



BIG EAST Tournament Championship

No. 4/7/7 Notre Dame vs No. RV/10/23 Marquette



No. 10 Marquette Looks for First BIG EAST Tournament Title

For the first time in program history, the Marquette women's soccer team will play for the BIG EAST Tournament Championship on Sunday, Nov. 8. The Golden Eagles will take on No. 1 National Division seed Notre Dame at Morrone Stadium in Storrs, Conn., at Noon ET. The game will be broadcast live on CBS College Sports with Ann Schatz and Tammy Blackburn and on BIG EAST TV which will air locally in Milwaukee on Sports32. The tournament champion will earn the league's automatic berth in the 2009 NCAA Tournament.

Golden Eagles in the BIG EAST Tournament

Marquette is 5-3 all-time in BIG EAST Tournament action. Marquette will meet Notre Dame for the fourth time in BIG EAST Tournament play. MU is 0-3 against the Irish in the BIG EAST Tournament. The Golden Eagles have won two conference tournament championships as members of Conference USA in 1999 and 2000. Marquette has made seven appearances in conference tournament final and stand 2-4-1 in those matches.

Marquette Quickhits

- Marquette pushed its unbeaten streak to nine games and its win streak to six games with a 1-0 win over West Virginia in the BIG EAST Semifinals at Morrone Stadium Friday.
- Marquette advanced to its first BIG EAST Tournament Championship since joining the league in 2005.
- The Golden Eagles are 5-3 all-time in BIG EAST Tournament play. Roeders' teams are 21-12-1 all-time in conference tournaments. The Golden Eagles captured the Conference-USA Tournament Title in back-to-back seasons in 1999 and 2000. Since 2000, the Golden Eagles have made two appearances in the tournament championship match but have lost. Marquette is 2-2 in conference tournament finals.
- Marquette won its first-ever BIG EAST American Division Championship, and first regular season championship since 2000 with the 1-0 win at St. John's. Marquette has won five regular season titles, four as members of Conference USA (1996, 1997, 1999, 2000).
- Along with the Division Championship, the Golden Eagles also earn their first-ever No. 1 seed in the BIG EAST Conference Tournament.
- The Golden Eagles' 15 wins mark the 14th consecutive season they have registered double-digit wins.
- Marquette moved up two spots in the Soccer America poll to No. 10 this week. It is receiving votes in the NSCAA poll (No. 27) and ranked No. 23 in Soccer Times poll.
- The shutout of West Virginia marked a team-record seventh straight and 15th of the season.
- Marquette has outscored its opponents 27-10. Sixteen of those goals have come in the first half. The Golden Eagles are 8-1-0 when leading at half time with it's lone loss coming at Pepperdine. A credit to Marquette's defense, the Golden Eagles are 9-1 when leading after the 75th minute.
- In the latest RPI released by the NCAA, the Golden Eagles are ranked No. 27. Marquette is 3-3 against teams in the top-35 in the RPI this season.
- Sophomore Rachael Sloan leads the Golden Eagles' attack with 17 points on six goals - five game winners - and five assists. Fourteen different Golden Eagles have registered at least one goal this season. In Marquette's last six wins, five different players registered a goal, including Ashley Bares, Brittany Bares, Rachael Sloan, Becky Ryan and Lauren Thut.

MU All-Time in the BIG EAST Tourney

2005: No. 2 American Division Seed

MU 2, Louisville 1 (Quarters)

ND 3, MU 0 (Semis)

2006: No. 2 American Division Seed

MU 1, Villanova 0 (Quarters)

ND 2, MU 0 (Semis)

2007: No. 3 American Division Seed

Louisville 1, MU 0 (Quarters)

2008: No. 2 American Division Seed

MU 1, Rutgers 0 (Quarters)

Notre Dame 2, MU 0 (Semis)

2009: No. 1 American Division Seed

MU 1, Villanova 0 (Quarters)

MU 1, West Virginia 0 (Semis)

2009 Schedule

15-4-2 • 7-2-2 BIG EAST

Date	Opponent (Rank)	Time/Score
Aug. 15	at Wisconsin (exh.)	T, 2-2 20T
Aug. 23	at Pepperdine	L, 1-2 0T
MKE Cup • Aug 28-30		
Aug. 28	Rice	W, 1-0
Aug. 30	Michigan	W, 1-0
Inn at St. Mary's Classic • Sept. 3-6		
Sept. 3	at UW-Milwaukee	W, 2-0
Sept. 6	vs 1/11 North Carolina #	L, 0-1
Sept. 10	Green Bay	W, 3-0
Sept. 13	23/-RV Minnesota	W, 1-0
Sept. 17	USF *	W, 2-1
Sept. 20	at Western Michigan	W, 2-0
Sept. 24	at West Virginia *	L, 0-1
Sept. 27	Pittsburgh *	T, 0-0 20T
Oct. 2	13/13/12 Rutgers *	L, 1-3
Oct. 4	Seton Hall *	W, 3-0
Oct. 9	24/13/- Connecticut *	W, 3-2 20T
Oct. 11	Providence *	T, 0-0 20T
Oct. 16	at Cincinnati*	W, 1-0
Oct. 18	at Louisville*	W, 2-0
Oct. 23	at Syracuse *	W, 1-0 20T
Oct. 25	at St. John's *	W, 1-0

BIG EAST Conference Tournament • Oct. 29-Nov. 8

Nov. 1	Villanova	W, 1-0
Nov. 6	vs -/24/- West Virginia	W, 1-0
Nov. 8	4/7/7 Notre Dame	Noon
Nov. 13	NCAA First Round	
Nov. 15	NCAA Second Round	
Nov. 20-22	NCAA Third Round	
Nov. 27-29	NCAA Quarterfinals	
Dec. 4-6	NCAA College Cup	

All home matches are bold and played at Valley Fields.

All times are local to site unless noted and are subject to change.

* denotes BIG EAST Match

game to be played Notre Dame, Ind.

Rankings are listed NSCAA/ Soccer America/Soccer Times

Marquette All-Access This Week

vs West Virginia - BIG EAST Semis
 Livestats bigeast.org
 Radio None
 TV CBS College Sports

vs Notre Dame - BIG EAST Championship
 Livestats bigeast.org
 Radio None
 TV Sports 32/CBS College Sports

Marquette Golden Eagles

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Hometown	High School/Coll.
0	Natalie Kulla	GK	SO	6-0	St. Louis, Mo.	Incarnate Word Academy
1	Chelsey Turner	GK	SR	5-10	Rochester, Minn.	Lourdes
2	Julia Victor	F/MF	JR	5-6	Shaker Heights, Ohio	Shaker Heights
3	Ally Miller	MF/D	FR	5-7	Mequon, Wis.	Homestead
4	Kelly Wepking	MF	SR	5-3	Pleasant Prairie, Wis.	Kenosha Tremper
5	Rosie Malone-Povolny	MF/F	JR	5-7	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall
6	Ashley Stemmler	MF	FR	5-9	Thiensville, Wis.	Homestead
7	Lisa Philbin	MF/F	SO	5-3	Lansdale, Pa.	North Penn
8	Allison McBride	D	SR	5-9	Elm Grove, Wis.	Divine Savior Holy Angels
10	Michelle Compy	MF	SR	5-2	Mukwonago, Wis.	Mukwonago
11	Becky Ryan	MF/F	SR	5-6	Batavia, Ill.	Batavia
12	Lindsey Page	F/MF	SO	5-7	Alsip, Ill.	Marist
13	Amanda Longo	D/MF	SO	5-4	Mahopac, N.Y.	Mahopac
14	Karissa Miller	D/MF	FR	5-6	Sycamore, Ill.	Sycamore
15	Lauren Thut	D	JR	5-6	Kildeer, Ill.	Stevenson
16	Brittany Bares	F/MF	SR	5-5	Belgium, Wis.	Northern Ozaukee
17	Rachel Brown	MF/F	FR	5-7	Lake Zurich, Ill.	Lake Zurich
18	Rachael Sloan	F/MF	SO	5-5	Elk Grove, Ill.	Elk Grove
19	Anna Sawicki	F	SR	5-9	Waukesha, Wis.	Waukesha West
20	Kristi Laurenzi	MF/F	JR	5-6	Pleasant Prairie, Wis.	Kenosha Tremper
21	Stephanie Vasos	D	JR	5-5	Fox Point, Wis.	Nicolet
22	Sam Vicker	MF	FR	5-4	Whitefish Bay, Wis.	Whitefish Bay
23	Carly Smith	F	FR	5-8	Clarendon, Ill.	Fenwick
24	Katie Miller	D/MF	SR	5-8	Mequon, Wis.	Homestead
25	Kerry McBride	D/MF	SO	5-10	Elm Grove, Wis.	Divine Savior Holy Angels
26	Erin Tedesco	MF/D	SO	5-6	Downers Grove, Ill.	Fenwick
27	Lauren Acree	MF/F	JR	5-3	Whitefish Bay, Wis.	Whitefish Bay
28	Ashley Bares	F	JR	5-8	Belgium, Wis.	Northern Ozaukee
29	Sammy Kailas	D/MF	FR	5-7	Mequon, Wis.	Homestead
30	Katie Hishmeh	D	FR	5-6	Brookfield, Wis.	Brookfield Centra

Head Coach: Markus Roeders
Associate Head Coach: Frank Pelaez
Assistant Coach: Hideki Nakada
Student Manager: Aleks Vidakovich



Head Coach Markus Roeders
14th Season at Marquette
Career Record: 202-79-30

Season	Record	Pct.	Conference	Pct.	Notes
2009	14-4-2		7-2-2	72.7	BIG EAST American Division Champs
2008	11-8-3	56.2	6-3-2	63.6	NCAA First Round
2007	12-4-4	70.0	5-3-3	59.1	
2006	12-6-5	63.0	7-3-1	68.2	NCAA Second Round
2005	19-4-1	81.3	9-2-0	81.8	NCAA Third Round
2004	12-8-1	59.5	7-2-1	75.0	
2003	11-8-1	57.5	7-3-0	73.0	
2002	13-8-3	60.5	5-3-2	60.0	NCAA First Round
2001	16-6-0	72.7	9-2-0	81.8	NCAA First Round
2000	20-3-1	85.4	10-0-1	95.4	NCAA Second Round
1999	16-7-2	68.0	8-2-1	77.3	NCAA Second Round
1998	15-5-2	72.7	8-3-0	72.7	
1997	14-2-4	80.0	7-1-1	83.3	
1996	16-6-1	71.7	8-1-0	88.0	
Career record	202-79-30	70.3	100-30-14	74.3	Seven NCAA appearances

BIG EAST Regular Season Titles 2009
BIG EAST Finals Appearances 2009
C-USA Regular Season Titles 1996, 1997, 2000
C-USA Tournament Titles 1999, 2000
C-USA Finals Appearances 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
NCAA Appearances 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008
C-USA Coach of the Year 1996, 2000
C-USA Coach of the Decade 2004
BIG EAST Coach of the Year 2005, 2009
Great Lakes Coach of the Year 2000, 2005

Milestone Victories
First Career Win Sept. 6, 1996; 5-1 vs. Loyola (Ill.)
100th Career Win Sept. 8, 2002; 1-0 vs. Dayton
150th Career Win Oct. 30, 2005; 2-1 vs. Louisville
200th Career Win Oct. 25, 2009; 1-0 vs. St. John's

NSCAA/adidas Women's Soccer Top 25 Nov. 3		Soccer America Women's Soccer Top 25 Nov. 2	
Rk.	Team	Rk.	Team
1.	Stanford	1.	Stanford
2.	Portland	2.	Portland
3.	UCLA	3.	Florida State
4.	Notre Dame	4.	North Carolina
5.	North Carolina	5.	UCLA
6.	Florida State	6.	Boston College
7.	Boston College	7.	Notre Dame
8.	Florida	8.	BYU
9.	Central Florida	9.	UCF
10.	Wake Forest	10.	Marquette
11.	Ohio State	11.	Ohio State
12.	Rutgers	12.	Florida
13.	LSU	13.	Maryland
14.	Santa Clara	14.	Virginia Tech
15.	South Carolina	15.	Wake Forest
16.	Maryland	16.	LSU
17.	BYU	17.	Washington State
18.	Washington State	18.	Dayton
19.	Virginia Tech	19.	South Carolina
20.	Texas A&M	20.	USC
21.	USC	21.	Mississippi
22.	Penn State	22.	Penn State
23.	Purdue	23.	Rutgers
24.	Dayton	24.	West Virginia
25.	Georgia	25.	Virginia

Soccer Times Women's Soccer Top 25 Nov. 2		NSCAA/adidas Northeast Region Top 10 Nov. 3	
Rk.	Team	Rk.	Team
1.	Stanford (16)	1.	Notre Dame
2.	Portland	T2.	Rutgers
3.	UCLA	T2.	Marquette
4.	North Carolina	4.	St. John's
5.	Florida State	5.	West Virginia
6.	Boston College	6.	Georgetown
7.	Notre Dame	7.	Villanova
8.	Wake Forest	T8.	Connecticut
9.	Brigham Young	T8.	Boston University
10.	Florida	T10.	Pittsburgh
11.	Ohio State	T10.	USF
12.	Central Florida	T10.	DePaul
13.	Washington State	T10.	Loyola (Md.)
T14.	Rutgers		
T14.	South Carolina		
16.	Louisiana State		
17.	Maryland		
18.	Virginia Tech		
19.	Southern California		
20.	Texas A&M		
21.	Santa Clara		
22.	Georgia		
23.	Marquette		
24.	Dayton		
25.	Penn State		

• MU's stifling backline has been superb this season, registering a league-best 15 shutouts. Nationally, for the week of Nov. 2, the Golden Eagles came in at No. 5 in team goals against average (0.48), while goalkeeper Natalie Kulla is ninth in the nation with a 0.48 GAA.

• With 15 shutouts this season, sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kulla continues to increase the single season shutout record. Kulla has played in every minute of every match this season. Kulla has 21 clean slates for her career to stand in sole possession of third place on MU's all-time shutouts list. Kulla has not allowed a goal in over 748 straight minutes, a program record for longest interval between goals allowed.

• Head coach Markus Roeders won his 200th game at St. John's, 1-0. With 200 career wins, Roeders is one of three active coaches at Marquette to reach the 200-win mark and one of 37 active NCAA Division I head coaches to accumulate 200 or more wins. Roeders is 202-79-30 all-time at Marquette.

• MU is one of two non-original BIG EAST Conference members to advance to the semifinals since the league expanded in 2005, and only the first non-orginial BIG EAST member represented in the championship game.

• Marquette has won 10 games by a one-goal margin, including the last four games.

• Marquette's starting lineup this season has featured one freshman, four sophomores, four juniors and six seniors.

• The Golden Eagles are the home team on the scoreboard in the title game and will be wearing white uniforms. Marquette is 10-1-2 in its white uniforms

A Look at Notre Dame

BIG EAST National Division Champion Notre Dame (16-3-1) topped

St. John's 2-1 in overtime to stamp its ticket to the title game. Similar to the Golden Eagles, the Fighting Irish are very stingy defensively and have allowed just two goals in their last nine games.

Series History	
Seventh Meeting	
Notre Dame leads 5-1	
Last time: ND 2, MU 0 (11/7/08)	

Goalkeeper Nikki Weiss has seen the majority of time between the posts and owns a 0.49 goals against average for the season.

Sophomore forward Melissa Henderson leads ND's offense with 24 points on 11 goals and and two assists. BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year Lauren Fowlkes follows with 21 points on nine goals and three assists, while Rose Augustin and Taylor Knaack have each contributed 19 (5g, 9a) and 16 (6g, 4a), respectively. The Fighting Irish have outscored the opposition 42-15.

Coming in at No. 4 in the NSCAA poll and No. 7 in the Soccer America poll, the game versus Notre Dame will mark the sixth nationally ranked foe the Golden Eagles will face this season.

Series History

Friday's match will be the seventh meeting between the two schools since Marquette sponsored soccer as a DI sport in 1993. Notre Dame has had the upper hand over the Golden Eagles, leading the series 5-1. MU's lone win came on Sept. 30, 2005, 4-1, at Valley Fields, which also marked the last time the Fighting Irish lost to a BIG EAST foe.

COY

Head women's soccer coach Markus Roeders was named the 2009 BIG EAST Coach of the Year and four other Golden Eagles were honored by the BIG EAST Conference at its annual awards banquet. Sophomore Rachael Sloan earned All-BIG EAST First Team honors, marking the first Marquette player to earn All-BIG EAST First Team honors since MU joined the league in 2005, while sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kulla was named to the second team, junior Rosie Malone-Povolny was named to the third team and freshman Ally Miller walked away with All-BIG EAST Rookie Team accolades.

Miller, Wepking Honored for Academic Success

Two Marquette women's soccer players were honored for their hard work and dedication on the field as well as in the classroom Friday, as senior defender Katie Miller and senior midfielder Kelly Wepking were named to the CoSIDA Academic

2009 BIG EAST Standings

American Division	BIG EAST	Pts.	Overall
*#Marquette	7-2-2	23	15-4-2
*\$St. John's	6-4-1	19	13-6-1
*\$West Virginia	5-3-3	18	9-6-6
*USF	5-4-2	17	9-8-3
*Connecticut	5-5-1	16	10-7-2
Pittsburgh	3-3-5	14	8-5-5
Providence	3-6-2	11	8-8-3
Syracuse	2-8-1	7	5-11-3

National Division	BIG EAST	Pts.	Overall
*\$Notre Dame	10-0-1	31	16-3-1
*\$Rutgers	7-1-3	24	13-3-4
*\$Georgetown	6-4-1	19	12-6-2
*Villanova	4-4-3	15	11-5-5
*DePaul	5-6	15	10-9-2
Cincinnati	3-7-1	10	8-10-1
Louisville	2-8-1	7	5-11-1
Seton Hall	1-9-1	4	5-12-1

* = qualified for BIG EAST Championship
 # = clinched regular season title
 \$ = clinched bye to BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal
 through games on Nov. 6, 2009

MU in the BIG EAST Statistics

	All Games	BIG EAST Games
Shots	361 2nd	206 2nd
Points	79 5th	41 4th
Goals	27 6th	14 T-4th
GPG	1.29 8th	1.27 T-4th
Assists	25 T-6th	13 T-4th
APG	1.19 9th	1.18 T-4th
Goals Allowed	10 T-1st	7 T-4th
GAA	0.46 1st	0.60 5th
Saves	52 16th	21 16th
Shutouts	15 1st	7 T-2nd
Fouls	233 2nd	109 7th
Corners	118 2nd	68 2nd
Offsides	52 2nd	32 1st

Individuals in the BIG EAST Statistics

(All Games)			
Becky Ryan	Shots	55	10th
Rachael Sloan	GWG	5	T-2nd
	Shots	60	T-6th
	SPG	2.86	7th
Natalie Kulla	GAA	0.46	1st
	Shutouts	15	1st
	ShtPG	0.71	1st

* BIG EAST statistics through games of Nov. 6, 2009

Sister Act

Since family is one of the cornerstone principles of the women's soccer team, it is only fitting that team has multiple sets of sisters on the team. Marquette is the only team in the league to have three sets of sisters on its roster. The only other team in the league with at least one set of sisters is DePaul (Dominique (Sr.) and Janina (Jr.) Locascio).

Allison (Sr.) and Kerry McBride (So.)
 Katie (Sr.) and Ally Miller (Fr.)
 Brittany Bares (Sr.) and Ashley Bares (Jr.)



MU in the NCAA Statistics (Top-100)

Goals Against Average	0.48	5th
Shutout Percentage	70.0	5th
Save Pct.	82.1	84th

Individuals in the NCAA Statistics

Natalie Kulla	GAA	0.48	9th
	Sv Pct	81.5	98th

* NCAA statistics as of Nov. 2, 2009

All-District Five team presented by ESPN the Magazine. Miller was a first team selection, while Wepking earned second team honors. The pair was two of 14 players from the BIG EAST Conference.

Miller, a double major in marketing and human resources with overall grade-point average of 3.95 has been integral member of the Golden Eagles defense that has posted a single season record and BIG EAST-high 13 shutouts. She has started and played in all 19 games and has accumulated the most minutes of any field player on the team, amassing 1,764 minutes of action. It is the second consecutive season Miller has been honored with first team accolades.

Wepking, a biomedical sciences/pre-med major, holds a 3.93 cumulative grade-point average and is one of 14 players who have tallied a goal this season. It is Wepking's first selection by CoSIDA and ESPN The Magazine.

BIG EAST Kudos

Sophomores Natalie Kulla and Rachael Sloan and senior Katie Miller were honored by the BIG EAST Conference following a pair of wins that gave the Marquette women's soccer team its first-ever BIG EAST American Division title. Sloan was named the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week, Kulla was tabbed BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Week and Miller was selected to the weekly honor roll.

Sloan totaled three points and factored in both game-winning goals for Marquette. Sloan scored the game-winning goal, her fourth of the season, in the 1-0 overtime win at Syracuse on Oct. 23. She followed that performance with the game-winning assist of Becky Ryan's goal in the 87th minute in the 1-0 win at St. John's on Oct. 25. Sloan leads the team with 15 points on five goals and five assists. It was her first BIG EAST Offensive Player of the

Week award.

Kulla, who has played every minute of every match this season, posted eight saves in the 2-0 weekend highlighted by a season-high seven stops in MU's victory over the Red Storm. The sophomore keeper has a league-leading 13 shutouts, and has not allowed a goal in nearly 569 minutes of play. It was her second career BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Week honor as she also earned the award on Sept. 22, 2008.

Miller was another integral member of Marquette's defense playing in all 190 minutes. Miller led the defense to allow just 14 shots in the two games. She helped hold Syracuse to just three shots overall and was a key player in MU's shutout of St. John's.

Honors Roll in for McBride

Senior defender Allison McBride earned a pair of honors for the week of Oct. 19 as she was named the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week and to the Soccer America Team of the Week.

McBride earned the honor after leading the Golden Eagle defense to a pair of shutouts in a 2-0 week. Marquette won at Cincinnati, 1-0, and at



MU's 2009 Record When	
Overall	15-4-2
at Valley Fields	8-1-2
on the Road	7-2-0
at a Neutral Site	1-1-0
Shutouts	12-2-2
Score 2+ goals	7-0-0
Allow 2+ goals	1-2-0
Games decided by 1	10-3-0
Overtime	2-1-2
MU Scores First	14-2-0
Opponent Scores First	1-2-0
Leading at Halftime	8-1-0
Trailing at Halftime	0-1-0
Tied at Halftime	6-2-2
Out-shoots Opponent	13-2-2
Out-shot by Opponent	1-2-0
Shots Tied	1-0-0
More Corners than Opp.	11-2-2
Less Corner than Opp.	3-2-0
Corners Tied	1-0-0

MU's Weekly Honors

Week 3 (Sept. 7)

Natalie Kulla (*BIG EAST Honor Roll*)

Week 4 (Sept. 14)

Ally Miller (*Rookie of the Week*)

Natalie Kulla (*BIG EAST Honor Roll*)

Week 5 (Sept. 21)

Natalie Kulla (*BIG EAST Honor Roll*)

Becky Ryan (*BIG EAST Honor Roll*)

Rachael Sloan (*CollegeSoccer 360.com PTP*)

Week 9 (Oct. 19)

Allison McBride (*BIG EAST DPOW*)

Allison McBride (*Soccer American TOW*)

Week 10 (Oct. 26)

Natalie Kulla (*BIG EAST GKOW*)

Rachael Sloan (*BIG EAST OPOW*)

Katie Miller (*Honor Roll*)

Becky Ryan (*CollegeSoccer 360.com PTP*)

Game-by-Game Starters

Opponent	F	F	F	MF	MF	MF	MF	D	D	D	GK
at Pepperdine	Sloan	Page	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Victor	Ryan	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
Rice	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Victor	Acree	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
Michigan	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Victor	B. Bares	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
at UW-Milwaukee	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Victor	B. Bares	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
vs North Carolina	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Victor	B. Bares	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
Green Bay	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Victor	B. Bares	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
Minnesota	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Victor	B. Bares	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
USF	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Victor	B. Bares	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
at Western Michigan	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Victor	B. Bares	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
at West Virginia	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Victor	B. Bares	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
Pittsburgh	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Wepking	B. Bares	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
Rutgers	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Wepking	B. Bares	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
Seton Hall	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Wepking	Page	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
Connecticut	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Wepking	Victor	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
Providence	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Wepking	Victor	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
at Cincinnati	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Wepking	Victor	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
at Louisville	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Wepking	Victor	A. Miller	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
at Syracuse	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Wepking	Victor	K. McBride	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
at St. John's	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Wepking	Victor	K. McBride	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
Villanova	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Wepking	Victor	K. McBride	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla
West Virginia	Sloan	Ryan	Compty	Malone-Povolny	Victor	Bares	K. McBride	A. McBride	Thut	K. Miller	Kulla

Louisville, 2-0. McBride played an integral role in holding its opponents to just eight shots in the two games. The wins helped Marquette move into first place of the American Division standings heading into the final weekend of the regular season.

In the Ranks

With each win, the Golden Eagles continue to rise in the national rankings. MU jumped in the national polls at No. 22 on Oct. 12, have since soared to No. 10 in the *Soccer America* Poll. It is the highest ranking since the 2005 season when it was No. 6 on Oct. 4, 2007. The Golden Eagles are receiving votes in the NSCAA Poll (No. 27) and stand No. 23 in the Soccer Times Poll.

The Golden Eagles have played five Top-25 teams, including then-No.1 North Carolina, and a handful of others who have received votes. MU stands 3-2 overall this season against ranked foes with wins over then No. 23 Minnesota (1-0), then-No. 24/13 Connecticut in double overtime (3-2) and No. 24 West Virginia (1-0).

PTP

Marquette's leading scorers, sophomore Rachael Sloan senior Becky Ryan were each named a CollegeSoccer360.com Primetime Performer this season. Sloan earned the honor following the Golden Eagles' dramatic 3-2 come-from-behind victory over No. 24/13 Connecticut where she scored the game winner in the 108th minute. Ryan was a tabbed a PTP after her game winner in the 87th minute at St. John's that secured MU it's first ever BIG EAST American Division Title.

Miller, Kulla Honored by the BIG EAST

The Marquette women's soccer team picked up two BIG EAST Conference weekly honors, announced Sept. 14, as freshman defender Ally Miller was named BIG EAST Rookie of the Week and sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kulla was named to the BIG EAST Honor Roll.

Miller, the only freshman to start in each games this season at defender, helped the Golden Eagles to wins over Green Bay (3-0) and No. 23 Minnesota (1-0). Miller played 163 minutes over the two games, and helped the Golden Eagles' defense to yield just 10 shots. It is the first BIG EAST honor for Miller of her career.

Kulla, who has played every minute of every match this season, posted two shutout victories this week including MU's first win over a ranked opponent, No. 23 Minnesota, 1-0. Kulla totaled five saves while directing the defense, and faced 10 shots over two games, only five on goal.

Second-Half Barrage Leads Golden Eagles to Victory

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of Green Bay Sept. 10 at Valley Fields. The Golden Eagles' offense came out in full force out shooting the Phoenix 26-1, including 11 attempts on goal. Marquette was also awarded nine corner kicks in the win.

Season Firsts

Each goal and assist registered in Thursday's 3-0 shutout of Green Bay were season firsts for each respective player. Junior Stephanie Vases registered her first career goal, while Brittany Bares and Danielle Martens' strikes were their first of the season. Allison McBride, Kerry McBride and Ashley Stemmeler each recorded their first assists of the season.

Season Highs

The nine total points and three goals scored by the Golden Eagles wins over Green Bay and Seton Hall were season highs. The 26 shots registered including 11 on goal against Pittsburgh and Green Bay were also season highs. Marquette was awarded a season-high 11 corner kicks in a 1-0 win over Michigan.

Secret Weapons

It's not always the offense that basks in the lime-light of scoring, MU's defense has proved it is more than capable to do the same. Against Green Bay, three MU defenders tallied a point. Stephanie Vases scored the Golden Eagles game-winning goal, while defenders Allison McBride and Kerry McBride each tallied an assist. Overall, five members of MU's defensive corps have registered a point. Junior defender Lauren Thut leads all defenders with eight points on two goals and four assists.

Streak Spoilers

Behind two first-half goals from seniors Michelle Compy and Becky Ryan, the Marquette women's soccer team ended UW-Milwaukee's 24-game home unbeaten streak with a 2-0 shutout of the Panthers Sept. 3 at Englemann Field. It was the first win for Marquette at Englemann Field since 2001.

Spread the Wealth

The Golden Eagles have proved that at any given time anyone can step up and score, as 14 different MU players have tallied a goal. Six Golden Eagles have scored two or more goals this season.

Honor Roll

Sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kulla was named to the BIG EAST Honor Roll Monday following her stellar effort in a 1-1 week for the Marquette women's soccer team.

Kulla earned her third shutout of the season Thursday, Sept. 3 in a 2-0 defeat at UW-Milwaukee, which ended the Panthers' 24-game home unbeaten streak, and allowed just one goal against No. 1 North Carolina. She totaled six saves while directing the defense

and facing 40 shots over the two games. For her efforts, Kulla was named the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic Most Valuable Goalkeeper and to the all-tournament team.

All-Tournament

A trio of Golden Eagles were named to all-tournament teams in each of the tournaments Marquette has played in. Following the Inn at St. Mary's Classic, Natalie Kulla was named the tournament's most valuable goalkeeper, while Rachael Sloan and Michelle Compy each picked up all-tournament honors. It was the second all-tournament honor of the year for Sloan who was joined by Lindsey Page and Katie Miller each on the MKE All-tournament team.

Let's Take Shots

Regardless of the amount of goals Marquette has scored this season, the Golden Eagles are dominating the opposition in their shot attempts. MU averages 17.2 shots per game and has out-shot its opponents 361-170. It's 361 shots are a league high and the fourth most in program history. Marquette has launched a season-high 26 shots twice (Green Bay and Pittsburgh), and has registered at least 10 shots in all but one game this season.

Plentiful Playing Time

Playing time has been plentiful this season as 21 Golden Eagles have seen action in at least 13 games this season.

Home Sweet Home

Protecting their home pitch is something the Golden Eagles do not take lightly, and it shows as Marquette is an impressive 116-33-12 all-time at Valley Fields. MU has lost just eight games on its home turf over the last four seasons.

Mature Offense

For the 2009 season, Marquette welcomed back all but one goal scorer from last season, Katie Kelly (1g, 3a -- 5pts), and returned 91.9 percent of its scoring this season.

Roeders Weekly Podcasts

As part of Golden Eagle Podcasts on gomarquette.com each week, women's soccer head coach Markus Roeders will participate in a weekly coaches' show podcast. The podcast interviews will reflect on the previous weekend's game and a look ahead to the next.

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1 Chelsey
GK Turner



2 Julia
F Victor



3 Ally
MF Miller



4 Kelly
MF Wepking



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MF Malone-Povolny



6 Ashley
MF Stemmeler



7 Lisa
MF Philbin



8 Allison
D McBride



9 Danielle
F Martens



10 Michelle
MF Compy



11 Becky
MF Ryan



12 Lindsey
F Page



13 Amanda
D Longo



14 Karissa
D Miller



15 Lauren
D Thut



16 Brittany
F Bares



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20 Kristi
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Markus Roeders



Assoc. Head Coach
Frank Pelaez



Assistant Coach
Hideki Nakada

2009 Match-by-Match Results

Pepperdine 2, Marquette 1 • OT

Aug. 23 • Malibu, Calif • (0-1-0)

MALIBU, Calif. — The Marquette women's soccer team (0-1) couldn't hold on to an early 1-0 lead and fell in overtime, 2-1, at Pepperdine (1-0) Sunday afternoon in Malibu, Calif.

"Today was a disappointing result and performance," said head coach Markus Roeders. "Give Pepperdine credit for making a comeback, but we know our team is not happy with how we performed throughout the game today. Our quick start that resulted in a goal was outstanding, but we lacked consistency throughout. We worked hard without getting into a flow or taking advantage of what we created. Our team is better than this and I am certain we will rebound. They have shown some great soccer over the past few weeks, so now we will regroup and get ready for next weekend. As we always say, a season is a marathon and despite the start, we can still win it."

Sophomore Lindsey Page was credited with MU's lone goal early in the first half, while Michelle Spacciapoli and Sophia Medina each scored for the Waves.

Page, who started her first career game, got Marquette on the board just over two minutes into the game. Classmate Rachael Sloan sent a cross in front of the goal mouth right to Page of one timed the ball to the far post past Pepperdine keeper Roxanne Barker. Page's goal marked the first of her career at Marquette.

The Golden Eagles launched eight more shots, two on goal, before the Waves tallied the equalizer in 75th minute when Spacciapoli sent her shot to the far upper corner out of reach for Marquette goalkeeper Natalie Kulla.

Following the game-tying strike Marquette furiously tried to decide the game in regulation, but was unable to find the back of the net. Senior Becky Ryan had a nice opportunity in the 83rd minute, but her shot was blocked, while sophomore Danielle Martens' and freshman Ally Miller's attempts went wide.

Seven minutes and 46 seconds into overtime (97:46), Medina unassisted strike in side the box was all the Waves needed to earn their first win of the season. Marquette was unable to generate its offense with junior Rosie Malone-Povolny tallying MU's only shot attempt, which went wide in the 97th minute.

For the game, Pepperdine outshot Marquette 17-13, including an 8-5 shots on goal differential. Kulla made six stops, while Barker tallied four saves.

Scoring Summary

1. 2:34 MARQ — Page (Sloan); 2. 74:03 PEP — Spacciapoli (Reilly); 3. 97:46 PEP — Medina

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Marquette	13	6	1	23	2
Pepperdine	17	4	4	11	1

Halftime: Marquette 1, Pepperdine 0

Attendance: 237



Marquette 1, Rice 0

Aug. 28 • Valley Fields • (1-1-0)

The Marquette women's soccer team shut out Rice, 1-0, Friday night at Valley Fields marking its first home win of the 2009 campaign. Sophomore Rachael Sloan scored the Golden Eagles' lone goal in the 51st minute to help MU improve to 1-1-0 overall.

The Golden Eagles started off the first half with a spark firing two shots on goal within the first three minutes but Rice's keeper, Meghan Erkel, was able to thwart Marquette's attacks, coming up with two saves. Marquette ended the half with ample opportunities taking a total of five shots, but the Golden Eagles were unable to find the back of the net. Marquette's luck quickly turned early in the second half in the 51st minute when Sloan capitalized on a forward pass from junior Ashley Bares, collecting the ball at the top of the box before netting her first goal of the

season, second of her career at Marquette.

After the lead was secured the Golden Eagle offense continued to create chances, firing an additional eight shots and earning three corner kicks before the final whistle blew.

For the game, Marquette outshot the Owls 15-4 and placed a total of six shots on goal, three of which were taken by Sloan. Marquette keeper, Natalie Kulla stopped three shots, while Meghan Erkel ended the night with five saves.

Scoring Summary

1. 50:25 MARQ — Sloan (A. Bares)

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Rice	4	5	1	5	0
Marquette	15	3	6	13	1

Halftime: Rice 0, Marquette 0

Attendance: 236

Marquette 1, Michigan 0

Aug. 30 • Valley Fields • (2-1-0)

MILWAUKEE - The Golden Eagles finished out the MKE cup undefeated after beating the Wolverines of the University of Michigan 1-0 at Valley Fields on Sunday afternoon. Lindsey Page netted Marquette's lone goal during the 83rd minute of the action.

Marquette looked dominant, controlling the pace of play and spending the majority of the game on Michigan's end.

The Golden Eagles had their share of offensive opportunities during the first half including a drive by forward Rachael Sloan during the 13th minute. Sloan penetrated the defense and fired off a shot from 18 yards out, but the blast traveled just wide of the net.

Marquette got another chance with seven minutes left in the first half when forward Ashley Bares fed the ball to Kelly Wepking who launched a shot mid net. Michigan keeper, Haley Kopmeyer, was able to come up with the save.

The Golden Eagles finished the half scoreless but their control was apparent, as Marquette outshot Michigan 12-1.

The first two-minutes of the second half were marked by ample opportunities for the Golden Eagles' offense to put one on the board. Marquette earned two corner kicks during the 46th minute of play and Sloan capitalized on the scramble following the second restart by putting a head on the ball. Kopmeyer was able to get her hands on the shot, denying Marquette their first goal of the game, Marquette found the back of the net with just over six minutes left in regulation. Junior Lauren Thut crossed the ball to the far post where Page buried the ball in the back of the goal with a flick of her head, earning her second goal of the season.

On the game, the Golden Eagles outshot the Wolverines 23-3.

Sophomores Page and Sloan, both of whom scored the winning goals during tournament play, and senior Katie Miller were named to the MKE Cup All-Tournament Team following their performance in the weekend's competition.

Scoring Summary

1. 83:14 MARQ — Page (Thut)

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Michigan	3	6	2	8	1
Marquette	23	0	11	7	1

Halftime: Michigan 0, Marquette 0

Attendance: 346



Marquette 2, UW-Milwaukee 0

Sept. 3 • Englemann Field • (3-1-0)

MILWAUKEE - Behind two first-half goals from seniors Michelle Compy and Becky Ryan, the Marquette women's soccer team ended UW-Milwaukee's 24-game home unbeaten streak with a 2-0 shutout of the Panthers Thursday night at Englemann Field. With the win, the Golden Eagles improve to 3-1 overall. It is the first win for Marquette at Englemann Field since 2001.

"Our entire team really worked hard to get this victory. I am really proud of them," said head coach Markus Roeders. "We were very efficient in the first half in our play and the opportunities that we created and the way we finished chances. In the second half, we knew whom we were playing against. They came out extremely strong, but we made life extremely difficult for them. We are happy to walk away tonight with a shutout. It is a great night for us. For us to come out here, play the way we did and execute, we just want to get better and in some ways we did tonight."

Marquetry scored its first goal in the 12th minute. The possession started with a Becky Ryan carrying the ball in UWM near the top of the penalty box before it before dishing it off to Brittany Bares. Bares raced to the end line and sent a cross in front of the goal mouth where Compy was positioned far post and knocked it in past Panther keeper Jamie Forbes.

"Brittany served a great ball in and I think Compy has been waiting for this for a long time. She is a senior and for her to have the game winner, she stepped up. She snuck in far post and tucked it away. That is the job she is supposed to do," said Roeders.

Marquette made it 2-0 about 18 minutes later at the 30:35 mark. Sloan, who on her previous possession wound up with a break away but couldn't convert the opportunity, beat two UWM defenders to control the ball and found Becky Ryan 16 yards in front of the goal. Ryan then took one step and rolled the ball through the Panthers' defense where it bounced off the far post and in.

Marquette outshot the Panthers, 9-4, in the first half, including 4-1 on goal. Kulla's lone save of the first came following a UWM corner that bounced around the middle and Kreuser's shot from five yards out was swallowed by the sophomore keeper.

The Golden Eagles continued its aggressive attack in the early in the second half, but Wis.-Milwaukee also was able to turn it on firing off 15 shots in the final 45-minute stanza.

Marquette had a chance to make it a three-goal lead when Ashley Bares headed it to Danielle Martens who then got taken down in the box resulting in a penalty kick. However, Forbes guessed right and dove to stop Martens shot.

Marquette's backline stayed strong throughout the game especially during the Panthers attempted comeback over the final 37 minutes where they launched 13 shots, including four in the final 2:30 of the game.

"Our defense has stepped up," said Roeders. It's not just those four in the back, Katie Miller, Ally Miller, Lauren Thut and Ally McBride, Natalie Kulla is back there in goal and organizes really well. If she has to come up big, we can rely on her to do so. It is a team effort, defending is a team effort. In the second half, Milwaukee came at us very strong. We lost our flow a little bit, we had to defend a little more and we chased the ball. They are a good team."

Scoring Summary

1. 11:06 MARQ — Compy (B. Bares); 2. 30:35 MARQ — Ryan (Sloan)

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Marquette	11	2	3	20	2
Milwaukee	19	3	7	13	0

Halftime: Marquette 2, Milwaukee 0

Attendance: 1307



1/1/1 North Carolina 1, Marquette 0

Sept. 6 • Alumni Stadium (Notre Dame, Ind.) • (3-2-0)

NOTRE DAME, Ind. - Despite an all-around valiant effort by the Marquette women's soccer team, No. 1/1/1 North Carolina scored a second-half goal and snuck away with 1-0 win Sunday afternoon at the Inn at St. Mary's Classic hosted by Notre Dame. The loss snaps MU's three-game win streak as the Golden Eagles stand 3-2-0 overall.

North Carolina won the tournament and Marquette finished second. UNC finished 2-0, while Marquette and host Notre Dame each went 1-1. Senior Michelle Comply and sophomores Natalie Kulla and Rachael Sloan were named to the all-tournament team. Kulla was also named the tournament's most valuable goalkeeper.

"We battle Carolina toe to toe today and put forth a great effort," said head coach Markus Roeders. "The key was an aggressive mindset and staying organized. It took an outstanding shot to beat us and Carolina has many special players who are capable of doing so. We learned and got better today, and I am proud of our squad how we battled. Losing is no fun and the pain we feel will be a motivator going into future matches. Defensively, we played as a unit and everybody did their part from the goalkeeper all the way to the forwards. We created some opportunities and I am proud how the ladies executed the game plan."

Despite outshooting MU, 21-6, the Tar Heels only put five shots on goal. Natalie Kulla, with a sound defense in front of her, was credited with four saves.

The Golden Eagles and Tar Heels battled hard to a scoreless first half. The Golden Eagles had a quality attempt to get on the board in the 22nd minute, but UNC keeper Ashlyn Harris saved senior Becky Ryan's shot.

Alyssa Rich gave UNC its lone goal of the game at the 66:15 mark. Rich launched her shot from 18-yards out to the upper right corner out of reach for Kulla.

Marquette continued with its attacking mindset and played with a sense of urgency for the remainder of the second half.

"Our midfield and forwards were relentless on both ends of the field. Carolina is the No. 1 team in the nation for a reason, but we showed that we have an excellent squad. I am excited for what the future holds for us. It was total team effort for us and I am proud of every player on our squad for their contribution today," said Roeders.

Scoring Summary

1. 66:15 UNC — Rich

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Marquette	6	5	2	11	3
North Carolina	21	1	4	9	5

Halftime: Marquette 0, North Carolina 0

Attendance: 1205



Marquette 3, Green Bay 0

Sept. 10 • Valley Fields • (4-2-0)

MILWAUKEE - A first-half goal from junior Stephanie Vasos, and two second-half strikes from senior Brittany Bares and sophomore Danielle Martens led the Marquette women's soccer team to a 3-0 shutout of Green Bay Thursday night at Valley Fields. With the win, the Golden Eagles improve to 4-2 overall and send the Phoenix home with their third consecutive loss to stand 1-4 overall.

"We are happy with the win. It wasn't easy though. We had to really try to put our game on to them and break them down," said head coach Markus Roeders. "We were able to build on our attack in the second half. It was more precise and we had more precision with every chance we had. I'm glad we were able to score those extra goals because I do think we created the opportunities. It was a good result for us and I give our team a lot of credit."

The Golden Eagles' offense came out in full force out shooting the Phoenix 26-1, including 11 attempts on goal. Green Bay's goalkeeping duo of Maddie Drusch and Jennifer Sturchio denied Marquette eight times, knocking down five and three shots, respectively. MU keeper Natalie Kulla had a relatively easy night in net stopping GB's lone shot attempt in the first half.

Marquette pulled ahead, 1-0, during the 42nd minute when Vasos received a pass from sophomore Kerry McBride near the midfield line. Vasos then carried the ball down the sideline and eventually fired a shot from about 37 yards out. The ball soared right above Drusch's reach, giving Vasos her first goal of her career.

"Stephanie's shot was great. She went forward out of the back and put a great shot over the goalkeeper's head. I think that settled us down a little bit," said Roeders.

After firing off 10 shots over the first 26 minutes of the second half, the Golden Eagles added to their lead at the 76:43 mark when freshman Ashley Stemmeler found Bares near the top of the box. Stemmeler served the ball in from the right side right to Bares' foot where she one-timed it past Sturchio for her first goal of the season.

The Phoenix had a hard time with Marquette's pressure and couldn't keep the ball out their net for long, as only 26 seconds later Martens' diving header inside the box gave the Golden Eagles their third and final goal of the evening. Senior defender Allison McBride was credited with the assist.

"We try to keep building and we try to make things better. We have to keep working on our chances and our opportunities. First and foremost we want to win games. If it takes one goal and we get a shut out, we will take that. The ladies did well tonight, but give credit to Green Bay. We really had to work hard at our game and how we were going to break them down. We created many chances and maybe next time we could score a few more," said Roeders.

Scoring Summary

1. 41:24 MARQ — Vasos (K. McBride); 2. 76:43 MARQ — B. Bares (Stemmeler); 3. 77:09 MARQ — Martens (A. McBride)

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Green Bay	1	8	0	2	1
Marquette	26	1	9	4	1

Halftime: Marquette 1, Green Bay 0

Attendance: 346

Marquette 1, 23/-rv Minnesota 0

Sept. 13 • Valley Fields • (5-2-0)

MILWAUKEE - The Marquette women's soccer team earned its sixth straight home shutout dating back to the 2008 season with a 1-0 victory over No. 23 Minnesota Sunday afternoon at Valley Fields. Senior Becky Ryan scored Marquette's lone goal in the 49th minute. With the win, the Golden Eagles improve to 5-2-0 overall while the Gophers fall to 4-2-1.

"I'm really happy for our team. We had to grind it out today. It was tough mentally and physically, but we did an excellent job," said head coach Markus Roeders. "Minnesota is nationally ranked and have done well. We will take it and will move forward. The credit has to go to to our entire team. It is team defense again and I thought we were solid all-around. We pride ourselves on not just winning, but getting shutouts as well, and that is against any opponent. I think we are on the right track. Today was another stellar performance."

For the game, the Golden Eagles held the advantage in the shots column, 12-9, including a 4-5 shots on goal differential. Sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kulla made all four stops in 90 minutes in net, while Minnesota keeper Cat Parkhill made four saves.

The match was evenly fought throughout the first half with neither team getting a good opportunity to score until sophomore Rachael Sloan broke through the Golden Gopher defense during the 30th minute, leaving her one-on-one with Parkhill. Parkhill charged out of the net and was able to get a glove on the ball, but was unable to maintain control and it became loose inside the box. The Golden Eagles could not capitalize on the opportunity before a Minnesota defender knocked the ball out-of-bounds.

Sophomore Danielle Martens got another good look at the goal less than two minutes later. Junior Lauren Thut served the ball inside the Minnesota box to Martens who was positioned about 12 yards in front of the net. Martens blasted a shot, however, it traveled just right of the goal, leaving the game scoreless heading into halftime.

Coming out of the 15-minute intermission, Marquette scored the only goal it would need to capture the win at the 48:10 mark, when junior midfielder Julia Victor poked the ball through a Minnesota defender to Ryan, who was positioned 15 yards from the goal. Ryan pulled the trigger, sending a rocket past Parkhill on the far side.

"It takes one goal to win games. It was a great finish by Becky. She has been waiting on getting that one. She is one of our forwards that we can rely on to get the ball in the net, and she did a great job for us today," said Roeders.

Sunday's win over Minnesota marks the first over a ranked foe this season and second over an opponent from the Big Ten Conference. Marquette defeated Michigan, 1-0, on Aug. 30.

Scoring Summary

1. 48:10 MARQ — Ryan (Victor)

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Minnesota	9	4	5	8	0
Marquette	12	4	7	13	0

Halftime: Marquette 0, Minnesota 0

Attendance: 5-2



Marquette 2, USF 1

Sept. 17 • Valley Fields • (6-2-0, 1-0)

MILWAUKEE - Sophomore Kerry McBride scored the game-winning goal in the 89th minute to propel the Marquette women's soccer team over USF, 1-0, Thursday night in the two teams BIG EAST Conference lidlifter at Valley Fields. The win helps Marquette improve to 6-2-0 overall, 1-0 in BIG EAST play, while the Bulls fall to 2-4-1, 0-1 BIG EAST.

"It was a tough match, said head coach Markus Roeders. "Give credit to USF. They came out here and played extremely hard. We got a little on our heels after they came out and scored out of the blue, but we came back. I think that shows the character of our team. We are 1-0 now in the BIG EAST. Those goals, those wins, those points are hard to come by now that we are into conference play. We did some really good things tonight. The way we played and how some of our attack was built. At the same time, USF is an improved team and didn't make it easy for us."

Sophomore Rachael Sloan provided MU its first goal of the game in the 21st minute. Freshman Ally McBride poked the ball through a USF defender to Sloan who took off towards the goal. Sloan beat her defender and sent a rocket from about 20-yards out to the right corner out of reach for USF keeper Mallori Lofton-Maclachi.

The Bulls would not let up and got the equalizer at the 62:53 mark when Taylor Patterson found Chelsea Klotz at the near post, which left both teams to fight for the winning tally over the final 27 minutes of the game.

The Golden Eagles got their chance in the 89th minute when Sloan served the ball in from the end line where senior Becky Ryan got her head on it and flicked it to McBride in front of the goal. McBride, who was wide open in front of the net, knocked it over Lofton-Maclachi's head to win its first BIG EAST game of the season.

"Right place, right time for Kerry," said Roeders of McBride's goal. "It was a nice service. Becky got on the end of it and Kerry put herself in position to score a goal. We put her there for a reason and she finished it. It was great for her, great for our team. I'm really proud of the way we fought back tonight."

For the game, Marquette outshot the Bulls 17-9 and put six of those shots on target. Sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kulla surrendered one goal, but made four saves over the 90 minutes in net.

Scoring Summary

1. 20:32 MARQ — Sloan (A. Miller); 2. 62:53 USF — Klotz (Patterson); 3. 86:27 MARQ — K. McBride (Ryan, Sloan)

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
USF	9	4	3	10	1
Marquette	17	4	1	10	1

Halftime: Marquette 1, USF 0

Attendance: 512



Marquette 2, Western Michigan 0

Sept. 20 • Kalamazoo, Mich. • (7-2-0, 1-0)

KALAMAZOO, Mich. - The Marquette women's soccer team earned its fourth straight win Sunday afternoon in the form of a 2-0 shutout of Western Michigan in Kalamazoo, Mich. Senior Becky Ryan and junior Lauren Thut each scored a goal for the Golden Eagles who improve to 7-2 overall.

"We are happy with the win," said head coach Markus Roeders. "It wasn't our best performance, but we worked hard and the goals came. The sharpness and crispness of our game was missing which allowed for fundamental mistakes that are uncharacteristic of our squad. It also made the game less predictable and more difficult to read. But, the mark of a good team is the ability to win under any circumstances. It was a good effort because it isn't easy to win on the road. West Virginia is next so we know our game has to be at a higher level."

After a scoreless first half in which Marquette launched 11 shots, four on goal, Ryan tallied first in the 54th minute. Sophomore Ashley Bares served in the ball where Ryan got her head on it and knocked it in far post past Bronco keeper Julia Francy.

Five minutes later at the 58:36 mark, Western Michigan was called for a foul leaving Thut, one of MU's free kick specialists, to take the ensuing free kick. Thut's rocket from near midfield found the back of the net after it slipped through Francy's hands to put the score at 2-0.

Marquette kept pushing on offense for the remainder of the half, firing off three shots and three corner kicks, but was unable to put any of those attempts in the back of the net.

"Lauren's goal was a bid surprising since it was a long free kick and after Ashley came across the goalkeeper, the ball just went past the goalie in the net. We could have scored a few more but give credit to Western Michigan for hanging in there and competing well," said Roeders.

For the game, Marquette outshot the Broncos, 20-6, and put 11 of those shots on target. Sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kulla registered her sixth shutout of the season and made three saves.

Scoring Summary

1. 53:30 MARQ — Ryan (A. Bares); 2. 58:36 MARQ — Thut

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Marquette	20	3	6	9	5
Western Michigan	6	9	2	12	0

Halftime: Marquette 0, Western Michigan 0

Attendance: 202

West Virginia 1, Marquette 0

Sept. 24 • Morgantown, W. Va. • (7-3-0, 1-1)

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. - Despite out-shooting West Virginia, 13-8, a late goal by WVU's Caroline Szved in the 87th minute ended the Marquette women's soccer team four-game win streak Thursday evening as the Mountaineers earned a 1-0 victory at Dick Dlesk Stadium. The loss puts Marquette at 7-3-0 overall, 1-1-0 in BIG EAST play, while West Virginia earns its first BIG EAST Conference win to stand 4-2-4 overall, 1-0-1 BIG EAST.

"This is a tough loss for our team," said head coach Markus Roeders. "We did everything but score a goal. Give West Virginia credit for battling and creating the golden chance at the end. This is a hard pill to swallow after an excellent effort put forth by our team. We showed again that this is a talented team who will give 100 percent every single time. As painful as it is, we will take the positives and move forward. Sunday will be a tough game at Valley Fields and we need to be ready to give our best against a talented Pitt team."

Szved scored what would be the game winner at the 87:08 mark. Bry McCarthy served the ball in from the left side to Szved who was six yards in front of the goal and headed it in near post past sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kulla.

For the game, Kulla made one save, while WVU's Kerri Butler made five stops.

Offensively, Marquette created many opportunities inside WVU's lower third, but was unable to capitalize. Five of MU's 13 shots were on target and it was awarded five corner kicks. Sophomore Rachael Sloan registered a game-high six shots.

Both West Virginia and Marquette created chances in the first half, but neither team was able to convert. The Golden Eagles had the upper hand offensively taking three shots and putting two of those on goal, while the Mountaineers registered two shots.

After a scoreless first half in which the Golden Eagles had the upper hand offensively taking three shots and putting two of those on goal, Marquette continued attacking in the second half firing off three shots in the first 10 minutes of the second stanza. Ten of its total 13 shots came in the second half.

Marquette had one of its best chances in the 55th minute when senior Michelle Compy served the ball in to sophomore Rachael Sloan who got her head on it, but sent the ball wide.

Scoring Summary

1. 53:30 WVU — Szved (McCarthy)

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Marquette	13	1	5	8	4
West Virginia	7	5	3	5	2

Halftime: Marquette 0, West Virginia 0

Attendance: 599

Pittsburgh 0, Marquette 0 • 20T

Sept. 27 • Valley Fields • (7-3-1, 1-1-1)

MILWAUKEE - The Marquette women's soccer team opened their five-game homestand with a 0-0 double overtime tie against Pittsburgh Sunday afternoon at Valley Fields. The tie marks the Golden Eagles first of the season, bringing the family to 7-3-1 (1-1-1 BIG EAST) on the season, and the Panthers third, giving them a 5-2-3 record (0-0-3 BIG EAST).

"We have played two games in a row where I thought we played extremely well and just couldn't score," said head coach Markus Roeders. "I like the way we played today. Defensively, we didn't allow many chances and we worked hard on both ends of the field. What can you say, 0-0 is part of the game of soccer. You don't like to have it, rather be on the winning end of it, but the effort was there. I thought the way we played was effective, but we just couldn't put the ball away."

Although, play was even between the two teams for the majority of the first half, the Golden Eagles out-shot the Panthers, 5-2. Sophomore Rachael Sloan gave Marquette their first opportunity during the 24th minute of play, when she fired a shot from 15 yards out on the near-post side, however, Panther keeper Morie Kephart made the save.

The Golden Eagles began the second half with a bang, racking up five corners and firing off three shots in the first six minutes. During regulation, Marquette out-shot Pittsburgh 20-3 and pressured the Panther defense to acquire a total of eight corner kicks. Sloan led the attack in the second half with a team-high five shots, four of which were on goal. Sophomore Kerry McBride registered four shots, while junior Stephanie Vasos and senior Becky Ryan each tallied three apiece.

Ryan had back-to-back opportunities during the 60th and 61st minutes. The first drive blast came at 59:02, when senior Michelle Compy crossed the ball into Ryan, who was positioned near the center of the net. With a defender on her back, Ryan blasted a shot but Kephart came up with the save. A little over a minute later, Ryan collected a serve in the box, dribbled past several Panther defenders creating a one-on-one opportunity. Ryan pulled the trigger, but the shot went high.

Marquette saw another opportunity during the 75th minute of play when junior defender Stephanie Vasos served the ball to Kerry McBride, whom was positioned on the far side of the box. McBride fired a shot from about 18 yards out, only to have the blast skim the crossbar.

The game was nearly decided during the first extra frame, when Panther midfielder, Ashley Kuba, broke through the Golden Eagle defense and around keeper, Natalie Kulla, giving her the opportunity at an open net. Luckily for Marquette, Kuba's shot hit the near post and rolled out-of-bounds.

Ryan saw yet another opportunity during the 106th minute, when she ripped a shot from about 25 yards out, Kephart was forced to punch the shot over the back of the net in order to make the save.

For the game, Marquette out-shot Pittsburgh 26-4, putting 11 shots on goal to the Panthers four. Morie Kephart came up with all 11 saves and sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kulla was credited with one over the entire 110 minutes in net.

Scoring Summary

None

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Pittsburgh	4	11	1	9	1
Marquette	26	1	9	12	3

Halftime: Marquette 0, Pittsburgh 0

Attendance: N/A

13/13/12 Rutgers 3, Marquette 1

Oct. 2 • Valley Fields • (7-4-1, 1-2-1)

MILWAUKEE - The Marquette women's soccer team dropped a 3-1 decision to No. 13 Rutgers Friday night at Valley Fields. Junior Rosie Malone-Povolny scored MU's lone goal in the at the 13:02 mark. The loss puts the Golden Eagles at 7-4-1 overall, 1-2-1 in BIG EAST play, while the Scarlet Knights improve to 9-1-2, 3-0-1 in BIG EAST action.

Marquette out-shot Rutgers 19-6 on the match, putting six shots on goal to the Scarlet Knight's five. Rutgers keeper Erin Guthrie came up with five saves and Marquette's Natalie Kulla stopped two.

The Golden Eagles found the back of the net at the 13:02 mark, when defender Allison McBride served a corner kick to Malone-Povolny, who was set up to the left of the keeper about five yards outside of the net. Amidst the scramble in the box, Malone-Povolny put her head on the ball, sending it past Guthrie. The goal Malone-Povolny's first of the season.

"I thought we came out very well and scored a great goal on a set play, Rutgers quickly responded and came back right away. I thought we struggled for the rest of the first half in terms of staying organized and what we accomplished in the first 15 minutes of the game," said head coach Markus Roeders.

Rutgers wasted little time getting back into the game, scoring the equalizer a just over two and a half minutes later. Karla Schacher scored the Scarlet Knight's first of the night, scoring off of a header off of a free kick taken Julie Lanco.

During the 21st minute of play, April Price made it 2-1 in favor of the Scarlet Knights with her shot that sailed just over Kulla's head and in the back of the net.

Junior Julie Victor nearly tied the game at the 50:01 mark, when she launched a direct kick from about 30 yards out, however her shot hit the crossbar and the Golden Eagles still trailed by one. Fourteen of MU's 19 shot attempts came in the second half.

"It is unfortunate, but give Rutgers credit. I thought we played better in the second half, but then they put away that free kick. Once we were down two (goals), we searched a bit on getting back, but never managed to do so. It is a disappointing result, not necessarily of how we played, but of some inconsistencies, and you can't have that against a good team," said Roeders.

Rutgers scored their third and final goal of the match on a free kick when Julie Lanco buried the the ball into the far post from 25 yards out. Three of the four goals scored in the night's match were off of set plays, proving just how important it is to capitalize on restarts.

Scoring Summary

1. 13:02 MARQ — Malone-Povolny (A. McBride); 2. 15:47 RU — Schacher (Lanco); 3. 20:18 RU — Price (Schacher); 4. 54:09 RU — Lanco.

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Rutgers	6	5	0	17	1
Marquette	19	3	8	10	2

Halftime: Rutgers 2, Marquette 1

Attendance: 303

Marquette 3, Seton Hall 0

Oct. 4 • Valley Fields • (8-4-1, 2-2-1)

MILWAUKEE - First-half goals from senior Kelly Wepking, sophomore Rachael Sloan and freshman Ashley Stemmeler gave the Marquette women's soccer team a 3-0 victory over Seton Hall Sunday afternoon at Valley Fields. With the win, the Golden Eagles improve to 8-4-1 overall, 2-2-1 in BIG EAST play, while the Pirates remain winless in league action, 0-4-1, and stand 4-7-1 overall.

"We have hoped for a win like this for a while because of the chances we create and we did so again today," said head coach Markus Roeders. "A lot of players were involved. Basically everyone who could play ended up playing. We have to be pleased. We finally earned the result we have been looking for based on our play, what we are trying to do and opportunities we are creating. I am happy with our team and all of the players deserve credit whether or not they were directly involved with the goals or assists. It is definitely a positive to build upon after Friday. I thought we had a very nice performance this afternoon."

Marquette first found the back of the net during the 14th minute of play when Sloan received a ball inside the 18-yard box from junior Lauren Thut. Sloan beat a defender to find herself one-on-one with Seton Hall goalkeeper Jennifer Pettigrew. Sloan quickly maneuvered around Pettigrew and blasted a shot into the far post from eight yards out.

Marquette went ahead 2-0 and Thut earned her second assist on the game at the 35:13 mark, when she served a free kick to Kelly Wepking, who was positioned seven yards in front of the goal. Wepking got her head on the ball and knocked it in near post for her first goal of the season.

Stemmeler scored her first career goal and the third and final goal of the game with just under seven minutes remaining in the first half. Stemmeler's chip past Pettigrew made her the 11th Golden Eagle to register a goal this season.

The Golden Eagles continued its barrage of shots in the second half and saw multiple opportunities to score with Ally Miller, Lindsey Page, Lauren Thut and Stephanie Vasos each putting shots on target.

The Marquette offense out-shot the Pirates 21-7. Sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kulla finished with a clean sheet, her eighth of the season, and made one save.

Scoring Summary

1. 13:58 MARQ — Sloan (Thut); 2. 35:13 MARQ — Wepking (Thut); 3. 38:02 MARQ — Stemmeler (Martens)

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Seton Hall	7	5	2	7	2
Marquette	21	1	6	11	4

Halftime: Marquette 3, Seton Hall 0

Attendance: 252



Marquette 3, 24/13/RV Connecticut 2 • 20T

Oct. 9 • Valley Fields • (9-4-1, 3-2-1)

MILWAUKEE - A resilient Marquette women's soccer team overcame a 2-0 first-half deficit to defeat No. 24/13 Connecticut, 3-2, in double overtime Friday evening on Session Night at Valley Fields.

After the Huskies went ahead 2-0 by the 20th minute, junior Stephanie Vasos and senior Anna Sawicki helped even the score for the Golden Eagles each scoring goals late in the first half, while sophomore Rachael Sloan put away the game winner in the 108th minute. With the win the Golden Eagles improve to 9-4-1 overall (3-2-1 BIG EAST), while UConn falls to 9-4-0 (4-2 BIG EAST).

"What a great game," said head coach Markus Roeders. "From getting down on a couple of shots in the first half, where I thought we played really well, to really being scrappy and coming back. We got one back and then the second, which gave us some extra momentum. In the second half, I thought we lost a bit of our possession and how we were playing the game, but I thought we picked it back up. You have to keep knocking on the door and eventually they are going to go in. I'm so proud of our team. They worked so hard for this. These are the type of moment this program is built on. This team, tonight, added another moment in time to it. We have a lot of pride in what we do and how we do it. I'm just thrilled. I'm thrilled for our team and for our seniors. They got rewarded for what they put in."

Danielle Dankin put the Huskies scored the Huskies' first goal in the 15th minute of play when she blasted a shot from about 35 yards out into the far post beyond Kulla's reach.

The Huskies found the back of the net for the second time at the 19:59 mark when Linda Ruutu served the ball inside the box to Melissa Busque, who was positioned five yards in front of the goal mouth. Busque was able to get a foot on the ball, giving UConn the 2-0 advantage.

With just under five minutes left in the first half, the Marquette offense stepped up their game quickly eliminating the deficit. Vasos put away her second goal of the season at the 40:41 mark, when junior Lauren Thut served a ball to the far post where Vasos was positioned. Amidst the scramble of defenders, Vasos put a head on the ball, sending it over the head of UConn keeper Jessica Dulski and into the back of the net.

Just under two minutes later, Sawicki scored the equalizer. Surrounded by Connecticut defenders and about five yards out, Sawicki tapped the ball in after it had bounced off the crossbar, marking her first goal of the season.

Ashley Bares nearly scored the game winner during the 77th minute of play, when Thut, on a free kick, served the ball into the box to Bares. Bares got her head on the ball, but it traveled in the wrong direction, leaving the game tied at two at the end of regulation.

Two key saves from Dulski kept the Huskies in the game during the first overtime period. During the 97th minute of play, Julia Victor blasted a shot from 20 yards out, but Dulski was able to punch the shot up and over the net, leaving the score tied. Dulski denied Marquette another potential game-winner just moments later when she came up with a direct kick taken by Thut.

The match was decided at the 107:10 mark when Rosie Malone-Povolny fed Sloan the ball inside the box. Sloan drew the keeper out and drilled the game winner into the far side of the net.

For the game, Marquette put up twice as many shots as Connecticut, 22-11. UConn's keeper Jessica Dulski had seven saves for the night, while Marquette keeper sophomore Natalie Kulla made one stop.

Scoring Summary

1. 14:31 UCONN — Dakin; 2. 19:59 UCONN — Busque (Ruutu); 3. 40:41 MARQ — Vasos (Thut); 4. MARQ — Sawicki; 5. MARQ — Sloan (Malone-Povolny)

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Connecticut	11	7	3	14	1
Marquette	22	1	7	13	3

Halftime: Connecticut 2, Marquette 2

Attendance: 220



Providence 0, Marquette 0 • 20T

Oct. 11 • Valley Fields • (9-4-2, 3-2-2)

MILWAUKEE - Despite out-shooting Providence, 24-5, the Marquette women's soccer team was unable to convert any of its chances and tied Providence, 0-0, at Valley Fields Sunday afternoon. The draw brings the Golden Eagles to 9-4-2 overall (3-2-2 BIG EAST), while the Friars stand 7-5-3 overall (2-3-2 BIG EAST).

"There are no easy matches and we saw that today. Providence came out here and had a good outing," said head coach Markus Roeders. "I am proud of what our team did today. We did everything we could have, should have but just didn't score. We had a lot of chances, but didn't finish those. It was a great effort and our standards are pretty high. There is always an uneasy feeling or sense of not being satisfied when you don't get the result. We finish out the year with another shutout at home, and now it is time to go on the road."

The Golden Eagles saw an abundance of offensive opportunities and forcing Providence keeper Jill Schott to make 10 saves on the day.

The Golden Eagles nearly found the back of the net during the 44th minute of play, when freshman Ashley Stemmler served the ball inside of the box in the direction of junior Ashley Bares and senior Anna Sawicki. Sawicki and Bares found themselves amidst a slew of Providence defenders, but Bares was able to get a toe on the ball and put a shot on the net, however Schott came up with the ball leaving the score tied at the half.

Senior defender Katie Miller nearly scored her first of season at the 69:03 mark. Miller ripped a shot at the center of the net from about 27 yards out, but the blast traveled just high of the goal.

Senior Allison McBride stopped a potential Providence game winner during the 84th minute of play, when Friar forward Jill Camburn shook Katie Miller and made a break down the field. Camburn got as far as the top of the box before McBride came from the far side to make the tackle, preventing Camburn from taking a shot.

In overtime, senior Becky Ryan saw a chance during the 96th minute of play when she put a toe on a cross from Stephanie Vasos. The shot, from about 10 yards out, didn't have enough power to get past Schott as she came up with the save.

The Golden Eagles nearly knocked in the game winner with only nine seconds remaining when junior Julia Victor served a ball into Bares, who was positioned about 10 yards out. Bares blasted her shot, but it was saved, thus ending Marquette's hopes of victory.

Scoring Summary

None

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Providence	5	10	1	7	1
Marquette	24	0	8	15	2

Halftime: Marquette 0, Providence 0

Attendance: 225

-/2/- Marquette 1, Cincinnati 0

Oct. 16 • Cincinnati, Ohio • (10-4-2, 4-2-2)

MILWAUKEE - Junior forward Ashley Bares scored the only goal the No. 22 Marquette women's soccer team would need to defeat Cincinnati at Gettler Stadium, 1-0, Friday evening. The Golden Eagles earned a crucial road win and improve to 10-4-2 overall, 4-2-2 in BIG EAST play, while the Bearcats fall to 7-8-1 overall, 2-5-1 in league play.

"Congrats to our team on an outstanding win in a tough environment," said head coach Markus Roeders. "We played effective soccer under the conditions and Cincinnati isn't an easy opponent to beat at home. For us to come here and walk away with a win and a shutout, we are very pleased. As much as we would have loved to possess the ball more, we created some great chances and probably could have scored a couple more."

Bares scored Marquette's lone goal in the 36th minute, after entering the game just seven minutes earlier. Sophomore Rachael Sloan served the ball in from the right side after she beat a Bearcat defender in the corner. Bares found herself in striking distance as she beat her defender and headed it in near post from seven yards out. It was Bares first goal of the season and ninth game winner of her career.

Marquette dominated play, holding the Bearcats to just two shots, while the Golden Eagles fired off 15, eight of which were on target. Marquette attacked from the opening whistle launching 10 of its 15 shots in the first half.

Following the score, the Golden Eagles looked for an insurance goal with Sloan, senior Becky Ryan, and junior Rosie Malone-Povolny all put shots on goal. Sophomore Lindsey Page nearly gave MU a 2-0 lead early in the second frame as she found herself one-on-one with Bearcat keeper Andrea Kaminski, but pushed her shot wide right of the goal.

Sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kulla earned her 10th shutout of the season after a relatively easy night in goal not having to make a stop. Cincinnati keeper Andrea Kaminski registered seven saves for the game.

Scoring Summary

1. MARQ — A. Bares (Sloan)

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Marquette	15	0	5	9	3
Cincinnati	2	0	2	7	17

Halftime: Marquette 1, Cincinnati 0

Attendance: 281

-/2/- Marquette 2, Louisville 0

Oct. 18 • Louisville, Ky. • (11-4-2, 5-2-2)

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Senior Brittany Bares scored two first-half goals to lead No. 22 Marquette over Louisville, 2-0, Sunday at Cardinal Park. The Golden Eagles earned another crucial road win and improve to 11-4-2 overall, 5-2-2 in BIG EAST play, while the Cardinals fall to 4-11-0 overall, 1-7-0 in league play.

"Great win for our team! It was an expected challenge, but our squad responded," said head coach Markus Roeders. "Brittany was very opportunistic and the goals couldn't have come at a better time. She put herself in the right place finishing the first one and the second was more like a cross that became a shot and a goal. It is a great result and earning another shutout is excellent. Louisville was a team that still had fight and is as good as we thought, give them credit."

After a sluggish start, Marquette found its rhythm and went ahead 1-0 in the 30th minute (29:27). Lindsay Page got in front of a Louisville clear, got her foot on the ball and pushed it to Bares. Bares finished it off and knocked it in past Taylor Vancil.

She scored her second goal 58 seconds later at the 30:25 mark as she drilled her shot from 25 yards out to the top left corner.

The Golden Eagles looked to score more to cushion its lead with sophomore Rachael Sloan, junior Lauren Thut and senior Michelle Compy all putting shots on goal in the final 60 minutes of play.

Overall, Marquette dominated play holding the Cardinals to just six shots, while the Golden Eagles fired off 15, five of which were on target.

Sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kulla earned her 11th shutout of the season and made three stops on the day. Vancil registered three saves for the game.

"We started out sluggish and Louisville had a couple of chances in the first 25 minutes. Kulla came up big on a close range shot and Louisville put another ball wide shortly after she had to rush off her line. As the game went on, we dominated more and more of the play and a couple of nice chances should have been converted," said Roeders.

Scoring Summary

1. MARQ — B. Bares (Page); 2. MARQ — B. Bares

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Marquette	15	3	8	12	2
Louisville	6	3	2	14	0

Halftime: Marquette 2, L: 0

Attendance: 369

RV/18/- Marquette 1, Syracuse 0 • 20T

Oct. 23 • Syracuse, N.Y. • (12-4-2, 6-2-2)

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Sophomore Rachael Sloan's golden goal in the 101st minute gave the No. 18 Marquette women's soccer team a 1-0 victory at Syracuse in double overtime Friday evening. With the win, the Golden Eagles own sole possession of first place in the BIG EAST American Division with a 6-2-2 BIG EAST record (12-4-2 overall). Marquette will play at St. John's for the division championship Sunday at 1 p.m. ET/12 p.m. CT.

Sloan netted the game winner, her fourth of the season, at the 100:39 mark. Sophomore Kerry McBride fed the ball to Sloan who was positioned at the top of the 18-yard box. Sloan took one touch and sent the ball past Syracuse goalkeeper Eliza Bennett-Hattan on her right side to give the win.

"Congrats to our team on a great effort and the win tonight," said head coach Markus Roeders. "Syracuse was a tough opponent, as expected, and we knew it wouldn't be easy to break them down. As much as we wanted to finish and win the game in 90 minutes, we always prepare ourselves for 110 minutes. It wasn't our most fluid and effective game, Syracuse and the wet conditions made it tough, but we created the chance to score earlier and often. Becky had a golden chance that could've sealed the match earlier, but the awareness and finish on the goal was brilliant. Lauren and Kerry drew the defense out and Kerry's pass found Sloan, who as a goal scorer wants to be in that spot. It was a beautiful finish. Give our team credit, defensively they were outstanding again and we kept elevating our play throughout the match. All of us will look forward to Sunday and an opportunity to win a championship. St. John's will be fired up and we know they are very good. We have to step up one more time as we have done many times this year. It should be a great game."

The win also helped Marquette secure a first-round by in the BIG EAST Conference Tournament which begins Thursday, Oct. 29, and will host a quarterfinal match at Valley Fields on Sunday, Nov. 1.

"Being guaranteed a BIG EAST Conference Tournament quarterfinal spot at home is something we have played for since day one. Congrats to the ladies, they earned it with their play and results throughout the year. We are very proud of them," said Roeders.

The Golden Eagles controlled play throughout the game despite the sick conditions due to constant rain. Overall, Marquette created many opportunities to win the game in regulation and in the first overtime. The Golden Eagles out shot the Orange, 15-3, putting eight of those attempts on goal. Bennett-Hattan came up big for Syracuse with seven saves. Sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kulla earned her league-leading 12th shutout while having a relatively easy night in net only having to make one stop.

Marquette attacked from the opening whistle firing off seven shots, five which were on target, in the first half. McBride, Sloan, and senior Michelle Compy each had shots that were saved by Bennett-Hattan. Senior Becky Ryan had an opportunity to put Marquette on the board early in the 21st minute when she launched a shot that skimmed the crossbar of the goal.

It was much of the same in the second half as the Golden Eagles continued to create chances, but were unable to convert. Ryan, Sloan, and juniors Rosie Malone-Povolny and Kristi Laurenzi each registered shots in the second stanza.

Marquette had two quality opportunities in the first overtime period when junior Ashley Bares served in the ball to Michelle Compy, but her header sailed just inches wide of the far post at the 92:06 mark, and Ryan's shot was saved by Bennett-Hattan in the 97th minute.

Scoring Summary

1. 100:39 MARQ — Sloan (K. McBride)

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Marquette	14	1	9	4	8
Syracuse	3	7	1	8	0

Halftime: Marquette 0, Syracuse 0

Attendance: 165

RV/18/- Marquette 1, St. John's 0

Oct. 25 • Queens, N.Y. • (13-4-2, 7-2-2)

QUEENS, N.Y. - Senior Becky Ryan scored the only goal the No. 18 Marquette women's soccer team would need to defeat St. John's 1-0 and capture its first ever BIG EAST American Division Title. The win also gave head coach Markus Roeders his 200th career victory.

Marquette end regular-season play 13-4-2 overall, while the Red Storm finish second in the league standings with a 6-4-1 BIG EAST mark, 12-5-1 overall.

Ryan's game winner came at the 86:16 mark. Senior Michelle Compy served the ball into Ryan who hit the post on her first attempt. The ball came back to sophomore Rachael Sloan who headed it back to Ryan and Ryan knocked it in for the score.

For the game, Marquette out-shot St. John's 20-10, putting half its attempts on net. Sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kulla had a stellar performance in net and made a season-high seven saves for the game to earn her league-leading 13th shutout of the season. Kristin Russell came up with nine saves for the Red Storm.

It was an equal opportunity first half with Marquette holding a slight advantage in the shots column, 9-7. Marquette had four quality chances in the first, with shots coming from Compy, Becky Ryan, Rosie Malone-Povolny and Rachael Sloan.

Marquette pressured immediately at the start of the second half firing five shots in the first seven minutes of the frame. Brittany Bares, Malone-Povolny, Ryan and Sloan each had chances that they were unable to convert in the first five minutes of the second half.

One of the Golden Eagles' best chances of the game came when St. John's was called for a foul in the 52nd minute. Thut served in the ball to Rachel Brown who controlled it and put it on goal where Russell had to dive across the goalmouth for the save.

Scoring Summary

1. 86:16 MARQ — Ryan (Sloan)

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Marquette	20	7	2	5	0
St. John's	11	9	3	3	2

Halftime: Marquette 0, St. John's 0

Attendance: 441

RV/12/23 Marquette 1, Villanova 0

Nov. 1 • Valley Fields • (14-4-2, 7-2-2)

BIG EAST Tournament Quarterfinals

MILWAUKEE - The No. 12 Marquette women's soccer team earned a berth in the BIG EAST Tournament Semifinals for the fourth time in program history thanks to a 1-0 victory over Villanova Sunday afternoon at Valley Fields. Junior Lauren Thut scored the Golden Eagles' lone goal in the 37th minute.

The win is the fifth straight for the Golden Eagles who improve to 14-4-2 overall on the season, while the Wildcats close out their season 11-5-5 overall.

Marquette will play No. 3 American Division seed West Virginia Friday, Nov. 6 at 5 p.m. EST/4 p.m. CST at Morrone Stadium on the campus of the University of Connecticut. The game will be broadcast live on CBS College Sports with Ann Schatz and Tammy Blackburn on the call.

Reigning BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Week Natalie Kulla earned her 14th shutout of the season, while the Golden Eagles held Villanova to eight shots. Sophomore Rachael Sloan, the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week, led MU's attack registering six of the team's 18 total shots.

Marquette had the first quality scoring opportunity of the game in the 27th minute as senior Becky Ryan headed forward a punt from sophomore goalkeeper Natalie Kulla and deflected the ball of the head of a Wildcat defender as sophomore Rachael Sloan ran onto the ball in the box. Sloan rocketed a shot from 12 yards out which sailed just over the crossbar.

At the 36:51 mark, Thut lined up to take Marquette's only corner kick of the first half, and hit the inside of the far post with her serve which deflected into goal for her second goal of the season.

Marquette's stifling defense held the Wildcats to just four shots in the first half, none of which were on frame. The Golden Eagles forced Villanova goalkeeper Molly Williams to make two saves in the first half on shots on goal by Sloan and senior Brittany Bares.

Following Thut's goal, the Golden Eagles saw more chances in the second half to cushion their lead. In the 57th minute, Ryan served the ball from the right side of the field to the far side of the post, finding the head of Sloan, who directed the ball just wide.

With less than ten minutes remaining in the match, Sloan took control of a ball that squirted out of a tackle on the left side of the field and carried the ball into the box, forcing Villanova goalkeeper Williams to stifle the play 12 yards from the goal.

Villanova had an opportunity to even the score when a Marquette foul gave the Wildcats a direct kick from 30 yards. Rachel Schuyler lined up to take the kick on the right side of the box, but struck it high over the crossbar.

With seven minutes on the clock, senior defender Allison McBride stopped a Villanova goal to cement the victory and prevent the Wildcats from netting the equalizer. Grace Hawkins pushed the ball up the left side of the field and carried it into the box, forcing Kulla to come out of net to cut the angle. Hawkins' shot was on line to find the back of the net, but McBride cleared the ball off the goal line.

Scoring Summary

1. 36:51 MARQ — Thut

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
Villanova	8	7	4	10	0
Marquette	18	1	5	14	5

Halftime: Marquette 1, Villanova 0

Attendance: 603

RV/10/23 Marquette 1, RV/24/- West Virginia 0

Nov. 6 • Morrone Stadium • (15-4-2, 7-2-2)

BIG EAST Tournament Semifinals

STORRS, Conn. -- Sophomore Rachael Sloan's goal in the 27th minute was all the No. 10 Marquette women's soccer team needed to defeat West Virginia, 1-0, Friday night and advance to its first-ever BIG EAST Tournament Championship. The Golden Eagles will play the winner of Notre Dame/St. John's on Sunday, Nov. 8 at Noon ET at Morrone Stadium on the campus of the University of Connecticut. The game will be broadcast live on CBS College Sports, BIG EAST TV, which will be televised locally in Milwaukee on Sports32.

The win puts Marquette at 15-4-2 on the season and pushes its unbeaten streak to nine games, while the Mountaineers fall to 9-6-6 overall.

Sloan put Marquette on the board in the 26th minute after West Virginia was whistled for a foul in its own lower third. Junior Julia Victor took the ensuing free kick and sent it to the left side to senior Brittany Bares. Bares controlled the ball and served it across the goal mouth where Sloan one-timed it past West Virginia keeper Kerri Butler.

The goal marked Sloan's sixth of the season and fifth game winner. Marquette pressured early with Sloan having a great opportunity in the third minute. Sloan found herself one-on-one with a West Virginia defender about 10 yards in front of the goal. She tried to turn and shoot, but was smothered by two members of the Mountaineer defense and the ball was knocked away.

The Golden Eagles had four additional opportunities in the first half as Kristi Laurenzi, Lindsay Page, and Becky Ryan all registered shots on goal, while Marquette's defense swallowed virtually every opportunity the Mountaineers tried to create. The Golden Eagles limited WVU to just two shots for the first half.

West Virginia nearly tied the game early in the second half at the 49:00 minute mark. Kulla mishandled Megan Mischler's shot from 15 yards out. Mischler then charged forward and gained control of the loose ball, but her shot hit the post and ricocheted out of bounds.

Moments later Marquette had a great opportunity to get an insurance goal when Stephanie Vasos served the ball into the 18-yard box to a wide-open Ashley Bares. Bares got her head on it, but sent the ball high over the goal.

West Virginia continued to pressure with nine shots in the second half, but Marquette's defense was superb denying every chance the Mountaineers had. Kulla earned her 15th shutout of the season and finished the game with six saves, all in the second half.

Scoring Summary

1. 26:35 MARQ — Sloan (B. Bares, Victor)

Statistics	Shots	Saves	Comers	Fouls	Offsides
West Virginia	11	6	0	6	0
Marquette	11	6	0	10	0

Halftime: Marquette 1, West Virginia 0

Attendance: NA



2009 BIG EAST American Division Champions



2009 Marquette Women's Soccer Results and Statistics

Overall: 15-4-2 (8-1-2 home, 6-2-0 road, 1-1-0 neutral)
 BIG EAST: 7-2-2 (3-1-2 home, 2-1-0 road)

DATE	OPPONENT	W / L	SCORE	ATT
Aug. 15	Wisconsin (exh.)	T 2OT	2-2	N/A
Aug. 23	at Pepperdine	L OT	1-2	237
Aug. 28	Rice	W	1-0	236
Aug. 30	Michigan	W	1-0	346
Sept. 3	at UW-Milwaukee	W	2-0	1307
Sept. 6	vs 1/1/1 North Carolina	L	0-1	1205
Sept. 10	Green Bay	W	3-0	346
Sept. 13	23/-RV Minnesota	W	1-0	502
Sept. 17	USF *	W	2-1	511
Sept. 20	at Western Michigan	W	2-0	202
Sept. 24	at West Virginia *	L	0-1	599
Sept. 27	Pittsburgh *	T 2OT	0-0	N/A
Oct. 2	13/13/12 Rutgers *	L	1-3	303
Oct. 4	Seton Hall*	W	3-0	252
Oct. 9	24/13/- Connecticut*	W 2OT	3-2	220
Oct. 11	Providence*	T 2OT	0-0	225
Oct. 16	at Cincinnati *	W	1-0	281
Oct. 18	at Louisville *	W	2-0	369
Oct. 23	at Syracuse *	W 2OT	1-0	165
Oct. 25	at St. John's *	W	1-0	441
Nov. 1	Villanova #	W	1-0	603
Nov. 6	vs -24/- West Virginia #	W	1-0	

* denotes BIG EAST match

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TEAM STATISTICS	MARQ	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	27-361	10-170
Goals scored average	1.24	0.46
Shot pct.	.075	.059
Shots on goal-Attempts	153-361	62-170
SOG pct.	.424	.365
Shots/Game	17.2	8.1
Assists	25	6
CORNER KICKS	118	50
PENALTY KICKS	0-1	0-0
PENALTIES		
Yellow cards	8	7
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	3544	3601
Dates/Avg Per Date	11/322	8/450
Neutral Site #/Avg	2/602	

GOALS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Tot
Marquette	16	9	0	2	27
Opponents	4	5	1	0	10

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Tot
Marquette	165	174	12	10	361
Opponents	76	90	4	0	170

SAVES BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Tot
Marquette	26	25	1	0	52
Opponents	54	60	6	6	126

CORNERS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Tot
Marquette	45	68	3	2	118
Opponents	19	30	0	1	50

FOULS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Tot
Marquette	110	108	9	6	233
Opponents	96	79	5	5	185

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	MP-MS	Min.	G	A	Pts.	Sh.	Sh%	SOG	SOG%	YC-RC	GWG	PK-ATT
18 SLOAN, Rachael	21-21	1248	6	5	17	60	.100	32	.533	0-0	5	0-0
11 RYAN, Becky	21-21	1219	4	1	9	55	.073	23	.418	2-0	3	0-0
16 BARES, Brittany	19-11	685	3	2	8	16	.188	9	.562	0-0	1	0-0
15 THUT, Lauren	21-21	1905	2	4	8	14	.143	9	.643	0-0	1	0-0
12 PAGE, Lindsey	20-2	385	2	1	5	11	.182	4	.364	0-0	1	0-0
21 VASOS, Stephanie	20-0	610	2	0	4	17	.118	8	.471	0-0	1	0-0
28 BARES, Ashley	21-0	729	1	2	4	22	.045	5	.227	0-0	1	0-0
25 McBRIDE, Kerry	21-4	986	1	2	4	17	.059	7	.412	0-0	1	0-0
5 MALONE-POVOLNY, R.	21-21	1624	1	1	3	37	.027	11	.297	2-0	0	0-0
9 MARTENS, Danielle	13-0	439	1	1	3	12	.083	8	.667	1-0	0	0-1
6 STEMMELE, Ashley	15-0	239	1	1	3	2	.500	1	.500	0-0	0	0-0
10 COMPT, Michelle	21-21	1349	1	0	2	31	.032	17	.548	0-0	1	0-0
4 WEPKING, Kelly	21-10	894	1	0	2	13	.077	4	.308	0-0	0	0-0
19 SAWICKI, Anna	14-0	175	1	0	2	3	.333	1	.333	0-0	0	0-0
2 VICTOR, Julia	21-18	1331	0	2	2	23	.000	6	.261	1-0	0	0-0
8 McBRIDE, Allison	21-21	1602	0	2	2	3	.000	2	.667	0-0	0	0-0
3 MILLER, Ally	18-17	1385	0	1	1	10	.000	1	.100	0-0	0	0-0
27 ACREE, Lauren	18-1	390	0	0	0	6	.000	1	.167	0-0	0	0-0
20 LAURENZI, Kristi	14-0	208	0	0	0	4	.000	3	.750	0-0	0	0-0
24 MILLER, Katie	21-21	1944	0	0	0	3	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
17 BROWN, Rachel	15-0	311	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	1-0	0	0-0
Total	21	21624	27	25	79	361	.075	153	.424	8-0	15	0-1
Opponents	21	-	10	6	26	170	.059	62	.365	7-0	4	0-0

Goalkeeper Stats	GP-GS	Minutes	GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	SO	STF
0 KULLA, Natalie	21-21	1965:35	10	0.46	50	.833	15	4	2	15	168
TM TEAM		0:00	0	0.00	2	1.000	0	0	0	0	0
Total	21	1965:35	10	0.46	52	.839	15	4	2	15	168
Opponents	21	1965:35	27	1.24	126	.824	4	15	2	4	360

DATE	OPPONENT	W / L	SCORE	MARQUETTE GOALS (ASSISTS) MWG in bold
Aug. 23	at Pepperdine	L	1-2 OT	Page (Sloan)
Aug. 28	Rice	W	1-0	Sloan (Bares)
Aug. 30	Michigan	W	1-0	Page (Thut)
Sept. 3	at UW-Milwaukee	W	3-0	Compt (B. Bares), Ryan (Sloan)
Sept. 6	vs 1/1/1 North Carolina	L	0-1	-
Sept. 10	Green Bay	W	3-0	Vasos (K. McBride), B. Bares (Stemmeler), Martens (A. McBride)
Sept. 13	23/-RV Minnesota	W	1-0	Ryan (Victor)
Sept. 17	USF *	W	2-1	Sloan (A. Miller), K. McBride (Sloan, Ryan)
Sept. 20	at Western Michigan	W	2-0	Ryan (A. Bares), Thut
Sept. 24	at West Virginia *	L	0-1	-
Sept. 27	Pittsburgh *	T	0-0 2OT	-
Oct. 2	13/13/12 Rutgers *	L	1-3	Malone-Povolny (A. Miller)
Oct. 4	Seton Hall *	W	3-0	Sloan (Thut), Wepking (Thut), Stemmeler (Martens)
Oct. 9	24/13/- Connecticut *	W	3-2 2OT	Vasos (Thut), Sawicki, Sloan (Malone-Povolny)
Oct. 11	Providence *	T	0-0 2OT	-
Oct. 16	at Cincinnati *	W	1-0	A. Bares (Sloan)
Oct. 18	at Louisville *	W	2-0	B. Bares (Page), B. Bares
Oct. 23	at Syracuse *	W	1-0 2OT	Sloan (K. McBride)
Oct. 25	at St. John's *	W	1-0	Ryan (Sloan)
Nov. 1	Villanova	W	1-0	Thut
Nov. 1	vs West Virginia	W	1-0	Sloan (B. Bares, Victor)