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Men's Soccer Cruises to 5-0 Shutout Over Evansville

Tigers win third straight to remain undefeated

EVANSVILLE, Ind. - The No. 19 University of Memphis men's soccer team cruised to a 5-0 shutout over the University of Evansville at Black Beauty Field in Evansville, Ind., on Friday night.

Eight different Tigers (3-0-0) contributed to the spectacular scoring display, while the defense limited the Purple Aces (0-2-1) to 12 shots in the game and the team's second shutout in three attempts.

"It was good not to concede today after giving up three against Oral Roberts in our last match," said Memphis head coach **Richie Grant**. "A lot of players had the opportunity to play and they all put up a good, solid defensive performance again. It's always nice to score five goals, and we feel pretty confident that we are a good team moving forward tonight."

Senior All-American midfielder **Dayton O'Brien** (Memphis, Tenn.) scored the game winner in the 32nd minute on an assist from reigning Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week **Jared Britcher** (Knoxville, Tenn.). The goal was the lone score in the first 45 minutes before the Tigers lit up the scoreboard with four more in the second half.

"Evansville played very defensively with 11 men behind the ball," Grant said. "They were trying to frustrate us and we just had to show some patience."

Sophomore **Marcus McCarty** (Fort Worth, Texas) did not wait long to score his third goal of the season in the second minute of the second half. He connected on a well-placed cross from freshman defender **Thomas Hyland** (Dublin, Ireland) and headed the ball in for the score. On the play, McCarty collided in the air with an Evansville player and required stitches, but he is expected to make a quick recovery.

Senior **Andy Metcalf** (Jackson, Tenn.) scored his second and third goals of the season in the second half and freshman **Kyle Minter** (Rockwall, Texas) scored his first career goal. Minter, senior **Stephen Cooling** (Dublin, Ireland) and freshman **Grant Wise** (Anna, Texas) also had assists on second half goals.

Memphis outshot Evansville 21-12, including 11-4 in shots on goal. Once again sophomore **Adam Montgomery** (Morristown, Tenn.) proved his indispensable ball handling from both sides of the field.

"Montgomery is consistently providing the opportunity for us to win ballgames even though he may not have a stat in the game," Grant said. "He is vital to our success."

Sophomore goalkeeper **Gavin McNerney** (Dublin, Ireland) played the entire 90 minutes to record his second shutout. McNerney recorded four saves including stopping a hot shot in the first half to hold the Tigers' 1-0 lead.

The Tigers return to host Alabama A&M on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 5 p.m. at the Mike Rose Soccer Complex. The game is part of a doubleheader with the Lady Tigers who host Ole Miss at 7:30 p.m.

"We're looking forward to playing Alabama A&M," Grant said. "They are always a good, capable team. We'll have a little time to rest on Saturday before turning our thoughts very quickly to our next match."

Tickets for the game are \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth and free for children under six and U of M students with their student ID card.

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