lazenby, assuring her of a top-eight finish with the victory.

In the quarterfinals, Dinsick matched up against freshman Carolina Amaral, who in

the semifinals defeated Julie Huyberechts of Washburn University, the fourth-seeded player in the region.

Dinsick was unable to come up with the victory, losing 6-1, 6-2, but had a strong showing, defeating five of the top eight seeds in the region.

Dinsick said she was a little surprised at the outcome of the three-day event.

"It was just the right time for me," she said. "I had been playing for about two or three months. It just seemed like I was waiting for this moment to occur."

Head coach Pete Kendall said Dinsick had a great tournament.

"She finally got to play some matches," he said. "It's obviously showing."

Dinsick's performance was undoubtedly the top performance, but several other Bulldogs had strong showings.

Blair upset No. 8 seed Lacey Luina from Emporia State in her opening round match, advancing to the second round with scores of 6-4, 6-3. Sophomore Jennifer Salmon had the best dual run in the tournament. She advanced to the field of 16 in singles competition, losing to sixth-seeded Michelle Hall of Missouri Southern State University in three sets.

Salmon and sophomore Whitney Hamilton teamed up to advance to the quarterfinals in the doubles tournament, losing to Northwest Missouri State University's top-seeded team of Gena Lindsay and Erica Ramirez by a score of 8-2.

Kendall said the team had a successful weekend overall.

"I thought we had a very good tournament, and we were very close to having a great tournament," he said. "We

had three or four matches that we lost in the third set, and those third sets were just tiebreakers, not full sets."

The men's team travels to Washburn University this weekend for its ITA regional. Freshman Devin Williams said he is looking forward to playing in his first regional match.

"Personally, I hope to do as well as I can," he said. "We're going to use the women's success to motivate us. The guys are going to push us harder, too."

Kendall said he expects the same going into the men's regional as he did with the women's regional.

"It's going to be a tough tournament," he said. "All the top players in the region will be there. We think we have a pretty good group, so we think we can do pretty well."

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