

## SIUE Men's Soccer Sweeps OVC Weekly Awards

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BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – SIUE men's soccer swept the Ohio Valley Conference Players of the Week Awards Tuesday with <u>Jake Karolczak</u> (Offensive Player), <u>Will Harris</u> (Defensive Player) and <u>Sam Gomez</u> (Goalkeeper) takin home the weekly honors after two more wins for the Cougars.

Karolczak paced the Cougar attack in another perfect week for SIUE. Following a scoreless first half, Karolczak opened the scoring Thursday scoring two goals in the second half in a 3-0 win over UIW. On Saturday, he assisted on SIUE's first goal of the game, coming just 2:03 into the contest. The Cougars went on to defeat HCU 3-1.

Not only did Harris anchor the defense during another perfect weekend for the Cougars, but he also collected the game-winning goal in Saturday's night's Homecoming victory over HCU when he headed home a corner kick in the 40th minute. Harris played all 180 minutes during the two games. The award is the second of the year for Harris.

<u>Sam Gomez</u> made a five saves Thursday against UIW on his way to his sixth shutout of the year. He made six saves Saturday, allowing a late goal, which came off a deflection. Gomez, who is among the top 10 in the NCAA in goals against average and save percentage, has earned the weekly award six times this season.

At 10-0-3, SIUE is one of just six unbeaten teams left in the NCAA. The Cougars will play on the road at Chicago State Thursday.