

NWC SOCCER PICKS UP WEDNESDAY WINS

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MITCHELL, S.D. — Northwestern College soccer played for two Great Plains Athletic Conference wins on Wednesday, Oct. 5, in Mitchell, South Dakota, downing teams from Dakota Wesleyan. The Red Raider women downed the Tigers 2-1. The Red Raider men scored three quick goals in the nightcap, rolling to a 3-0 victory.

The Raiders next faced Midland on Saturday, Oct. 8., and will host Dordt on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Two in the second half

The Raider women swarmed early in the first half, taking the game to their offensive side of the field, but weren't able to finish any changes, despite getting five shots and two corner kicks.

Tiger keeper Isabella Gregg saved three Raider shots in the first 15 minutes of play. The Tigers collected themselves and responded with three shots and one corner kick, Deandra Johnson putting the Mitchell team on the board with an unassisted goal in the 34th minute.

In the second period, the Raiders were fouled midway on the Tiger defensive side. Julie Dunlap stepped up for the free kick, lining it to the net's far corner to tie the score. In the sixty-third minute of play, Abby Noonan scored the game winner on an open net. The Raiders drew the keeper out with an offensive effort, and Kestlie Paul spotted Noonan the ball for the assist on the goal.

"Tonight was not our best soccer," Raider coach Shannon Andringa said in the report by Northwestern College Athletic Communications, "but I'm proud of the grit the girls showed to come back. We played a very selfish first half and paid for it. We turned things around in the second half enough to get the win. A win is a win and we'll take the three points and learn from it."

The Raiders completed the contest with 11 shots, seven on goal. The Tigers had seven shots, three on net. Corner kicks were almost even, the Raiders collecting three, the Tigers, two. Dakota Wesleyan committed 10 fouls, three which drew yellow cards, the Raiders seven.

Kaelin Alons allowed the one goal but was otherwise untested. Abby Bastian worked the net in the second half, allowing no goals and saving two. For the Tigers, Isabella Gregg had five saves against the two goals scored.

Dunlap leveled three shots on net of four fired. Noonan took two shots, each on goal. Alexa Johnson had three shots, one on goal. Johnson had one of the three shots on goal. Two other Tigers each had a shot on net.

The Red Raider women improve to 2-4-1 in the conference and to 6-6-1 overall. The Tigers are still looking for their first conference win after six losses, but are 2-7-1 in overall play.

Three quick for the win

Under the lights, the Raiders and Tigers played to a 0-0 tie in

	1	2	T
Northwestern	0	2	2
Dakota Wesleyan	1	0	1

	1	2	T
Shots	5	6	11 (7)
DWU	3	4	7 (3)

	1	2	T
Corner Kicks	2	1	3
DWU	1	1	2

	1	2	T
Fouls	2	5	7
DWU	4	6	10

Player	Shots	SOG	Goals	A	GA	Saves
Abby Noonan	2	2	1	0	-	-
Julie Dunlap	4	3	1	0	-	-
Alexa Johnson	3	1	0	0	-	-
Kestlie Paul	1	0	0	1	-	-
Team	1	1	0	0	-	-
Abby Bastian	-	-	-	-	0	2
Kaelin Alons	-	-	-	-	1	0
Totals	11	7	2	1	1	2

Yellow cards: 74:00 DWU Team, 74:54 DWU Alyssa Crnic, 87:25 DWU Samantha Garcia

Key: SOG=Shots on goal, A=Assists, GA=Goals against

the first 45 minutes of play, but the Raiders broke through in a big way in a cluster of minutes in the second, Red Raider Stan van den Beld involved in all three goals.

In the 63rd minute, the cascade began, van den Beld assisting a strike by Niklas Fitter. Van den Beld scored the second goal three minutes later on a Jacey McFaddin assist. A minute later it was Fitter striking again on a van den Beld helper.

"Johannes von Saldern got free down the right flank and served a beautiful ball into the box," said Raider coach Dan Swier. "Stan and a Dakota Wesleyan defender went up for it and it bounced off of them and back to about the penalty spot, where Niklas was waiting. He still had to pick his spot as there were two defenders and the goalkeeper all standing on the goal line."

Of the second goal, said Swier, "Jacey McFaddin threw the ball in to Stan. He was able to turn and dribble toward the top of the box in the middle of the field. He decided to shoot and beat the keeper to his near post because he was anticipating a shot to the far post.

"Stan got the ball on the right side of the field with his back to goal, turned inside and attacked the middle of the field," said Swier of the third goal. "Niklas had spun off the shoulder of the center back and found a seam to run into, and Stan played him the ball in stride running into the box. Niklas did what he does best and buried the shot."

The Raiders had the edge in shots, getting 19 away in the win, 12 of them on goal. Dakota Wesleyan had 10 shots, six on net. The Raider offensive netted seven corner kicks; Dakota Wesleyan had four. Northwestern players committed eight fouls, two of them earning yellow cards. The Tigers had five fouls.

"Dakota Wesleyan is a team that battles really hard as long as they are in the game," said Swier. "We saw that... with a valiant effort by them. We needed to earn the victory, and, fortunately, the guys stayed committed to the game plan. In the second half we had a 10-minute spell where it all came together."

Raider keeper Ezekiel Foltz had six saves in the shutout, the third consecutive such win by the Raiders. Tiger keeper Hunter Birozy had nine saves against the three goals.

Van den Beld, von Saldern, Fitter and Tim Kaltenberger each had two shots on goal, the quartet responsible for 12 of the Raiders' 19 shots. McFaddin, James Bolger, Riley Aarbo and Alejandro Ruiz Garcia each had one shot on net.

Garrett Hanna had two shots on net for the Tigers. Isaias Pio shot three, one on goal. Three other players had one shot on goal each.

Dakota Wesleyan is looking for its first GPAC win against five losses, but is 1-9-1 in overall play. The three Red Raider wins boosted their conference record to 4-1-1 and moved their placement to a 4-1-1 tie with third place Concordia.

	1	2	T
Northwestern	0	3	3
Dakota Wesleyan	0	0	0

	1	2	T
Shots	8	11	19 (12)
DWU	5	5	10 (6)

	1	2	T
Corner kicks	3	4	7
UJ	2	2	4

	1	2	T
Fouls	3	5	8
UJ	2	3	5

() Shots On Goal

Player	Shots	SOG	Goals	A	GA	Saves
Stan van den Beld	4	2	1	2	-	-
Johannes von Saldern	3	2	0	0	-	-
Tim Kaltenberger	3	2	0	0	-	-
James Bolger	2	1	0	0	-	-
Riley Aarbo	1	1	0	0	-	-
Niklas Fitter	2	2	2	0	-	-
Alejandro Ruiz Garcia	1	1	0	0	-	-
Jacey McFaddin	1	1	0	0	-	-
Kobi Baccam	1	0	0	0	-	-
Ryan Del Monaco	1	0	0	0	-	-
Ezekiel Foltz	-	-	-	-	0	6
Totals	19	12	3	3	0	6

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Yellow cards: 50:48 NWC Riley Aarbo, 69:14 NWC Marcel Lengert

A CLEAN SWEEP FOR THE KNIGHTS

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HAWARDEN — The Unity Knight cross country teams swept the War Eagle Conference championships on Monday, Oct. 10, in competitions run at the Hawarden Golf Course.

"Both teams were able to place 7 in the top 15, which is quite the accomplishment. It was a deceptively tough course with some long, slow hills mixed in," said Unity coach Jake Byma. "We tried to encourage our kids to maintain contact with someone because it can be tough to keep your pace up once you lose contact with other runners."

The Unity girls dominated the field, with the first four scoring runners and all seven within the top 12.

Katie Young, Olivia Hoogland, and Jaidyn De Jong were the first three runners across the finish line. Young was first in 21:54 and Hoogland was next with 22:52, and De Jong ran 23:21. Abby Klompier finished fifth with the fourth runner from a school that didn't field a team. Klompier ran 23:45, and Megan Te Krony and Mikayla Vollink were ninth and tenth with times of 24:20 and 24:22. Elizabeth Hoogland was 14th in 25:42 to complete the Knights varsity team.

"The girls went to the front of the pack right away and set the tone early. Our chase group was patient and slowly moved up throughout the race. Katie Young had a strong race and tried to push herself even though she had to run almost the whole thing alone. I've been impressed with her running the past few weeks, and it's awesome to win your conference championship as a freshman," said Byma.

The Unity girls won the title with 18 points, Hinton was the runner-up with 18 points, and South O'Brien claimed third with 82 points.

The Unity boys had little trouble with its first five runners in the top eight for scoring, and all seven runners were in the top 10.

Ethan Wynia won the title with a 17:54 time over the 5,000-meter course. Stephen Schreurs and Jonathon Breems

were third and fourth in 18:47 and 18:48, and Iain Monroe was ninth with a time of 19:31. Ezra Landman was fifth for the Knights, and Daylen Mulder was the sixth Unity runner as the teams were 10th and 11th respectively with times of 19:33 and 19:34.

"Our guys also ran well and put a strong group in the front immediately. Ethan Wynia had a strong individual race, running stride for stride with a talented MCCRU runner for a lot of the race. He separated himself in the last 800 and kept his foot on the gas for the individual title. We're grateful for awesome fan support as we had lots of parents, siblings, and grandparents out cheering," said Byma.

Unity had 21 points, with Hinton running second with 92 points.

The Knights will host their invite on Friday, Oct. 14. The State Qualifying meet will be Thursday, Oct. 20.

2022 War Eagle Conference Cross Country Meet Hawarden Golf Club West Sioux host Monday, Oct. 10 Unity Christian varsity results			
Girls 5K		Boys 5K	
Unity Christian	18	Unity Christian	21
Hinton	50	Hinton	92
South O'Brien	82	Trinity Christian	104
Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn	85	Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn	107
		Akron-Westfield	107
1 Katie Young	21:54.20	Gehlen Catholic	113
2 Olivia Hoogland	22:52.30	South O'Brien	144
3 Jaidyn De Jong	23:21.50		
5 Abby Klompier	23:45.22	1 Ethan Wynia	17:54.40
8 Megan Te Krony	24:20.39	3 Stephen Schreurs	18:47.36
19 Mikayla Vollink	24:22.85	4 Jonathon Breems	18:48.12
14 Elizabeth Hoogland	25:42.63	9 Iain Monroe	19:31.12
		10 Ezra Landman	19:33.33
		11 Daylen Mulder	19:34.56
		19 Jean Maletoungou	20:11.11



After it
Gracie Schoonhoven of Unity Christian hustles after a dig during action in the Western Christian tournament on Saturday, Oct. 9. The Knights were 2-2 in the event. (Photo by Jeff Bylsma)

Knight volleyball splits wins, losses in Saturday tourney

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HULL — The Unity Christian Knight volleyball team competed in the Kooima Kooima and Varitek Classic hosted by Western Christian in Hull on Saturday, Oct. 8, and finished with a 2-2 record.

The Knights started the day by taking on highly regarded Sioux Falls O'Gorman and lost a 28-26, 21-8 decision.

Gracie Schoonhoven had eight kills in the loss, and Tyra Schuiteman had three, with Paige De Boom putting up nine assists. Defensively, Cassady Dekkers led the Knights with four digs, and Callie Karhoff and Katelyn Zevenbergen each had three digs.

Jadyn Hofmeyer had two ace serves in the loss.

"The first set was very tight all the way through," said Unity Christian coach Patty Timmermans. "That hard-fought first set took away our steam, and the second was not nearly as close, so we lost the match 0-2."

Unity Christian came back with a 21-16, 21-8 win over MOC-Floyd Valley behind Gracie Schoonhoven's seven kills. Schuiteman and Hofmeyer each had three kills. De Boom put up 12 assists and Zevenbergen had three digs. Unity had five service aces, Schuiteman and Karhoff each getting a pair.

The Knights made it two wins in a row with a 21-15, 21-11 win over Le Mars. Schoonhoven was again the leader with nine kills, and Schuiteman had three. De Boom put up 11 assists. Dekkers got to five digs, and Schoonhoven had four. Three Knights each had an ace as the Knights secured a spot in the gold bracket.

Against Western Christian, the Knights lost set one 25-20 and were tripped up in set two 25-17. Schuiteman had nine kills, and Schoonhoven and Kuperus each had six kills. De Boom put up 23 assists. Zevenbergen had five digs and Schoonhoven had three and Karhoff four.

"Coming out second in our pool put us against Western right away in the championship bracket," said Timmermans. "It was one of our better showings against Western, and we competed well in both sets. As a team, we were not as consistent as we had hoped to be, but we played hard against some very good competition, and playing some of those tough teams will benefit us as we enter the post-season soon."

The Knights entered the final week of regular-season play with a 17-8 mark. After two road War Eagle matches, the Knights will open post season play on Monday, Oct. 17 against MOC-Floyd Valley.

Kooima Varitek Classic Western Christian High School Hull Unity Christian scores			
	1	2	T
Sioux Falls O'Gorman	28	21	2
Knights	26	8	0
Dutch	16	8	0
Knights	21	21	2
Le Mars	15	11	0
Knights	21	21	2
Knights	20	17	0
Western Christian	25	25	2



OC teams meet at Hull
Tyra Schuiteman (9) of Unity Christian attacks against the blocking of Maya Immeker (8) and Adyson Jeltema (12) of MOC-Floyd Valley during action at the Western Christian tournament in Hull on Saturday, Oct. 9. The Knights won that match 21-16 and 21-8. (Photo by Jeff Bylsma)