



**UMKC ATHLETICS**

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## ***UMKC Unable to Win Third Straight***

**DES MOINES, Iowa** – The UMKC women’s soccer team (2-3) came up short in their attempt to win their third consecutive game Friday night, falling to Drake (2-2) by a final count of 1-2.

After notching two wins in very impressive performances last weekend, the Roos picked up right where they left in the first half of play against the Bulldogs. **Lexie Howard** (Kearney, Mo.) opened up the scoring on the night with a header that came off a **Kara Priest** (Overland Park, Kan.) assist at the 16:46 mark. The goal continued a torrid offensive pace for the reigning Western Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Week as it marked her third goal in as many games.

UMKC continued to apply pressure throughout the remainder of the first half. Despite the Bulldogs holding an edge in shots, the Roos kept the opposition away from any dangerous scoring chances and maintained possession with crisp ball movement on both ends.

Unfortunately, the dominating first half performance resulted in just a one goal lead at halftime and kept Drake within striking distance. UMKC did come close to adding their second goal later in the first period when **Kelsey Mothershead** (Smithville, Mo.) had a promising look at goal but lost possession of the ball and was brought down amidst a swarm of Bulldog defenders inside the box.

“We were the better team in the first half but we were only able to score one goal.” noted head coach **Chris Cissell**. “Drake was the better squad in the second half and they capitalized with two goals. We have to be able to play our best on both ends for a full ninety minutes, not just one half.”

The second half looked quite different for the Roos as they saw their lead slip away in the opening minutes of the period. Drake found the equalizing goal in the 48<sup>th</sup> minute as Rebecca Rodgers slipped through the defense and fired a shot past **Anna Lillig** (Kansas City, Mo.) to even up the score.

The Bulldogs would strike again midway through the second period to take the lead. It appeared UMKC had dodged a bullet when a free kick inside the box sailed wide left. The ensuing corner kick did not go the Roos way however, as Ali Smith snuck a header into the net for what would be the game winning goal at the 68:48 mark.

UMKC battled hard in the remaining twenty minutes of action but were unable to find an answer in the time remaining on the clock.

“Extremely disappointed in the outcome tonight and with our play in the second half”, commented Cissell. “To come out of halftime the way we did after playing pretty well and taking a lead in the first half is something we have to address and improve on.”

UMKC will turn around to face Iowa State on Sunday, Sep. 3 to finish off the weekend road trip. The match is set for 1 p.m. CT with live stats available through [StatBroadcast](#).

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