

SPORTS



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Wesleyan's Tyler Marshall, right, collides with a pair of Urbana players as he goes up for a header during Mountain East Conference action Sunday at Culpepper Stadium. The Bobcats battled the Golden Knights to a 2-2 deadlock to remain in the hunt for a conference tournament berth.

'Cats keep MEC playoff hopes alive by battling Urbana to 2-2 deadlock

BUCKHANNON – The West Virginia Wesleyan men's soccer team kept their Mountain East Conference playoff chances alive by battling Urbana to a 2-2 deadlock on Sunday.

The Bobcats, who are now 7-7-2 overall and 7-2-1 in the MEC, had to earn a win or a tie against Urbana or they would have been eliminated from contention for a playoff spot.

Wesleyan moved back into fourth place in the league standings, just ahead of Wheeling Jesuit for the final playoff berth.

Wheeling Jesuit still has two MEC games remaining. If the Cardinals lose both, Wesleyan will get the playoff spot. If Wheeling Jesuit ties or wins one of their final two games, it will get the playoff berth.

Wheeling Jesuit plays Urbana today and Charleston Saturday. Both games are on the road.

Raouii Lassoued scored an

unassisted goal for Urbana at the 15:58 mark for the lone goal in the first 45 minutes of action.

Jordan Halpern played a cross to Pavle Milicevic, who found the back of the net to deadlock the game at 1-1 at the 59:07 mark.

Paul Smith gave Wesleyan a 2-1 lead when he redirected in a ball played by Halpern at the 67:19 mark.

The Bobcats' lead would be short-lived however as Ray Roberts scored an unassisted goal in front of the net three minutes later to tie the game again at 2-2.

Urbana, which is now 12-2-2 overall and 7-2-1 in the MEC, had two golden opportunities to win the game in the final four minutes.

Lassoued missed a penalty kick high at the 86:36 mark and then he missed a wide open net with 90 seconds remaining.

Wesleyan owned a 14-11 lead in shots and an 8-5 advantage



Wesleyan players celebrate after Paul Smith's goal on Sunday.

in shots-on-goal. It also led in corner kicks, 6-5.

Bobcat keeper Luka Pauk turned away three shots.

Wesleyan will return to ac-

tion at 2 p.m. today at Bloomsburg (Pa.). The Bobcats will then play host to Chowan at 1 p.m. Saturday in the regular-season finale.



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Wesleyan goalkeeper Hillary DeWitt boots the ball against Urbana on Sunday. DeWitt posted her 15th shutout of the season as the 11th-ranked Lady Bobcats won the match, 1-0.

No. 11 Lady 'Cats send seniors out with 1-0 victory

Wesleyan improves mark to 15-0-2 by defeating Urbana

BUCKHANNON — The West Virginia Wesleyan women's soccer team didn't disappoint their eight seniors on Senior Day against Urbana University in a Mountain East Conference contest at Culpepper Stadium.

The Lady Bobcats sent their seniors, playing their final regular-season game at Culpepper Stadium, out as winners on Sunday with a 1-0 victory.

The lone goal came at the 10:21 mark as Colette Biondi scored from the top of the box after playing a touch pass from Tiana Bennardo.

The shutout was the 15th of the season for the Lady Bobcats.

Wesleyan keeper Hillary DeWitt has been responsible for all 15 shutouts. She turned away five shots in Sunday's victory.

The Lady Bobcats had an 18-7 lead in shots and a 16-5 margin in

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Ritchey tabbed MEC Defender of Week again

BRIDGEPORT — West Virginia Wesleyan's Rachel Ritchey is the MEC Defensive Player of the Week for the second straight time, while Notre Dame's Alexis Manoa is the Offensive Player of the Week.

Ritchey, a senior from Pittsburgh, Pa., helped WVWC to two more shutouts and allowed the Bobcats to secure the Mountain East Conference regular season championship last week. She scored a goal in WVWC's 4-0 win over Shepherd and then helped lead a defense that limited Urbana to just seven shots in a 1-0 triumph.

Manoa, a sophomore from Strongsville, Ohio, helped the Falcons to a pair of wins last week over Charleston and Wheeling Jesuit. She had a pair of assists in the win over the Golden Eagles.

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Week 9 Circle the winners

PRESTON at BUCKHANNON-UPSHUR

MARSHALL at CHARLOTTE

ELKINS at LINCOLN COUNTY

GEORGIA at FLORIDA

FAIRMONT SENIOR at BRIDGEPORT

CLEMSON at NC STATE

NOTRE DAME at TEMPLE

PHILIP BARBOUR at EAST FAIRMONT

MICHIGAN at MINNESOTA

SEATTLE at DALLAS (NFL)

NORTH MARION at GRAFTON

CINCINNATI at PITTSBURGH (NFL) Tiebreaker

MORGANTOWN at UNIVERSITY

ROBERT C. BYRD at LINCOLN

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B-U harriers complete regular season

Lady Bucs place sixth in regional meet; Williams finishes 14th

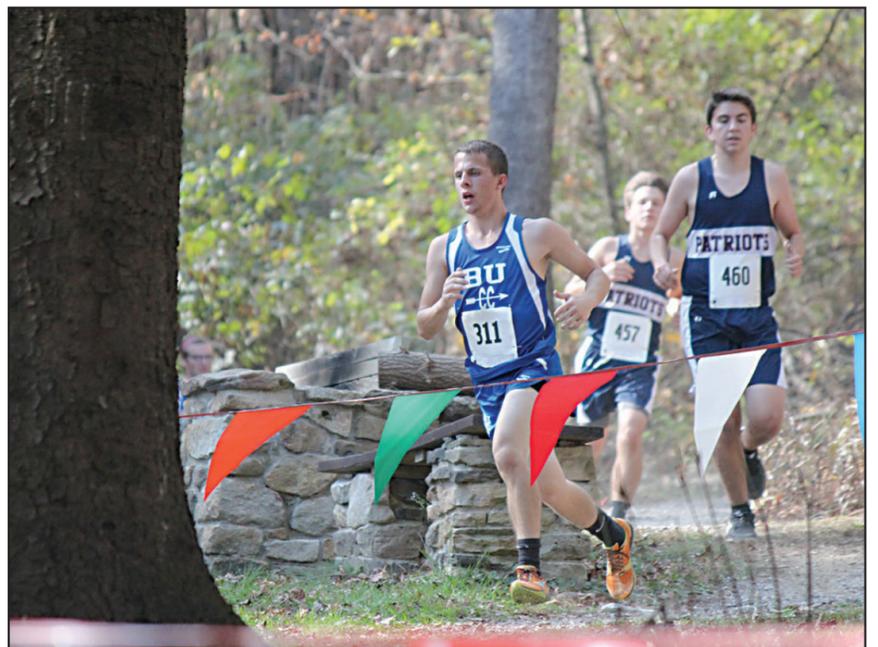
ELKINS — The Buckhannon-Upshur High School cross country teams concluded their seasons at the Class AAA, Region II meet held Thursday at Davis & Elkins College.

The Lady Bucs finished with 163 points to place sixth among the nine teams entered. Hampshire tallied 36 points to win the title, while Jefferson (69) and Elkins (88) also qualified for the state meet.

Hallie Williams concluded her B-UHS career by placing 17th with a time of 25:16. Katie Orwig was 28th (26:55), Lizzy Floyd 36th (27:51), Julia Cutright 39th (28:19), Brittany Casto 49th (20:46) and Kat Wilson 56th (35:55). Floyd and Wilson are also seniors.

Jefferson's Abby Colbert was the top finisher in a time of 20:10.

The B-U boys, who didn't figure in the team scoring, were led by senior Devin Landis' 52nd-place in a time of 24:20. Fellow



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B-U's Devin Landis competes in Thursday's Class AAA, Region II meet at Davis & Elkins College. Landis placed 52nd for the Bucs.

senior Chandler Trivolette was 56th (25:56), Andrew Dahlheim 60th (26:43) and Hunter Tenney 63rd (28:04).

Jefferson was the team title

with 45 points. Musselman (78), Elkins (97) and Hampshire (99) also qualified for states.

Hedgesville's Daniel Beavers claimed the top individual spot

with a time of 19:03.

The state meet will be held Saturday at Cabell Midland High

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