

# Women's soccer goes 1-3 over past two weeks

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The Scarlet Hawks Women's Soccer team have had an interesting past couple of weeks, with the team just losing out in the first game they played during the time period, comfortably winning the second, turning in a disappointing performance in the third, and turning in a phenomenal performance in the fourth, albeit in a losing effort against the 9th-ranked team in the nation.

The Hawks lost their first game in the four-game stretch on Wednesday September 21 at Taylor University 2-1. The home team took the lead in the 18th minute when Taylor Hale opened the scoring. The Hawks bounced back

immediately, however, when Lauren Capuano scored her 6th goal of the season just a minute later.

Unfortunately, with just minutes left in the first half, the home team grabbed what turned out to be the eventual game winner, with the second half ending scoreless.

For the next game in the stretch, the Hawks returned to Stuart Field on Saturday, September 24, to face Benedictine University. The game turned out to be a stroll in the park for the Women's team with the Ladies recording a commanding 8-1 victory.

Goals on the day were scored by: Emily Tilton (2), Diana Otero (2), Noel Deis, Kay Durbin, Marit Tundal, and Heather Bickerton.

Saturday's impressive performance

was followed by a disappointing 2-1 opening day conference loss on Tuesday, September 27, at Cardinal Stritch University. The Hawks ended the game in a 1-1 tie, with Marit Tundal grabbing the teams goal, but the home team claimed the points in the first minute of overtime, when Rachelle Broome converted.

After the disappointing midweek loss, the Women's team bounced back in impressive style on Saturday afternoon as they turned in arguably their best performance of the season in a 2-1 loss against the #9 team in the nation, Olivet Nazarene University.

The Hawks got off to the worst possible start when the visitors took the lead in the first minute of the game from a set piece, following an unfortunate goalkeeping error.

Despite the bad start, the Hawks

battled back and finished the half the stronger of the two teams. The second half also proved to be an even affair, with the visitors doubling their lead in the 64th minute, before Marit Tundal scored her third goal in as many games, with a thunderous right footed strike, to set up a frantic last 15 minutes.

Unfortunately, the visitors were able to hold on to their slender 2-1 lead to condemn the Hawks to their second conference loss of the season.

However, the team will take great confidence from the fact that they went blow for blow with one of the best teams in the nation for 90 minutes of soccer.

The Women's team are next in action this Wednesday as they welcome St. Francis to Stuart Field. Kick off is at 7 p.m.



## Athlete Spotlight: Jamie Ward



**Name:** Jamie Ward  
**Year:** Senior  
**Major:** Bio chemistry **Sport:** Soccer  
**Position:** Outside Mid/forward  
**Favorite thing about your sport:**  
The intensity and competitiveness of soccer.  
**What you like best about the fans at your games:**  
That they just come out to support us.  
**Favorite thing to do on campus:**  
Going to all of the sports events.  
**Best tip for anyone who wants to be great at your sport:**  
Have fun on the field!

*Come cheer Jamie Ward and her teammates on at the next soccer game!*