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Gaels Keep Winning Steak In Overtime

By Mikaela Cowles



Yousef Samy (8, right) passing on to Kyle Ciliento (9, in the middle)

Photo Tod Fierner

From half to half the game changed wildly, but the Saint Mary's men's soccer team did not let Santa Clara bring their winning streak to a close. Coming off of a 3-1 win over the University of San Francisco on October 10, the Gaels tied 1-1 with Santa Clara moving them to a 3-6-2 overall record and a 2-1-1 record in West Coast Conference play. The Broncos now sit at 2-6-3 overall and 0-2-1 in WCC play.

Santa Clara came out strong in the first half attacking the goal with 7 shots, 4 of which made Saint Mary's keeper Jason Badger have to hustle. Badger has really picked up his play in the latter half of the season, lowering his on goal average to 1.34 and accumulating 34 saves.

Despite Badger's heightened

performance, with 16:20 off the clock in the first half, Jalil Anibab got the best of him. From 35 yards out directly in front of the goal, Anibab's strong left foot booted the ball past Badger with force into the upper left corner of the net for his first goal of the season.

The Gaels continued to prove themselves a second half team. In their last two games Saint Mary's took 17 second half shots, compared to 9 in the first half. Sunday wasn't any different as they took 4 shots in the first half and 7 in the second.

Thirteen minutes into the second half, freshman defender Justin Grider won a header over the Broncos and sent the ball up to fellow freshman forward Malcolm Alugas. Clearing out space with some fancy footwork, Alugas slipped it past the

Santa Clara keeper Kevin Klasila with his left foot from 15 yards out.

The Gaels and Broncos fought hard for the remainder of regulation play, but neither team could gain an advantage on the scoreboard, sending them into an uneventful overtime. Saint Mary's tallied 3 shots in the second overtime to Santa Clara's 1, but the action was still not enough for either team as they tied 1-1.

The Gaels will try to keep their winning streak alive as they play their next game at Gonzaga on Friday, October 17th.

Saint Mary's Grabs An Earlier Win

By Mikaela Cowles

It looked like the Saint Mary's College and Loyola Marymount University men's soccer teams were headed into overtime on Sunday, October 5, until Gael freshman midfielder Emmanuel Sarabina earned his first collegiate goal as he sent a header past keeper Patrick Sampson with 58 seconds left in regulation play. The goal cinched the 2-1 win, giving the Gaels a 2-6-1 record overall and a 1-1-0 record in the West Coast Conference.

Loyola attempted more than 20 shots, 9 of which were on goal, but Saint Mary's keeper Jason Badger held them to only one goal with a strong performance, earning a season high of 8 saves.

It was late in the first half when Saint Mary's Mark Araujo tied the score. Araujo headed Justin Kims' long throw-in into the left corner of the net. It was both Araujo's first goal of the season and Kims' first assist. The goal sent the Gaels into half time with a lot of momentum, which they used coming out in the second half attempting 6 straight shots on goal.

The heated rivalry will continue on October 31st at Loyola Marymount as the two teams meet for their second game of conference play.

Nied and Co. on a Roll: Win WCC Opener

By Kevin D. Shallat



Daniella Spann (19) and Alex Ciliento (3)

Photo Tod Fierner

The Saint Mary's women's soccer team got off to a good start to begin league play, hosting a mid-day match against the University of San Francisco Dons on Sunday, Oct. 12.

The Gaels came into this game with a 7-4-1 overall record, while the Dons carried a record of 5-5-2. This was a pivotal game for the Gaels, as they have two road games next week against their archrival Santa Clara and 20th ranked San Diego.

After a scoreless first period, the Gaels were able to pour it on in the second half and walk away with a 2-0 victory.

Neither team scored in the first half, but the Gaels were able to dominate the time of possession and shots on goal. The conservative

play would pan out for the Gaels in the long run. Instead of going for risky steals, Saint Mary's kept the ball handler in front of them all day long, which forced the Dons to make bad passes throughout the match.

The Gaels effectively shut down USF's Nicole Moore, who had tallied four of the team's nine goals so far this season.

Daniella Spann and Ashley Nied picked right up where they left off last week, having garnered the hot player of the week honors on the SMC website. Both players scored game-winning overtime goals in the week prior to this game. Spann scored the game-winner in double overtime in a 2-1 win at Nevada, and Nied scored the game-winner in a 1-0 win over San Jose

State.

The two players stood out again in this game against USF. Nied scored the go-ahead goal with 14:30 to go in the second half. Nied timed a beautiful lob pass from Spann, and headed the ball over the San Francisco goalkeeper to give the Gaels a 1-0 lead. Once again Nied was in the right place at the right time for the Gaels, as she converted her sixth goal in 13 games.

In her first two years, she tallied only four shots on goal, but now the junior forward is enjoying a breakout year for the Gaels. When asked about her knack for finding the goal, Nied said, "It's a dream come true ... it's been nice to finally help the team out with that."

Spann has been a big part of the early success for the Gaels this season. She was able to record her second assist of the day after she teed up a perfect pass on the ground to give Mercede Koning her first goal of the season. Spann could have attempted the shot herself but instead elected to pass to her teammate, who was able to get open on the fast break.

Koning was having a stellar day for the Gaels even before she slid on the grass to kick the second goal of the game with 11:40 to play. The 2-0 lead with just over 10 minutes to play was more than enough to give the Gaels their fourth shutout of the season.



Erik Rivas,(7)

Photo Tod Fierner



Goal keeper Tara Larson (1)

Photo Tod Fierner



SMC Gaels Home and Local Games

Thu, Oct 16 7:00 PM
Womens Volleyball
San Francisco Moraga, CA

Sat, Oct 18 1:00 PM
Womens Volleyball
San Diego Moraga, CA

Fri, Oct 24 3:00 PM
Women's Soccer
Gonzaga Saint Mary's Stadium

Fri, Oct 24 7:00 PM
Womens Volleyball
Santa Clara Moraga, CA

Sun, Oct 26 1:00 PM
Women's Soccer
Portland Saint Mary's Stadium

Fri, Oct 31 All Day
Men's Tennis
Gael Classic Moraga, CA

Sat, Nov 1 All Day
Men's Tennis
Gael Classic Moraga, CA

Sun, Nov 2 All Day
Men's Tennis
Gael Classic Moraga, CA

Sun, Nov 2 1:00 PM
Women's Soccer
Pepperdine Saint Mary's Stadium

Thu, Nov 6 7:00 PM
Womens Volleyball
Portland Moraga, CA

Fri, Nov 7 7:05
Women's Basketball
Showtime Basketball Moraga, CA

Sat, Nov 8 1:00 PM
Womens Volleyball
Gonzaga Moraga, CA

Sun, Nov 9 2:00 PM
Men's Soccer
San Francisco Saint Mary's Stadium

Sun, Nov 9 4:00 PM
Women's Basketball
San Francisco State Moraga, CA

Fri, Nov 14 2:00 PM
Men's Soccer
Portland Saint Mary's Stadium

Sun, Nov 16 1:00 PM
Men's Soccer
Gonzaga Saint Mary's Stadium

Super Karate Mom Scores Big Time at Tournament in L.A

Submitted by Thomas Westernoff



Taking first place in the Kata (Forms) Division in the adult age group from the Fiestas International Karate Championships held in Los Angeles, Orinda's Julie Luckenbach returns home with a six-foot trophy bigger than herself. Her hard work and desire to keep competing has paid off. She enjoys doing karate with her children as a great family activity and to keep fit, and is now even more confident in being able to defend herself. Karate classes are something people of all ages can enjoy.

Julie Luckenbach Photo submitted

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