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Area colleges: Women's soccer: Egolf gives UIS first victory

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Chatham Glenwood High School graduate Erin Egolf scored three goals and the University of Illinois Springfield posted its first-ever Great Lakes Valley Conference victory, beating Kentucky Wesleyan 4-1 Friday at Kiwanis Stadium.

The victory was also the Prairie Stars' first of the season and moved their record to 1-6-0 overall and 1-5-0 in the GLVC. Kentucky Wesleyan dropped to 2-5-0 and 1-5-0.

UIS struck early as Egolf, a sophomore, tallied her first goal of the night at the 5:40 mark after she took a feed from Katlin Petersen. The Panthers tied it at 18:41, and the half ended 1-1.

The second half was all UIS. Ashley Stariha gave the Prairie Stars the lead for good at the 58:25 mark with assists coming from Casey Thorpe and Kaitlyn Ebarb.

Egolf then blasted a shot from the top of the box at the 80:04 mark and nearly six minutes later (86:00) she scored on a penalty kick to close out the scoring and complete the first three-goal performance of her college career.

UIS will continue GLVC play on Sunday when it hosts Southern Indiana at noon.

Men's soccer

First win for Jones, UIS

The University of Illinois posted its first-ever Great Lakes Valley Conference victory and new Prairie Stars coach Chad Jones recorded his first win as UIS beat Kentucky Wesleyan 2-1 at Kiwanis Stadium.

UIS improved to 1-5-1 overall and 1-4-1 in the GLVC while the Panthers fell to 2-6-0 and 0-6-0.

The Prairie Stars got on the board first when Ahmedtayib Haji scored unassisted at the 20:43 mark.

Early in the second half UIS got what would be the game-winner from Brandon Belcon who tallied off an assist from Frank Rodriguez at 49:53.

Kentucky Wesleyan pulled within 2-1 at the 60:17 mark when Gary McMeekin scored on a penalty kick.

UIS returns to action on Sunday when it hosts Southern Indiana in a GLVC match at 2:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Red Lions, Bulldogs go 1-1

DECATUR — The Lincoln Christian University Red Lions split two matches at the Millikin Invitational, recording its first-ever victory over Webster University 22-25, 25-21, 25-22, 25-18 before Concordia beat the Red Lions 19-25, 25-23, 25-18, 25-23.

LCU (10-3) was led in the first match by Jamie McFadden with 24 kills, three service aces, 15 digs and four blocks. Krystine Schnautz was LCU's leader in the second match with 25 kills, six digs and one block.

Benedictine University at Springfield also went 1-1 Friday. Clark University defeated the Bulldogs 25-23, 25-20, 25-21, and then Benedictine defeated Earlham 21-25, 25-21, 30-28, 16-25, 15-13.

Sara Aiello had nine kills for Benedictine in the first match and Missy Chott added eight kills.

Rachel Cunningham led Benedictine in the second match with 14 kills and Chott added 11. Lexie Steindl had 36 assists for the Bulldogs (2-11 overall).

The tournament continues today.

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