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Penalty Kicks Result in 1-1 Draw With Memphis

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The UMKC men’s soccer team (2-0-2) battled to a 1-1 double overtime draw with the visiting Memphis Tigers (0-3-2) on Friday night at Durwood Soccer Stadium to close a three-game home stand.

Defense was key in the first half for both sides. Three Roos – **Eric McWoods** (St. Louis, Mo.), **Pandelis Popgeorgiev** (Budapest, Hungary) and **Christian Anderaos** (Sao Paulo, Brazil) – combined for four shots in the first 25 minutes of the match, before UMKC was held to zero shots in the remaining 20 minutes of the opening period.

The Tigers didn’t take their first shot of the match until the 32nd minute, as Jackson Morse sent the ball just wide of the net. Memphis’ Burke Fahling would take the Tigers last shot of the half at the 41-minute mark, sending the ball into the hands of UMKC goalkeeper **Filippo Errico** (Verona, Italy), who finished the game with five saves in the net for the Roos.

In the second half, Memphis controlled the offensive momentum, firing four shots in the opening minutes. In the 71st minute of the match, a Tiger was called for a foul in the box, setting up UMKC’s second penalty kick of the season. Popgeorgiev stepped up to the line and snuck the ball to the right of the keeper to give the Roos a 1-0 advantage over the Tigers.

Memphis responded in the 89th minute of the match, drawing a foul of its own in the box. David Zalzman helped the Tigers knot the game at one-all after sliding the ball past UMKC’s Errico, sending the game into its first overtime. The Tigers outshot the Roos, 5-3, during the extra periods, but UMKC held on for the draw to remain as the only undefeated team in the Western Athletic Conference.

UMKC will head north for a midweek matchup at Milwaukee on Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. CT, before returning home for a pair of matches against Western Illinois and Missouri State.

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