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WOMEN - 6:00 PM VS WILLIAMS BAPTIST

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>> TODAY'S W-SOC GAME

- Evangel Women's Soccer open their 2025 campaign at home on Saturday, taking on the Williams Baptist Eagles in Springfield.
- The Valor are coming off a strong 8-7-3 2024 season that featured a postseason berth for the first time since the 2020 season.
- Evangel returns leading scorers McKenzie Calhoun and Makayla Myers to the 2025 squad, as Calhoun netted five goals and Myers scored three last season.
- Also returning for Evangel in 2025 is Rylee Clapp, a senior goalkeeper who allowed just 1.47 goals per contest last season.
- Evangel will match up with Williams Baptist for the ninth time in program history, leading the series, 7-1. EU was victorious on the road last season, 2-0 with returner LoriAnn McClellan scoring a goal in the win.



GAME INFORMATION

Date Saturday, Aug. 23
Kickoff 6:00 p.m.
Location Springfield, Mo.
Stadium Coryell Field
Watch www.KCACNetwork.com
Live Stats EvangelStats.com

EVANGEL (0-0-0)

Last Game
Head Coach Bruce Deaton
Record 59-105-11 (11th)

WILLIAMS BAPTIST (0-0-0)

Last Game
Head Coach Daniel Carney
Record 4-27-1 (3rd)

SERIES HISTORY

Overall 7-1, Evangel leads

>> TODAY'S M-SOC GAME

- Evangel Men's Soccer competes in their home opener on Saturday afternoon against the University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy Eutectics in Springfield.
- Valor Men's Soccer downed the Ambassadors of Ozark Christian on Thursday afternoon, 8-1.
- Junior Caleb Kuchta recorded a hat trick in the win and currently leads the Valor with three goals.
- Juyong Kim tied the Evangel single game assists record on Thursday, finishing with three to help guide Evangel to victory.
- Davide Marzoli and Tatenda Kahwena teamed up for four saves on Thursday, allowing just one goal to be scored.
- Evangel and UHSP match up for the third time in program history on Saturday, with EU leading the series, 2-0. In last season's 6-0 road win, returners Juyong Kim and Franco Cuevas both scored goals for EU.



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EVANGEL (1-0-0)

Last Game W, 8-1 at Ozark Christian
Head Coach Kyle Beard
Record 16-26-11 (4th)

UHSP (0-0-0)

Last Game
Head Coach Paul Anderson
Record 1st Season

SERIES HISTORY

Overall 2-0, Evangel leads



HEAD COACH | 11TH SEASON | MARSHALL 1984

BRUCE DEATON

Bruce Deaton (Coach Bruce) is entering his tenth season at Evangel University. Bruce joined Evangel as director of soccer operations and head women's coach in April 2015 to lead the launch of the two new soccer programs at Evangel. Both teams began play in the fall of 2015.

In 2019, the women's team had its best season to date in the short existence of the program. On the field the team showed improvement in all statistical categories including goals scored, goals allowed, overall and conference wins, while compiling a record of 11-6-2 (7-2-2 in conference). The women's soccer team made its first-ever appearance in the post-season and made it to the tournament semi-finals. During the final two weeks of the regular season, the team also began receiving votes in the NAIA top 25 coaches poll. In 2019, four players received all-conference recognition, three

first-team awards, and a third-team honor. Additionally, one player was named to the United Soccer Coaches All-region team while another was named to the USC All-region academic team. The team completed the academic year with a team GPA of 3.4, garnering their third straight team academic award from both the NAIA and the United Soccer Coaches. Additionally, the ladies were recognized with the Team Ethics and Sportsmanship Award from the United Soccer Coaches for exhibiting fair play, sporting behavior, and adherence to the laws of the game.

Coach Deaton is involved in the local soccer community as Director of Coaching and Player Development for FC Legacy soccer club in Springfield. Prior to coming to Springfield, while Deaton was in central Louisiana, he served as director of coaching and player development for the Crossroads Soccer Association. He also spent ten years as an Olympic Development Program (ODP) head coach for the Louisiana Soccer Association, as well as, being a coaching instructor.

While in Louisiana, coach Deaton was at Louisiana College (NCAA D-III) where he was the head women's soccer coach for five seasons, in addition to being the associate athletic director. Prior to taking over at Louisiana College, Deaton had a successful stint as a high school coach at Ouachita Christian School in Monroe, Louisiana. During his eight seasons as both boys and girls coach at OCS, Deaton was twice named the state high school girls coach of the year for Louisiana (2009 and 2010).

Coach Deaton holds a USSF (United States Soccer Federation) National "B" License and National Youth License as well as the United Soccer Coaches Premier Diploma and Level III Goalkeeping Diploma.

Deaton played collegiate soccer at Marshall University (NCAA D-I) in Huntington, West Virginia, where he earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Business Administration. Deaton and his wife, Margaret have been married for 37 years and have two grown children, Tessa and Tucker.



KYLE BEARD

Head Coach Kyle Beard enters his fourth season at the helm of the Valor Men's Soccer in the 2025 season.

Beard has turned the Valor Men's Soccer program around, earning their first winning season in the EU era history and for the 2nd consecutive year earned the highest winning percentage in a single season in Evangel history in 2024, going 8-4-6 which places them for the most wins in program history in a single year.

No stranger to the NAIA, Beard brought his reputation as a builder of programs to Evangel, after successfully breathing life into soccer programs at three different institutions over his first 12 years as a collegiate coach. His ability to inspire student-athletes to reach their full potential, on and off the field, has produced notable success stories at each of his coaching stops.

Beard came to Evangel from Texas A&M University-San Antonio, where he implemented his expertise as a program-builder in helping start the University's men's soccer program during the end of the COVID pandemic.

Prior to taking the reins at TAMUSA, Beard piloted a

HEAD COACH | 4TH SEASON | LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN 2000

remarkable turnaround of the men's soccer program at Faulkner University during his eight seasons as head coach. Facing one of the toughest conference schedules in the nation, Beard led the Eagles to unprecedented heights, including four-consecutive trips to the postseason. From 2016-19, Faulkner placed 20 student-athletes on All-Southern States Athletic Conference teams, as the Eagles claimed at least nine victories in three-consecutive seasons, including a program-best 10-6 campaign in 2017.

In all, Beard-led teams accounted for 69-percent of the program's all-time win total and 89-percent of Faulkner's total victories in conference play.

Beard began his coaching career at the club level in Texas. After leading club, high school and semi-professional programs for nearly a decade, he moved his family to Rwanda to work as a coach with the Rwandan Football Federation in 2006. He spent four years as the head coach of the Women's National Team, the director for the first Youth Futsal league in Rwanda and as an advisor for the Men's Under-17 and Under-20 National Teams.

While serving in Rwanda, Beard and his wife, Luz, helped plant one of the first evangelical churches in the nation since the conclusion of the Rwandan Civil War in the mid-1990's, the mission of which he has continued to support to the present day.

Beard made his initial venture into collegiate coaching in 2009, after returning to the United States as the founding head coach of the men's soccer program at Lubbock Christian University. He led LCU to an overall record of 31-16-8 in three seasons and took the Chaps to the Sooner Athletic Conference (SAC) Tournament in back-to-back seasons. In 2011, LCU compiled a 14-4-3 season mark and finished as the SAC regular-season runner-up, before advancing to the SAC Tournament Championship game, holding the most wins in a season by an LCU soccer team. His LCU players earned numerous individual honors, including NAIA All-America, SAC Player of the Year, SAC Offensive Player of the Year, SAC Newcomer of the Year and a total of 10 All-SAC awards.

A native of Tyler, Texas, Beard earned a bachelor's degree from Lubbock Christian in 2000. He continued his education by studying conflict resolution, strategic management, and leadership.

Additionally, he holds coaching licenses and diplomas from the United States Soccer Federation, United Soccer Coaches, Rwanda Football Association, International Coaches Association and the Football Association of England.

Beard and his wife Luz have a son, Koen (EU grad/men's soccer) who is married to Adysen (Harris) (EU '22), and a daughter, Heaven (EU Women's Soccer '22).

EVANGEL UNIVERSITY LADY VALOR ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown / Previous School
00	Madison Villaronga	GK	5-5	Jr	Miami, Fla. / St. Brendan HS
0	Sarah Wilkins	D	5-0	Sr	Skiatook, Okla. / Skiatook HS
1	Paige Estes	GK	5-5	Fr	Bentonville, Ark. / Bentonville West HS
2	Rylie Kidman	F	5-6	Fr	Hebron, Ky. / Beechwood HS
3	Ellen Garber	D	5-6	Fr	Bolivar, Mo. / Bolivar HS
4	Kennason Suchy	M	5-4	So	Basehor, Kan. / Basehor-Linwood HS
5	Anna Crain	F	5-0	Sr	Springfield, Mo. / New Covenant Academy
6	Erin Pratt	M	5-7	Fr	Harrison, Ark. / Harrison HS
7	Austyn Mickey	D	5-6	Sr	Webb City, Mo. / Webb City HS / Crowder
8	Annabelle Powers	D	5-9	Fr	Bentonville, Ark. / Bentonville West HS
9	Enya Mollinedo	D	5-2	Fr	Garland, Texas / Garland Christian
10	Alexandria Maciaszek	M	5-3	Fr	Monroe, La. / St. Frederick HS
11	Lillian Bloomquist	F/M	5-4	Jr	Granite City, Ill. / Granite City HS
12	McKenzie Calhoun	F	5-8	Jr	Taneyville, Mo. / Forsyth HS
13	Charlae Cowan	M	5-8	Jr	Willard, Mo. / Willard HS
14	Ava Campbell	M	5-3	Sr	Phoenix, Ariz. / Northwest Christian HS / Trevecca Nazarene
15	Shayla Widener	M	5-3	Fr	Claremore, Okla. / Claremore HS
16	Mattea Stockton	D	5-7	Fr	Red Wing, Minn. / Red Wing HS
17	Makayla Myers	F	5-10	So	Lee's Summit, Mo. / Lee's Summit West HS
18	Alexis Sudduth	F	5-6	Fr	Athens, Texas / Cross Roads HS
19	Emma Budimlya	M	5-4	Jr	Sedalia, Colorado / Homeschool
20	Rylee Clapp	GK	5-7	Sr	Fairfax, Okla. / Woodland HS
21	Ava Henry	F	5-7	Fr	Cameron, Mo. / Cameron HS
22	Emma Twigg	D	5-7	Fr	Waukee, Iowa / Northwest HS
23	Amaura Austell	F	5-4	Fr	Jefferson City, Mo. / Capital City HS
24	LoriAnn McClellan	D	5-9	Sr	Rogersville, Mo. / Logan-Rogersville HS
25	Adrienne Miller	F/D	5-7	So	Laquey, Mo. / Laquey HS / State Fair CC
26	Adrian Bloomquist	D	5-4	Jr	Granite City, Ill. / Granite City HS
27	Emily Farrenkopf	M	5-4	So	Tulare, Calif. / Mission Oak HS
28	Tiffany Caison	D	5-1	Fr	Springfield, Mo. / Glendale HS
29	Felicity Pendleton	D	5-8	Fr	Jefferson City, Mo. / Capital City HS
30	Naia Boudreau	M	5-4	Jr	Koloa, Hawaii / Kauai HS
31	Lilly Becquart	D	5-0	So	Springfield, Mo. / Parkview HS
33	Mia Semlow	M	5-0	Jr	Normal, Ill. / Homeschool / Heartland CC
34	Cayci Capps	F	5-4	Fr	Gentry, Ark. / Gentry HS
37	Halli Hanson	D	5-11	Fr	West Monroe, La. / West Ouachita HS
38	Alison Secrest	M	5-6	Jr	Waynesville, Mo. / Waynesville HS
44	Faith Joe	D	5-4	Fr	Springfield, Mo. / Kickapoo HS
77	Mia Gonzales	M	5-5	Fr	Muskogee, Okla. / Muskogee HS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Bruce Deaton

Assistant Coach: Joanna Scott

Goalkeepers Coach: Jessy Bond

WILLIAMS BAPTIST LADY EAGLES ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown / Previous School
0	Gracielee Edwards	GK	SO	5-5	Susanville, Calif. / Lassen High School
1	Nevaeh Larkins	GK	JR	5-6	Poplar Bluff, Mo. / Mineral Area College
2	Abigail Brookreson	F	SO	5-3	Jonesboro, Ark. / Southwest Tennessee Community College
3	Maegan Hill	D	JR	5-4	Benton, Ark. / University of Arkansas-Rich Mountain
4	Fabianna Quiros	D	SO	5-3	San Jose, Costa Rica / Panamerican School
5	Mackenzie Souers	F	SO	5-8	Paragould, Ark. / Greene County Tech High School
6	Latavia Fletcher	D	JR	5-4	Spanish Town, Jamaica / Cleary University
7	Nichole Craig	D	JR	5-6	Jonesboro, Ark. / Brookland High School
8	Lucia Alvarez	M	SO	5-5	Los Santos de Maimona, Spain / Barton Community College
9	Danarria Thomas	F	SR	5-3	New Orleans, La. / Culver-Stockton College
10	Victoria de Abreu	M	SO	5-3	Lecheria, Venezuela / The Keystone School
11	Yajaira Alvarado	F	JR	5-3	Jonesboro, Ark. / University of Central Arkansas
12	Destiny Hale	F	SO	5-6	Jonesboro, Ark. / Westside High School
13	Megan Sharp	M	JR	5-3	Leeds, England / Northern Oklahoma College
14	Valentina Marin	M	JR	5-2	Bogota, Colombia / Life University
15	Makaiya Minner	F	FR	5-6	Searcy, Ark. / Riverview High School
16	Chloe Flores	M	FR	5-5	Heber Springs, Ark. / Heber Springs High School
17	Illusion Preciado	M	FR	5-5	Judsonia, Ark. / Riverview High School
18	Brinley Blake	M	SO	5-5	Mena, Ark. / Mena High School
19	Maddy Westbrook	D	JR	5-3	Azle, Texas / Hill College
22	Jada Hammett	M	SR	5-6	Little Rock, Ark. / National Park College
27	Kelsey Blackwell	M	FR	5-3	Mountain Home, Ark. / Mountain Home High School
35	Payten Paul	F	FR	5-0	Cabot, Ark. / Cabot High School
40	Hannah Davis	GK	FR	5-4	Paragould, Ark. / Greene County Tech High School
41	Lisa Craig	GK	SO	5-9	Jonesboro, Ark. / Brookland High School

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Daniel Carney

EVANGEL UNIVERSITY VALOR ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown / Previous School
1	Tatenda Kahwena	GK	5-11	Sr	Harare, Zimbabwe / Prince Edward College
2	Cadu Alves	D	6-4	Jr	Salvador, Brazil
3	Luka Radenovic	D	6-4	Sr	Belgrade, Serbia / Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
4	Akari Sydney	M	6-0	Sr	Bridgetown, Barbados / Dollar Academy
5	Tales Ruiz	D	6-3	Jr	Sao Paulo, Brazil / Seward County CC
6	Finn Schlauch	M	5-9	Fr	Heidelberg, Germany
7	Micah Siems	F	5-6	Sr	Grain Valley, Mo. / Metropolitan CC
8	Sebastian Molina	M	5-8	Sr	Quito, Ecuador / Colegio SEK
9	Jaeden Carter	F	5-10	Jr	Aubrey, Texas / Aubrey HS / Gillette College
10	Andrea Fincato	M	5-10	Sr	Rome, Italy / Salem University
11	Ruben Gonzalez	F	6-2	Sr	Mason, Ohio / Mason HS
12	Caleb Kuchta	F	5-10	Jr	Springfield, Mo. / Willard HS
13	Juyong Kim	M	5-6	Sr	Palmerston North, New Zealand
14	Alim Bangura	M	6-1	Jr	Eulless, Texas / Trinity HS
15	Victor Hugo Magalhaes	M	5-10	Jr	Raposos, Brazil / Hawkeye CC
16	Felipe Tupi	M	6-0	RSr	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
17	Philip Mason	D/M	5-6	RJr	Kiev, Ukraine
18	Hayes Van Breusegen	F	5-10	Fr	Columbia, Ill. / Columbia HS
19	Franco Cuevas	F	6-2	Sr	Buenos Aires, Argentina / Growland School
20	Silas Grundtner	M	6-1	Jr	Hamburg, Germany / Heisenberg Gymnasium
21	Jeronimo Ruiz	D	5-6	Jr	Cali, Colombia / Murray State College
22	Vasco Goncalves	M	5-6	Jr	Aveiro, Portugal / Illinois Valley CC
23	Joao Sa	D	5-10	Sr	Viana do Castelo, Portugal
24	Lukas Hinnenkamp	M	6-2	So	Georgsmarienhutte, Germany
25	Ethan Gilliam	M	6-2	Sr	Dallas, Texas / Eulless Trinity HS
26	Greyson Bartlotti	D	6-2	So	Springfield, Mo. / New Covenant Aca.
27	Caleb Rivera	M	6-1	Fr	Gilbert, Ariz. / San Tan Charter
28	Tevin Mabaso	M	6-0	Jr	Berkhamsted, England / Muskegon CC
29	Isaac Dady	D	6-2	So	Grand Junction, Colo. / Palisade HS
30	Xander Powell	F	6-1	Fr	Springfield, Mo. / Homeschool
31	Cam Risner	D	5-10	Fr	Lee's Summit, Mo. / Lee's Summit North
32	Shomari Rimbo	D	5-6	Fr	Fayetteville, Ark. / Fayetteville HS
33	Kolton Adkins	M	5-11	Jr	Clever, Mo. / Clever HS
34	Jeremiah Rivera	M	5-7	Fr	Lebanon, Mo. / Lebanon HS
35	Caleb Burton	F	5-10	So	St. Louis, Mo. / Maplewood-Richmond Heights HS
37	Davide Marzoli	GK	6-2	Jr	Omegna, Italy / Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
38	Michael Kanoa	D	6-2	Sr	Huntsville, Ala. / Faulkner University
77	Fernando Villaseñor	M	5-11	Jr	Atizapan, Mexico / Murray State College
99	Malachi Williams	GK	6-2	Fr	Ava, Mo. / Ava HS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Kyle Beard
Student Assistant: Andrei Balanean

UHSP EUTECTICS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown / Previous School
1	Jack Wolfe	GK	Jr	6-0	Springfield, Ill. / Glenwood HS
3	Pietro Martano	D	Jr	5-9	Lombardy, Italy / Lincoln Academy
4	Lionel Harerimana	F	Jr	5-5	St. Louis, Mo. / McKinley CLA
5	Christian Santoyo	M	Fr	5-4	Waller, Texas / Waller HS
6	Caleb Schell	D	Fr	6-0	Goodyear, Ariz. / Millenium HS
7	Tanner Tolan	F	Jr	5-8	Germantown, Ill. / Central Community HS
8	Ben Herrera	M	Fr	5-9	Kokomo, Ind. / Kokomo HS
9	Sasha Postol	M	So	5'7	St. Charles, Mo. / Mehlville HS
10	Mohammed Alkenani	M	Jr	5'6	Oakville MO / Oakville HS
11	Christopher Taylor	D	Jr	6-1	Granite City IL / Granite City HS
13	Joshua Stroff	D	Fr	5-10	Columbia, Mo. / Hickman
14	Keegan Croft	D	So	5-11	Terre Haute, Ind. / North Vigo
16	Rishab Rajesh	M	Jr	5-9	Hackettstown, N.J. / Roxbury HS
17	Steven Hulsey	F	So	5-6	Bonne Terre, Mo. / North County
20	Caden Grither	D	Jr	5-11	High Ridge, Mo. / Northwest HS
22	Schylar Srey	D	Jr	6-0	Chillicothe, Ohio / Chillicothe HS
23	Rodrigo Melo	D	Fr	6-0	Sao Paulo, Brazil / Life Preparatory Acad.
24	Jack Owens	GK	Jr	6-0	Rochester Hills, Mich. / Rochester Adams HS
26	Owen Rodgers	F	So	6-1	Fulshear, Texas / Jordan
27	Wyatt Taylor	GK	So	5-10	West Jordan, Utah / Copper Hills
29	Christian Morales	GK	Fr	6-1	Tulsa, Okla. / Memorial HS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Paul Anderson

Assistant Coach: Luis Dantas



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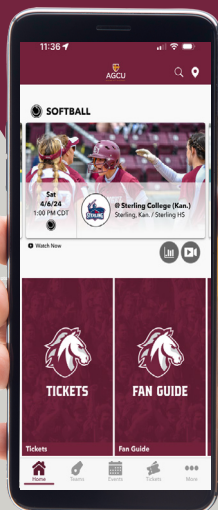


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From the President

Dear Evangel family,

If you speak to any student, faculty member, or alum of Evangel University, you will likely hear something about the “Evangel experience.” The truth is that our institution is more than a school where students come to be filled with knowledge; it is a training ground for each individual’s future vocational ministry. At EU, we provide an experience-driven environment to give young men and women the tools they need to prepare for their unique callings.

Our experiential learning model moves students from passive observers to active participants, and within this structure, Evangel’s faculty members serve as both drivers and sustainers. Traditionally, at mainstream universities, faculty members are primarily disseminators of knowledge, and students are passive recipients. The disengagement of students’ passion for real-world applications has often been a direct result of observing professionals teach theory without providing experiential learning opportunities or the sharing of their personal stories along the way.

EU professors provide opportunities for students to engage actively with knowledge every time their classes gather. EU has made the shift from merely being “providers of information” to fostering dynamic, active participation in the application of knowledge. As Christians, we know the journey of learning and discovery resides within each student and must be guided by the Holy Spirit, and only He knows the challenges and assignments that lie ahead for each one.

As you read through the pages of this magazine and review the successes we’ve celebrated over the last year, know that your prayers and support have played an important role. The university is focused on helping students keep pace with growing challenges and the integration of their intellectual, professional, and personal development. Here, learning is experiential, not just theoretical, and opportunity is around every corner and lies within every challenge they will face.

I pray that as you read this magazine, the Lord opens your eyes to the great work He is doing at Evangel University and invites you to discern where you may participate in the work of raising up the next generation.

May God bless you richly,

Mike Rakes

Dr. Mike Rakes
President

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COACH
OF THE
YEAR



ATHLETICS

52

STUDENT-ATHLETES
FALL SEMESTER
WITH A 4.0

OVER

15,000

FOOTBALL
ATTENDANCE

2



CHAMPIONSHIPS


12

ALL-AMERICANS

ACADEMICS

51

STUDENT-ATHLETES
SPRING SEMESTER
WITH A 4.0

MORE THAN
100 
SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

54

ACADEMIC
ALL-DISTRICT

LOCATED 
SPRINGFIELD, MO.

4

ACADEMIC
ALL-AMERICANS

3.42 CUMULATIVE GPA

WOMEN'S KCAC RANKINGS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE			OVERALL			
	G	W-L-T	W%	G	W-L-T	W%	STREAK
Avila (MO)				1	1-0-0	1.000	W1
McPherson				1	0-0-1	-	T1
#16 Oklahoma Wesleyan							
Kansas Wesleyan							
Friends (KS)							
Southwestern							
Evangel (MO)							
Saint Mary							
York (Neb.)							
Tabor							
Bethel (KS)							
Sterling							
Bethany (KS)							
Ottawa				1	0-1-0	0.000	L1

MEN'S KCAC RANKINGS

SCHOOL	CONFERENCE			OVERALL			
	G	W-L-T	W%	G	W-L-T	W%	STREAK
Evangel (MO)				1	1-0-0	1.000	W1
#5 Oklahoma Wesleyan							
Kansas Wesleyan							
Saint Mary							
Ottawa							
Southwestern							
Bethel (KS)							
York (Neb.)							
Tabor							
Sterling							
Avila (MO)							
Bethany (KS)							
Friends (KS)				0	0-1-0	0.000	L1
McPherson				1	0-0-1	0.000	L1



The Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, commonly called “The Kansas Conference,” is a prominent intercollegiate athletics conference comprised of ten outstanding independent or private institutions of higher education in the state.

The origins of the KCAC are traced to February 15, 1890, when the Kansas Intercollegiate Athletic Association became the result of the first successful attempt at organization among Kansas colleges, “to promote and regulate amateur intercollegiate athletics.”

At that time the association or conference included not only private universities and colleges but also Kansas Agriculture College (now KSU), Kansas University, and Washburn University. Football seems to have been the major sponsored sport, and Baker University won the championship for the first three or four years.

In about 1902 this early association became allied with the Kansas College Athletic Conference, a group which was the first to adopt a definite set of rules and regulations. It also promoted an annual track and field meet which has continued yearly since, except for World War years. Basketball has been sponsored since 1904. Football was revived in 1907. Tennis began as early as 1912. Golf was added in 1923. By this time the name of the conference had been altered to the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference; it had grown to 17 college members and two allied members: Baker, Bethany, Bethel, College of Emporia, Fairmount (now WSU), Friends, Kansas Wesleyan, KSTC of Emporia (now ESU), KSTC of Hays (now FHSU), KSTC of Pittsburg (now PSU), McPherson, Ottawa, St. Benedict’s (now Benedictine), St. Mary’s, Sterling (formerly Cooper), Southwestern, and Washburn, and with St. John’s and Kansas City University (Kansas) as allied members. Kansas University and Kansas Aggies had dropped out earlier to join other conferences. In 1923 the College of Emporia, KSTC of Emporia, KSTC of Hays, KSTC of Pittsburg, Wichita (formerly Fairmount), Southwestern, and Washburn withdrew to form the Central Conference.

The present legal entity comes from a reorganization of the conference when the predecessor Kansas Intercollegiate Athletic Conference formally disbanded on December 1, 1928, and a new conference was formed which again was called the Kansas College Athletic Conference. The members were Baker, Bethany, Kansas Wesleyan, McPherson, Ottawa, and St. Mary’s colleges. At that time sportswriters quickly gave the KCAC league a nickname: the “Little Six,” in contrast to the Big Six (which became Big Eight, now Big 12) which also was organized in 1928. St. Mary’s College was discontinued in 1931. The College of Emporia returned to the fold in 1933, and Bethel was readmitted in 1939. Friends, a former member of the KIAC, was admitted in 1953. Sterling and Southwestern were approved for membership in 1958. In 1968 Tabor College and St. Mary of the Plains College were admitted to make twelve members in the conference, and the conference was organized into Southern and Northern divisions until 1970 -- when Baker, College of Emporia, and Ottawa withdrew to join two separate Missouri-based conferences. In the mid-1970s the formal name was changed again to Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. In 1975 women’s intercollegiate athletics were incorporated into programs of the KCAC. Ottawa was readmitted in 1981, bringing the conference membership to 10. In 1992 St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City left the conference and eventually closed. In 1999 Saint Mary College-Leavenworth joined to return the KCAC membership to 10 institutions. The conference increased to 12 institutions when it added Oklahoma Wesleyan University and York College to the lineup.

The KCAC is an affiliated conference of the National Association of intercollegiate Athletics with headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. Today the KCAC sponsors conference intercollegiate athletics in football, volleyball, men’s cross country, women’s cross country, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, men’s indoor track and field, women’s indoor track and field, men’s outdoor track and field, women’s outdoor track and field, baseball, softball, men’s golf, women’s tennis, and men’s tennis.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Aug. 23	Williams Baptist	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 26	William Woods	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 29	at Southwestern Christ.	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 3	at Univ. of the Ozarks	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 10	at John Brown	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	at Okla. Wesleyan*	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	McPherson*	12:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	Avila*	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Kan. Wesleyan*	12:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Bethany*	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 8	at Ottawa*	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	York*	12:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	Southwestern*	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Sterling*	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 22	at Friends*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Bethel*	12:00 p.m.
Oct. 29	Saint Mary*	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Tabor*	5:00 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Aug 22-23	WWU Classic	
Aug. 29-30	Nelson Classic	
Sept. 3	at College of the Ozarks	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 5	Bethany*	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	Texas A&M-Texarkana	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Mission	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Stephens	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 12-13	UHSP Classic	
Sept. 16	at Central Baptist	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Arkansas-Monticello	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	at Avila*	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	at Kansas Wesleyan*	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 27	Haskell	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	College of the Ozarks	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 8	Ottawa*	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	at York*	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	at Southwestern*	TBA
Oct. 17	Sterling*	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 22	Friends*	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Bethel*	11:00 a.m.
Oct. 29	at Saint Mary*	TBA
Nov. 1	Tabor*	11:00 a.m.
Nov. 5	Okla. Wesleyan*	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 8	at McPherson*	TBA

MEN'S SOCCER

Aug. 21	at Ozark Christ.	W, 8-1
Aug. 23	UHSP	1:00 p.m.
Aug. 30	Waldorf	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 4	at Southwestern Bapt.#	3:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	Mission	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	at Okla. Wesleyan*	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	McPherson*	2:30 p.m.
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CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 29	Spire Showdown	Leavenworth, Kan.
Sept. 13	Queen City Twilight	Springfield, Mo.
Sept. 20	Southern Stampede	Joplin, Mo.
Oct. 4	Seminole Valley	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Oct. 25	Blazing Tiger	Ashland, Neb.
Nov. 8	KCAC Champ.	Leavenworth, Kan.

FOOTBALL

Aug. 30	at Saint Mary	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Sterling	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	at Southwestern	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 20	McPherson	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	at Friends	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	Kansas Wesleyan	1:00 p.m.
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