Women's Soccer Tosses Pair Of Shutouts Over K.C. Opponents

Making a strong defensive statement, the St. Louis Community College women’s soccer team threw a pair of shutouts against their Kansas City area opponents this weekend, shutting out Maple Woods 4-0 on Saturday, and Blue River 2-0 Sunday.

Sophomore goalie Hayley Fox (Lindbergh) was in goal Sunday, while freshman net keeper Michelle Smith (Mehlville) earned the shutout Saturday. The Magic improve to 9-4-1 with the wins.

"We’re getting better at knowing each other and moving the ball," said coach Jeff Karl. "When we can move the ball on the ground, play to our feet, stay relaxed - when we can do those things and be consistent at it, we’re going to be very good."

Consistent was the key to the Magic's weekend attack. On Saturday against Maple Woods, Stephanie Godfrey (Marquette) had two goals, while Meghan Thomas (Kennedy) scored a goal and two assists. Sarah Sanguinet (Lafayette) had a goal and an assist.

"They really didn’t realize our through balls," said Thomas, the team’s leading scorer. "We’ve been feeding balls through and they really didn’t catch that very quickly so we were able to take advantage of that and score a few goals."

On Sunday versus Blue River, it took until the 11:46 mark of the first half for Meramec to break through on an unassisted free kick for a goal by sophomore Angie Rich (DuBourg.) Just 38 seconds later, Sarah Sanguinet converted on a pass from Meghan Thomas for an insurance goal.

"I just got a pass in the middle from Meghan and I saw a girl coming so from the left to me so I just one-timed it up in the corner," said Sanguinet. "We’ve just been working a lot harder in practice and I finally have picked it up a lot. Through all the injuries and everything I just thought I needed to step it up and I guess it’s helping."

Meramec completes the regular season Friday (Oct. 19) in a 4:00 home match against Lindenwood JV before the Region XVI Tournament begins the following week. The improved defense and resulting victories couldn’t be coming at a better time.

"I always felt you needed to build some momentum," said Coach Karl. "Last year we were 5-9-1 and I didn’t worry so much that we were below .500 - if we could win the last two or three games and build some momentum, that’s really important. It just helps to get ready for your second season, which is the playoffs."