Union strong in preseason match-ups

By Nathan Jones
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Union’s softball team is proving to be a top contender this year. It has placed first and second place in two tournaments thus far. Softball is a spring sport, but four fall tournaments give a preview of the upcoming season.

Union’s roster has 17 players with three seniors, two juniors and one sophomore returning from last year’s team. Union opened up the season with a 15-1 victory over Lindsey Wilson. The team continued its success by winning and going undefeated in the Lindsey Wilson Tournament.

In the Lindsey Wilson Tournament, Union won four games. Its first was a victory over Georgetown College, 10-2. Union then played Ohio Dominican College for an 8-2 victory and held Spalding University scoreless in a 12-0 shutout. The Lady Bulldogs finished the tournament with a 4-1 victory over the host team Lindsey Wilson.

The Lady Dawgs received first place out of six competing teams. Lynde Capogreco, senior, and Susan Love, junior, earned All Tournament recognition. Love, along with five other team members, is a junior college transfer.

Union played in its second tournament at Southern Illinois University. There were eight teams in the tournament, five of whom are NCAA Division I teams. Union posted wins over Southern Illinois University, 1-0, and University of Tennessee at Martin, 6-2.

The Lady Bulldogs lost to Rend Lake College, 0-1, and to Southeast Missouri State in the championship game, 1-5. Union received second place in the tournament. Union is now 7-2 for the year. Coach Brian Dunn expresses high hopes for the spring season.

“We’re all working very hard and that’s why we’ve been playing very well. Everybody is playing together and that’s important on any team,” Dunn said.

Two of Union’s players are returning All-Americans: pitcher, Lynde Capogreco and Emma Hernandez, second base. Union also brings back two All-Conference picks from last year second baseman Terri Estes and left fielder Chanda Franks.

Last year Union completed a 39-13 season to set a school record for wins. Union plays two more tournaments on Oct. 4 at Middle Tennessee State University State and Oct. 10-11 at University of North Alabama. The regular season begins in February.

Little red wagon keeps on chuggin’

Union continues a winning season

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Union’s soccer team continues producing wins while opponents keep getting tougher. After facing three of the top teams in the league and future conference foe Williams Baptist College, Union’s record moves to 3-2-1. Known to their fans as the little red wagon because of a pregame chant Union keeps improving every game and has excellent potential for the league tournament.

“With the help of God, this little red wagon is going to turn into a big red wagon by tournament time,” James Huggins, assistant coach said.

Union was defeated by Alabama, 3-0, Sept. 27. Auburn got the victory over Union Oct. 5, 3-2.

Union 2, Williams Baptist 1

Union came up victorious against Williams Baptist College, their first varsity opponent. Union scored two goals in the first ten minutes of the game and held the visiting Eagles to one goal thanks to a strong defensive effort from Union.

Williams Baptist is a first year varsity team in the TranSouth conference. Union’s soccer program will compete in the TranSouth conference next year when it became a varsity team.

Craig Dismuke scored both goals for Union, the first deflecting off an Eagle defender into the net. Dismuke’s second goal came minutes later off a pass from Kyle Huggins.

Williams Baptist scored late in the first half but was not able to tie the game due to aggressive defensive play.

The Bulldogs’ record climbs to 3-2 with the win. Union will play Williams Baptist again on Oct. 23 at Paragould, Ark.

Union 1, University of Southern Mississippi

Union clinched its first tie of the year against the Golden Eagles of Southern Mississippi. Kyle Huggins scored from a free kick by Paul Farmer in the second half. The Golden Eagles scored later in the half to end the game in a tie.

Union almost scored during the last minute of regulation on a corner kick by Craig Dismuke. One of the Golden Eagle defenders saved the goal while the Southern Mississippi goalie was out of the box.

Soccer and volleyball added to Union’s sports

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Coach Darin White announced to soccer team members that Union will have a varsity soccer program starting next year. Union will be part of the NAIA and will play schools with similar programs.

The Bulldogs will face one of their future conference foes, Williams Baptist, in scrimmage matches Nov. 9 and Nov. 23. Union has also announced a volleyball program for the 1998-1999 season. These two new programs will join a rich tradition of Union athletics. Union athletic teams have recorded a record of 2614-1109 with an .702 winning percentage over the last 16 years in all sports combined. Look for more information of both these programs in upcoming issues.

‘Let’s Make a Deal’

Prizes are supplied by local businesses and SAC.

Upon entering the chapel, students will be given a name tag with a number on it. Campus minister Todd Brady, the emcee, will randomly call out numbers and those students will be called on stage. Lyons said students might have to answer a question, do something silly, or just pick a prize.

Lyons said, “It’s gonna be a lot of fun!” He said the game show this year will be “more organized, more professional, and there will be more room in the chapel.” SAC’s goal is to get students present at this event.

“Let’s Make a Deal” is sponsored by Students Activities Council. Student Government Association is funding the event.