LC Soccer Shines at National Level

By Don Stopa, Sports Information Director

Both of the Hurricanes soccer teams made it to their NJCAA National Tournaments, capping off two very different seasons in 2012.

The LC men finished their regular season with a record of 15-0 and upped their undefeated record to 18-0 going into the national championship tournament. The 'Canes outscored their opponents 99-12 through the 18 games, including 12 shutouts, all with Brian Howard (Roanoke Rapids, NC/Roanoke Rapids HS) in net.

The LC squad didn’t appear on the NJCAA Top 20 until week two of the poll, on September 12th, where they came in at #20. Each week the team climbed up, finishing at #3 on the final in-season poll, November 6th.

In their first round game at the 2012 championship tournament, the Hurricanes took a little time to get going against Northwest College (Cheyenne, Wyoming) as the two teams were knotted at 0-0 after 45 minutes of play. Louisburg found their stride scoring two minutes into the second period, then went on to score three more goals in the next 11 minutes, winning 4-0.

The Lady 'Canes took a different path to the big dance as they finished their regular season with an overall record of 9-6, 9-3 in Region 10 play, and the third seed for the Region 10 tournament. The 'Canes picked the right time to turn things up as they knocked off Wake Tech Community College, Spartanburg Methodist College and #19 Cape Fear Community College to win the Region 10 championship.

The Hurricanes then went on to host the Community College of Baltimore County Essex in the District L championship, with a trip to the national tournament at stake. LC forward, Jessica Scales (Roanoke Rapids, NC/Roanoke Rapids HS) led the Lady 'Canes to a 5-0 victory, upping her 2012 total to 38 goals which is tied for tops in the NJCAA.

In their first-ever trip to the national tournament, the Lady 'Canes played #2 seed Paradise Valley Community College (Paradise Valley, AZ) in Monday's opening round. The Hurricanes were defeated 3-0 by PVCC and they took on Laramie County Community College (Cheyenne, Wyoming) in second-round action, where they were defeated 3-2, putting a close to their 2012 campaign. Scales did score in the season-ending loss, putting her atop the NJCAA in goals scored.

Hurricanes are Bowl Game Bound!

The #18 Louisburg College football team has accepted an invitation to play in the 2012 Graphic Edge Bowl against Ellsworth Community College (Iowa Falls, Iowa) on December 2nd. The game will be played in the University of Northern Iowa’s UNI-Dome and the trip to Cedar Falls, Iowa will be a historical journey for the Hurricanes as this will be the program’s first ever bowl game.

The Hurricanes finished 2012 with a record of 6-2, tied for third place in the Northeast Football Conference, and will take on a Panthers squad that finished their season with a record of 6-4, good enough for second place in the Midwest Football Conference.

The two teams will meet in the UNI-Dome with a scheduled kickoff of 11:00am.

Celebrating 225 Years of Building Strong Foundations for Great Futures
With a little more than two weeks remaining in our Louisburg College Pacesetters campaign for the United Way of Franklin County, we’re almost halfway to our goal! Together, we’ve already raised $2247, and every penny will be placed right back into our community via impact grants to agencies and teachers’ grants in Franklin County schools. Please help us reach our goal of $5,000 before our campus campaign ends November 30th. In this season of thanksgiving, thank you for your generosity to our neighbors in need as we LIVE UNITED. Because We Should. Because We Can. Because We Do.

Mark Joyner and Robert Poole (pictured, from L-R) meanwhile thank you for your separate contributions to their bail during last week’s United Way Jail-A-Thon!
GOLF
The Louisburg College golf team wrapped up their fall schedule at the Savannah State University Tiger Invitational, where the Hurricanes finished 8th in the field of 13 teams.
Juan Fernandez (Panama City Panama/Balboa Academy) and Sumner Tate (Raleigh, NC/Southeast Raleigh HS) led the way for the ’Canes who finished the two tournament with a team score of 660.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
The #3 Lady ’Canes also improved to 5-0 as they had a pair of wins over the weekend and an early-week win on Monday. Hosting the Louisburg Classic, LC defeated Rockingham Community College (102-56) and Hagerstown Community College (78-59). The ’Canes hosted Spartanburg Methodist College on Monday, where LC defeated the Pioneers, 82-64, in a nonconference matchup. Olivia Gaines (Chester, SC/Chester HS) led the way in the win over SMC as she scored a season-high 23 points.

Louisburg will host the 2012 Coca Cola Classic this weekend. The Lady ’Canes will play afternoon games, both Saturday and Monday.

MENS BASKETBALL
The #4 Hurricanes men’s basketball team improved to 5-0 with a pair of wins at the 2012 Roger Taylor Classic. LC handled Howard Community College, 87-56, in their Friday game then defeated Hargrave Military Academy, 87-85, in the Saturday matchup.

The LC men will host the 2012 Louisburg Classic this weekend with games on Saturday, Sunday and Monday in the Taylor Center.

Thanksgiving Break Shuttle Service
Parents, please note that Thanksgiving Break begins at 5:00pm on Tuesday, November 20. All residence halls will close at that time, so travel arrangements should be made accordingly. There is a $10 charge per trip each way ($20 for round-trip service) payable in advance. Please make travel arrangements accordingly as these are the only times the shuttle will be running. Interested students may sign up in the Student Life Office.

The College’s shuttle service is as follows:

DEPARTURES
We’ll leave from the Circle Lot on Tuesday, November 20 at 4:45pm.

Shuttle 1
Arrival at Amtrak Train Station in Downtown Raleigh no later than 6:00pm
Arrival at Greyhound Station in Downtown Raleigh no later than 6:15pm

Shuttle 2
Arrival at RDU Airport no later than 6:00pm

RETURNS
The shuttle will return students to campus on Sunday, November 25.

Shuttle 1
Shuttle will pick up students at Amtrak Train Station in Downtown Raleigh no later than 3:00pm
Shuttle will pick up students at Greyhound Station in Downtown Raleigh no later than 3:30pm

Shuttle 2
Shuttle will pick up students at RDU Airport no later than 3:00pm

There will not be a Mid.Week.Message next week due to the holiday. We wish you and your loved ones a happy Thanksgiving!

We Want to Hear from YOU!
To have your news included in the next Mid.Week.Message, please email your submission by Monday at 5PM to: Melinda McKee, Director of Communications and Marketing, mmckee@louisburg.edu.

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