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# Cross Country



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## Cross Country Season Schedule

| Date     | Event                                      | Location                               |
|----------|--|--|
| Sept. 12 | Adidas Wolfpack Cross Country Invitational | SAS Soccer Park, Cary, NC              |
| Sept. 27 | Greensboro Cross Country Invitational      | Hagan Stone Park, Pleasant Garden, NC  |
| Oct. 11  | Walt Disney Cross Country Classic          | Celebration, FL                        |
| Oct. 23  | Third Annual Methodist River Trail Run     | Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC |
| Nov. 1   | USA South Championships*                   | Hagan Stone Park, Pleasant Garden, NC  |

\* If the team qualifies

# Men's and Women's Cross Country ranked in top 5 for conference

*By Danielle Levine*

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Monarchs are on the run this season as the Cross Country team prepares for their season with dedication and promise.

The men's team is predicted to rank fourth and women's team is predicted fifth in the USA South Conference. Both teams are looking to improve on their predicted rank in the conference.

"I think we're going to surprise some teams in the conference," said Cross Country head coach Tim Ryerson. "We're going to have a breakout year."

The Monarchs had several team record holders graduate last year. Husein Nasiro-Sigo was the holder of second fastest

time in Methodist history for the 8k run and Krystal Patton held the record for third fastest time in Methodist history for the 6k run.

Despite the loss of these key runners, Methodist has returning runners who are prepared to step up and as well as some new faces to look out for.

Newcomers to the Monarchs' trail include Mark Jernigan, Nick Sauls, and Megan Rose.

"Our three top runners are Travis Fulp, Kristy Zeiler, and Diane Starrantino," said Ryerson.

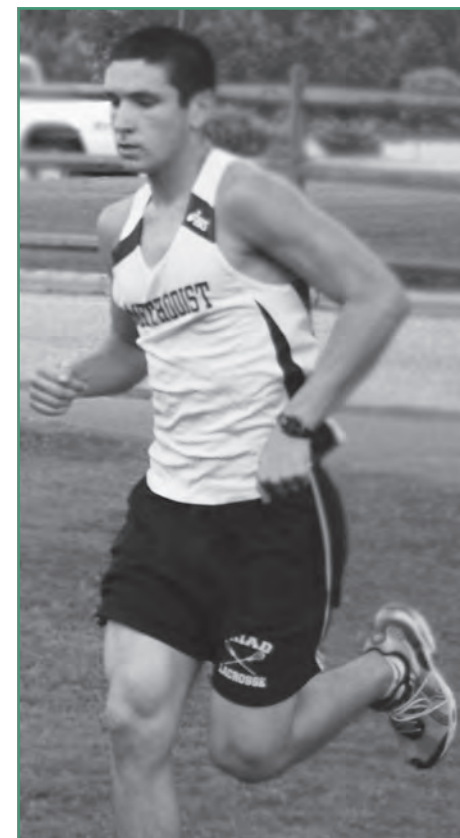
The team looks forward to having a wonderful season filled with challenge and entertainment. The team will travel to Celebration, Fl. to participate in the Walt Disney Cross Country Classic during fall break.

Shortly after the Classic, the team will host the 3rd Annual Methodist River Trail Run, the only meet that the Monarch will host this year.

The members of the team are excited about the upcoming season. "They're prepared to make some noise," Ryerson stated.

With the experience and promise that this team possesses, it is going to be a season to keep up with. The dedicated team practices regularly in preparation for their first meet on Sept. 12 in Cary.

According to Ryerson, "Right now we're building endurance and getting some miles under our belts."



## MEN'S ROSTER

| <u>Name</u>      | <u>Grade</u> |
|------------------|--------------|
| Paul Bernard     | Sophomore    |
| Shanter Chaparro | Sophomore    |
| Travis Fulp      | Sophomore    |
| Mark Jernigan    | Freshman     |
| Julian Mask      | Freshman     |
| Frank Olivarez   | Sophomore    |
| Chase Pattillo   | Junior       |
| Paris Ryan       | Sophomore    |
| Nick Sauls       | Freshman     |
| Marc Slade       | Sophomore    |



## WOMEN'S ROSTER

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Grade</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Catherine Ballard | Freshman     |
| Heather Brayton   | Sophomore    |
| Kaitlin Flaherty  | Sophomore    |
| Jennifer Kiner    | Junior       |
| Megan Rose        | Junior       |
| Diane Starrantino | Senior       |
| Kristyn Zeiler    | Sophomore    |

Pictured at top is sophomore Travis Fulp.  
Pictured left is sophomore Kristyn Zeiler.  
Pictures courtesy of Sports Information.

# Volleyball



Picture courtesy of Sports Information

## Volleyball Home Game Schedule

| Date     | Opponent         | Time    |
|----------|------------------|---------|
| Aug. 29  | Columbia (W 0-3) | N/A     |
| Aug. 30  | Messiah (L 3-1)  | N/A     |
| Aug. 30  | Columbia (W 1-3) | N/A     |
| Sept. 3  | Salem (W 3-0)    | N/A     |
| Sept. 17 | Greensboro       | 7 p.m.  |
| Sept. 27 | Mary Baldwin     | 12 p.m. |
| Sept. 27 | Peace            | 4 p.m.  |
| Sept. 30 | NC Wesleyan      | 7 p.m.  |
| Oct. 21  | Meredith         | 7 p.m.  |

## Volleyball victorious

*By Danielle Levine  
Sports Editor*

*Contributions by Daniel Lee  
Staff Writer*

With another fall season underway, the Monarchs volleyball team is serving up some excitement in the Riddle Center.

Last weekend the Monarchs hosted the Monarch Labor Day Invitational, in which the team finished with an early record of 2-1.

On Fri the Monarchs faced Columbia College, Columbia SC and were victorious by a score of 3-0. Sat, the Monarchs faced Messiah College of Grantham, PA. and lost by a score of 1-3. The Monarchs then defeated Columbia again by a score of 3-1.

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# Better start for Monarchs' Volleyball

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Wednesday the Monarchs defeated Salem University of Winston-Salem by a score of 3-0.

“Overall, for the first weekend, I’d say it was a good show,” said volleyball head coach Eddie Matthews, who is in his eighth year as the Monarchs’ head coach.

The team has freshman who are getting significant playing time. Jalesty Washington and Olivia Whitehart, who are outside hitters, and

Kelsey Yates, who is a defensive specialist, have made their way into the playbooks for the Monarchs.

The season is full of chances to improve.

“We still got a lot of things we’re trying to implement into our offense,” said Matthews. “I think we’re going to surprise a lot of people this year.”

The Monarchs have a busy season with 31 matches. It is not capa-

bility but effort that will determine the outcome of this season.

“We try to do what we’re capable of doing [at] every game and every practice,” said Matthews. “We try to play our strengths and exploit our offense.”

With the season already underway, the Monarchs have a good start. Last season when

they opened they had a 1-2 start.

The Monarchs do not play at home again until Sept. 17. Meanwhile there are five away games, including the Maroon Classic in Salem, VA hosted by Roanoke College.

“I hope to get a few games under our belt with the tournament,” said Matthews.

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## Volleyball Roster

| Name               | Grade |
|--------------------|-------|
| Jordan Grady       | JR    |
| Rachel Evans       | FR    |
| Kelsey Yates       | FR    |
| Elizabeth Rice     | FR    |
| Olivia Whiteheart  | FR    |
| Courtney Benton    | FR    |
| Kelly Shipkowski   | JR    |
| Jalesty Washington | FR    |
| Samantha Arrington | JR    |
| Kristen Robinson   | FR    |
| Sara Yeatman       | SR    |
| Taylor Cates       | JR    |
| Laura Gilbert      | JR    |
| Allison Averitt    | JR    |
| Morgan Hauck       | FR    |
| Kelsey Carter      | JR    |
| Melissa Mott       | FR    |



Above is team getting ready to play. Left is freshman Melissa Mott Right below is junior Kelsey Carter Pictures by Matt Beitzel



Pictured is junior Libero Jordan Grady Picture by Aaron Casteel



# Meet the Offense



Junior  
QB  
No. 12

Erik Teague



Junior  
FB  
No. 49

Jason Layton



Junior  
WR  
No. 6

Chris Peoples



Sophomore  
RB  
No. 22

Corey McGuire



Senior  
TE  
No. 88

Devin Goodman



Sophomore  
WR  
No. 18

Brian Hopkins



Junior  
C  
No. 67

Josh Kesler



Sophomore  
RT  
No. 66

Jake Patton



Junior  
LT  
No. 71

Bill Samuels



Junior  
RG  
No. 76

Justin Gray



Junior  
LG  
No. 63

Brandon Iseman

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# Offense



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# Monarchs Football



## Defense



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Art by Aaron Casteel

## Meet the Defense

Junior  
OLB  
No. 43



Brian Leary

Sophomore  
OLB  
No. 38



Eric Blalock

Sophomore  
ILB  
No. 36



Darrin Gorham

Sophomore  
ILB  
No. 42



Todd Hocker

Senior  
ILB  
No. 55



Brian Stoudemire

Junior  
C  
No. 23



Demory Williams

Senior  
C  
No. 17



Antonio Bartee

Junior  
DT  
No. 40



Anthony Cassone

Sophomore  
DT  
No. 97



Josh Cook

Junior  
NG  
No. 77



Eric Wilson

Freshman  
FS  
No. 25



Mike McMillian

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# Men's Soccer



Picture courtesy of Sports Information

## Men's Soccer Home Game Schedule

| Date     | Opponent             | Time       |
|----------|----------------------|------------|
| Aug. 30  | @ Oglethorpe (W 1-0) | N/A        |
| Aug. 30  | @ Messiah (L 3-1)    | N/A        |
| Sept. 10 | Mt. Olive            | 4 p.m.     |
| Sept. 17 | Guilford             | 4 p.m.     |
| Sept. 20 | Southeastern         | 11:30 a.m. |
| Oct. 4   | N.C. Wesleyan        | 4 p.m.     |
| Oct. 11  | Christopher Newport  | 3:30 p.m.  |
| Oct. 18  | Shenandoah           | 12 p.m.    |
| Oct. 25  | Randolph             | 3 p.m.     |

## Monarchs enter season of change

Terranova recruited

'best class ever'

*By Danielle Levine  
Sports Editor*

best freshman class ever."

The Methodist University Men's Soccer team enters a new season with a full team. The team consists of 23 freshmen and 12 returning players. Monarchs' Head Coach Justin Terranova called the newcomers, "... our

Last season, the soccer team went 11-7-2. The team has not yet played in conference this year. However, they were ranked fourth during the pre-season in the USA South Conference.

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## Methodist breaks even in season opener

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It's not only the sophomores, juniors and senior players returning to the Methodist University Soccer Complex for the 2008 season.

"Sean Brennan is our new Goalkeeper Coach," Terranova reported.

Brennan graduated from Methodist in the spring. Brennan's duration as a Monarch included duties as the main keeper during his senior year; with 88 saves and an All-Conference Honor-

able Mention during that year.

Due to Brennan's graduation, the goalkeeper position was left empty. Terranova needed to do some heavy recruiting in the offseason to fill the void, which he did.

"We have four great young keepers," stated Terranova.

The freshman keepers include 6-foot Cody Schaffer; 6-foot-2-inch Patrick Murphy; 6-foot-2-inch Cory Harrison; and 6-foot-8-inch

Kyle Beach. The Monarchs have size as an advantage in the goal.

The goalkeepers and freshmen are not the only ones to be looking out for this year.

"Look for our senior leadership to help guide us toward our goals," said Terranova.

The Monarchs have opened the season 1-1 with two games on Aug. 30. The Monarchs were victorious over Oglethorpe University of Atlanta

by a score of 1-0 on; and suffered a loss from Emory University of Atlanta. The Monarchs open up at home on Sept. 10 against Mt. Olive College of Mt. Olive.



Top picture is senior Dustin Breckenridge. To the right is junior Mike DaMara. Pictures by Aaron Casteel

### MEN'S SOCCER UPPERCLASSMEN

| <u>Name</u>        | <u>Grade</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Brandon Cunningham | SR           |
| James Gunderson    | SR           |
| Mike DeMara        | SR           |
| Bret Brennan       | JR           |
| Mauricio Londono   | SO           |
| Max Adler          | SR           |
| Evan Monteiro      | SR           |
| Brion Kelly        | SO           |
| Brock Aaron        | SR           |
| Thomas Blum        | JR           |
| Sean Gregory       | JR           |
| Vladimir Rivera    | SO           |



Freshman goal keeper Kyle Beach. Picture by Danielle Levine

### FRESHMEN

Ricky Pallanez  
 Cody Schaffer  
 Nelson Sanchez  
 Kyle Daugherty  
 Scott Davis  
 Darren Wilson  
 Miguel Uribe Flores  
 Jason Casco  
 Stan Pajak  
 Jeff Fallier  
 Stephen Fox  
 Charles Bartlett  
 Andrew Godinez  
 Michael Poole  
 James Bottomley  
 Kyle Beach  
 Ryan Weaver  
 Patrick Van Cura  
 Patrick Murphy  
 Davis Brandle  
 Julian Hart  
 Martin Jones  
 Cory Harrison

# Women's Soccer



Picture courtesy of Sports Information

## Women's Soccer Home Game Schedule

## Can Methodist three-peat as conference champs?

Competitive schedule and young team seek Monarch tradition

*By Danielle Levine  
Sports Editor*

us throughout the season," said Monarchs' Head Coach Tony Tommasi.

The Methodist Women's Soccer team has entered the season as the defending USA South Conference Champions for the second year in a row. The schedule this year will be a challenge.

According to Tommasi, the team is still young and has a lot to learn. He said that it is a process that will take time.

"We are improving each day," said Tony Tommasi.

"Our schedule is extremely competitive and should challenge

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| Date     | Opponet             | Time   |
|----------|---------------------|--------|
| Aug. 29  | @ Spelman (W 3-1)   | N/A    |
| Aug. 30  | @ Emory (L 0-2)     | N/A    |
| Sept. 13 | Birmingham Southern | 2 p.m. |
| Sept. 20 | Lynchburg           | 2 p.m. |
| Sept. 24 | Peace               | 3 p.m. |
| Sept. 27 | Ferrum              | 2 p.m. |
| Sept. 28 | Bridgewater         | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 4   | Averett             | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 19  | N.C. Wesleyan       | 2 p.m. |
| Nov. 1   | Meredith            | 2 p.m. |

## WOMEN'S SOCCER ROSTER

| <u>Name</u>         | <u>Grade</u> |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Sara Altman         | FR           |
| Kasey Nichols       | SO           |
| Danielle Minichello | FR           |
| Ashley Kolano       | JR           |
| Christina Varnell   | JR           |
| Marissa Kuzbyt      | FR           |
| Amber Jurkovac      | SO           |
| Whitney Roberson    | JR           |
| Jillian Reed        | FR           |
| Catherine Ramsay    | SO           |
| Alyssa Plourde      | FR           |
| Michelle Anderson   | JR           |
| Lindsey Oliphant    | SO           |
| Lauren Colenda      | FR           |
| Christine Ellington | FR           |
| Erica Nath          | JR           |
| Faye Charles        | SO           |
| Ally Feller         | FR           |
| Allie Jennings      | FR           |
| Kelly Orpin         | FR           |

## Young team and new assistant coach seek to continue Monarch tradition

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Last year, Tommasi spent the season without an assistant coach, and this year that has changed. Methodist University Class of 2008 graduate, Chrystal Bradley has joined Tommasi on the sideline. During her time as a Monarch, Chrystal started all four years on the soccer team, and joined the lacrosse team in the spring of



Pictured is sophomore keeper Kasey Nichols

2008. She holds the record for "All-time Leading Scorer in Methodist History."

"She will add a great deal of insight to our young team," said Tommasi.

In terms of records, someone to watch this year is Kasey Nichols, sophomore goal keeper. Nichols is ranked 10th in "Career Saves in Methodist history."

Tommasi said that some of the positions this season are "steady," or he knows who will start there. Tommasi said that that information would make "a great scouting report for our opponents." He remained vague about the

information. Some positions are still open for players to earn them.

Last season the Monarchs went 17-5-0 and had a second conference championship and NCAA bid. The team is looking to improve on their record and threepeat as the conference champions.

"We are pre-season no. 1 in the USA South Conference," stated Tommasi.

The Monarchs were ranked at no. 8 in the region this past week. The team opens up at home against Birmingham Southern of Birmingham Ala. on Sept. 13 at 2 p.m.



The 2007 soccer team gets the right attitude for the game. Picture by Matt Beitzel



Player turned coach- Chrystal Bradley. Picture courtesy of Sports Information

# New outlook for Methodist Football

By Danielle Levine  
Sports Editor

## Monarchs to open season with hope and passion

Another season prepares to kick off for the Methodist University Monarchs football team. With a combination of experience and a new outlook, the Monarchs look to improve on last season's record of 5-5.

### Experience on the field

"We return veterans at every position except for free safety," said Monarchs Head Coach Jim Sypult.

The position will be filled by freshman Mike McMillian. In fact, the starters are mostly sophomores and juniors, including All-Conference returners, Brandon Iseman, Josh Kesler, Brian Leary and Bill Samuels.

The schedule for the Monarchs comes to no surprise. "It's the same schedule as last year ... It will be challenging," Sypult said.

With the experience that the team has, the challenging schedule looks promising.



Pictured is Monarchs Defensive Tackle Anthony Cassone. Archived photo by Matt Beitzel.

### New coaching staff

In addition to the experience on the field, the Monarchs have gained some experience on the sidelines. Coach Jerry McCombs, no stranger to the USA South Conference, has joined the Monarchs sideline as wide receiver coach. McCombs joined the Monarchs staff after serving as the offensive line coach at Averett University in Danville, Va. for six years.

When asked about his goals for the Monarchs this year, McCombs replied, "[to] coach my guys up as good as I can." McCombs said that he is looking forward to a successful season as a Monarch coach.

### Offensive change

Last season's starting quarterback, Jonathan Mularski, graduated in the spring, leaving the position open for junior Erik Teague to step in. Though he has only played in three games prior to this season, he went 9-for-12 on passes in his playing time.

Teague said he is pleased that he is "actually getting to play and put all the hard work to use."

### Coach's strategy

The Monarch team dynamic has changed this year as well, which may be explained by Sypult's new team strategy, "...unity as a team, discipline (in) play, and passion for the game." Is Sypult's strategy going to work?

"(We are) closer than we've been in the last few years," assured Teague. This may be what the Monarchs needed.

### Campbell University

As the Monarchs gear up to open their season against Campbell University of Buies Creek, the Monarchs look to "be physical and eliminate errors, [with a] big emphasis in the kicking game," explained Sypult.

The kicking game for the Monarchs includes returning sophomore kicker, Mario Miralles; Shaun Dodd, who will replace Leigh Manley as punter; and Kyle Dodson who will take his place as snapper. Last season, Miralles was 6-for-18 in field goal attempts and 21-for-25 in point-after-touchdown attempts.

### Game time

The Monarchs host the Campbell University Camels in the first home game of the season. This is the first year Campbell University has had an intercollegiate team in 58 years. The Monarchs look to deal Campbell their second loss in the season and in modern history.



Pictured is Camels Quarterback Matt Vollono. Courtesy of Campbell University Athletics

The Monarchs host the Camels Sat. Sept. 6. Kick off is at 3 p.m. Entry is free with a student ID and \$6 for parents and guests. Monarch Zone will be held at 1 p.m. in the faculty parking lot by the football field entrance from 11 a.m. until kick-off. Monarch Zone will have opportunities to show school spirit as the team enters a new season with determination, discipline, unity and passion.

**Due to Tropical Storm Hanna, the football game has been moved to 3 p.m. on Saturday Sept. 6. In the event that weather does not allow game to be played, it will be moved to Monday**