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Roos Drop 1-0 Decision to Omaha

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The UMKC women’s soccer team (2-5-1) fell short against the Omaha Mavericks (2-4-1) in Sunday afternoon’s match by a final score of 1-0.

Coming off a 2-2 draw in Friday night’s road match at Creighton where the Roos evened the game late in the second half, the team opened up play with a great balance of energy and attacking style of play. UMKC was able to control possession in all areas of the field throughout the entire first half of play and were not hesitant to pull the trigger on the open looks they worked themselves into.

The Roos outshot Omaha 11-4 and also held a 2-0 edge in corner kicks in the opening half. Only three of those shots were on goal however as Omaha was able to block several shots that were fired toward the net. **Kelsey Mothershead** (Smithville, Mo.) led UMKC with five shots and two shots on goal in the contest.

Play resumed in the second half with the game still tied at 0-0. UMKC was unable to repeat their dominant first half performance following intermission as both sides played nearly even in the period. Offense was hard to come by for the Roos and Mavericks with both squads playing sound team defense. Omaha outshot UMKC 6-4 in the second half while the Roos held a 3-1 advantage in corner kicks.

With the clock winding down inside of ten minutes to play, it seemed that the match would be destined to need overtime to find a deciding goal. That would not end up being the case after an Omaha attack resulted in a late goal to break the scoreless tie.

The Mavericks made a quick push into their offensive zone and found the Roos scrambling to set up in defensive position. A pass into the box connected with Omaha forward Abby Meader who drew a foul in her attempt to put a shot on goal at the 82:39 mark. She would convert the ensuing penalty kick for a 1-0 lead with only a few minutes remaining in regulation.

UMKC was able to threaten the Omaha lead following the penalty kick goal but were unable to find the equalizer. A pass that found **Lexie Howard** (Kearney, Mo.) inside the box was the Roos best look in their late surge, but an Omaha defender was able to step in front and stuff the shot before Howard could send it in.

“Right now we are simply not playing very good soccer.” noted head coach **Chris Cissell**. “We have some things that we need to improve upon and we need to start playing with more heart.”

UMKC will look to turn things around with two matches next week. The Roos will compete in a road game against Missouri State on Friday, Sep. 15 at 7 p.m. CT before returning to Durwood Stadium to host South Dakota on Sunday, Sep. 17 at 1 p.m. CT. Sunday’s match will broadcast on the [WAC Digital Network](#) free of charge and will have live stats through [UMKC Stats](#).

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