

CROSS COUNTRY

For the second time this fall, HU sophomore Emma Wilson and senior Adrien Gentie teamed up to sweep the Crossroads League Cross Country Runner of the Week honors.

For Wilson, it was another record-breaking weekend as she broke Taylor University's course record on the way to claiming the individual title at the Midwest XC Challenge. Her time of 17:11 was not only the fastest time at the meet by more than 25 seconds, but also proved the fastest NAIA women's 5K time of the weekend.

The Greencastle native, who ran as an individual on Saturday, remains unbeaten on the season and continues to hold the fastest 5K time nationally across all collegiate divisions. This CL designation is her fourth of the year.

Gentie also ran individually for Huntington and finished atop the men's 8K at Taylor. He clocked in at 25:14 to win by 18 seconds, tie the course record and log the second fastest NAIA men's 8K time of the week. It's his second CL Runner of the Week badge of the fall.

The Foresters now turn their attention to the Crossroads League Championships slated for November 6.

VOLLEYBALL

After over a week's break, the HU volleyball team traveled to Grace College Monday night where they dropped a 3-1 decision, 18-25, 25-19, 25-20, 25-14, to the Lancers (7-4, 7-4). It was the same score the last time these two squads faced off back in the middle of September.

The Foresters came out firing on all cylinders offensively to double up their hosts in kills, 16-8, to cruise to the seven-point victory in set one. The set saw Abby Robinson lead a balanced attack with five kills. Tya Bynum chipped in four while Brea Metz and Brandy Michie added three apiece. As a team, the Foresters finished the set with a .279 hitting percentage to Graces' .024.

While HU (0-13, 0-12) kept their hosts within sight over the next two sets, Grace came out on top and then cruised to the fourth and final set to wrap up the sweep of this neighborhood rivalry.

Robinson finished with a match-tying 13 kills to go along with ten digs for the double double. Bynum also logged double-digit kills with ten. Jennings Tacosik orchestrated the offense with 41 assists. She also finished with eight digs, three aces, and 1.5 blocks.

Ariene Butler topped her team in digs with 21 while Hannah Maier added ten and Nicole Flickinger pitched in nine.

"Grace did a good job of making adjustments throughout the match," said Coach Herber. "We did not execute adjustments as well on our end.

"When an opportunity is placed before us, we need to have the fundamental discipline, the competitive mindset and the vocal energy of a champion."

Next up for Herber and crew is a trip to Goshen on Friday.

MEN'S SOCCER

In the all-important race to the top of the conference standings, the HU men's soccer team (6-3-2) fell

victim to top-seeded Bethel 3-2 Saturday afternoon at King Stadium. With this win, the Pilots (7-1-1, 6-1-1) hold on to the #1 spot in the CL standings while Huntington slips from tied for second to third with a 4-2-2 league record.

With the recent shuffling of league schedules for COVID-related reasons, this weekend was the Foresters' last regular season match. IWU is the only conference team Huntington will not face in the regular season. The Wildcats, with a 4-1-2 CL record, are sitting in the No. 2 spot with Goshen yet to play.

Saturday was just the third time this season HU has given up multiple goals in a game. The Pilot wasted no time getting on the scoreboard to start both halves. Within the first two-and-a-half minutes, Matheus Santiago scored his first of two goals to quickly give the visitors the advantage.

But as Forester fans have come to expect, there's no quit in Lawson's crew. They battled back with the pay-off coming in the 37th minute off a restart. James Lighton, just shy of midfield, launched a bomb into the box that Josh Erlandson got his head on for his first collegiate goal to make for a 1-1 deadlock heading into intermission.

Unfortunately, it was short-lived as Bethel needed less than 30 seconds in the second frame to regain the lead at 2-1. Santiago tacked on another quick score five minutes later for what proved the game-winner.

All the action was in the first ten minutes of the second period as Erlandson was back it for the Foresters at the 54-minute mark. The sophomore defender got his head on another ball, this time on a long inbounds pass from Camden Dice, to pull his team within one at 3-2.

Huntington would rip off three more shots on goal over the final 35 minutes but couldn't slip one into the back of the net to send Bethel home with the victory.

Gabe Greenfield took the loss in net. The senior keeper collected four saves on the afternoon.

The Crossroads League tourney kicks off on November 7.