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UMKC Women's Soccer Announces 2018 Schedule

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The UMKC women's soccer team released their completed schedule for the upcoming 2018 season on Wednesday. The slate, which includes 20 games and 11 contests to be hosted at Durwood Soccer Stadium, boasts matchups against superb competition from the Big 12, Big East and Missouri Valley Conference.

"We are thrilled to have been able to put together such a fun, challenging and competitive schedule that we know our student athletes and fans alike will thoroughly enjoy," commented head coach **Chris Cissell**. "We have several marquee home matches that we believe the entire Kansas City soccer community will love to come out and be a part of in supporting our fantastic UMKC soccer family."

UMKC will kick off the 2018 season with a pair of home contests against Oakland (Aug. 17) and Saint Louis University (Aug. 19). A week on the road follows the season opening weekend where the team will face off with Illinois-Chicago (Aug. 24) and Western Illinois (Aug. 26).

The Roos will return home to host two matchups against Missouri Valley Conference foes, taking on Drake (Aug. 31) and Missouri State (Sep. 2) as the calendar flips over. A trip to Kansas State (Sep. 7) awaits the team before heading back to Durwood to open a season-long home stand against three high-profile opponents. UMKC will take on Creighton (Sep. 10) to begin the week and will wrap up with Big 12 members Iowa State (Sep. 14) and Oklahoma State (Sep. 16).

A three-game road swing, the longest of the schedule, includes trips to South Dakota State (Sep. 21) and South Dakota (Sep. 23) before opening Western Athletic Conference (WAC) play with a road contest at UT Rio Grande Valley (Sep. 28). The Roos will continue their conference slate with home matchups against CSU Bakersfield (Sep. 30) and New Mexico State (Oct. 7).

UMKC will make their first ever trip to California Baptist (Oct. 12) to face the newest member of the WAC prior to hosting Grand Canyon (Oct. 14). The final road trip of the season holds games against Utah Valley (Oct. 19) and Seattle U (Oct. 21).

The Roos will wrap up the 2018 regular season with a home contest against Chicago State (Oct. 27), where the team will honor its seven senior student athletes for Senior

Day. The WAC Tournament will be hosted by Utah Valley and takes place following the regular season on Oct. 31 – Nov. 4.

The upcoming slate comes on the heels of an incredible 2017 season where UMKC finished 12-7-1 and claimed a WAC championship with a perfect 7-0 conference record. The team returns eight starters from last year in what could be another special season in 2018, where four First Team All-WAC selections – **Lexie Howard** (Kearney, Mo.), **Kelsey Mothershead** (Smithville, Mo.), **Reighan Childers** (Grain Valley, Mo.) and **Abby Small** (Kansas City, Mo.) – along with Second Team All-WAC member **Halle Hamilton** (Lincoln, Neb.) return for reigning WAC Coach of the Year Chris Cissell's eighth season at UMKC.

Season tickets for the 2018 season are now on sale and can be purchased online through the [team's website](#) or by calling 844-UMKC-FAN.

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