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Profiles of WolfPack athletes

MEN'S SOCCER

SAXON LAFLASH

The starting goalie for the Madison College men's soccer team, freshman Saxon LaFlash has posted four shutouts this season for the 7-2 WolfPack. He has allowed 11 goals in 35 shots for a goals-against average of 1.68.

A three-time letterwinner in soccer at Madison Memorial High School, he was named the team's most improved player his junior season. As a senior, he



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was named team captain and earned honorable mention all-conference honors. The son of Jason and Lisa LaFlash, he is enrolled in the college's transfer program and hopes to study architecture.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

KELLY KUBICEK

A freshman on the Madison College women's soccer team, Kelly Kubicek has started all eight games in goal for the 7-1 WolfPack. She has allowed just five goals in 35 shots and has posted six shutouts. Her goals against average is 0.64.

Kubicek was a four-time letter-winner in soccer at Oregon High School. Her high school team qualified for state four times during her career, winning the title in 2015 and finishing as runner-up twice.

The daughter of Robin Kroyer-Kubicek and Dan Kubicek, she is a web and digital design major.



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Madison College's Peyton Trapino fights a College of DuPage player for the ball during her team's 5-0 win at home on Sept. 10. The WolfPack women's soccer team is now 7-1 overall and 6-0 in conference play.

Men's soccer team claims 4-straight wins, record now 6-2

JOSEPH CRAKER
Staff Writer

The Madison College men's soccer team has won four-straight matches, including a 7-0 victory against Illinois Valley Community College on Sept. 16, behind an historic four-goal day for striker Dejesus Herrera.

The last home match of the calendar summer felt more like the day the season began as the players took the field on a hot and sunny Sunday afternoon. The 0-7-1 Eagles had been floundering for the majority of the season, and were looking to kick off the second half of their campaign on the right track.

On the other hand, Madison College, at 5-0-2, were certainly seeking to maintain their momentum towards a high seed in the NJCAA Region IV Quarterfinals starting in October.

From the kickoff, it was clear that only one side would be coming away with the game. The WolfPack immediately began dominating possession through the midfield and breaking through the Eagles' back line. A few shots were attempted but dealt with early on, however the inevitable breakthrough came when Dejesus Herrera hit the back of the net after Will Hamilton played him through.

Seconds later, another beautiful pass came this time from Logan Carstens through the midfield. Again, Herrera was in prime position to put the chance away to make it 2-0 within the first eight minutes.

Eager for more, the WolfPack forward got off the line a bit too quickly and was called for offsides twice before timing it right in the 12th minute. The

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STARTING STRONG

Women's soccer team wins 7 games before suffering its first loss of the season

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It has been a busy couple of weeks for the WolfPack women's soccer team still, even with five games in the last two weeks, the team has still dominated most of its opponents. After suffering its first loss of the season on Sept. 23, Madison College is now 7-1 overall and are ranked No. 6 in the NJCAA Division III.

If that was not enough to make fans proud, they have posed a 5-0 win against College of DuPage, hustled their way to an overtime golden goal win against No. 9 Joliet Junior College, scored seven times while not conceding a single goal against Triton College, and posed a 6-0 victory against Rock Valley, making this one of the best starts in program's history.

The game against DuPage on Sept. 10 saw all five goals scored in the second half. It was the first time this season that Madison College did not score in the first half, but they came back after halftime pressuring DuPage and found the back of the net five times,

with Meghan Petroski scoring a hat-trick and Peyton Trapino scoring once and putting up two assists.

It was the calm before the storm. Their second game that week, against No. 9 Joliet Junior College was even more thrilling. Madison College put up 16 shots to only 5 from Joliet Junior College, but the WolfPack was unable to convert during regulation play. The game went to overtime and, in the 99th minute, the WolfPack found the back of the net with a goal from Britt Schumann, assisted by Petroski and Trapino.

WolfPack handles Hawks despite rough third set

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The Madison College volleyball team, led by second year outside hitter Paige Hostetler and new coach Jeff "JT" Thomas, kept the Harper College Hawks at bay at home on Sept. 20. The WolfPack took the match, 3-1, and maintain a solid record of 4-1 in N4C conference play going into the second half of the season.

As usual, it took the WolfPack a few points to get synchronized.

A few off-target hits had them behind 4-1 early, but they brought it back to 5-5 through solid fundamental play as well as a couple of aces from first-year outside hitter Sage Esser.

More points were traded between the two teams before Madison College got out to a 14-8 lead with a pair of Olivia Darkow aces and a set of kills from Paige Hostetler.

The WolfPack would maintain at least a three-point lead until 24-22, and after a timeout to talk it over, they would claim the first set 25-23.

Miss-hits seemed to be the theme at the start of the second set, with both teams combining for three kills in the first 10 points. The WolfPack managed to find its groove first, eventually jumping out to a 11-4 lead behind two more Darkow aces.

The Hawks fought back to with

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Madison College volleyball player Tianna Sackett reaches up to block an opponents kill during her team's match against Harper College on Sept. 20.