

THIS WEEK IN MILWAUKEE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Game 5

• Milwaukee (2-0-2) vs. No. 8 Arkansas (2-0-1)



- Razorback Field
- Fayetteville, Ark.
- Thursday, August 31, 6:30 PM

Game 6

• Milwaukee (2-0-2) vs. Western Illinois (1-1-1)



- Engelmann Stadium
- Milwaukee, Wis.
- Sunday, September 3, 1 PM

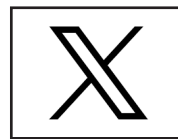
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

2023 Milwaukee Schedule (2-0-2, 0-0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 6	at Northern Illinois (Exh.)	6 PM
Aug. 9	Loyola Chicago (Exh.)	7 PM
Aug. 12	at DePaul (Exh.)	12 PM
Aug. 17	at #3 Notre Dame	T, 2-2
Aug. 20	at SIUE	W, 3-1
Aug. 24	Minnesota (Challenge Cup)	W, 1-0
Aug. 27	Denver (Challenge Cup)	T, 3-3
Aug. 31	at #8 Arkansas	6:30 PM
Sept. 3	Western Illinois	1 PM
Sept. 7	Marquette	7 PM
Sept. 14	at Cleveland State*	4 PM
Sept. 17	Detroit Mercy*	1 PM
Sept. 21	Robert Morris*	7 PM
Sept. 30	at Northern Kentucky*	12 PM
Oct. 5	at Purdue Fort Wayne*	4 PM
Oct. 8	Wright State*	1 PM
Oct. 12	at Youngstown State*	4 PM
Oct. 15	IUPUI*	1 PM
Oct. 21	at Oakland*	12 PM
Oct. 25	at Green Bay*	7 PM
Horizon League Tournament		
Oct. 29	First Round	TBA
Nov. 2	Semifinals	TBA
Nov. 4	Championship	TBA
NCAA Tournament		
TBA		

*Indicates Horizon League match
Bold indicates home matches

2023 Milwaukee Panthers Women's Soccer



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LOOKING AT THE OPPONENTS:

ARKANSAS: The Razorbacks 2022 season was one for the record books as Arkansas reached the Elite Eight and finished 13-4-5 overall. The squad finished the year ranked inside the top-12 for the fourth straight year (at No. 8), one of only three teams to do so, and Anna Podojil became the program's all-time goals and points scorer while collecting her third United Soccer Coaches All-American honor. The Razorbacks also notched five All-SEC selections. Podojil is now one of 34 players to be named a forward to watch by United Soccer Coaches this fall, six Razorbacks [Kiley Dulaney (F), Bea Franklin (M), Mak Malham (M), Anna Podojil (F), Ellie Podojil (M), Ava Tankersly (F)] were named to the SEC Preseason Watch List, and Arkansas was named the favorite to win the 2023 Southeastern Conference title in voting by the league's 14 head coaches.

Colby Hale begins his 12th season as head coach and has compiled a record of 143-73-24 with the Razorbacks. He has led the team to three SEC Championships (2019, 2020, 2021) and has been named SEC Coach of the Year twice (2019, 2020). Arkansas also reached the SEC Tournament final in six consecutive seasons (2016-21). So far in 2023, Arkansas is 2-0-1 after defeating Arkansas State (6-0) and Oregon (4-0) and drawing with #12 Notre Dame (2-2). The Hogs have gone 22-0-2 at Razorback Field since a 3-1 loss to Saint Louis on Feb. 28, 2021. Morgan White (3G) leads the way with six points, with Sophie Aragon (2G/1A) second with five. Sierra Cotayarde has played all three games in net, posting a .778 save percentage and 0.67goals-against average.

WESTERN ILLINOIS: Josée Primeau was promoted to the head coach of Western Illinois in February of 2022 and in her first year at the helm, the Leathernecks went 4-10-3 overall and 2-7 in the Summit League. This fall, the team will be playing in its inaugural season in the Ohio Valley Conference and was projected to finish ninth in the 10-team OVC preseason poll. So far in 2023, the team is 1-1-1, topping Chicago State (W, 1-0 Aug. 20), drawing with Northern Iowa (T, 0-0 Aug. 24), and falling to Northern Illinois (L, 3-0 Aug. 17). They will also play at Loyola Chicago this Thursday before heading to Milwaukee on Sunday. Sachiko Gamo has the lone goal to this point for the offense and Isabel Navas Rodriguez has played all 270 minutes in goal, recording a .750 save percentage and a 1.00 goals-against average.

	Horizon League					Overall				
	W	L	T	GF	GA	W	L	T	GF	GA
IRobert Morris	-	-	-	-	-	4	0	0	11	1
Milwaukee	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	2	9	6
IUPUI	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	0	9	3
Youngstown State	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	0	6	3
Northern Kentucky	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	4	4
Purdue Fort Wayne	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	0	9	3
Detroit Mercy	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	3	6	9
Oakland	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	9
Wright State	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	9
Cleveland State	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	0	4	7
Green Bay	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	1	2	6

THIS WEEK IN THE HORIZON LEAGUE

Date	Opponent	Time (CST)
8/31/23	Youngstown State at George Washington	2 PM
	Indiana State at Robert Morris	3 PM
	Eastern Illinois at Purdue Fort Wayne	4 PM
	Oakland at Ohio State	4 PM
	Green Bay at North Florida	5 PM
	IUPUI at Butler	6 PM
	Bowling Green at Detroit Mercy	6 PM
9/1/23	Milwaukee at Arkansas	6:30 PM
	Cleveland State at Belomnt	6:30 PM
9/3/23	Toledo at Detroit Mercy	12 PM
	Tennessee Tech at IUPUI	12 PM
	Green Bay at Stetson	12 PM
	Western Illinois at Milwaukee	1 PM
	-7 other games across the Horizon League	

General Information

School	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
City/Zip	Milwaukee, Wis./53211
Founded	1885
Enrollment	20,213
Nickname	Panthers
Colors	Black and Gold
Home Field	Laura Moynihan Field at Engelmann Stadium
Capacity	3,000
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Horizon League
Chancellor	Mark Mone
Director of Athletics	Amanda Braun
Senior Associate AD/SWA	Kathy Litzau
Athletics Phone	414-229-5151
Ticket Office Phone	414-229-5886

History

First Year of Soccer	1984
All-Time Record	423-225-70 (.638)
NCAA Appearances/Last	16/2022
Last NCAA App./Result	2022, First Round
.....	at #6 Michigan State /L, 3-2 (20t)
All-Time NCAA Tournament Record	3-16-2

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Women's Soccer Information

Head Coach	Kevin Boyd
Alma Mater	Trine, 1990
Record at School (Years)	12-4-3 (Second season)
Career Record	226-152-51 (21 seasons)
Assistant Coach	Steve Lucas (Second season)
2022 Record	12-4-3
League Record/Finish	7-1-2 / 1st
Tournament Results	
.....	W, 3-1 vs. IUPUI (Semifinals)
.....	W, 1-0 vs. Youngstown State (Finals)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	19/5
Starters Returning/Lost	8/3
Newcomers	8

Unbeaten through four tough games and winners of the “Challenge Cup” over the past weekend, the Milwaukee women’s soccer team continues its challenging non-league opening to 2023 with a road trip to take on nationally-ranked Arkansas Thursday night. The Razorbacks finished the 2022 season ranked No. 8 and opened the preseason this year in the same spot. Now 2-0-1 on the young season, the team checks in again at No. 8 in the United Soccer Coaches national poll this week (was #10 last week).

The start to the season for the Panthers was also noted nationally, with the team picking up six votes (up from 1) in the United Soccer Coaches national poll this week and now No. 3 in the north regional poll (up from 6).

Following the trip south, the team returns home to play host to Western Illinois Sunday, looking to extend its 18-game (17-0-1) unbeaten streak at Engelmann Stadium.

The Panthers and Arkansas will kick off at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, with the game slated to be streamed on SEC Network+, with Brett Dolan and Kelly Roliard on the call. Sunday’s tilt against the Leathernecks will start at 1 p.m. and Matt Menzl will be covering the action. Both games will also have live statistics and all links are available on the Milwaukee website.

Milwaukee and Arkansas have played just one time in program history, a 5-0 blowout by the Panthers in September of 2001 in which MKE scored in the third minute and kept going.

The Panthers are an unbeaten 8-0-1 all-time against WIU and did not concede a goal in the series prior to 2018 (now 40-1 cumulative total since the series started in 1997). Also included in those results is a 16-0 decision back in 1997 that stands as the most goals scored in a game in school history. The two teams played to a scoreless draw in Macomb the last time these two teams met in 2022.

The Panthers are coming off yet another strong season, claiming the Horizon League regular-season and tournament titles in head coach Kevin Boyd’s first season at the helm. The regular-season title is the seventh in the past eight years for MKE, a span that has seen the team go 64-3-6 in league play. In addition, the team has now won the regular-season title 21 times since 2000 (all but 2020 and 2014) and 22 total times overall. The Panthers also made their 16th appearance in the NCAA Tournament and 15th with the Horizon League’s automatic berth.

IT WAS A B1G W1N

The Panthers topped Minnesota, 1-0, August 24, giving the team a win over an opponent from the Big Ten for the first time since 2011. In that span since topping Wisconsin (2-1 in OT 9/11/2011), the team had posted just two draws in 13 opportunities, the last coming in the form of a 1-1 deadlock against those same Badgers in 2016. The results recently have been very close ... a pair of 3-2 losses to UW and Michigan State last year, as well as two other draws and one-goal losses to the Badgers. The 2013 season was Big Ten-heavy, with the team playing Michigan (twice), Michigan State, and Wisconsin that fall.

UP TO THE CHALLENGE CUP CHALLENGE

The Panthers went 1-0-1 on the weekend to claim the team title in the “Challenge Cup” that was co-hosted with Marquette. Milwaukee claimed a 1-0 win over Minnesota August 24 on a goal by Jenni Andjelic and then overcame a 2-1 deficit in the second half to lead, 3-2, against Denver Sunday before settling for a 3-3 draw. The “Challenge Cup” saw Milwaukee go 1-0-1, Denver 0-0-2, Minnesota 1-1, and Marquette 0-1-1 on the weekend. Lainey Higgins picked up MVP honors, while Kat Van Booven, Clara Broecker, and Andjelic were named to the all-tournament team.

SETTING THE BAR HIGH

The first season for Kevin Boyd as the MKE head coach was an impressive one, despite taking over one of the youngest teams in the country that was returning just two starters and four upperclassmen to the lineup. After opening the campaign at 3-3-1, he led the squad to a 9-0-2 finish the rest of the way before nearly taking down sixth-ranked Michigan State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, losing 3-2 in double-overtime. The

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Boyd brought over 20 years of head-coaching experience with him to Milwaukee, having spent two decades in the Pac-12 as head coach at both Arizona State University and at the University of California, Berkeley. No matter the stop, Boyd has been a proven winner, ranking as the all-time winningest coach during his final campaigns at both Pac-12 programs, while compiling over 200 victories in his career.

Boyd’s 226-152-51 overall record as a head coach at the NCAA Division I level includes 14 appearances in the NCAA Tournament, helping his players move on to the professional level in every pro women’s soccer league that has existed. Boyd comes to the Panthers after spending two seasons as the associate head coach at Washington State, helping lead the Cougars to an overall record of 20-6-7 in that span.

While at WSU he added a 14th overall NCAA Tournament appearance to his resume and a track record with drafted players that is hard to match across the nation. The Cougars have had seven players drafted professionally over the past three seasons, the second-most of any NCAA program in the country.

Boyd is the ninth coach in Milwaukee program history and takes over a program that has made 15 NCAA Tournament appearances, won 21 regular-season league titles and 14 league tournament trophies, reaching the NCAA Tournament in each of the past four seasons, as well as the second round in each of the past two.

Boyd spent 10 seasons as the Sun Devils head coach from 2007-16. During his time at ASU, Boyd guided his team to four NCAA tournaments, including a second-round appearance in 2014. Throughout his time, Boyd would compile a program-best 90 wins while his players would earn 23 all-conference awards.

Prior to Arizona State, Boyd guided the program as the head coach at Cal from 1997-2006. While at Cal, he compiled a school-record 124 wins while leading the team to eight NCAA Tournament appearances. He would lead the Bears to a Pac-10 championship in 1998 in his second season in Berkeley, while in 2005 he was named the conference Coach of the Year after guiding the Bears to the third round of the NCAA Tournament. One of his final recruiting classes included Alex Morgan, who went on to play for the United States National Team and was the first overall pick in the 2011 Women’s Professional Soccer Draft.

More recently, Boyd worked as the Academy Director and Technical Director for Legends FC (2017-2020). With the club, he was charged with running the organization’s US Soccer Development Academy Program, overseeing the Academy II program, while also coaching the Legends WPSL Semi-Professional Team.

Boyd is a graduate of Tri-State University (now Trine University) where he earned All-America honors for his play in the defensive backline. Among his many honors, Boyd earned induction into the Trojans’ Hall of Fame after finishing a professional career that took him to Hamar Kameratena, a Norwegian Elite team in the country’s First Division.

Boyd, and his wife, Kristi, have two children, Keegan and Kaiya.

2023 Milwaukee Women's Soccer Roster

#	Name	Hgt.	Pos.	Year	Hometown	High School/Last College/Major
0	Lilly Hanke	5-9	GK	Fr.	Waukesha, Wis.	Waukesha West/Psychology
1	Parker Donahugh	5-5	GK	Jr.	Mukwonago, Wis.	Mukwonago/Nebraska Methodist/Biomedical Sciences
2	Clara Broecker	5-8	D	Jr.	Afton, Minn.	St. Croix Prep/Mechanical Engineering
3	Stephanie Recinos	5-5	F	R-So.	Corona, Calif.	Centennial/Business Management
4	Lola Wojcik	5-4	MF	R-So.	Mequon, Wis.	Homestead/Kinesiology
5	Ellie Rebmann	5-5	D	Fr.	Libertyville, Ill.	Libertyville/Criminal Justice
6	Cate Cullison	5-11	F	R-So.	Gurnee, Ill.	Warren Township/Nursing
7	Elizabeth Reece	5-4	D/MF	R-So.	Yorktown, Ind.	Yorktown/Chemistry
8	Kat Van Booven	5-7	F	Jr.	Lake St. Louis, Mo.	Timberland/Engineering
9	Maya Wilson	5-6	MF/F	Fr.	Downers Grove, Ill.	Downers Grove South/Business Administration
10	Eva Sikich	5-10	F	R-Fr.	West Vancouver, British Columbia	St. Thomas Aquinas Regional/Communications
11	Ashlyn Skinner-Barrett	5-8	F	R-Fr.	Waukesha, Wis.	Waukesha South/Undecided
12	Alyssa Marceau	5-3	F	R-Fr.	Excelsior, Minn.	Minnetonka/Communications
13	Lainey Higgins	5-7	MF	Jr.	Appleton, Wis.	Appleton East/Kinesiology
14	Emma Famulak	5-9	D	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Forest Hills Eastern/Kinesiology
15	Anna Champine	5-7	D	So.	St. Charles, Ill.	St. Charles East/Business
17	Molly O'Regan	5-8	F	R-So.	Franksville, Wis.	St. Catherine's/Kinesiology
18	Kayla Rollins	5-8	F	Jr.	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Pioneer/Undecided
20	Natalie Scott	5-7	F	Fr.	Salt Lake City, Utah	Real Salt Lake Academy/Criminal Justice
23	Abby Vichich	5-9	MF	Fr.	St. Charles, Ill.	St. Charles North/Architectural Engineering
24	Kristina Karlof	5-10	D	So.	Oslo, Norway	Wang Toppidrett/Undecided
25	Abby Stoeck	5-6	MF	So.	Waukesha, Wis.	Waukesha West/Actuarial Science
26	Senya Meurer	5-6	MF	R-So.	Waukesha, Wis.	Waukesha West/Undecided
27	Izzy Gollette	5-3	F	Gr.	Los Angeles, Calif.	La Mirada / St. Francis/Communications
28	Savannah Sievert	5-6	D	So.	Muskego, Wis.	Wisconsin Lutheran/Accounting
29	Brooke Parnello	5-8	D/MF	Sr.	Rockford, Ill.	Boylan Central Catholic/Criminal Justice
31	Dalina Jonuzi	5-3	D	Fr.	Middleton, Wis.	Middleton/Pre-Dentistry
32	Jada Rivera	5-2	MF	Fr.	Macomb, Mich.	Dakota/Pre-Medicine
33	Kendall Edwards	5-8	GK	R-So.	Libertyville, Ill.	Libertyville/Kinesiology
34	Raegan Michalak	5-6	F	R-Fr.	Oconomowoc, Wis.	Oconomowoc / Valparaiso/Biological Sciences
35	Jaci Merchant	5-6	MF	R-Fr.	Greenwood, Ind.	Warren Central/Communications
36	Katie Swenson	5-9	D	Jr.	Wauwatosa, Wis.	Wauwatosa East/Whitewater/Communications
38	Jenni Andjelic	5-8	MF	So.	New Lenox, Ill.	Lincoln-Way Central/Biomedical Sciences
39	Payton Green	5-2	D	So.	Fox Lake, Ill.	Grant Community/Nursing

2023 Milwaukee Panthers Women's Soccer

2023 Horizon League Statistical Leaders

POINTS

Lidia Nduka, NKE	10
Rylee Vruggink, PFW	7
Shannon Ott, IUPUI	6
Caroline Kelley, IUPUI	6
Kat Van Booven, MKE	5
Kylie Anderson, NKU	5
More tied	5

GOALS-AGAINST AVERAGE

Julia Zangerl, OU	0.00
Brenna Murray, RMU	0.25
Ashton Kudlo, IUPUI	0.62
Brooklyn Kirkpatrick, YSU	0.75
Samantha Castenada, PFW	0.86
Mickayla Kowalski, NKU	1.00

GOALS

Lidia Nduka, NKE	5
Shannon Ott, IUPUI	3
Chloe Wellnad, YSU	3
Kat Van Booven, MKE	2
Lainey Higgins, MKE	2
Kylie Anderson, NKU	2
More tied	2

SAVES

Kiera Sarka, WSU	20
Brenna Murray, RMU	18
Mickayla Kowalski, NKU	18
Brooklyn Kirkpatrick, YSU	17
Kendall Edwards, MKE	16
Jazmine Scott, UDM	13

ASSISTS

Rylee Vruggink, PFW	3
Emma Antoine, IUPUI	3
Rylee Vruggink, PFW	3
Many tied	2

SHUTOUTS

Breann Murray, RMU	3
Mickayla Kowalski, NKU	2
Julia Zangerl, OU	2
Kendall Edwards, MKE	1
Ashton Kudlo, IUPUI	1
Brooklyn Kirkpatrick, YSU	1

Pronunciation Guide

Name	Pronunciation
Jenni Andjelic	An-JELL-ick
Clara Broecker	BRECK-er
Anna Champine	Sham-PINE
Parker Donahugh	DON-a-hue
Emma Famulak	FAM-you-lak
Izzy Gollette	GOAL-ette
Dalina Jonuzi	DAH-leen-ah JAH-nooz-zee
Alyssa Marceau	Mar-SO
Jaci Merchant	Jay-See
Raegan Michalak	Ray-gen (hard g) Mi-HAUL-ick
Senya Meurer	SEN-yah MOY-yer
Molly O'Regan	Oh-REE-gen (hard g)
Stephanie Recinos	Rah-SEE-noce
Savannah Sievert	SEE-vert
Eva Sikich	SICK-ich
Abby Stoeck	STOH-ick
Abby Vichich	VITCH-itch
Lola Wojcik	WOH-check

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RANKINGS ROUND-UP

The Panthers took on a ranked opponent for the 49th time in program history when they battled the #3 Fighting Irish Aug. 17. Overall, Milwaukee is now 4-38-7 against ranked foes, most recently playing a contest against a ranked side last fall when it fell to #6 Michigan State in double-overtime in the NCAA Tournament. The team last recorded a victory in that situation against Xavier in 2021 (a 1-0 decision over a #14 Musketeer squad in the first round of the NCAA Tournament).

The game against the Irish marked the 15th contest against a Top-5 ranked opponent in school history, with the most recent being the NCAA Tournament matchup with #2 Virginia in 2021. The highest-ranked team MKE has ever knocked off was No. 8 Nebraska back in 1998 when the Panthers won, 2-1, in 2OT.

FOR OPENERS

The Panthers did open 2021 against Northern Illinois with a 6-0 victory, moving to 15-15-4 in season openers at the NCAA Division I level after you also add in the 2-0 loss to a Wake Forest team receiving votes in the national poll in 2022 and No. 3 Notre Dame this season. The team has now gone 6-3-3 in season openers the past 12 years, with a 1-0 victory over Western Illinois in 2015 snapping a three-game stretch without a victory. Three seasons ago, MKE opened the campaign with a 5-1 victory over Robert Morris on the road. In addition, the Panthers enter Thursday 18-2 in home openers. Speaking of season debuts, the six goals against NIU in 2021 marked the most in program history for a lid-lifter, topping the five scored against Robert Morris to open the 2020 campaign. Four had not been scored in over 30 years (4-2 over St. Norbert in 1988 and 4-0 over St. Mary's (IN) in 1987), while three has also been recorded on four different occasions.

WE MUST PROTECT THIS HOUSE!!

Milwaukee went 5-1-4 at home back in 2015. Since then, the Panthers have posted an impressive 60-6-5 ledger at Engelmann Stadium (an .880 winning percentage), including perfect 8-0 (in 2022) and 11-0 runs (2019) through home outings and a 13-1 mark at Engelmann in 2021. The team is also 22-1-1 since the start of the 2021 campaign in home games (.938) and carries an 18-game (17-0-1) unbeaten streak into action this week - the last loss a 2-1 double-OT decision to Wisconsin in September of 2021.

PRESEASON POLL

Milwaukee was picked by league coaches to finish first in the 2023 Horizon League regular season. The Panthers tallied 10 first-place votes and 120 points in the coaches' poll to hold down the top spot, with the 93-point total of Oakland coming in second. A year ago the team was picked for second in the league poll - missing out on the top spot for the first time in six seasons. The team went on to claim the regular-season title and then the Horizon League Tournament championship for a fifth consecutive year while appearing in the NCAA Tournament for the 16th time in program history. Back on top of the poll this fall marks a spot they have now held in the conference poll 20 times since 2000, as well as an amazing run of 13 straight from 2000-2012. Purdue Fort Wayne (85 points/third) and Youngstown State (84 points/fourth) wrapped up the nest tier, with the Penguins earning the other first-place vote.

2023 #HLWSOC Preseason Poll

- Pl. Team - Pts. (First-place votes)
1. Milwaukee (10) - 120
 2. Oakland - 93
 3. Purdue Fort Wayne - 85
 4. Youngstown State (1) - 84
 5. Cleveland State - 73
 6. IUPUI - 69
 7. Wright State - 65
 8. Northern Kentucky - 61
 9. Detroit Mercy - 40
 10. RMU - 19
 11. Green Bay - 17

AN IMPRESSIVE LIST TO TOP

Let's be honest, the Panthers have been very good since the start of the 2017 campaign. How good? Well, at 89-12-10 (.847), they actually have the BEST winning percentage in the nation over that span in NCAA play heading into 2023. The only one who had been higher is 2019 & 2017 NCAA National Champion Stanford, but they are now in second at 105-17-8 (.8384) over the same time frame, with 2022

UNITED SOCCER COACHES TOP 25

(AUGUST 29)

#	School	Record
1	UCLA	3-0-0
2	Florida State	2-0-0
3	Stanford	4-0-0
4	North Carolina	2-0-2
5	Alabama	4-0-0
6	Penn State	3-0-1
7	BYU	4-0-0
8	Arkansas	2-0-1
8	Santa Clara	4-0-0
10	Duke	2-1-0
11	Clemson	3-0-1
12	Virginia	3-0-1
13	South Carolina	3-0-1
14	Georgetown	3-0-1
15	Notre Dame	2-0-2
16	Memphis	3-1-0
17	Washington State	4-0-0
18	Texas	3-1-0
19	USC	2-1-0
20	Northwestern	3-0-1
21	Pittsburgh	4-0-0
22	Georgia	1-1-0
23	Saint Louis	3-1-0
24	Gonzaga	3-1-0
25	Xavier	3-1-0

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United Soccer Coaches North Region Poll

(AUGUST 29)

Rk.	School	Record
1	Penn State	1-0-1
2	Michigan State	2-0-0
3	Wisconsin	1-0-1
4	Northwestern	1-0-1
5	Nebraska	1-0-1
6	Milwaukee	1-0-1
7	Indiana	1-0-1
8	Bucknell	0-0-0
9	Minnesota	2-0-0
10	US Naval Academy	1-0-1

National Champion UCLA close behind at 105-15-13 (.8383). No. 4 on that list is now North Carolina (112-19-9/.832), with Georgetown (8913-23/.804), and Duke (91-24-18/.752) to follow.

SETTING THE TONE

Milwaukee saw its long streak of picking up victories after getting on the board first come to a heartbreaking end following the NCAA Tournament contest against Michigan State that closed out the 2022 campaign (MKE was on the board first in the sixth minute). That ended an unbelievable stretch, falling in a game that they scored first in to snap what was an eye-opening 85-0 stretch when being the first team to find the back of the net in a game. That includes the 9-1 mark in 2022, 17-0 in 2021, 9-0 in 2020, 17-0 in 2019, 16-0 in 2018, and 14-0 in 2017. The last time the Panthers lost (or even TIED) a match in which they scored first was the 2016 Horizon League Tournament title game against Northern Kentucky (Nov. 5, 2016), a contest they led 2-0 early before falling, 3-2. They also went 74-2-9 when outshooting their opponent in that same span, getting outshot just 17 times over the six-plus year stretch.

RANKED ONE OF THE BEST

The Soccer Wire website recently ranked the "Top 50 Current NCAA Women's Programs (2023 Edition)", with the list recognizing the highest-ranked women's college soccer programs in the United States over the past five full seasons. In that span, the Panthers have gone an amazing 80-10-9 overall (.854 winning percentage) as well as a near-perfect 42-1-5 (.927 win %) in regular-season Horizon League play. That earned MKE spot No. 39 on the list, ahead of the likes of Ohio State, Michigan, Baylor, Kansas, LSU, Cal, and Arizona, as well as the only Horizon League school represented.

HOW THEY GOT HERE

The Panthers earned the Horizon League's automatic bid by posting a 1-0 shutout of Youngstown State on a day that will be remembered for the crazy weather as much as the championship. Haley Johnson scored the only goal - coming off a kick from near midfield - sending Milwaukee to the crown. They entered the NCAA Tournament on an 11-game unbeaten streak (9-0-2), including wins in seven consecutive contests that wrapped up with a 3-1 victory over IUPUI in the Horizon League Tournament semifinals and a 1-0 shutout over YSU in the title game, led by the only goal of the contest scored by Johnson, who was named the League Tournament Most Valuable Player.

RECINOS MAKING THE MOST OF IT

Stephanie Recinos certainly made the most of her opportunities last season, as she finished fifth on the team in points with eight, coming on the strength of three goals and a pair of assists. The part of this that makes it so impressive is that she has appeared in just 11 games and only played 145 total minutes on the season. In addition, two of her three goals were game-winners, providing the difference against Robert Morris Sept. 18 and Cleveland State Sept. 22.

HIGGINS HIGHLIGHTS

Lainey Higgins put together a career-best performance against IUPUI Oct. 6 of last season, picking up Horizon League Offensive Player of the Week honors after playing a role in all three MKE goals in a 3-0 shutout of the Jaguars. She scored the eventual game-winner in the 60th minute to break open a scoreless affair, lacing the shot into the side netting. She then set up teammates perfectly for goals two and three, assisting Natalie Auble's goal in the 63rd minute with a header while picking up a second assist on a free kick that was headed into the net by Haley Johnson in the 70th to round out the scoring. The four-point (1G/2A) effort marked the second-most for a Panther in a game last season (Molly O'Regan had 2G/1A for 5 points vs. Robert Morris). Higgins went on to lead the Horizon League with a career-high 10 assists, marking the seventh straight season a Panther has paced the conference in assists.

HOO-RAY HORIZON

When it comes to Horizon League openers, the record is quite impressive

2023 RESULTS & GOAL SCORERS

8/6	at Northern Illinois (Exh.)	
8/9	Loyola CHicago (Exh.)	
8/12	at DePaul (Exh.)	
8/17	at #3 Notre Dame	T, 2-2
	-Van Booven (1), Broecker (1)	
8/20	at SIUE	W, 3-1
	-Famulak (1), Higgins (1) , Van Booven (2)	
8/24	Minnesota	W, 1-0
	- Andjelic (1)	
8/27	Denver	T, 3-3
	-Rollins (1), Parnello (1), Higgins (2)	
8/31	at #8 Arkansas	
9/3	Western Illinois	
9/7	Marquette	
9/14	at Cleveland State*	
9/17	Detroit Mercy*	
9/21	Robert Morris*	
9/30	at Northern Kentucky*	
10/5	at Purdue Fort Wayne*	
10/8	Wright State*	
10/12	at Youngstown State*	
10/15	IUPUI*	
10/21	at Oakland*	
10/25	Green Bay*	
10/29	HLT First Round	
11/2	HLT Semifinals	
11/4	HLT Championship	

*Game-winning goal is listed in **BOLD**

all-time. Milwaukee has gone 25-3-1 in opening action (since joining the league in 1994), with a string of 14 wins in a row from 1998 through 2011. The squad had been victories in nine straight as well, before getting knocked off by WSU in 2022.

The Panthers have had a very long line of success when it comes to Horizon League play, claiming the regular-season title in six of the past seven seasons (2015-19/2021) as well as 20 of the past 22 titles overall. In fact, the team has posted a sparkling 58-2-4 ledger (.938 win %) over the past seven campaigns (coming into 2022) in regular-season conference play.

A FAMILIAR LOOK

Following a season in which the team lost 12 players to graduation or transfer and were able to count on just two returning starters on the field, the 2023 roster will have a much more experienced and familiar look.

The team returns eight of its Top 10 point scorers, including team leader Kayla Rollins, who not only led the team with her 20 points and nine goals but also topped the Horizon League in both categories. In addition to Rollins, the Panthers return Lainey Higgins, who led the league with her 10 assists (which finished 14th in the NCAA) and added three goals for 16 points which ranked fourth in the Horizon League. MKE graduated just three regular starters and will have an experienced roster that sees eight players that made at least 11 starts (out of the 19 total games) a year ago including Higgins (all 19), Anna Champine (19), Rollins (17), Senya Meuer (17), Elizabeth Reece (17), Brooke Parnello (16), Clara Broecker (12), and Kendall Edwards (11).

Points: returners accounted for 83 of the 123 points (67.5 percent)
 Goals: 25 of 39 goals (64.1 percent)
 Assists: 33 of 45 assists (73.3 percent)
 Starts: returning players accounted for 51 starts last season.
 Minutes: returning players accounted for 5,830 of 21,175 minutes played (27.5 percent), with just two players that saw the field over 1,000 minutes (Clara Broecker 1,894 and Kat Van Booven 1,104).

GOALKEEPERS KEEP ON KEEPING ON

Another area of strength will be in goal, where Milwaukee returns a pair of players that essentially split the season a year ago. Kendall Edwards ended the season with 11 games played (965:00), posting a 0.84 goals-against average and a 7-2-1 record to go along with an .827 save percentage and six shutouts. Parker Donahugh saw action in nine games (754:07) and was 5-2-2 with four clean sheets, a .789 save percentage, and a 0.95 GAA.

THAT SOUNDS FAMILIAR

Milwaukee recorded a 1-0 victory over Youngstown State in the 2022 Horizon League Tournament to advance to the NCAA Tournament. That 1-0 scoreline has a familiar ring to it, as the team has been simply amazing in games featuring that final score recently. Since 2015, the Panthers have played 36 games that ended 1-0 (either way). Their record? An impressive 31-6 in those pressure-packed outings, including against Minnesota to knock off a quality Big Ten opponent earlier this season.

CATCH THEM IN ACTION

Milwaukee women’s soccer will be available for the viewing pleasure of fans this season, as all nine home games are scheduled to be streamed live on ESPN+ (subject to change due to weather and location). The Horizon League and ESPN have an agreement that includes ESPN hosting the league’s digital network on the ESPN+ platform. ESPN+, which will host the Horizon League women’s soccer, men’s soccer and volleyball championships this fall season, offers fans thousands of live events, on-demand content and original programming not available on ESPN’s linear TV or digital networks. Fans can subscribe to ESPN+ for \$9.99 a month (or \$99.99 per year) and cancel at any time. Launched in April of 2018, ESPN+ is an integrated part of a completely redesigned ESPN App.

THE PANTHERS 2023 RECORD...

Overall	2-0-2
At Home	1-0-1
On the Road	1-0-1
At Neutral Sites	0-0-0
In League Games	0-0-0
In Non-Conference Games	2-0-2
In Overtime	0-0-0
Playing One Overtime	0-0-0
Playing Two Overtimes	0-0-0
When Scoring First	2-0-2
When Leading at Halftime	1-0-1
When Trailing at Halftime	0-0-0
When Tied at Halftime	1-0-1
When Scoring One Goal	1-0-0
When Scoring Two Goals	0-0-1
When Scoring Three+ Goals	1-0-1
When Allowing One Goal	1-0-0
When Allowing Two Goals	0-0-1
When Allowing Three+ Goals	0-0-1
In Shutouts	1-0-0
Outshooting Opponents	1-0-1
Being Outshot	1-0-1
Tied in Shots	0-0-0

PANTHERS IN THE WORLD CUP

For the first time in program history, the Milwaukee women’s soccer program had former players appear in the World Cup. A pair of sisters, Chandler McDaniel and Olivia Davies-McDaniel, were on the roster of the Philippines national team this summer, which is the first male or female squad from the country to qualify for the event. Olivia played in goal for the Panthers from 2016 to 2019, part of a very successful four-year stretch where the team went 62-9-8 overall, including a 32-1-3 record in regular-season Horizon League play. She posted a 1.13 goals-against average as a freshman, and didn’t allow a goal her junior year. Chandler McDaniel played for Milwaukee in 2018 and 2019 after transferring from Virginia Tech and started all 19 games in 2018, finishing the season with one goal and two assists. She made a great first impression, assisting the game-winner in the season opener against Northern Illinois, and helped the team to the NCAA Tournament in 2018 and 2019. Olivia was the hero of the team’s first-ever World Cup victory this summer, as the Philippines shocked co-host New Zealand with a 1-0 victory July 24. Davies-McDaniel secured the win in extra time, making a spectacular save on a shot that would have tied it up with less than three minutes remaining. Florida State had the most former players appearing in the 2023 World Cup at eight, but with two, Milwaukee was tied for 20th.

ON TAP

Milwaukee remains at home to close out the non-conference slate with the city rivalry matchup with Marquette at home, set for a 7 p.m. kickoff Thursday.



2023-24 Milwaukee Women's Soccer Combined Statistics All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
08/17/2023	at Notre Dame	T 2-2	543
08/20/2023	at SIUE	W 3-1	198
08/24/2023	Minnesota	W 1-0	394
08/27/2023	Denver	T 3-3	534

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All Games	2-0-2	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0
Conference	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Non-Conference	2-0-2	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0

Team statistics

	MKE	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	9-51	6-54
Goals scored per game	2.25	1.5
Shot pct.	.176	.111
Shots on goal-Attempts	23-51	23-54
SOG pct.	.451	.426
Shots/Game	12.8	13.5
Assists	6	6
GOAL BREAKDOWN		
Total Goals	9	6
Penalty	1	0
Unassisted	-	-
Overtime	0	0
Goals scored average	2.25	1.5
CORNER KICKS		
	15	17
PENALTY KICKS		
	1-1	0-0
OFFSIDES		
	7	9
PENALTIES		
Fouls	42	44
Yellow cards	3	5
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	928	741
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/464	2/371
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	-

#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	GWG	PK-ATT
8	Van Booven, Kat	4	2	1	5	13	.154	7	.538	0	0-0
13	Higgins, Lainey	4	2	0	4	8	.250	4	.500	1	1-1
29	Parnello, Brooke	4	1	1	3	3	.333	1	.333	0	0-0
2	Broecker, Clara	4	1	1	3	3	.333	2	.667	0	0-0
18	Rollins, Kayla	4	1	0	2	4	.250	2	.500	0	0-0
14	Famulak, Emma	4	1	0	2	3	.333	1	.333	0	0-0
38	Andjelic, Jenni	4	1	0	2	2	.500	1	.500	1	0-0
26	Meurer, Senya	4	0	1	1	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
7	Reece, Elizabeth	4	0	1	1	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
6	Cullison, Cate	4	0	1	1	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
3	Recinos, Stephanie	4	0	0	0	4	.000	1	.250	0	0-0
17	O'Regan, Molly	4	0	0	0	3	.000	1	.333	0	0-0
25	Stoeck, Abby	4	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
39	Green, Payton	4	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
24	Karlof, Kristina	3	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
5	Rebmann, Ellie	3	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
32	Rivera, Jada	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
4	Wojcik, Lola	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
15	Champine, Anna	4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
28	Sievert, Savannah	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
33	Edwards, Kendall	4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
27	Gollette, Izzy	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
20	Scott, Natalie	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
Total		4	9	6	24	51	.176	23	.451	-	1-1
Opponents		4	6	6	18	54	.111	23	.426	-	0-0

#	Goalie	GP	MIN.	GA	GA/AVG	SAVES	PCT	W-L-T	SHO/CBO
33	Edwards, Kendall	4	360:00	6	1.50	16	.727	2-0-2	1/0
TM	TEAM	-	00:00	0	0.00	1	1.000	0-0-0	0/0
Total		4	360:00	6	1.50	17	.739	2-0-2	1
Opponents		4	360:00	9	2.25	14	.609	0-2-2	0

Goals by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
MKE	4	5	0	0	9
Opponents	2	4	0	0	6

Shots by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
MKE	25	26	0	0	51
Opponents	24	30	0	0	54

Saves by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
MKE	8	9	0	0	17
Opponents	6	8	0	0	14

Corners by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
MKE	10	5	0	0	15
Opponents	8	9	0	0	17

Fouls by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
MKE	22	20	0	0	42
Opponents	23	21	0	0	44