



# OLD DOMINION 2007 WOMEN'S SOCCER GAME NOTES (1-0)

## ON THE ROAD AND BACK AGAIN

The Lady Monarchs head out on the road for the first time in 2007 this Friday as they travel to East Carolina University. They then return home to face off against Radford University on Sunday. The Lady Monarchs are 1-0, while the Pirates are 1-1 and the Highlanders have started 0-2.

ODU holds a commanding series lead over both teams. The Lady Monarchs have an 8-2 lead in the all-time series over ECU, including a 1-0 overtime victory over the Pirates a year ago. Against the Highlanders, ODU is unbeaten, with an all-time record of 8-0-1.

## LAST TIME OUT

Old Dominion started the season out with a home win against the Loyola College (Md.) Greyhounds. Loyola was ranked 15th in the *Soccer Buzz* regional rankings and was selected as the pre-season winner of the Metro-Atlantic Athletic Conference. Both of ODU's goals were off the foot of junior Shavon Knight. The game-winner was on a corner kick in the second half. Junior Janna Pearson found the head of sophomore Saratu Dodo in the middle of the box, and Knight's second chance header found the goal.



## ODU VS. EAST CAROLINA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2007  
TIME: 4:00 PM  
PLACE: GREENVILLE, NC



### SCOUTING REPORT:

ODU HITS THE ROAD FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2007 AS THEY FACE OFF AGAINST ECU. THE PIRATES ARE 1-1 SO FAR THIS SEASON WITH A 3-1 WIN AGAINST HIGH POINT AND A 2-0 LOSS TO CHARLOTTE. SENIOR DEFENDER KAT NORRIS WAS NAMED TO THE PRESEASON ALL CONFERENCE USA TEAM. ECU WENT 10-8-2 IN 2006 AND HELD TEAMS TO A 0.85 SCORING AVERAGE.

## ODU VS. RADFORD UNIVERSITY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2007  
TIME: 1:00 PM  
PLACE: ODU SOCCER STADIUM



### SCOUTING REPORT:

THE HIGHLANDERS WERE PICKED TO FINISH 6TH IN THE BIG SOUTH THIS SEASON AFTER GOING 7-11 A YEAR AGO. THIS YEAR'S SQUAD IS VERY YOUNG, INCLUDING TWELVE FRESHMEN. RADFORD HAS STUMBLER TO AN 0-2 START & WILL FACE CONCORD ON FRIDAY BEFORE TRAVELING TO NORFOLK ON SUNDAY. RU RETURNS LEADING GOAL SCORER MCKENZIE VERGARA.

## THE COACHES

### **EAST CAROLINA:**

Rob Donnenwirth is entering his 8th season at ECU. He has guided the Pirates to five 10-win seasons and the school's first ever NCAA appearance. He is assisted by Shannon St. George and Rich Stoneman.

### **RADFORD:**

Ben Sohrabi is the winningest coach in Radford history as he enters his 12th season at the helm. He has guided Radford to two Big South championships and two NCAA appearances in that time. He is assisted by James Ashley.

### **OLD DOMINION:**

Head Coach Joe Pereira, two-time CAA Coach of the Year, leads the Lady Monarchs for his 13th season. His 254 career victories currently ranks him 25th on the NCAA All-Time wins list with 127 of them coming at Old Dominion. He coached the Lady Monarchs to the programs first ever NCAA Tournament last season in the finest season of ODU Women's Soccer history. He is assisted by Kim Francis and Stephanie Miller.

## ODU IN THE POLLS

Old Dominion was picked to finish third in the Colonial Athletic Association Pre-Season Coaches Poll. The team is also ranked 8th in the *SOCCER BUZZ* Magazine Mid-Atlantic Region Top 15.

### CAA Pre-Season Poll:

1. William & Mary (10)	120
2. James Madison (1)	100
<b>3. Old Dominion (1)</b>	<b>96</b>
4. UNC Wilmington	90
5. Hofstra	84
6. Va. Commonwealth	77
7. Northeastern	62
8. Delaware	49
George Mason	49
10. Towson	29
11. Georgia State	24
12. Drexel	12

Teams received 11 votes for a first place vote, 10 for a second, etc. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team.

## 2007 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	GAME TIME/RESULT
<b>9/2</b>	<b>LOYOLA COLLEGE(Md)</b>	<b>W 2-1</b>
9/7	AT EAST CAROLINA	4:00 PM
<b>9/9</b>	<b>RADFORD UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
9/13	AT N.C. STATE	4:00 PM
9/15	AT LIBERTY UNIVERSITY	6:00 PM
9/21	AT FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	3:00 PM
<b>9/28</b>	<b>DELAWARE*</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>9/30</b>	<b>DREXEL*</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
10/5	AT NORTHEASTERN*	6:00 PM
10/7	AT HOFSTRA*	12:00 PM
10/12	AT VA. COMMONWEALTH*	7:00 PM
10/14	AT JAMES MADISON*	1:00 PM
<b>10/19</b>	<b>GEORGE MASON*</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>10/21</b>	<b>TOWSON*</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>10/26</b>	<b>UNC WILMINGTON*</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
10/28	AT GEORGIA STATE*	1:00 PM
<b>11/1</b>	<b>WILLIAM &amp; MARY*</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

\*CAA GAMES

## COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STANDINGS

TEAM	CAA		OVERALL	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
1. HOFSTRA	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
2. JAMES MADISON	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
3. TOWSON	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
4. UNC WILMINGTON	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
<b>5. OLD DOMINION</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
6. DELAWARE	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
7. GEORGE MASON	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
8. GEORGIA STATE	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
9. NORTHEASTERN	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
10. WILLIAM & MARY	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
11. DREXEL	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
12. VA. COMMONWEALTH	0-0	.000	0-2	.000

### POTENT ATTACK

Last season, the Lady Monarchs were extremely difficult to shutout. In 23 games, ODU was held empty just once, a new record for the program. It wasn't until the final game of the season when the Lady Monarchs faced the tenth seeded Wake Forest team on the road that they suffered their only shutout of the season.

The loss ended Old Dominion's 22 match streak of games with at least one goal scored. They also scored a record high eight goals against Fairleigh Dickinson. The potent attack was not stifled in overtime, as the Lady Monarchs won all three contests in the 2006 regular season that made it to extra time.

### DEFENDING THE HARDWARE

For the first time in the 13-year history of the Old Dominion women's soccer program, the Lady Monarchs will be defending the conference crown. Winning the CAA Championship a year ago is just one motivation for this very young, but still very experienced team.

Seniors Lisa McKenzie and Beth Messier provide veteran leadership in the mid-field while the young defense anchored by junior Lauren Tupman in goal should help provide a spark. With goal scorers Shavon Knight and Janna Pearson primed to return to the pitch, the Lady Monarchs look ready to defend their crown.

### BROKEN RECORD, BROKEN RECORD

The Lady Monarchs 2006 season was filled with new marks in the ODU record book. As a team, Old Dominion totaled the most wins (17) while suffering the fewest losses (5) and shutouts (1) en route to the best record in program history (17-5-1). The team now has a new best winning percentage at .761 and they established new long unbeaten and winning streaks at eight games. The team also tied a record in goals scored in 2006 with 46 including a new record number of goals in a game (8) and largest margin of victory (8). The Lady Monarchs also tied the record for most assists in a game with five and most points in a game with 21 against Fairleigh Dickinson last season.

On the defensive side of the ball, ODU was just as solid, as the team averaged the lowest goals against in program history (1.06). The combined efforts of the Old Dominion goalkeepers resulted in ten shutouts, a new record. The defense also tied the fewest goals allowed (25) while en route to the teams first ever NCAA appearance.

Individual records also fell, as Shavon Knight made her mark with more goals in a game (4 vs. Fairleigh Dickinson) and more points in a game (9 vs. Fairleigh Dickinson) than ever before. Lauren Tupman tied the single season record for shutouts with seven while just missing the record for lowest goals against average at 1.21.

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### AROUND THE CAA

Sept. 7  
 Pittsburgh vs. Georgia State 2 pm  
**Old Dominion at East Carolina 4 pm**  
 Maine vs. VCU (@ W&M) 4 pm  
 Towson vs. Longwood (@ Navy) 4 pm  
 Hofstra vs. Richmond (@ JMU) 5 pm  
 Harvard at Northeastern 6 pm  
 Marshall at Delaware 7 pm  
 Wyoming at James Madison 7 pm  
 Coll. of Charleston at UNCW 7 pm  
 Oklahoma at William & Mary 7 pm  
 Stony Brook at George Mason 7:30 pm

Sept. 9  
 Hofstra vs. Wyoming (@ JMU) 11 am  
 VCU vs. Oklahoma (@ W&M) Noon  
 Delaware at Seton Hall 1 pm  
**Radford at Old Dominion 1 pm**  
 Georgia Southern at Georgia State 1 pm  
 Drexel at Temple 1 pm  
 Richmond at James Madison 1:30 pm  
 Appalachian State at UNCW 2 pm  
 Geo. Washington at George Mason 2:30 pm  
 Maine at William & Mary 3 pm  
 Towson at Navy 3 pm



TEAM LEADERS

GOALS:

SHAVON KNIGHT 2

ASSISTS:

JANNA PEARSON 1

SARATU DODO 1

ASHLEY KUKURA 1

POINTS:

SHAVON KNIGHT 4

JANNA PEARSON 1

SARATU DODO 1

ASHLEY KUKURA 1

GAME-WINNERS:

SHAVON KNIGHT 1

SAVES:

LAUREN TUPMAN 4

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE:

LAUREN TUPMAN 1.00

SHUTOUTS:

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SOCCER BUZZ RANKINGS

MID-ATLANTIC REGION

1 VIRGINIA 2-0

2 RUTGERS 2-0

3 PENN STATE 1-1

4 WEST VIRGINIA 1-1

5 VILLANOVA 2-0

6 JAMES MADISON 2-0

7 WILLIAM & MARY 1-1

**8 OLD DOMINION 1-0**

9 VIRGINIA TECH 1-1

10 PRINCETON 0-2

11 MARYLAND 1-0-1

12 NAVY 1-0-1

13 PENN 2-0

14 SETON HALL 2-0

15 LA SALLE 2-0-1

RECEIVING VOTES: LOYOLA MD (0-2)

SO FAR...

**Game 1**

Loyola College 1, Old Dominion 2

September 2, 2007

Norfolk, VA

Loyola College 1-0=1  
Old Dominion 1-1=2

13:40 ODU Knight, Shavon (1)

Assist: Kukura, Ashley

20:31 LOY Ferraina, Theresa (1)

70:03 ODU Knight, Shavon (1)

Assist: Pearson, Janna;

Dodo, Saratu

Shots: LOY (12), ODU (12)

Corners: LOY (3), ODU (2)

Fouls: LOY (6), ODU (11)

Saves: LOY: Henderson (4)

ODU: Tupman (4)

NEXT ON THE SCHEDULE:

SEPTEMBER 13, 2007:

ODU AT N.C. STATE

KICK-OFF: 4:00 PM



SEPTEMBER 15, 2007:

ODU AT LIBERTY

KICK-OFF: 6:00 PM

