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Roos Face Tough Road Test This Week in WAC Play

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Ending a recent skid of five games on the season, the UMKC men's soccer team will look to continue their winning ways on the road this week against WAC opponents UTRGV (10/5) and Incarnate Word (10/7).

Follow

For fans wanting to follow the Roos' on the road next week, in-game updates will be provided through the team's [Twitter account](#). Each game will be video streamed live through the [WAC Digital Network](#).

[Live Stats](#): @ UTRGV

[Live Stats](#): @ Incarnate Ward

About the Roos

After a thrilling 1-0 victory against San Jose State on Sunday, UMKC looks to use the momentum gained from their first conference win when they take on the UTRGV and Incarnate Ward this week. Junior forward **Tim Staerz** has been a key contributor to both wins for UMKC thus far. Staerz received an assist for his efforts in the Roos lone goal against the Spartans on Sunday. In reference to season totals, Staerz has now accumulated one goal, two assists and four points in 2018. Senior midfielder **Lorant Lettner** had himself a day on Sunday afternoon, scoring the lone goal for UMKC. Lettner would tally his first goal of the season on the assist from Staerz.

Referring to the man between the posts, junior goalkeeper **Filippo Errico** delivered his first shutout on the season in the 1-0 victory against San Jose State. Errico has shown great instincts through the first nine games on the year with 37 saves on an average of 1.95 goals allowed per game with only 18 goals allowed.

About the Vaqueros

Playing from the heart of Edinburg, Texas, UTRGV has accumulated a 6-4 record in 2018. Led by forwards Kyle Edwards and William Akio, the Vaqueros have capitalized on many opponents this year with the attack from their two offensive juggernauts. Edwards has displayed great skills on the offensive side of the ball for UTRGV, totaling four goals, three assists and 11 points on an astounding 31 shots this year.

Akio, a native from Nairobi, Kenya, has kept up with his counterpart with three goals, four assists and 10 points on 22 shots. Diving deeper within the WAC, Edwards and Kyle both sit in the top 10 for total points on the season.

In reference to UTRGV's last line of defense, redshirt junior goalkeeper Andy Rios has been an anchor for the defensive unit of the Vaqueros in 2018. Rios has correlated an average of 1.38 goals allowed per game while stating 27 saves on a .711 save percentage for UTRGV. The native from Highlands, Texas has also has one shutout to go along with his 5-3 record thus far.

About the Cardinals

With a 0-8-1 record to the start of 2018, the Cardinals are still looking to find their rhythm for a team that has struggled to put together a complete game on both sides of the field so far. Dealing with an offensive unit who has put up two goals on 93 shots, freshman goalkeeper Carlos Mercado has done everything possible to keep Incarnate Ward from digging an even deeper hole in WAC play. Mercado has attributed 32 saves on the season with a .582 save percentage while tallying 2.55 goals allowed per game.

Junior midfielder Kas Van Eekelen has been one of the few players for the Cardinals to supply some firepower for the offensive unit, connecting on one goal, two points and 12 shots on the year.

The Cardinals have undergone leadership changes prior to the start of the season as interim head coach Chris Fidler was promoted after five years as an assistant coach for the program.

Up Next

Following the matchup against Incarnate Ward in San Antonio, Texas, the Roos will head west to Orem, Utah to face Utah Valley on Saturday, Oct. 13th at 8 p.m. C.T.

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