

Soccer faces Bethany

By Lacie Holbert
Staff reporter

All eight games in September were to prepare for Saturday. The men and women's soccer teams will host Bethany College Oct. 3. The men's team opens conference with a 1-6-1 record facing Bethany who stands with a 4-4 record. The Lady Builders enter the game with a 3-4-1 record going head to head with the Lady Swedes who have a record of 5-3-1. In the preseason poll Bethany was picked 10 and SC 9 for the men's team. As for the women's team, Bethany is picked 5 and SC 6.

Ruben Sanchez, head men's soccer coach, said, "We need to rest this week and prepare for Bethany. This is the real deal and we need to start on a good note."

Joe Wood, head women's soccer coach, said, "We are ready for conference and it's time for it to start. I am very excited because we have not shown other teams our full potential yet. I think once we perform well, we can build on it and will help us to continue to be successful throughout conference."

The men's team lost to Southwestern Assembly of God University 3-1 Sept. 26. Stefan Carter, freshmen mid fielder, scored in the second half. Carter said, "We should have won. Injuries affected us big time this game. Our two starting defenders were out and we did not have many subs. We came out the first half not playing well and picked it

up the second half but unfortunately did not play well enough to pull out a win."

Sanchez said, "As a team we did not come out to play. We are tired and beat up at the moment. We had two games back to back and are struggling with injuries. It's tough right now on the team with all the injuries and not having many subs. We did not prepare enough for this game and I think this week the team needs to rest and focus on Bethany."

The Lady Builders won against Southwestern Assembly of God University 2-0 Sept. 26. Morgan Constantine, sophomore forward, scored the first goal and Nicole Mound, freshmen mid fielder, scored the final goal for the Lady Builders.

Mound said, "I think we played very well as team. Everyone is really working together and the chemistry is getting better. I feel pretty confident going into conference. Our goal is to be in the top four in conference and if we play our best we can easily achieve it."

The Builders lost to Rogers State University 9-0 Sept. 25.

Carter said "As a team we did not play well. They were fast and had good passing skills. One of our starting defenders got hurt the first half and we did not have many subs which affected the outcome of the game. Without a lot of subs we got tired and just did not play up to our level."

The women's team lost to the Lady Hillcats 3-0 Sept. 25. Mound

said, "I think the first half we played well and played to their level. The second half I think we let our guard down to much which unfortunately was to their advantage."

The men's team lost to St. Gregory's University 2-0 Sept. 22. Trevor Yingling, freshman mid fielder, said, "Even though we lost, as a team we played pretty well. We are finally showing how well we can play together. The team is growing stronger with each other on and off the field which is definitely a good thing."

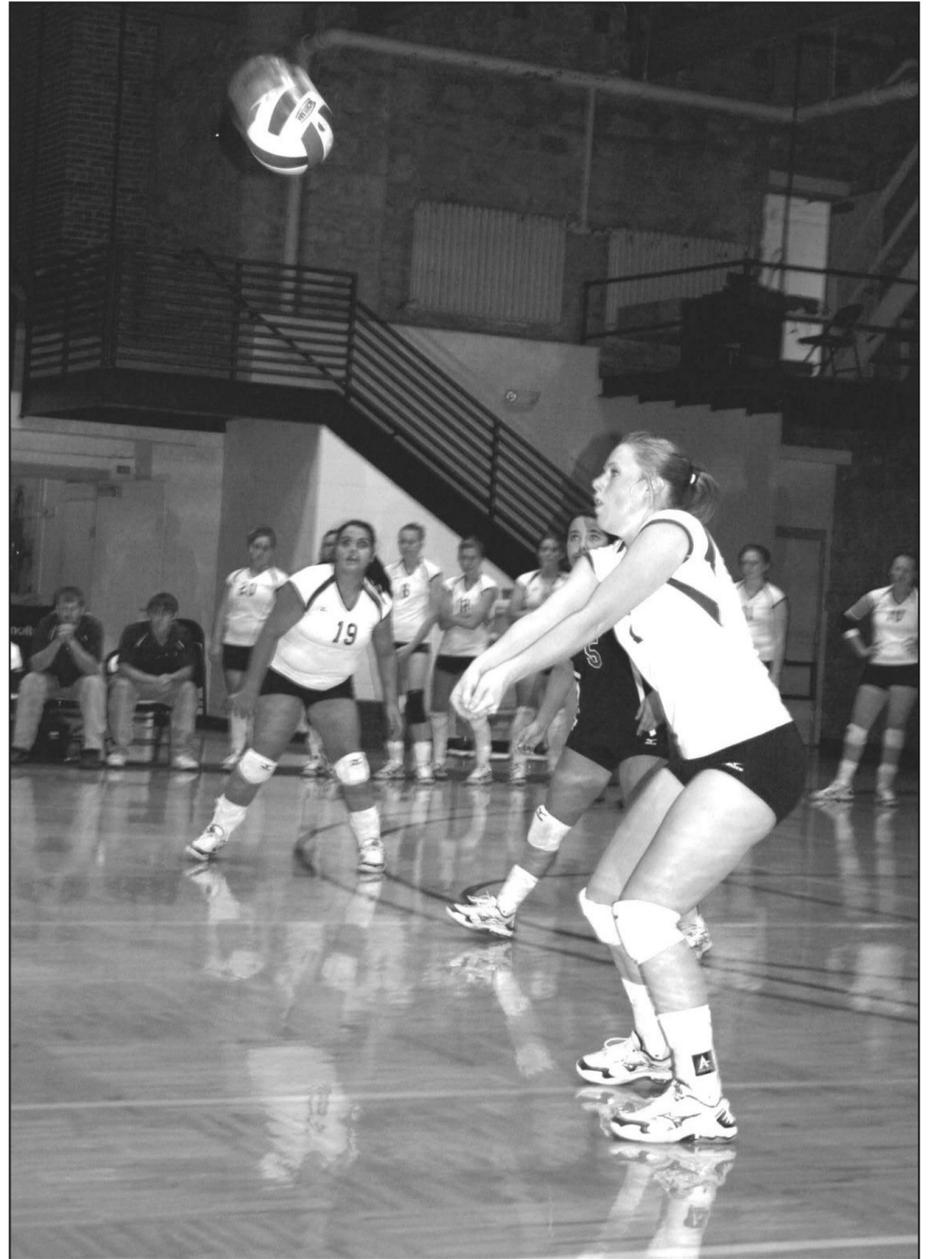
The Lady Builders lost to the Lady Cavaliers 5-1 Sept. 22. Melanie Marsh, freshman defender, scored the goal and Kerry Sonnenburg, senior mid fielder, made the assist.

Marsh said, "I think we played well against St. Gregory's. We went out there and played hard. I think we got unlucky which is unfortunate."

Wood said, "This was one of those games as a coach I got excited. I got to see how the team worked the field. We have moments where we possess the ball really well, but did not constantly do it the entire game. As a team we need to get ourselves more organized and situated to do it all the time. We made our opponent play on our level, but unfortunately, the score did not reflect that."

The women will start play at 2 p.m. and the men's team will follow at 4 p.m.

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Caitlin Smith, junior outside hitter, prepares to pass the ball against Ottawa University Sept. 23. The women lost 3-1 to Ottawa, and look to improve their 1-4 Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference standing at Sterling College Oct. 1.

Builders clash with Braves

By Clint Dick
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Vengeance is sweet. Southwestern is still looking to be a competitor in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. They have a golden opportunity this week against the team that handed them their worst loss a year ago.

The Ottawa University Braves are undefeated coming into Saturday's matchup with the Builders, fresh off a 23-21 victory over Sterling College. The Braves boast one of the most prolific passing attacks in the KCAC.

In his first four games, Ethan Haller, senior quarterback, has thrown for 1,900 yards, completed 59 percent of his passes, and thrown 14 touchdown passes. As a team, the Braves are averaging more than 500 yards of total offense a game.

"We will need to get some pressure on the quarterback, clean up some of our coverages and play solid defense if we want to compete with them," Ken Crandall, head coach, said. "We have to take care of ourselves out there and find a way to put points on the board."

They are also very solid defensively. The Braves have forced nine turnovers this season and have registered 12.5 sacks. The Builders will have to bring everything they have if

they want to avenge last year's 73-3 loss to Ottawa.

"We have to come with the mindset that whoever we play we have to play all four quarters," Matt Perkins, senior defensive back, said. "The minute we let our guard down they can rack the points up."

The purple and white came into their game against the 0-3 University of Saint Mary Spires on Sept. 26 searching for something positive after two tough opening losses. Things started taking a turn for the worst for the Builders on the Spires opening drive as Daniel Robles, junior quarterback, capped off a 12 play, 70-yard drive with a 17-yard touchdown strike to Terrell Harper, sophomore defensive back.

The Builders never recovered from the Spires early score as St. Mary continued to add to their lead. Robles threw two more touchdowns in the second quarter to Frankie Walburn, sophomore defensive back, and Justin Ritcher, senior wide receiver to make it 21-0 at the half.

Robles and the Spires continued to run up the score as they put up 49 points before the Builders were able to get on the board. Southwestern's lone score came on a 10-yard pass from Keith VenJohn, junior quarterback, to Case Myers, sophomore running back, with just 2:59 left in the game. The final score read 49-7

Spires.

"We struggled," Crandall said. "We have to sync a little bit on both sides of the ball. There is no doubt in my mind that we will come back on Monday and get to work."

The Builders struggled on both sides of the ball throughout the game. The Spires outgained Southwestern in total offense 508-166. Turnovers also plagued the Builders.

"We turned the ball over in key situations," said Crandall. "We put our defense in some tough situations at that really came back to hurt us." The Builders turned the ball over six times, fumbling it away four, and throwing two interceptions.

The Builders did have a few bright spots. Lance Evans, freshman running back, anchored the running game as he carried the ball 26 times for 120 yards. The special teams made a big play midway through the third quarter as a blocked Spire field goal was picked up by Trevor Noel, freshman defensive back, and returned 57 yards deep into Spire territory.

The Builders will need many more big plays out of each unit as they head into Saturday's game. The Builders clash with the Braves at 7 p.m.

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Volleyball looks for niche

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Talent and the ability to perform have mixed like oil and water for the volleyball team so far. Still, the team is determined to find its niche.

The women's next chance is Oct. 1 when they take on Sterling College. The 3-1 Warrior women are currently in fourth place in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, four spots about the 1-4 Builder women.

Randi Dierksen, junior middle blocker, says the team's biggest aggravation is with consistency. "A lot of it is mental—Coach keeps telling us we need to be almost arrogant when we step out on the court. Arrogance shows we want to win, we want to play," Dierksen said.

Meyer-Broddle says that she can see the women coming around, and that it's because of the team's ability to adjust. "There are no set starters. I

have 10 girls I can put out there and know that they will perform," Meyer-Broddle said.

"I am really proud of where we're at right now," Meyer-Broddle said. They have a 3-9 record but three of the team's losses were from competitive teams she said. "Friends, Bethany and Tabor are always the top teams, but it's teams like Ottawa we need to win against."

The women lost 3-1 to Ottawa Sept. 23, but that score doesn't show the team's improvement, Meyer-Broddle said.

"Our hitters hit .248 against Ottawa. That's unbelievable, unheard of in this program," she said.

In the first game the score was 25-19, but in their second game they came back 25-12. The third and fourth games went to Ottawa with scores of 25-22 and 25-21.

"We just lost steam," Kaley Rodriguez, freshman defensive specialist,

said.

Dierksen said, "If we can play at our level, like how we played in game two (against Ottawa University) when we smoked them, then we can challenge any team. We have so much talent, I know we can get there."

With accomplishment comes confidence, said Dierksen. "We have a lot to prove to people, but we can't let that become a burden," she said.

The women went 1-1 Sept. 26 in Shawnee, OK, where they lost against Oklahoma Baptist University 3-0 and won against Heston Tiltonson 3-2.

They competed against the University of Saint Mary Spires Sept. 29. Scores were not available at press time.

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Tennis teams open conference play against Kansas Wesleyan

action. "What I want my players to focus on is to play as hard as they can and then evaluate what we need to improve on," Smith said. "We are going there to play our very best."

The tennis team has had its bright spots so far this season.

"I think as a team we are performing well," Morgan Hubele, elementary education junior, said, "I think the season is going great and coach

Smith is doing a great job, but there is also a lot that we need to work on."

On Sept. 22 they played at home against Newman University. The women played hard, but finished the meet winning only 2 of 9 total matches against the Jets. Lacey Hibbs, elementary education junior, defeated Newman's Megan Lowe 7-5, 6-3 in #3 singles. Alesia Sch-

newies, biology senior, also pulled out a win as she shut out opponent Danielle Drouhard in #6 singles, 6-0, 6-0. Both Hibbs and Schnewies are undefeated this season.

The men's team failed to win a match against the Jets, but still played competitively. Jesse Riggs, liberal arts freshman, lost by a slim margin in #5 singles to Derek Emert of Newman, 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 10-

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Members of the team are still looking to find things they can improve on before they begin conference play.

"We are doing everything we can to improve right now," Jacob Mires, undeclared sophomore, said. "We need to be more consistent."

Smith said, "Conditioning is one thing that we need to improve on.

We are working on that and also court sense in doubles. Doubles is something that is going to be a big factor in the KCAC."

After matching up against Emporia State, the Builders open up conference play at Kansas Wesleyan Oct. 8 at 11 a.m.

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Soccer Conference Opener



Saturday

2 p.m. - Women vs. Bethany College
4 p.m. - Men vs. Bethany College