Women’s Soccer Earns NCCAA Tournament Berth

STAFF REPORT

SPRING ARBOR, Mich. – The Lady Lancers are going to the NCCAA National Soccer Tournament for the first time in a decade.

Freshman Abigail Burns made the game-winning goal in the sudden death shootout to defeat Spring Arbor in the NCCAA Midwest Regional giving them a berth into the NCCAA National Tournament in Kissimmee, Fla.

Both teams played to a 0-0 draw through regulation and the two overtime periods, similar to their regular season matchup on Oct. 17 which ended in a 1-1 tie.

Bowden ran a 3:06:05, just barely qualifying. "That was not a good run for me but it was very fulfilling because I still qualified for the (Boston) marathon," Bowden said.

He accomplished his goal. "My dad is the one that got me into running and it saved our relationship," Bowden said.

After moving 14 times in 21 years, it was stressful for Bowden and his family.

In the summer of 2003, Bowden’s father Barry, a runner, challenged Curtis to run as well. That summer they ran over 200 miles as a team, and four half-marathons.

Bowden then decided to join the cross country team, and he qualified for his high school state meet. His dad, who lived in Washington, D.C., still took a plane back to Iowa see his son’s race.

"This (running) was a wonderful way God blessed our relationship and his relationship with God," said Curtis Bowden.

After Bowden qualified for the Boston Marathon, he remembers calling his father. "Dad, I am going to the Boston Marathon," Bowden said.

"No, son," his dad replied. "We are going to the Boston Marathon.

His father’s dedication and support is something he will never forget.

Running has blessed Bowden’s relationship with his biological father but it has also impacted his relation with his heavenly Father.

"I learn a lot about my relationship with God while I run," Bowden said. "(It’s just) me, God, and nature. I have learned some good things and bad things about my relationship because it’s a lot’s time to be out running and you learn a lot about yourself.

Bowden also runs using minister to others. By achieving his goal he can show his peers that they can also do the same thing.

"I run to try to motivate other guys to challenge themselves to greater aspirations and higher goals," Bowden said.

The Boston Marathon is on April 14, 2010; however, after qualifying at the Indiana-Pololis Monumen-tal Marathon this year, he is also qualified for the Boston Marathon in 2011. He still has to decide to run this year or next year.

He does know that his dad will be this year. "When Curtis crossed the finish line, it made me choke up," Barry said.

"I was very proud of my son because of how hard he has worked to get to this point and how running has affected his life spiritually."

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STAFF REPORT

The Athletic Department announced on Nov. 16 that head men’s and women’s track and cross country coach Neal Butler resigned his current positions at Grace College.

"Neal has done many positive things for Grace College," said Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. "We wish Neal nothing but the best with his future endeavors."

Grace’s Athletic Department noted that they cannot comment on the specifics of his departure because of Grace College policy. According to Vicky Eisenhut, Director of Human Resources at Grace College, there are "legal and ethical reasons why HR keeps employee information confidential."

The policy in the institution’s employee handbook concerning disclosing information states, "An employee who works with sensitive information is expected to safeguard the confidentiality of departmental or office administration by exercising discretion in communicating information to faculty, staff, and students. A staff member who violates the confidentiality expectation will have the potential to cause serious personal, professional, or departmental embarrassment."

"Our focus shifts to the student-athletes," Briscoe said. "The upperclassmen have done a great job of taking leadership and continuing their training."
Heuss Makes Successful Comeback

BY ZANE GARD
Sports Writer

This time last year, the Lady Lancer’s leading scorer was not playing soccer on a collegiate team.

A four-year starter at Covenant Christian High School, Elizabeth Heuss was an All-City selection her senior year, while scoring 22 goals and becoming team MVP. Heuss was a three-sport athlete, standing out in both basketball and track. She also participated in extra-curricular activities. A lot of them.

After being involved with the National Honor Society, student council, Spanish club, civics club, and the Central Indiana Crisis Pregnancy Center, Heuss decided to take a break from soccer. “I didn’t want to burn out,” said Heuss. “I wanted to avoid the business and free to pursue other extra-curricular activities at college.”

In addition to being valedictorian of her senior class and making the Academic All-State Team, Heuss was also selected as an IHSAA Centennial Scholarship recipient. “She liked sports, but wanted to still have fun,” Elizabeth’s father Matt Heuss con- fided. “Sometimes the pressure to win can be overwhelming.”

Despite receiving letters from Grace showing interest in her playing college. Heuss did not respond. Still, she partici- pated in intramurals, and her play was dominant.

Heuss led the intramural league in goals, on route to lead- ing her team to a championship. Her play caught the eye of head coach Michael Voss. “I knew she could play, but I had to see if she wanted to,” Voss said. “I think in her heart, though, she knew she was going.”

Although a sophomore by credit, Heuss is a freshman by eligibility. Heuss’ academic work- load will, in all likelihood, require five years to finish her degree. Fortunately, because she did not play last year, Heuss will be eligi- ble to play as a fifth-year senior.

“It’s all about God’s big plan,” Voss said. “It actually worked out better this way. God always works things out.”

Of course, a little prompting from her roommate did not hurt. Victoria Casey can be credited for the majority of convincing Heuss to join the team. “She (Heuss) had a lot of respect for Victoria and the rest of the team,” Matt Heuss said. “The team was very solid spiritually.”

Casey, who attended Heritage Christian High School, played against Heuss’ school, rival Cov- enant Christian, in soccer and track. Both schools are located in the Indianapolis area, and are mere 16 miles apart. While at Grace College’s 2008 Presidential Scholarship Competition, Casey told Voss to take a look at Heuss.

Through Casey, Heuss was able to connect with the soccer team. She and Casey housed the majority of overnight visit- ing freshman recruits together last year. “I did not try to put too much pressure on her; just helped her get involved,” Casey said. “I think the biggest factor was her seeing the team and loving the girls. Our team is like a big family.”

This season, Heuss recorded nine goals and three assists, good for ninth in the MCC in points per game. She also helped the Lady Lancers earn a berth to the NCCAA Women’s National Championship tournament in Kissimmee, Fla. Dec 2-5.

To others, her success on and off the field comes as no sur- prise. “I knew she would do well this year,” Casey said. “After seeing her play, I knew she would be what we needed at the top.”

Heuss, though, is not finished yet. “I want to be a part of build- ing a legacy on our team of loving God with all that we have and truly worshipping Him by the way we play soccer,” she added. “I also hope to continue to improve in my skills and attitude as an indi- vidual player.”

Whatever Heuss sets her mind on, she will be sure to accomplish it.

She noted her high school soccer coach Jerry Shafer, “When she is where God wants her, she is capa- ble of anything.”

Mindset Beyond Soccer

For Elizabeth Heuss, soccer is part of a bigger purpose in life. “I like to put soccer into con- text, since it is more than a game,” said Heuss, leading scorer last year. “I had a bigger purpose on earth to fulfill than playing soccer.”

Part of Heuss’ impact off-the-field is in missions. No stranger to cross-cultural experiences, Heuss has taken short mission trips to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico; Piedras Negras, Mexico; Jalapa, Guatemala; and an Apache res- ervation. Heuss is currently main- training in Spanish education at Grace College.

This past summer, Heuss was able to intern at Mission Indy in Indianapolis, Ind. While there, she worked as a volunteer to work with 12 weeks with the community in the heart of downtown Indianapolis.

According to executive direc- tor Ron Greiner, the goal of Mission Indy is to “equip people to serve inner-city people and use their field as a training ground for personal growth.” Mission Indy has been hiring interns the past several years.

“When the students engage themselves completely, it causes them to see how much Christians need each other,” Greiner said. “They learn how to serve and become sensitive to other’s needs.”

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You never know what Heuss can be credited for her part in the group success at Mission Indy. Greiner praised, “She is seeing opportunities to serve inner-city people and use their field as a training ground for personal growth.”

Victoria Casey
can be credited for their victory over Spring Arbor on Dec. 3 of last year compared to 29 degrees in Warsaw. Grace’s women’s soccer team plays in the NCCAA tournament from Dec. 2-5 in Kissimmee, Fla.

-Known Your Numbers

10 years since the women’s soccer team has qualified for the NCCAA National Tour- nament. They quali- fied with their victory over Spring Arbor on Saturday.

3 days until the men’s basketball program plays the team-who-must-not-be-named on Tuesday.

248 points scored in Ce- darville’s 157-91 victory over Rio Grande on Nov. 7 in men’s basketball.

81 percent of the men’s bas- ketball team’s points this season come from their starters.

60 degrees in Kissimmee. Feb. on Dec. 2 of last year compared to 29 degrees in Warsaw. Grace’s women’s soccer team plays in the NCCAA tournament from Dec. 2-5 in Kissimmee, Fla.

-Sports Information

FINISH THE SENTENCE

Player of the Week

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### MCC STANDINGS

**Accurate as of 10/07/09**

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