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Magic News

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Karl Resumes Hunt For Historic Career Win #300

Move over Barry Bonds. There's another sports figure gunning for a national milestone record - women's soccer coach **Jeff Karl**. Karl needs just one victory to achieve 300 wins as a junior college women's soccer coach - the only such person to do so in the history of the sport at the juco level.

He finished a disappointing 2006 season tantalizingly close with 299 career wins and has had all winter to reflect on the upcoming milestone. The team opens the season on the road Sept. 1 against Southwestern Illinois at 1:00. If history doesn't take place there, the Magic's following game will be the next day against Barton County at Florissant Valley at 11:00.

This season marks a quarter century that Karl has been the team's head coach.

Men's Soccer Squad Opens New Season Aug. 25

The men's soccer team will open the '07 campaign against Lincoln Land on Saturday, August 25 at Florissant Valley. Kickoff is set for 1:00. The team, under third year coach **Brian Smugala**, will also play in the MO Juco Invitational Tourney, taking on Barton County Thursday, Aug. 30 at 5:30 at the Chesterfield Sports Complex.

A day later, the newly re-tooled squad will face Illinois Central ay 8:00, also at Chesterfield. The Magic will then complete tourney play at East Central College in Union, MO, playing Macomb College on Sunday, Sept. 2 at 11:00.

The first home game will be Saturday, Sept. 8 when Meramec faces Forest Park at 1:00. The home field will feature a newly re-done grass surface that has been under renovation all summer.

Baseball Squad Returns To Busch Twice In Early Sept.

They've played at "old" Busch Stadium (a win over Forest Park in September, 2005) - now the baseball Magic will make their mark on "new" Busch Stadium with a pair of games in early September. The first game will take place on Sunday, Sept. 2 after the Cardinals 1:15 game against the Cincinnati Reds. The nine inning event will be against Region XVI rival Maple Woods, the junior college where Albert Pujols played in 1999 prior to his meteoric rise to major league stardom.

A few days later, on Thursday, Sept. 6, Meramec will face another rival in Forest Park after the Redbirds 1:10 contest. Cardinals tickets, a rare commodity in 2007, must be purchased in order to remain in the stadium for the Magic game. Tickets for the Sept. 2 game are \$13 each, and \$20 each for the Sept. 6 game. Two tickets can be purchased for \$30 for the Sept. 6 contest only.

For tickets, contact Magic baseball coach **Tony Dattoli** at 314-984-7785.

All-American Schmidt Returns As Softball Coach

Ashley Schmidt, an NJCAA All-American for the Magic in 2001, will return to the squad to serve as an assistant coach to Kim Ridenour in 2008. Schmidt made her mark on an historic team in '01 as the Magic brought home fifth place national medals at the NJCAA Tournament.

The team also set a new mark, one that still stands, with 55 wins (55-12-1) in the season. Schmidt, a pitcher, also set a program record with 32 mound wins to her credit in '01.