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Klammer leads No. 8-ranked Mountain Lions to shut-out win

YOUNG HARRIS – Adrian Klammer ran his consecutive match scoring streak to six consecutive matches and Wesley Barnard recorded a shutout in goal as Young Harris College defeated Middle Georgia College 1-0 in a NJCAA Region XVII match in Young Harris Saturday.

Klammer scored in the 38th minute when Victor Rodriguez slid a pass through the middle to Klammer, who fired the ball under MGC goalkeeper Keaghan Graham for the lone scoring play of the match.

The goal was the ninth for Klammer during the current six-match scoring streak. He has scored in every match he's played in but the first, in which he played only 10 minutes, since returning from an injury that kept him out of

the season's first seven contests.

Meanwhile Barnard and the Mountain Lions' defense was holding Middle Georgia at bay. The Warriors would be allowed just two afirst half shots, neither of which came on goal. Barnard would record four saves in the final 45 minutes, two on free kicks by MGC's Juan Carlos Salazare that Barnard punched away and a third when David Burke tried to pound home one of the caroms from one of those balls that Barnard punched out from nearly point-blank range. The victory raised YHC's re-



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cord to 11-3 overall and 6-2 in regional play. The Mountain Lions defeated Middle Georgia by an identical 1-0 score Oct. 9 in a match that did not count in the regional standings.

Young Harris was scheduled to return to action Tuesday against Georgia Perimeter College.

Women's Soccer: Middle Georgia 3, YHC 1

YOUNG HARRIS – Middle Georgia College scored a pair of first-half goals, and Young Harris College was unable to recover as MGC went on to defeat the Mountain Lions 3-1 in a NJCAA Region XVII women's soccer match in Young Harris., Saturday.

The Warriors scored their first goal after Young Harris's starting goalkeeper, Kelsey Cunningham, blocked a shot by Jana Yates. Cunningham was unable to collect the loose ball and Jenna Nash was there to take advantage of the rebound and score.

Seven minutes later, Jana Yates slid a ball under Cunningham in the corner of the goal to give the Warriors a two-goal advantage.

In the 55th minute, Young Harris would cut its deficit in half when Kelley Lyness' corner kick found Linda Lehmann, who would put

the ball away and make the score 2-1.

But Middle Georgia would score an insurance goal later in the second half, when Nash would deliver a pass to Tashana Vincent, who found herself in a one-on-one showdown with Allie Mattulia, who entered the match as YHC's goalkeeper at the beginning of the half, and scored the final goal of the contest.

Middle Georgia held the slight edge in total shots, 11-10, with six of its shots coming on goal. YHC had four shots on goal.

The Mountain Lions were scheduled to return to action Tuesday at Georgia Perimeter College in Decatur.



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The No. 8-ranked Mountain Lions handed Middle Georgia College a 1-0 loss last week in Young Harris.

Sports briefs

Mountain Lions own highest ranking in McKeever Era

With a 1-0 victory over Middle Georgia in its only match last week, Young Harris College's men's soccer team may move up in this week's National Soccer Coaches Association of America national rankings. If it does, it will improve on its current No. 8 national ranking, the highest the team has been ranked since fifth-year head coach Mark McKeever took over the program.

In last week's poll, the Mountain Lions jumped to No. 8 after being unranked the week before. Since that poll was released, YHC picked up the victory over Middle Georgia to improve to 11-3 overall and set up a showdown with rival Georgia Perimeter, which was ranked No. 1 in last week's poll, but lost 4-2 at Darton College on Saturday.

The Mountain Lions host Georgia Perimeter Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m. at the YHC Soccer Field. Admission is free.

YHC softball open workout slated for Oct. 31

Following the open house sponsored by the Young Harris College Admissions Office on the morning of Saturday, October 31, an open workout will be held for players interested in YHC Softball.

Players who have completed their high school season and are a graduating senior are eligible to participate in the workout. For more information, contact Coach Eric Geldart at egeldart@yhc.edu.

Prospective student-athletes interested in playing softball at Young Harris College are strongly encouraged to attend both the Open House and the softball workout.

Interested student-athletes should contact Coach Geldart to be advised of the necessary paperwork that must be completed.

Bulldogs spoil Indian homecoming

Tribe drops 15-0 decision in Hiawassee

By Jim Bryant
TOWNS COUNTY HERALD

The Indians offense was out of sync but the officials were in sync as they sashayed up and down the field more concerned with sideline violations by the coaches than what was happening on the playing field. The rookie prancing by the officials was akin to the rituals followed by collegiate soccer officials but that was only a minor distraction and in no way was an alibi for questionable flags by the officials or lackluster play on the field by the Indians. Playing with the walking wounded, the Indians coughed up the ball four times via interceptions to the Georgia Military Bulldogs but won the battle of fumble recoveries. Still, the Tribe failed to capitalize and could never penetrate the goal line, thus dropping a 15-0 decision to the speedy kids from Milledgeville.

The game started poorly as the Bulldogs took the opening squib kickoff and ran it all the way to the Indians' 10-yard line before Billy Meier saved the touchdown. Fortunes quickly turned as the Dogs coughed up the ball on the first play from scrimmage and the Tribe pounced on the pigskin. Unfortunately, the Tribe stalled out and John Bleckley punted the ball back up field to the 27-yard line.

Again the Dogs failed to penetrate the goal line after moving the ball to the 3-yard line where the Indian front held and took control. The Indians again failed to get outside the 10-yard line and turned the ball over back at midfield. At 2:54, the Dogs rifled a pass completion for the long touchdown and

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Photo/JIM BRYANT

Mat Hogsed hauls in a John Swilley pass near the Indian sideline. The Georgia Military Bulldogs knocked off the Indians 15-0 Friday night in Hiawassee. The Indians will host Robbinsville, NC Friday, Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m.



Photo/JIM BRYANT

Noah Calhoun is swarmed by a pack of Bulldogs near mid-field.



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Billy Meier catches a bomb at the 7-yard line for the Indians.



Little Indians win

The future is bright for the Towns County Indians football program as the Little Indians race to victory.