STLCC - Meramec Men’s Soccer Earns 4-1 Win In Opener

The STLCC - Meramec men’s soccer team opened the ‘08 season on a high note Sunday (Aug. 24), dominating Lincoln College (Springfield, Ill) with a 4-1 win.

A trio of Marquette High graduates contributed heavily to the victory. Sophomore midfielder Kyle Leifield scored two goals, forward Ian Porta had two assists, and freshman midfielder Taylor Landon had the Magic’s final goal.

The first half was a defensive battle until the 21:12 mark when freshman forward Almin Sabotic (Mehlville) headed in a cross from teammate Matt Schildz (DeSmet.) Leifeld scored next with 8:36 left in the half on a feed from Porta for a 2-0 halftime advantage.

That same combo, Leifeld from Porta, scored again less than three minutes into the second half for a 3-0 edge. “Ian Porta made an amazing run down the corner and all I had to do was knock the ball in,” said Leifeld. “On the other, it was another pass from Ian that just put me right into an open net, I couldn’t so anything but finish. I think our chemistry up top is just looking really good.”

Midway through the half, Landon waltzed in for a score after sophomore midfielder Matt Mantia (Webster Groves) forced the goalie out. “Mantia saw the ball over the top of the defender, and I just walked in with it, put it to the right corner with a little tap in,” said Landon.

Lincoln added a late goal for the 4-1 final. Freshman Chris Eason (Lindbergh) was solid in goal, stopping nine shots. The Magic play Tuesday, Aug. 26 at home at 4:00 against Southwestern Illinois College.