

SIUE Women's Soccer Earns 2-1 Victory in Home Opener over Kansas City

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EDWARDSVILLE - Despite a lightning delay that added more than an hour onto the match time, SIUE women's soccer emerged victorious in their home opener Sunday, earning a 2-1 win over Kansas City.

"I'm proud of the team with really going after this game today," said SIUE Head Coach

[Derek Burton](#) following the match. "We took some things away from our game last week that we needed to improve on - the team put in the work to improve and it showed today."

The match went scoreless through the opening 34 minutes, before inclement weather suspended play for a period of one hour and eleven minutes. Once play resumed, the Cougars dominated the remainder of the half and netted the first goal of the season when [Sidney Christopher](#) caught a rebound and buried it in the 44th minute.

The halftime break did not slow down the Red & White, as [Angel Ikeda](#) and [MacKenzie Litzinger](#) registered assists on a goal from Ohio Valley Conference Preseason Player to Watch [Lily Schnieders](#). Schnieders, who scored in the 51st minute, neatly tucked the ball into the bottom left corner that sailed past two Kansas City defenders.

The Roos, who now sit at 2-2 on the season with losses to SIUE and Wisconsin, would net their first and only goal of the match in the 87th minute; however, the visitors' comeback effort would prove too little and too late, as the Cougars would dominate second-half possession to secure their first win of the young season.

SIUE will hit the road for a weekend trip to the Hawkeye State, travelling to Des Moines, Iowa, for a Friday night fixture with Drake (Sep. 3) before closing out the weekend with a Sunday afternoon showdown against Big 12 Conference power Iowa State (Sep. 5).