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M soccer

Saturday Sept. 8

Black and Gold cruise to perfect weekend

NORTH MANCHESTER, IND. – An eight-goal second half barrage ensured Manchester University's move to the .500 mark Saturday, Sept. 8.

There were multiple offensive highlights in a dazzling 11-0 roll over Blackburn College of Illinois much to the delight of a hearty group of fans gathered at Good Field on a cold and rainy afternoon. Leading the way were senior midfielder [Samuel Tetteh-Quarshie](#) (Accra, Ghana) and freshman midfielder [Drew Gavit](#) (Fishers, Ind.) who rifled a pair of goals apiece into the visiting net. Sophomore forward [Josh Gonzalez](#) (Portage, Ind.) added his name to the highlight reel, wrapping up a four-goal, three-assist weekend with his second successive game-winning strike as part of an attack that produced the program's most scores in a match since September 2014.

MU's offense made itself at home near the opposition goal throughout the contest. The Black and Gold tallied 38 shots, 28 which were on frame as Gonzalez led the charge with seven total and five strikes on goal.

On the defensive end, the effort was just as impressive. Head coach Corey Brueggeman's granite-like backline upped its current scoreless string to just under 100 minutes, keeping the Beavers offense off the scoreboard. The clean sheet enabled junior [Justin Winterboer](#) (Indianapolis, Ind.) and sophomore [Manny Brewer](#) (Decatur, Ind.) to share a complete-game shutout in the MU net.

Manchester University (2-2) continues its non-conference slate taking back to the road Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16. They face off against Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association member Kalamazoo Saturday at 5 p.m. and then traverse southward to Greencastle, Ind., for a clash with fellow NCAA Division III institution DePauw University Sunday at 3 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 7

Gonzalez hat trick sparks Black and Gold

NORTH MANCHESTER, IND. – A second-half clean sheet spurred by a key defensive adjustment moved Manchester University into the victory column Friday, Sept. 7.

Head coach Corey Brueggeman's team got locked into a high octane offensive clash off the opening whistle. They notched two goals as did visiting Baldwin-Wallace University of Ohio in less than 25 minutes. The score stayed that way into the middle stages of the second half when sophomore forward [Josh Gonzalez](#) (Portage, Ind.) broke through with two more scores, wrapping up his first career hat trick in route to a 4-2 victory to begin the 2018 Anderson University – Manchester University Raven-Spartan Classic.

"Our outside backs were getting caught in no man's land for a time," Brueggeman said about the early scoring flurry by the Yellow Jackets. "Those guys made the changes we talked about ... being more patient and sitting deeper to win possession. (Sophomore defender) Mason (Cross of Goshen, Ind.) and (junior defensive teammate) Noah (Tong of Mason, Ohio) along with the rest of the group did a great job down the stretch."

"This was a win we needed against a quality Baldwin-Wallace team," he added. "It was good to see our

attackers get involved on the scoresheet."

MU, improving to 1-2, held a large 25-8 advantage in shots, 15 of which were aimed at B-W's net. Gonzalez turned in 10 of them with eight being on frame.

Day two action in the Raven-Spartan Classic is set for Saturday, Sept. 8. The Spartans face off against Blackburn College of Illinois with a 3 p.m. kickoff at Good Field.

Football

Non-conference thriller goes down to final moments

ALMA, MICH. – Recent editions of a Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference – Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association series between Manchester University and Alma College have provided fans in attendance with their money's worth and more.

The latest, occurring Saturday, Sept. 8, at AC's Bahlke Field, didn't disappoint, either.

Head coach Nate Jensen's Spartans battled the host Scots tooth and nail over 40 minutes in front of a crowd of better than 1700 with the final outcome not being decided until the final stages of the fourth quarter. When the dust settled, Alma had edged the Black and Gold 39-33 due to a 61-yard touchdown drive behind the arm of junior quarterback Mason Ippel and the legs of junior running back Austin Spartling that allowed them to score with less than 30 seconds remaining.

MU, despite dipping to 0-2, had highlights aplenty, especially on the offensive side. Junior running back Donovan Henderson, Jr. (Hollywood, Fla.) got around, over and through the home team defense to the tune of 31 carries for a personal single-game career best 187 yards and three touchdowns as part of his fifth 100-yard-plus contest and the most ground gaining for a Black and Gold back since the 2015 season. The aerial performance of freshman signal caller Bryce Tomasi (Mishawaka, Ind.) was just as impressive. He hit on 21 of 36 attempts for 256 yards and two touchdowns with classmate wide receiver Harrington Greer (South Bend, Ind.) being his favorite target with eight catches for 80 yards and both scores to his credit.

The Spartans, finding themselves in a 14-0 first quarter deficit after Alma marched 80 yards in nine plays midway through the stanza and then collected a 76-yard interception return for another paydirt hit, methodically worked themselves back into the contest. A fumble recovery by senior defensive back Lucas Lorian (Reelsville, Ind.), who continued to shine for the defensive unit for a second straight game, set up MU on AC's 14 in the middle stages of the second period, and the visitors marched in for a touchdown to cut the lead to 14-7. Both sides rattled off 60-plus-yard scoring drives immediately afterwards, and the Scots added three more points right before the break to make it 24-14 at halftime.

Manchester University's defense strengthened in the third period and early fourth quarter, picking up an interception by senior defensive back Dillon Nelson (Fairland, Ind.) and forcing back-to-back punts. The offense obliged, as Henderson, Jr., rambled 59 of 76 yards after the second half kickoff with the final 34 putting him in the home team's end zone, and the Spartans

surging 57 yards late in the third period and early stages of the final frame for their first lead when Tomasi connected with Greer for five-yard touchdown. Fourth quarter fireworks didn't end there, though, as AC used a long return on the ensuing kickoff and clicked off a 53-yard scoring drive to take the lead back, and MU took advantage of the Scots' kickoff going out-of-bounds and drove 65 yards for six and a 33-31 lead with just three and a half minutes left.

The Black and Gold bring the curtain up on their 2018 home and Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference seasons Saturday, Sept. 15. Defiance College of Ohio makes the short eastern trek to North Manchester and Burt Field for a 6 p.m. kickoff and Community Night festivities.

W soccer

Rochester holds off game MU effort

ROCHESTER, MICH. – A pair of second half goals from freshman midfielder Jessica Hudnall (Noblesville, Ind.) and senior midfielder/forward Maranda Birmingham (Kouts, Ind.) guided a strong road trip for Manchester University Saturday, Sept. 8.

Head coach Christine Johnson's Spartans battled the host Cougars of Rochester College to the late stages of the second stanza before falling 3-2. After Rochester found the back of the Black and Gold net twice in less than 12 and a half minutes of the first 45, Manchester University locked up the home side offense and managed to spark their scoring attack in the first part of the second half. Hudnall beat the RC defense to the frame in the 59th minute for an unassisted strike, the first for the Spartans this season, and Birmingham came back in the 66th for another unassisted marker to tie the scoreboard up.

Senior goalkeeper Caroline Smith (Mason, Ohio) added a 10th career double-digit save total, knocking away 16 home team shots on goal during a 29-10 overall advantage for Rochester College. Unfortunately, one more RC strike found its home in the visiting net in the 67th minute to decide the match outcome.

The Spartans look to carry the hard-fought momentum back to Good Field in North Manchester, Ind., for back-to-back home match-ups against the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Monday and Wednesday, Sept. 10 and 12. Trine University visits Monday for a 4 p.m. kickoff, while Albion takes a southern journey for a similar start time Wednesday.

W golf

Spartans play to fourth in rain-shortened DC weekend

DEFIANCE, OHIO – Battling persistent rain and cool temperatures throughout Saturday, Sept. 8, Manchester University managed a solid 352 score at White Pines Golf Club in Swanton, Ohio.

The 18-hole total left head coach Tara Boone's team fourth in the NCAA Division III and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' field gathered for Defiance College's Fall Invitational. With

more rain expected Sunday, Sept. 9, the second round was canceled.

Sophomore Kaitlyn Cook (Monticello, Ind.), registering a second successive individual top 10 finish, carded a single-round personal career low 81 to wind up fourth, just four strokes behind meet medalist Kennedy Hilley of Alma College. Two more underclasswomen found themselves in the first 20, as sophomore Taylor Erfman (Brookville, Ind.) tied for 13th (87), and freshman Mary McGuire (Fishers, Ind.) played the course to a 91 to tie for 19th.

MU's team score had them just four strokes behind Capital University of Ohio for a spot in the top three. Alma, placing four players in the top 10, finished as the champion at 324.

Manchester University breaks from competition next weekend. They are back on the course Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22 and 23, for Bluffton University of Ohio's Beaver Fall Classic.