OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

MONARCH SOCCER

2007 NCAA COLLEGE CUP Round of 16 ODU at Virginia Tech



How Sweet It Is...

The Monarchs of Old Dominion (14-6-3) return to the Round of 16 for the second consecutive season, with a second round upset over #6 Brown University on the road. ODU will now face #11 Virginia Tech (12-3-5) on the road in their second ever appearance in the tournament's third round. Last season, ODU faced eventual national champion UCSB in the Round of 16 and dropped a 2-1 decision to the Gauchos.

It is Tech's first appearance, as with the 3-2 win over California on Wednesday they notched their first ever NCAA Tournament victory. They have only lost to two teams this season: #1 seed Boston College and Monarchs rival VCU.

The winner of the game will play the winner of the #3 Connecticut/USF matchup.

Scouting Report: Virginia Tech

The Hokies played in the ACC title game against Boston College, dropping a 3-2 decision to the Eagles. After starting the season with a 0-4 loss to VCU, the Hokies went unbeaten in 15 straight before dropping the first of two the BC. They boast one of the most potent attacks in the nation, scoring 2.30 goals per game, ranking among the top five in the nation.

They spread the ball around, though, as no Hokie has more than 7 goals this season. Six Hokies are in double-figure points for the season. Patrick Nyarko leads the team with 20 points (5 goals, 10 assists).

Markus Aigner has been between the posts for most of the season, averaging 1.11 goals against with 45 saves.

2007 ODU Schedule/Results						
	(14-6-3, 8-2-1)					
8-31	vs. Wake Forest (@UNC)	2-3 (O2)	L			
9-2	at North Carolina	1-1 (O2)	Т			
9-7	vs. Ohio State (@Penn St.)	2-3	L			
9-9	at Penn State	1-0	W			
9-14	Dartmouth	0-1	L			
9-16	Temple	1-0	W			
9-19	at Maryland	0-1	L			
9-29	Richmond	1-0 (O2)	W			
10-5	Northeastern*	2-0	W			
10-7	Hofstra*	1-0	W			
10-12	Virginia Commonwealth*	2-1 (O2)	W			
10-14	James Madison*	2-0	W			
10-19	at George Mason*	2-1	W			
10-21	at Towson*	0-1	L			
10-26	at UNC Wilmington*	3-0	W			
10-28	Georgia State*	5-0	W			
11-2	at Delaware*	0-2	L			
11-4	at Drexel*	0-0 (O2)	Т			
11-8	at William & Mary*	1-0 (O2)	W			
11-16	CAA Semis – vs. VCU	2-1	W			
11-18	CAA Finals – vs. Towson	0-0	Τ			
11-24	NCAA 1 st Round – vs.Providence		W			
11-28	NCAA 2 nd Round – at (6) Brown	2-1 (O2)	W			
12-2	NCAA Round of 16 – at (11) VT	1:00 pm				
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Best of the Best

ODU is on a historical run for the program, making six straight NCAA Tournaments. The Monarchs are one of just nine teams in the nation to reach the second round of the NCAA College Cup in each of the last six seasons.

In all, ODU boasts a .500 record in the tournament over the last six seasons. They are 5-5-1 with the most successful years being the last two. In 2006, ODU advanced to the Round of 16 for the first time in program history. This season, they repeated that task and will look to advance to their first ever national semifinal.

TEAM LEADERS					
<u>Points</u>					
Kulp	Sr.	18			
Banks	Jr.	15			
Emmanuel	So.	10			
Beaulieu	Fr.	8			
<u>Goals</u>					
Banks	Jr.	6			
Kulp	Sr.	5			
Emmanuel	So.	5			
Beaulieu	Fr.	3			
Haddal	Fr.	3			
<u>Assists</u>					
Kulp	Sr.	8			
Banks	Jr.	3			
Haywood	Fr.	3			
Joseph	Jr.	3			

The Series

In eight matchups all-time, ODU has gotten the better of the Hokies by a count of 4-1-3 with five overtime matches. The Monarchs have won the last four games against the ACC foe.

Nationally Ranked Monarchs

As a team, the Monarchs boast on of the nations top defenses, with the 11th best GAA, at 0.60, and the 11th best shutout percentage, at 0.55. ODU also ranked 32nd in save percentage at .825.

In goal, Evan Newton ranks 15th nationally in goals against average with a .603 mark. He also ranks 39th in save percentage at .818.

Thanks to at least one assist in four of the last nine games, senior A.J. Kulp is climbing the charts as well, currently 70th nationally in apg with 0.36.

ODU vs. Opponents In NCAA Field							
#3 Wake Forest	2-3 ((2OT)	I	٠			
#5 Ohio State	2-3		I	-			
#13 Maryland	0-1	0-1		L			
Dartmouth				z gh are no urnament			
C	CAA Leaders						
Assists							
Name	School	GP	<u>A</u>	<u>APG</u>			
Matthijs Maruanay		20	11	0.55			
Greg Kilkenny	NU	19	9	0.47			
Pat Healey	Towson	20	9	0.45			
Nick Zimmerman	JMU	19	8	0.42			
Rob Youhill	Hofstra	18	7	0.39			
A.J. Kulp	ODU	23	8	0.35			
Goals Against Ave	rage						
<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>GAA</u>			
Cory Robertson	Drexel	15	8	0.54			
Evan Newton	ODU	23	15	0.61			
Andrew McAdams	W&M	19	17	0.87			
Andrew Dykstra	VCU	20	18	0.90			
Shutouts							
<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>GP</u>		<u>SPG</u>			
Evan Newton	ODU	23	11	0.48			
Billy Chiles	Towson	21	9	0.43			
Cory Robertson	Drexel	15	8	0.53			
Andrew McAdams	W&M	19	7	0.37			
Mahmoud Talaat	NU	17	5	0.29			

The Coaches

Head Coach ALAN DAWSON has had only one losing season, that being his first year at the helm in '97. Dawson has led the team to double-digit win totals and NCAA Tournament Berths in six consecutive seasons. He is ODU's all-time winningest coach with 129 victories.

OLIVER WEISS is in his 7th season with the Hokies in his first head coaching position. He has elevated the Tech program to national prominence with NCAA appearances in four of the last five seasons. He coached the team to their first NCAA win this season, with a 3-2 victory over Cal.

Ace High

A.J. "Ace" Kulp, one of the senior cocaptains for the Monarchs has been on an absolute tear in the latter portion of the season. He has either scored a goal or assisted in four of the last five games as well as 11 of the last 16 for the Monarchs dating back to the ninth game of the season.

He has obliterated his previous career highs in goals, assists and points. He leads the team in points with 18 and in assists with eight. He's tied for 8th all-time in Monarch career assists with 16 and he's also added five goals on the season as one of ODU's top offensive threats.

Dave on Defense

Senior co-captain David Horst was named a Preseason All-American and one of 29 players named to the Hermann Award Watch list earlier this year. He has done an unbelievable job anchoring one of the top defenses in the nation during his senior campaign.

ODU has posted 12 shutouts this season and boasts a 0.61 goals against average. The Pine Grove, Pennsylvania native has been the vocal and physical leader throughout that success. He has also been an image of stamina, as the career leader in starts in Monarch soccer history. He was named the CAA's Defender of the Year for the second consecutive season.

Tough Road Ahead

Without looking too far ahead, the Monarchs could potentially face the toughest road to the championship out of the surviving teams in the Tournament. With six seeded teams losing in the second round, several teams will face an unseeded team in the Round of 16.

To reach the College Cup Championship Round of 4, ODU will have had to beat #6 Brown University, #11 Virginia Tech, and potentially #3 UCONN.

Newton's Law: Stay Out!

Sophomore goalkeeper for the Monarchs, Evan Newton, has posted a career-high 11 shutouts this season. In the first 40 games of his career he has 21 shutouts and an nearly unfathomable 0.759 goals against average.

He was named to the CAA All-Rookie team a year ago and this season was voted as the All-CAA Second Team GK this season.

Turn It Up In The Tournament

Ambane Emmanuel has played sensational soccer through the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament. He has both game-winning goals for the Monarchs, including a double-overtime strike that put ODU past the #6 seed Brown University.

Since the CAA Championship game, Emmanuel has six shots, five on-goal, for ODU with the two game-winners.

Oh So Good in OT

The Monarchs are extremely seasoned in extra time this year, with over a third of their games heading into overtime. ODU is unbeaten in the last seven overtime games, including a 1-1 tie handing the Monarchs their first CAA Title since 1991 and a 2-1 win in the second round of the NCAA over #6 Brown University. Overall they are 4-1-3 in overtime this season.

All-Conference Selections

CAA Defender of the Year:
David Horst, Sr. (Pine Grove, Pa.)
CAA 1st Team Selections:
A.J. Kulp, Sr., MF (Ephrata, Pa.)
David Horst, Sr., D (Pine Grove, Pa.)
Trevor Banks, Jr., MF (Madison, Wisc.)
CAA 2nd Team Selections:
Yomby William,Sr, D (Bafoussam,Cameroon)
Evan Newton, So., GK (Virginia Beach, Va.)
CAA 3rd Team Selections:
Ambane Emmanuel, So, F (Yaounde,Cameroon)
CAA All-Rookie Team Selections:
T.J. Beaulieu, Fr., F (Apex, N.C.)

Monarch Quick Facts

Monarch Quick racts					
Norfolk, Virginia					
1930					
22,287					
Dr. Roseann Runte					
Dr. Jim Jarrett					
Slate Blue, Sky Blue & Silver					
Monarchs					
Old Dominion Soccer Stadium					
4,000 (Natural Grass)					
Colonial Athletic Association					
Alan Dawson (Lock Haven '84)					
258-99-29 (20+ years)					
129-69-19 (10+ years)					
Mark Waite (Lock Haven '94)					
Ryan Sniegoski (ODU '03)					
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Monarchs in the NCAA Tourn. Since 2002

Head Coach Alan Dawson has led the Monarchs to six straight NCAA appearances

2007

1st Round PC 0, ODU 1

2nd Round ODU 2, #6 Brown 1 (2OT)

Round of 16 ODU?, VT?

2006

1st Round Winthrop 0, ODU 0 (2OT)

ODU advances on PK's

2nd Round ODU 1, UNC 0 Round of 16 UCSB 2, ODU 1

2005 - #10 Seed

2nd Round Wake Forest 2, ODU 1

2004 - #12 Seed

2nd Round Duke 2, ODU 1 (OT)

2003

1st Round NC State 3, ODU 6 2nd Round ODU 1, Maryland 2

2002

1st Round Richmond 1, ODU 3 2nd Round Wake Forest 1, ODU 0

Probable Starters

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