



SAINT LOUIS WOMEN'S SOCCER

2024 BILLIKEN GAME NOTES

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GAME 10

#22/24 SLU (5-1-3, 1-0) vs. George Washington (3-4-2, 1-0)

Sunday, September 22, 2024 • 1 p.m.

Robert R. Hermann Stadium • St. Louis, Mo.

2024 Record: 5-1-3

Current Streaks: W3, U4

2024 A-10 Record: 1-0-0

2024 Home Record: 0-1-2

2024 Away Record: 4-0-1

2024 Neutral Record: 1-0-0

Last Game: SLU 1,
at UMass 0 (9/19/24)

Head Coach: Katie Shields
Harvard, 2006
12th season at SLU
Record: 158-60-19 (.707)
Career: Same

SLU Possible Starters

1 Emily Puricelli
6 Audrey Smith
10 Julia Simon
14 Eva Schreiber
16 Hannah Larson
19 Addy Lang
23 Izzy Luebbert
24 Emily Gaebe
25 Lyndsey Heckel
28 Sophia Stram
29 Elise Le

2024 Schedule/Results

8/10	at Evansville (exh.)	W, 4-0
8/15	Kansas City	T, 0-0
8/22	#4/10 BYU	T, 1-1
8/25	at Missouri	W, 2-0
8/29	at Missouri State	W, 4-0
9/1	#12/7 Penn State	L, 1-2
9/6	at Creighton	T, 0-0
9/8	vs. SIUE [^]	W, 6-1
9/12	at #16/13 Xavier	W, 3-2
9/19	at Massachusetts*	W, 1-0
9/22	George Washington*	1 pm
9/26	Loyola Chicago*	7 pm
10/3	Saint Joseph's*	7 pm
10/6	at Duquesne*	Noon CT
10/13	VCU*	1 pm
10/17	at Richmond*	3:30 pm CT
10/20	at La Salle*	Noon CT
10/24	George Mason*	7 pm
10/27	at Dayton*	12:30 pm CT
11/1	A-10 Quarterfinals	TBA
11/6	A-10 Semifinals	TBA
11/10	A-10 Final	TBA

* A-10 game ^ CITYPARK in St. Louis
Opponent rankings are United
Soccer Coaches/Top Drawer Soccer
at the time of the game

SAINT LOUIS IN THE NATIONAL PICTURE

• A 3-2 victory at then-No. 16 Xavier Sept. 12 lifted the Billikens from No. 23 to No. 22 in the United Soccer Coaches poll and back into the Top Drawer Soccer rankings at No. 24.

• SLU's 1-0 win at Massachusetts Sept. 19 boosted the Billikens from their initial No. 47 spot in the NCAA Division I Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) to No. 36. Among the Billikens' non-conference opponents, Penn State is No. 6, Xavier is No. 26, BYU is No. 33 and Creighton is No. 43. Four of SLU's A-10 opponents – Loyola Chicago (No. 41), UMass (No. 59), Duquesne (No. 78) and Dayton (No. 100) – are among the top 100.

• Saint Louis finished 2023 with the No. 11 ranking, the highest end-of-season spot in the United Soccer Coaches' poll in program history. The Bills were No. 12 in the 2024 preseason poll.

GAEBE, PURICELLI COLLECT SECOND A-10 WEEKLY HONORS

• **Emily Gaebe** and **Emily Puricelli** were selected the A-10 Offensive Player of the Week and co-Defensive Player of the Week, respectively, for Sept. 9-15. The honors are the second of the season for both players.

• In addition, Gaebe earned honorable mention on the Top Drawer Soccer Team of the Week.

• In SLU's 3-2 win at Xavier, Gaebe scored the game-winning goal in the 82nd minute, breaking a 2-2 tie, and assisted on SLU's first two goals. Puricelli made 10 saves, most by an A-10 goalkeeper this season and the third-highest total of her career.

BILLIKENS IN THE NCAA, A-10 STATISTICS

• Saint Louis ranks among the nation's top 50 teams in save percentage (.887, 20th), corner kicks per game (6.78, 29th) and shutout percentage (.556, 49th).

• **Emily Gaebe** leads the A-10 in shots on goal per game (2.33, 18th nationally) and total shots per game (4.11, 22nd). Gaebe's 1.67 points per game and two game-winning goals rank 41st and 44th, respectively, in the nation.

• **Emily Puricelli** is 25th in shutouts (four) and 27th in save percentage (.880) among NCAA Division I goalkeepers.

BILLS DISPLAY DEPTH, BALANCE IN THE ATTACK

• Through the first nine games, 10 Billikens have scored at least one goal, and 15 Billikens have recorded at least one point.

• SLU has scored 18 goals, 13 of which have been assisted. A different player combination has accounted for each of the 13 assisted goals.

BILLIKENS CONTINUE IMPRESSIVE CONFERENCE STREAKS

• Saint Louis' 1-0 win at Massachusetts on Thursday extended several Atlantic 10 Conference streaks for the Billikens.

• SLU stretched its A-10 regular-season winning streak to eight games and its A-10 regular-season unbeaten streak to 21 games.

• Including conference tournament games, Saint Louis extended its winning streak vs. A-10 opponents to 11 games and its unbeaten streak vs. league foes to 30 games.

BILLIKENS WELCOME GW FOR A-10 HOME OPENER

• Riding a three-game winning streak and a four-game unbeaten streak, 22nd-ranked Saint Louis begins the second half of the regular season today by hosting George Washington.

• SLU is 5-1-1 in its last seven games, including wins over SIUE (6-1), then-No. 16 Xavier (3-2) and Massachusetts (1-0) in its last three outings. Today, the Billikens are seeking their first win at Hermann Stadium this season.

• George Washington is 2-1-1 in its last four matches, including a 1-0 victory over St. Bonaventure in its A-10 opener.

• A six-game winning streak vs. George Washington has given Saint Louis an 11-3 series lead. The Billikens are 8-1 vs. the Revolutionaries at Hermann Stadium, including a 4-0 victory in 2021 in the teams' most recent meeting. **Emily Gaebe** had a goal and an assist for SLU.

• **Hope Kim** scored her first collegiate goal in the 63rd minute and the Saint Louis defense did the rest as the Billikens began A-10 play with a 1-0 victory at Massachusetts Thursday afternoon. **Ashley Miller** collected her second assist of the season, while **Emily Puricelli** made four saves.

2024 BILLIKEN ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown (High School/Previous College)
0	Becca Wolterman	Jr.	G	5-8	Cincinnati, Ohio (Badin)
00	Nimu Karani	Fr.	G	5-7	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley Northwest)
1	Emily Puricelli	Gr.	G	5-9	St. Louis, Mo. (St. Joseph's Academy)
2	Lucie Schwartz	R-Fr.	F/M	5-7	St. Louis, Mo. (Visitation)
3	Autumn Jackson	R-Fr.	D	5-5	O'Fallon, Mo. (Fort Zumwalt West)
4	Hannah Sawyer	Sr.	F	5-3	Hamilton, Ohio (Hamilton)
5	Hope Kim	Fr.	F	5-8	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley Southwest)
6	Audrey Smith	Fr.	F	5-5	St. Peters, Mo. (Fort Zumwalt South)
7	Isa Moreno	Fr.	D/M	5-4	Johns Creek, Ga. (Greater Atlanta Christian School)
8	Ashley Miller	Fr.	M	5-8	O'Fallon, Mo. (Fort Zumwalt South)
9	Rylee Howard	Jr.	F	5-3	Wildwood, Mo. (Lafayette/Univ. of Wisconsin)
10	Julia Simon	R-Jr.	F/M	5-5	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North/Univ. of Louisville)
11	Nina Preusser	So.	M	5-9	St. Louis, Mo. (Nerinx Hall)
12	Ulla Sharp	Fr.	D	5-7	Edwardsville, Ill. (Edwardsville)
13	Jordan Gary	So.	F	5-5	Collinsville, Ill. (Collinsville)
14	Eva Schreiber	So.	D	5-6	Nashville, Tenn. (Battle Ground Academy)
15	Ellie Paloucek	Jr.	M	5-6	St. Louis, Mo. (Webster Groves)
16	Hannah Larson	R-Sr.	M/F	5-5	Columbia, Mo. (Hickman)
18	Katie Houck	5th	D	5-6	Smithton, Ill. (Freeburg/Univ. of Dayton)
19	Addy Lang	Fr.	M	5-7	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley Southwest)
20	Katelyn Brinkman	Sr.	M/D	5-7	Overland Park, Kan. (Notre Dame de Sion)
21	Camille Welker	Jr.	D	5-7	St. Louis, Mo. (Cor Jesu/Univ. of Iowa)
22	Caigan Leonard	Fr.	F/D	5-7	Cornwall, N.Y. (Cornwall Central)
23	Izzy Luebbert	Jr.	D	5-6	Jefferson City, Mo. (Capital City/Univ. of Arkansas)
24	Emily Gaebe	Sr.	F	5-7	Union, Mo. (Union)
25	Lyndsey Heckel	Gr.	D	5-9	St. Louis, Mo. (Nerinx Hall)
26	Emily Fox	Fr.	F	5-5	Deerfield, Ill. (Deerfield)
27	Sarah Sarnowski	Fr.	F	5-6	Barrington, Ill. (Barrington)
28	Sophia Stram	5th	D	5-6	Kansas City, Mo. (Bishop Miege [Kan.])
29	Elise Le	Gr.	M/D	5-10	Montgomery, Ohio (Ursuline/Xavier Univ.)

Head Coach: Katie Shields (12th season)

Associate Head Coach: Colleen Corbin

Assistant Coaches: Cal McKee, Brionna Halverson

Director of Operations: Mary Niehaus

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#0 – WOLE-ter-man

#00 – NEE-mo kuh-RON-ee

#1 – pur-CHELL-ee

#7 – EE-suh (like Lisa) more-A-no

#11 – PROY-sir

#12 – ULL-uh

#14 – EE-vuh SHRY-ber

#15 – puh-LOO-sek

#18 – HOW-k

#22 – KAY-gun

#23 – LOO-bert

#24 – GAY-be

#28 – Stram (rhymes with Sam)

#29 – Le (rhymes with bay)

Asst. Coach – HAL-ver-son

Dir. of Ops. – NEE-house

SAINT LOUIS GAME NOTES vs. GEORGE WASHINGTON

SLU HAS MOST ALL-AMERICANS, TIED FOR MOST HERMANN TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS ON 2024 DIVISION I TEAMS

- Saint Louis is the only NCAA Division I women's team in 2024 with three United Soccer Coaches All-Americans on its roster.

- The Billikens feature **Lyndsey Heckel**, a first-team selection in 2022 and a second-team choice in 2023, making her the second two-time All-American in program history (**Alli Klug**, 2017-18); **Emily Gaebe**, who collected first-team plaudits in 2023; and **Emily Puricelli**, a third-team pick in 2022.

- Heckel was the first Billiken women's soccer player to garner a place on an All-America first team, while Gaebe became the program's first forward to earn a first-team nod.

- Additionally, SLU is one of only two 2024 Division I women's teams with two former Hermann Trophy semifinalists on its roster, joining Texas (Trinity Byars, Lexi Missimo). Heckel and Gaebe made the 15-player list in 2022 and 2023, respectively.

PURICELLI, GAEBE EARN ATLANTIC 10 WEEKLY HONORS

- **Emily Puricelli** and **Emily Gaebe** were the A-10 Defensive and Offensive Player of the Week, respectively, for Aug. 19-25.

- Puricelli and Gaebe led the Billikens to a 1-1 draw vs. then-No. 4 BYU and a 2-0 victory over Missouri.

- Puricelli totaled 12 saves for the week. She made eight stops in the BYU game, and she earned her second shutout of the season by turning away all four Missouri shots on frame.

- Gaebe tallied a goal in each game. Her first-half goal gave the Billikens a 1-0 lead over BYU, and she provided an insurance goal late in the second half of the Missouri game.

THE BILLIKENS IN 2023 ...

- Made a sixth consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance and advanced to the "Sweet 16" for the first time in program history, defeating Indiana and Georgetown in the first two rounds;

- Earned the program's highest end-of-season ranking in the United Soccer Coaches poll (No. 11) and matched its highest end-of-season standing in the NCAA Division I RPI (No. 10);

- Captured a sixth straight A-10 Tournament title;

- Won the A-10 regular-season title for a fifth time in six seasons;

- Went 19-3-2 overall and 9-0-1 in conference play, posting a fifth undefeated league slate in the past six years;

- Finished among the nation's top 10 in numerous categories, including second in goals per game (3.08) and goal differential (plus-59), fourth in shutout percentage (.625) and fifth in assists per game (2.92);

- Set SLU records for goals (74), assists (70), points (218), goal differential (plus-59), total shots (457), consecutive shutouts (11), consecutive shutout minutes (1099:09) and games (24), and tied SLU marks for longest unbeaten streak (18) and shutouts (15).

17 RETURN FROM 2023 TEAM

- Seven starters and 10 additional players return from the 2023 Billikens.

- Returning starters are goalkeeper **Emily Puricelli**; defenders **Lyndsey Heckel**, **Sophia Stram**, **Katie Houck** and **Izzy Luebbert**; forward **Emily Gaebe**; and midfielder/forward **Hannah Larson**.

- Also back are forwards **Hannah Sawyer** and **Jordan Gary**; forward/midfielders **Julia Simon** and **Lucie Schwartz**; midfielders **Ellie Paloucek** and **Nina Preusser**; midfielder/defender **Katelyn Brinkman**; defenders **Eva Schreiber** and **Autumn Jackson**; and goalkeeper **Becca Wolterman**.

SIX 2023 POSTSEASON HONOREES RETURN

- Six of the nine Billikens who earned postseason honors in 2023 return this season.

- The group includes three A-10 major-award winners – Offensive Player of the Year **Emily Gaebe**, Defensive Player of the Year **Lyndsey Heckel** and Goalkeeper of the Year **Emily Puricelli**. Since 2016, Saint Louis women's soccer players have earned 16 A-10 postseason major awards, including three in three of the past four seasons.

- Gaebe, Heckel and Puricelli went on to collect United Soccer Coaches first-team All-Region accolades. Gaebe and Heckel were named to the United Soccer Coaches All-America first and second teams, respectively.

- Also returning are second-team All-Conference selections **Hannah Larson**, **Sophia Stram** and **Katie Houck**.

- Heckel became one of the first two SLU women's soccer players to earn first-team All-Conference honors four times. She, Puricelli (first team three times, second team once) and Stram (twice each on the first and second teams) are three of nine players in team history with four All-Conference selections.

- Gaebe garnered first-team plaudits for a second time; with a prior second-team nod, she is a three-time All-Conference honoree. Larson is a two-time All-Conference choice (one first, one second).

BILLIKENS WELCOME 13 NEWCOMERS

- Three transfers and 10 freshmen joined the SLU program this season.

- The transfers are midfielder/defender **Elise Le** (Xavier), forward **Rylee Howard** (Wisconsin) and defender **Camille Welker** (Iowa).

- The freshmen are forwards **Emily Fox**, **Hope Kim**, **Sarah Sarnowski** and **Audrey Smith**; midfielders **Addy Lang** and **Ashley Miller**; defender/midfielder **Isa Moreno**; defender **Ulla Sharp**; forward/defender **Caigan Leonard**; and goalkeeper **Nimu Karani**.

SEVERAL BILLIKENS PROMINENT ON CAREER STATISTICS LISTS

- **Emily Puricelli** holds program records for wins (72), shutouts (44) and goalkeeper minutes (8,436). Puricelli is second in saves (309), third in goals against average (0.65) and games started (95), and fourth in games played (95). **Hannah Friedrich** (2018-22) logged a school-record 104 starts, while **Abbie Miller** (2019-23) sits atop the games-played list with 108.

- **Emily Gaebe's** 38 career goals are second on the Billiken list; **Jamie Perry** (2001-04) holds the record of 41. Gaebe stands third with 97 points, also well within reach of Friedrich's school mark of 105. She also is third in shots (251), tied for fourth in game-winning goals (10), seventh in assists (21) and tied for seventh in game-winning assists (seven).

- **Lyndsey Heckel** is fourth in games started (94), tied for fourth in game-winning goals (10) and fifth in games played (94).

- **Sophia Stram** is fifth in games started (91) and sixth in games played (92).

FIVE BILLIKENS RANK HIGH AMONG ACTIVE NCAA LEADERS

- **Emily Puricelli** leads active players across all three NCAA divisions in shutouts (44), goalkeeper minutes (8,436) and games played (95). Among active Division I players, Puricelli is sixth in goals against average (0.65) and eighth in saves (309).

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•**Emily Gaebe** is sixth in points (97), eighth in goals (38) and 23rd in assists (21) among active Division I players. Gaebe is one of only six active Division I players with 30 goals and 20 assists.

•On the games played list for all divisions, **Lyndsey Heckel** is second (94), **Sophia Stram** is fifth (92) and **Katie Houck** is sixth (90).

THREE BILLIKENS LAND ON HERMANN TROPHY WATCH LIST

•**Lyndsey Heckel**, **Emily Gaebe** and **Emily Puricelli** were named to the 2024 Hermann Trophy Watch List.

•SLU tied 2023 national champion Florida State and Texas Tech for the most players on the Watch List.

•Gaebe was one of 15 semifinalists for last year's award, and Heckel was a 2022 semifinalist.

THREE NAMED UNITED SOCCER COACHES "PLAYERS TO WATCH"

•The Billikens placed three players on the United Soccer Coaches "Players to Watch" lists.

•Goalkeeper **Emily Puricelli**, defender **Lyndsey Heckel** and forward **Emily Gaebe** comprise the Saint Louis trio.

TOP DRAWER SOCCER RECOGNIZES FOUR BILLIKENS

•**Lyndsey Heckel**, **Emily Gaebe** and **Emily Puricelli** are included on Top Drawer Soccer's Preseason Best XI teams.

•Heckel was named to the first team, Gaebe landed on the second team, and Puricelli was selected to the third team.

•Heckel (No. 5), Gaebe (No. 17), Puricelli (No. 31) and **Hannah Larson** (No. 46) made the TDS Preseason Top 100.

•Top Drawer Soccer refers to Heckel as "the premier center back in college soccer."

BIG PUNCH RETURNS FROM 2023 OFFENSIVE JUGGERNAUT

•Five of SLU's top seven point-scorers from a year ago are back, part of a returning group who combined to register 46 of the 2023 team's 74 goals (62 percent) and 48 of its 70 assists (69 percent).

•**Emily Gaebe** (school-record 41 points on a school-record 16 goals to go with nine assists), **Hannah Larson** (7-9-23) and **Hannah Sawyer** (10-2-22) are three of the players who gave Saint Louis four 20-point scorers for the first time in program history. Gaebe and Sawyer are two of the players who gave SLU three double-digit goal-scorers for the first time ever.

•**Lyndsey Heckel** (4-4-12) and **Julia Simon** (3-4-10) also finished among the top seven on the Billikens' points chart.

•**Izzy Luebbert** contributed eight assists, just one behind team leaders Gaebe and Larson.

•The 2023 Billikens broke school records for points, goals and assists in their 21st game. The 2022 team, which held the previous marks, set them in 22 games.

... AND DON'T FORGET THE DEFENSE

•SLU concluded the 2023 season by shutting out 13 of its last 16 opponents, part of a school-record-tying 15 clean sheets.

•The Bills set a school mark for consecutive shutout minutes (1099:09).

•The Billikens allowed just 15 goals overall. In 13 games vs. conference opponents (10 in the regular season, three in the A-10 Championship), Saint Louis yielded only one goal.

•The Billikens' plus-59 goal differential set a school record.

BILLS MAKE HERMANN STADIUM A SOCCER FORTRESS

•Saint Louis is 72-9-9 (.850) in its last 90 games on the home pitch of Robert R. Hermann Stadium, a stretch that dates to the final home game of the 2015 campaign.

•In those 90 games, SLU outscored opponents 209-36, posted 57 shutouts, and allowed more than one goal just three times.

•Against A-10 opponents during the 90-game stretch, Saint Louis is 49-1-2 (37-0-2 regular season, 12-1-0 A-10 tournament) at Hermann Stadium.

•Last season, the Billikens were 10-1-1 with nine clean sheets and a 43-3 scoring advantage at Hermann.

•SLU's last home loss to a conference foe occurred Oct. 28, 2017, vs. Saint Joseph's in the A-10 Championship first round. The Bills' last A-10 regular-season home loss was Oct. 22, 2015, also vs. Saint Joseph's. SLU is unbeaten in 40 regular-season league matches at home since then.

HOME-GROWN TALENT PROMINENT ON BILLIKEN ROSTER

•Seven different states – Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Ohio, Tennessee, New York and Georgia – are represented on the 2024 Saint Louis roster, but the Billikens' team is composed largely of local and state-of-Missouri players.

•Of SLU's 30 players, 14 are from the St. Louis area (including three from just across the Mississippi River in Illinois), and 14 are from Missouri.

HEAD COACH KATIE SHIELDS

•Now in her 12th season leading the Billikens, 2018, 2019 and 2022 Atlantic 10 Conference Coach of the Year **Katie Shields** owns a 158-60-19 career record (all at Saint Louis). Shields' .707 career winning percentage ranks 21st among active NCAA Division I women's soccer coaches.

•In addition to the 2022 A-10 coaching honor, Shields and her staff were selected the 2022 East Region Coaching Staff of the Year by United Soccer Coaches, the second such honor for SLU in three seasons.

•Shields, who spent one year as a SLU assistant before becoming head coach, has guided the Bills to a league-best 136-31-14 mark since the start of the 2016 season. Her .790 winning percentage during that span ranks third among all active Division I women's soccer coaches and is the top mark among active female Division I women's soccer coaches.

•Shields' record since 2016 includes an 85-8-5 (.893) ledger vs. A-10 opponents (including conference tournament games).

•Shields' Billikens played in a sixth straight NCAA Championship last year after extending the A-10 women's soccer record for consecutive league tournament championships to six.

•The Billikens also made history four seasons ago when they became the first A-10 women's soccer team to capture both regular-season and tournament titles in three consecutive years.

•Shields' players have earned All-America honors seven times, All-Region plaudits 29 times and Atlantic 10 accolades (first team, second team, All-Rookie) 72 times. In addition, Billikens have been selected A-10 Defensive Player of the Year seven times (seven of the past eight seasons), Midfielder of the Year three times, Offensive Player of the Year three times (including each of the past two seasons), Rookie of the Year twice and Goalkeeper of the Year once (award was initiated in 2023).

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SAINT LOUIS IN 29TH SEASON OF WOMEN'S SOCCER

- The 2024 season is the 29th in SLU women's soccer history.
- The Billikens are 339-176-62 for a .641 winning percentage.
- In conference play (Conference USA 1996-2004, Atlantic 10 since 2005), SLU is 175-71-27 (.690).
- Saint Louis has captured 16 conference championships (eight regular-season, eight tournament) and has made eight NCAA Championship appearances (2005, 2006, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023). The 2023 team became the first in program history to reach the round of 16. The 2005, 2006 and 2021 teams reached the second round with first-round wins; the 2020 Billikens (season played in spring 2021) were seeded into the second round in an abbreviated 48-team tournament field.
- The 2023 team produced a 19th winning season for the program and was the 10th team in program history to have a .750 or higher winning percentage. It also was the ninth Billiken women's soccer team to win 15 or more games.

REMARKABLE OFFENSIVE BALANCE CONTINUED IN 2023

- As they have for the past several years, the Billikens spread the wealth in their attack in 2023.
- Twenty-three of the 24 field players who saw action – a Division I-best 95.8 percent – had at least one point.
- A school-record 18 of those 24 players had at least one goal; the 75 percent ranked second in the nation to Santa Clara.
- Of SLU's 74 goals, 57 were assisted. Forty-nine different player combinations accounted for those 57 assisted goals.
- The balance also was evident in postseason play. In six postseason games – three each in the A-10 Championship and NCAA Championship – eight players had at least one goal, and 12 players had at least one point.

FACING TOP TEAMS BECOMING ROUTINE FOR BILLIKENS

- Combining the 2022 and 2023 seasons, Saint Louis played nine opponents who were among the top 30 in the 2023 final NCAA RPI.
- A year ago, SLU faced BYU, Brown, Nebraska, Xavier, Georgetown and Penn State. The Bills played Notre Dame and Arkansas in the 2022 regular season and Memphis in the NCAA Championship.

CORNERING THE OPPOSITION

- SLU earned a remarkable 156-63 edge in corner kicks in 2023. The Billikens scored on a corner kick in 10 of their 13 games vs. A-10 opponents.

BILLIKENS' VETERAN PLAYERS HEAVILY DECORATED

- Postseason accolades have been plentiful for Saint Louis in recent seasons, and players on this year's team have collected their fair share.
- The 2024 Billiken squad includes seven players who have combined to capture 57 postseason awards (A-10 conference and United Soccer Coaches All-America and All-Region recognition, plus Hermann Trophy consideration).
- Here is a breakdown by player:

EMILY PURICELLI

All-America – 2022 (3rd)
All-Region – 2020 (2nd), 2022 (1st), 2023 (1st)
A-10 Goalkeeper of the Year – 2023
A-10 Defensive Player of the Year – 2020
All-Conference – 2020 (1st), 2021 (1st), 2022 (2nd), 2023 (1st)
A-10 Championship All-Tournament – 2020, 2021, 2023
A-10 All-Rookie – 2020

LYNDSEY HECKEL

All-America – 2022 (1st), 2023 (2nd)
All-Region – 2022 (1st), 2023 (1st)
MAC Hermann Trophy Semifinalist – 2022
A-10 Defensive Player of the Year – 2023
All-Conference – 2020 (1st), 2021 (1st), 2022 (1st), 2023 (1st)
A-10 Championship Most Outstanding Player – 2022
A-10 Championship All-Tournament – 2021, 2022, 2023
A-10 All-Rookie – 2020

HANNAH LARSON

All-Region – 2020 (2nd)
All-Conference – 2020 (1st), 2023 (2nd)
A-10 Championship All-Tournament – 2020, 2022, 2023
A-10 All-Rookie – 2020

SOPHIA STRAM

All-Conference – 2020 (1st), 2021 (2nd), 2022 (1st), 2023 (2nd)
A-10 Championship All-Tournament – 2022
A-10 All-Rookie – 2020

EMILY GAEBE

All-America – 2023 (1st)
All-Region – 2022 (3rd), 2023 (1st)
MAC Hermann Trophy Semifinalist – 2023
A-10 Offensive Player of the Year – 2023
A-10 Rookie of the Year – 2021
All-Conference – 2021 (2nd), 2022 (1st), 2023 (1st)
A-10 Championship All-Tournament – 2023
A-10 All-Rookie – 2021

HANNAH SAWYER

A-10 Championship All-Tournament – 2023
A-10 All-Rookie – 2021

KATIE HOUCK

All-Conference – 2023 (2nd)
A-10 Championship All-Tournament – 2022

RANKINGS

2024 ATLANTIC 10 STANDINGS

Team	A-10	Points	Overall
Fordham	1-0-0	3	6-2-1
Loyola Chicago	1-0-0	3	6-2-1
SAINT LOUIS	1-0-0	3	5-1-3
Rhode Island	1-0-0	3	4-3-2
Richmond	1-0-0	3	3-3-2
George Washington	1-0-0	3	3-4-2
VCU	1-0-0	3	2-6-0
Saint Joseph's	0-0-0	0	4-2-2
Duquesne	0-1-0	0	6-2-0
Dayton	0-1-0	0	6-3-0
La Salle	0-1-0	0	5-2-2
Massachusetts	0-1-0	0	5-3-1
Davidson	0-1-0	0	4-3-2
George Mason	0-1-0	0	2-6-2
St. Bonaventure	0-1-0	0	1-7-1

Other Games Today

Richmond at Dayton
George Mason at VCU
Massachusetts at St. Bonaventure
Davidson at Duquesne
Saint Joseph's at La Salle
Loyola Chicago at Fordham

NCAA DIVISION I ADJUSTED RPI TOP 50

September 20

1. Michigan State	26. Xavier
2. North Carolina	27. Minnesota
3. Wake Forest	28. Santa Clara
4. Florida State	29. Virginia Tech
5. Auburn	30. Colorado
6. Penn State	31. South Carolina
7. Ohio State	32. Army West Point
8. USC	33. BYU
9. Arkansas	34. Texas
10. Stanford	35. West Virginia
11. Notre Dame	36. SAINT LOUIS
12. Iowa	37. Connecticut
13. Pittsburgh	38. TCU
14. Virginia	39. Wisconsin
15. Duke	40. Buffalo
16. Oklahoma	41. Loyola Chicago
17. Mississippi State	42. Indiana
18. Utah State	43. Creighton
19. Kentucky	44. LSU
20. Pepperdine	45. Baylor
21. UCLA	46. Liberty
22. Tennessee	47. Vanderbilt
23. Rutgers	48. Rice
24. Oklahoma State	49. Clemson
25. Georgetown	50. Purdue

UNITED SOCCER COACHES TOP 25

September 17

Team (1st-place votes)	Pts
1. Stanford (8)	200
2. Florida State	183
3. Arkansas	176
Duke	176
5. Michigan State	171
6. Auburn	167
7. Utah State	143
8. North Carolina	139
9. Penn State	124
10. Santa Clara	119
11. Texas	105
12. Oklahoma State	102
13. Wake Forest	95
14. Virginia	93
15. Memphis	76
16. Notre Dame	73
17. Ohio State	72
18. Iowa	68
19. Pepperdine	57
20. Kentucky	50
21. Colorado	47
22. SAINT LOUIS	46
23. Xavier	37
24. Mississippi State	23
25. USC	12

Also receiving votes: Central Florida (11), Georgetown (10), UCLA (9), Tennessee (8), Oklahoma (3), Virginia Tech (3), Liberty (2)

UNITED SOCCER COACHES EAST REGION

1. SAINT LOUIS
2. Xavier
3. Georgetown
4. Connecticut
5. Harvard
6. Princeton
7. Creighton
8. Butler
9. Massachusetts
10. Dayton

TOP DRAWER SOCCER TOP 25

September 16

1. Stanford
2. Auburn
3. Florida State
4. Texas
5. Arkansas
6. North Carolina
7. Kentucky
8. Virginia
9. Penn State
10. Michigan State
11. Memphis
12. Oklahoma State
13. Pittsburgh
14. Utah State
15. Wake Forest
16. Notre Dame
17. UCLA
18. Xavier
19. Georgia
20. Iowa
21. Duke
22. Mississippi State
23. Tennessee
24. SAINT LOUIS
25. Santa Clara

2024 ATLANTIC 10 PRESEASON POLL

1. SAINT LOUIS (15)
2. Dayton
3. VCU
4. Massachusetts
5. La Salle
6. Duquesne
7. Saint Joseph's
8. Loyola Chicago
9. Rhode Island
10. Fordham
11. Richmond
12. St. Bonaventure
13. George Mason
14. George Washington
15. Davidson

1st-place votes in parentheses

Preseason All-Conference

Emily Puricelli
Lyndsey Heckel
Sophia Stram
Hannah Larson
Emily Gaebe
Hannah Sawyer

BILLIKEN CAREER LISTS

Points

1. Hannah Friedrich	2018-22	105
2. Jamie Perry	2001-04	104
3. Emily Gaebe	2021-24	97
4. Dee Guempel	2003-06	81
5. Jenny Kehl	1999-2002	78
Trisha Underberg	1996-99	78
7. Caroline Kelly	2020-23	75
8. Cassi Winchell	2004-07	72
9. Maureen Hughes	2003-06	69
10. Abbie Miller	2019-23	65

Goals

1. Jamie Perry	2001-04	41
2. Emily Gaebe	2021-24	38
3. Caroline Kelly	2020-23	31
Hannah Friedrich	2018-22	31
5. Cassi Winchell	2004-07	29
6. Trisha Underberg	1996-99	28
7. Maureen Hughes	2003-06	25
Dee Guempel	2003-06	25
9. Abbie Miller	2019-23	24
Maddie Pokorny	2015-18	24

Assists

1. Hannah Friedrich	2018-22	43
2. Courtney Hulcer	2003-06	37
3. Jenny Kehl	1999-2002	34
4. Dee Guempel	2003-06	31
5. Jamie Perry	2001-04	22
Trisha Underberg	1996-99	22
7. Emily Gaebe	2021-24	21
8. Anna Walsh	2019-22	19
Maureen Hughes	2003-06	19
10. Emily Groark	2019-23	18
Evie Lavelle	2016-19	18

Shots

1. Hannah Friedrich	2018-22	261
Jamie Perry	2001-04	261
3. Emily Gaebe	2021-24	251
4. Dee Guempel	2003-06	238
5. Maddie Pokorny	2015-18	230
6. Courtney Hulcer	2003-06	203
7. Cassi Winchell	2004-07	194
8. Caroline Kelly	2020-23	184
9. Trisha Underberg	1996-99	176
10. Kelly Waeckerle	2006-09	160

Game-Winning Goals

1. Hannah Friedrich	2018-22	15
2. Abbie Miller	2019-23	11
Jamie Perry	2001-04	11
4. Lyndsey Heckel	2020-24	10
Emily Gaebe	2021-24	10
Alyssa Seitzer	2016-19	10
Dee Guempel	2003-06	10
Kelly Ferguson	2002-05	10
9. Julia Bradenberg	2006-09	9
Maureen Hughes	2003-06	9
Katie Stewart	1996-99	9
Trisha Underberg	1996-99	9

Game-Winning Assists

1. Courtney Hulcer	2003-06	21
2. Hannah Friedrich	2018-22	18
3. Dee Guempel	2003-06	13
4. Courtney Reimer	2016-19	8
Maureen Hughes	2003-06	8
Kathy Musschoot	1999-2000	8
7. Emily Gaebe	2021-24	7
Emily Groark	2019-23	7
Jenny Kehl	1999-2002	7
10. Caroline Kelly	2020-23	6
Anna Walsh	2019-22	6
Evie Lavelle	2016-19	6
Cassi Winchell	2004-07	6
Kathleen Schager	1997-2000	6
Jamie Perry	2001-04	6

Games Started

1. Hannah Friedrich	2018-22	104
2. Brionna Halverson	2017-22	100
3. Emily Puricelli	2020-24	95
4. Lyndsey Heckel	2020-24	94
5. Sophia Stram	2020-24	91
6. Courtney Hulcer	2003-06	85
7. Abbie Miller	2019-23	84
8. Jamie Perry	2001-04	83
9. Emily Groark	2019-23	82
10. Kelly Ferguson	2002-05	81

Games Played

1. Abbie Miller	2019-23	108
2. Hannah Friedrich	2018-22	105
3. Brionna Halverson	2017-22	101
4. Emily Puricelli	2020-24	95
5. Lyndsey Heckel	2020-24	94
6. Sophia Stram	2020-24	92
7. Alli Klug	2016-19	86
Evie Lavelle	2016-19	86
Tara Gresco	2003-06	86
Maureen Hughes	2003-06	86
Courtney Hulcer	2003-06	86

Goals Against Avg. (2,500+ mins.)

1. Mary Niehaus	2016-17, 19	0.56
2. Amanda Martin	2003-05	0.65
3. Emily Puricelli	2020-24	0.65
4. Hannah Perry	2008-09	0.80
5. Meghann Burke	1999-2002	0.89
6. Katie Walsh	2010-12	1.14
7. Hannah Koesterer	2006-09	1.18
8. Jen Toth	1997-98	1.30
9. Hanna Benben	2012-15	1.31

Goalkeeper Wins

1. Emily Puricelli	2020-24	72
2. Meghann Burke	1999-2002	48
3. Mary Niehaus	2016-17, 19	45
4. Amanda Martin	2003-05	34
5. Hanna Benben	2012-15	21
6. Hannah Koesterer	2006-09	20
7. Hannah Perry	2008-09	18
8. Olivia Silverman	2016-18	17
9. Katie Grellinger	1996-99	15
10. Katie Walsh	2010-12	14

Goalkeeper Saves

1. Meghann Burke	1999-2002	347
2. Emily Puricelli	2020-24	309
3. Katie Walsh	2010-12	243
4. Hanna Benben	2012-15	219
5. Amanda Martin	2003-05	197
6. Mary Niehaus	2016-17, 19	185
7. Jen Toth	1997-98	171
8. Hannah Perry	2008-09	121
9. Hannah Koesterer	2006-09	103
10. Katie Grellinger	1996-99	72

Goalkeeper Minutes

1. Emily Puricelli	2020-24	8,436
2. Meghann Burke	1999-2002	7,602
3. Mary Niehaus	2016-17, 19	5,493
4. Katie Walsh	2010-12	5,151
5. Hanna Benben	2012-15	4,729
6. Amanda Martin	2003-05	4,157
7. Hannah Perry	2008-09	3,621
8. Jen Toth	1997-98	3,115
9. Hannah Koesterer	2006-09	2,893
10. Olivia Silverman	2016-18	2,106

Goalkeeper Shutouts

1. Emily Puricelli	2020-24	44
2. Meghann Burke	1999-2002	38
3. Mary Niehaus	2016-17, 19	30
4. Katie Walsh	2010-12	20
5. Amanda Martin	2003-05	19
6. Hannah Perry	2008-09	18
7. Olivia Silverman	2016-18	11
8. Hannah Koesterer	2006-09	10
Katie Grellinger	1996-99	10
10. Jen Toth	1997-98	9

2024 OVERALL STATISTICS

Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
5 - 1 - 3	1 - 0 - 0	0 - 1 - 2	4 - 0 - 1	1 - 0 - 0

Team Box Score

No.	Player	GP-GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	YC	RC	GWG	PK-ATT	FG	OT	HAT	GTG	FOUL
24	Gaebe, Emily	9-9	551	6	3	15	37	.162	21	.568	0	0	2	0-1	2	0	0	0	9
16	Larson, Hannah	9-9	553	1	3	5	14	.071	7	.500	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	7
4	Sawyer, Hannah	7-2	278	2	0	4	13	.154	6	.462	2	0	1	0-0	1	0	0	0	8
6	Smith, Audrey	7-4	272	2	0	4	5	.400	4	.800	2	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2
10	Simon, Julia	8-8	321	2	0	4	5	.400	3	.600	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
5	Kim, Hope	9-2	256	1	1	3	5	.200	2	.400	0	0	1	0-0	1	0	0	0	4
25	Heckel, Lyndsey	9-9	735	1	1	3	4	.250	1	.250	0	0	1	1-1	1	0	0	0	5
29	Le, Elise	9-9	715	1	0	2	5	.200	1	.200	1	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0
2	Schwartz, Lucie	6-1	156	1	0	2	5	.200	2	.400	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
26	Fox, Emily	5-1	105	1	0	2	2	.500	2	1.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
8	Miller, Ashley	8-1	298	0	2	2	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4
23	Luebbert, Izzy	8-6	473	0	1	1	6	.000	4	.667	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
18	Houck, Katie	8-8	393	0	1	1	3	.000	2	.667	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	7
11	Preusser, Nina	4-0	102	0	1	1	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Howard, Rylee	5-0	89	0	1	1	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
27	Sarnowski, Sarah	7-1	192	0	0	0	7	.000	4	.571	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
20	Brinkman, Katelyn	9-1	267	0	0	0	3	.000	1	.333	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Leonard, Caigan	6-0	101	0	0	0	3	.000	2	.667	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Lang, Addy	8-6	376	0	0	0	2	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
14	Schreiber, Eva	9-4	523	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
13	Gary, Jordan	9-0	243	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4
21	Welker, Camille	3-0	73	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
1	Puricelli, Emily	9-9	765	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Stram, Sophia	9-9	757	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
15	Paloucek, Ellie	2-0	40	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
00	Karani, Nimu	2-0	28	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Sharp, Ulla	2-0	31	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Moreno, Isa	2-0	31	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		9	-	18	14	50	124	.145	63	.508	9	0	-	2-3	5	0	0	-	75
Opponents		9	-	6	6	18	102	.059	53	.520	9	0	-	0-0	2	0	0	-	79

			Goal Average			Saves		Record			
No.	Goalie	GP-GS	MINS	GA	GA AVG	SAVES	PCT	W	L	T	SHO/CBO
1	Puricelli, Emily	9-9	764:15	6	0.71	44	.880	5	1	3	4/1
00	Karani, Nimu	2-0	27:44	0	0.00	1	1.000	0	0	0	0/1
TM	TEAM	-	00:00	0	0.00	2	1.000	0	0	0	1/0
Total		9	791:59	6	0.68	47	.887	5	1	3	5
Opponents		9	791:59	18	2.05	45	.714	1	5	3	2

Goals by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
SLU	7	11	0	0	18
Opponents	3	3	0	0	6

Corners by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
SLU	26	35	0	0	61
Opponents	16	21	0	0	37

Shots by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
SLU	55	69	0	0	124
Opponents	49	53	0	0	102

Fouls by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
SLU	28	47	0	0	75
Opponents	43	36	0	0	79

Saves by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
SLU	21	26	0	0	47
Opponents	23	22	0	0	45

Attendance Summary

	SLU	Opponents
Total	6265	5542
Dates/Avg Per Date	3 / 2088	5 / 1108
Neutral Site #/Avg	1 / 1500	

2024 A-10 STATISTICS

Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
1 - 0 - 0	1 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0	1 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0

Team Box Score

No.	Player	GP-GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	YC	RC	GWG	PK-ATT	FG	OT	HAT	GTG	FOUL
5	Kim, Hope	1-0	32	1	0	2	3	.333	2	.667	0	0	1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
8	Miller, Ashley	1-0	47	0	1	1	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Sawyer, Hannah	1-0	61	0	0	0	5	.000	1	.200	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
24	Gaebe, Emily	1-1	63	0	0	0	3	.000	1	.333	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
23	Luebbert, Izzy	1-1	80	0	0	0	2	.000	2	1.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Larson, Hannah	1-1	55	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Smith, Audrey	1-1	42	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Schreiber, Eva	1-1	90	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Le, Elise	1-1	90	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Brinkman, Katelyn	1-0	16	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Simon, Julia	1-1	37	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Schwartz, Lucie	1-0	35	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
13	Gary, Jordan	1-0	11	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Stram, Sophia	1-1	90	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
1	Puricelli, Emily	1-1	90	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Heckel, Lyndsey	1-1	90	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
19	Lang, Addy	1-1	41	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Leonard, Caigan	1-0	11	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Fox, Emily	1-0	17	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Total		1	-	1	1	3	18	.056	7	.389	0	0	-	0-0	1	0	0	-	7
Opponents		1	-	0	0	0	5	.000	4	.800	1	0	-	0-0	0	0	0	-	9

			Goal Average			Saves		Record			
No.	Goalie	GP-GS	MINS	GA	GA AVG	SAVES	PCT	W	L	T	SHO/CBO
1	Puricelli, Emily	1-1	90:00	0	0.00	4	1.000	1	0	0	1/0
TM	TEAM	-	00:00	0	0.00	0	.000	0	0	0	0/0
Total		1	90:00	0	0.00	4	1.000	1	0	0	1
Opponents		1	90:00	1	1.00	6	.857	0	1	0	0

Goals by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
SLU	0	1	0	0	1
Opponents	0	0	0	0	0

Corners by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
SLU	1	2	0	0	3
Opponents	1	1	0	0	2

Shots by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
SLU	10	8	0	0	18
Opponents	2	3	0	0	5

Fouls by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
SLU	5	2	0	0	7
Opponents	5	4	0	0	9

WHAT'S A BILLIKEN?



The Billiken was born Oct. 8, 1908, when Kansas City art teacher and illustrator Florence Pretz patented a design for an elflike creature with pixie ears, a mischievous smile and a tuft of hair on his pointed head. Reportedly, the image came to her in a dream.

Although it didn't appear on the actual patent, some believe Pretz found the Billiken name in a fanciful work entitled, "Mr. Moon: A Song of the Little People," by Canadian poets Bliss Carman and Richard Hovey.

Within a short time, Pretz sold her patented image to

the Billiken Company of Chicago. Initially manufactured as a bank and statuette, and later as a doll, this good luck charm soon became a national craze. By 1911, the Billiken's likeness adorned everything from marshmallow candies to hood ornaments.

In his heyday, the Billiken enjoyed worldwide fame. Artisans in Alaska began carving his image into ivory, and in Japan, he appeared in shrines, amusement parks and even a movie.

Like many other fads, the Billiken might have faded into obscurity if it were not for Saint Louis University law student John Bender, who also happened to be the coach of SLU's football team during the height of Billikenmania.

One story claims that nearby drugstore owner Billy Gunn called Bender a Billiken when the coach walked into his establishment one day. Supposedly, legendary sportswriter William O'Connor was within earshot of the remark and took up the moniker not only for Bender but also for SLU's sports teams.

Another tale claims O'Connor himself dubbed the coach a Billiken after a particularly good practice left Bender beaming with a big smile. After practice, Bender's fellow law student Charles Z. McNamara, a local cartoonist, sketched Bender as a Billiken, posted it in Gunn's drugstore window and tabbed the football team "Bender's Billikens."

Yet another yarn reports that the druggist asked McNamara to decorate his store window the night before a homecoming game. Supposedly, McNamara drew a Billiken, a popular good luck charm, causing one of his fellow students to exclaim, "That looks like coach Bender!"

Whatever the case, O'Connor is generally credited for popularizing the name throughout the city, but one fact flies in the face of this legend and lore. O'Connor did not join the St. Louis Post-Dispatch until Nov. 26, 1911, one full month after the newspaper first mentioned "Bender's Billikens."

Regardless of how the story is told or whether his mysterious origins are ever finally resolved, the Billiken remains a good luck charm for Saint Louis University's sports teams and always brings smiles to the faces of SLU fans.

Legend has it that the Billiken has three kinds of luck – good, better and best. Buying a Billiken gives the buyer good luck. To have one given to you is better luck. The best luck comes if the Billiken is stolen.

SAINT LOUIS WOMEN'S SOCCER YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	Overall / Conference	Head Coach	Championships	Postseason
1996	12-6-2 (.650) / 6-3-0 (.667)	Tim Champion		C-USA semifinals
1997	11-5-3 (.658) / 4-4-1 (.500)	Tim Champion		C-USA quarterfinals
1998	7-12-1 (.375) / 4-7-0 (.364)	Tim Champion		C-USA quarterfinals
1999	14-3-3 (.775) / 8-1-2 (.818)	Tim Champion	C-USA regular season	C-USA quarterfinals
2000	13-5-3 (.690) / 8-0-3 (.864)	Tim Champion		C-USA semifinals
2001	8-10-1 (.447) / 5-4-1 (.550)	Tim Champion		C-USA quarterfinals
2002	13-6-1 (.675) / 6-3-1 (.650)	Tim Champion		C-USA quarterfinals
2003	14-5-3 (.705) / 6-3-1 (.650)	Tim Champion		C-USA final
2004	15-6-1 (.705) / 9-1-0 (.900)	Tim Champion	C-USA regular season	C-USA final
2005	16-5-0 (.762) / 8-0-0 (1.000)	Tim Champion	A-10 tournament & regular season	NCAA second round
2006	15-4-2 (.762) / 7-2-0 (.778)	Tim Champion	A-10 tournament	NCAA second round
2007	10-6-2 (.611) / 7-2-2 (.727)	Tim Champion		A-10 quarterfinals
2008	11-6-4 (.619) / 6-4-1 (.591)	Tim Champion		A-10 semifinals
2009	8-9-4 (.476) / 4-4-3 (.500)	Tim Champion		A-10 semifinals
2010	4-9-6 (.368) / 3-5-1 (.389)	Tim Champion		
2011	5-10-3 (.361) / 3-5-1 (.389)	Tim Champion		
2012	5-9-4 (.389) / 3-4-2 (.444)	Kat Mertz		
2013	6-10-3 (.395) / 5-2-1 (.688)	Katie Shields		A-10 quarterfinals
2014	8-10-0 (.444) / 3-5-0 (.375)	Katie Shields		
2015	8-9-2 (.474) / 2-6-2 (.300)	Katie Shields		
2016	14-4-2 (.750) / 7-1-2 (.800)	Katie Shields		A-10 quarterfinals
2017	15-3-2 (.800) / 7-2-1 (.750)	Katie Shields		A-10 quarterfinals
2018	18-4-1 (.804) / 10-0-0 (1.000)	Katie Shields	A-10 tournament & regular season	NCAA first round
2019	17-4-2 (.783) / 9-0-1 (.950)	Katie Shields	A-10 tournament & regular season	NCAA first round
2020	15-1-1 (.912) / 8-0-0 (1.000)	Katie Shields	A-10 tournament & regular season	NCAA second round
2021	13-9-1 (.587) / 7-3-0 (.700)	Katie Shields	A-10 tournament	NCAA second round
2022	20-2-0 (.909) / 10-0-0 (1.000)	Katie Shields	A-10 tournament & regular season	NCAA first round
2023	19-3-2 (.833) / 9-0-1 (.950)	Katie Shields	A-10 tournament & regular season	NCAA third round
2024	5-1-3 (.722) / 1-0-0 (1.000)	Katie Shields		
Totals	339-176-62 (.641) / 175-71-27 (.690)			

PLAYER YEAR-BY-YEAR STATISTICS

#25 – LYNDSEY HECKEL

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2020	17/17	7	3	2	1	5	0	0	1579
2021	23/23	25	9	5	0	10	3	0	2070
2022	21/21	18	9	6	1	13	3	0	1718
2023	24/24	19	8	4	4	12	3	1	1927
2024	9/9	4	1	1	1	3	1	0	735
Totals	94/94	73	30	18	7	43	10	1	8029

#1 – EMILY PURICELLI

Year	GP/GS	MINS	SVS	SV%	ShO	GA	GAA	W-L-T
2020	17/17	1575:29	52	.852	8	9	0.51	15-1-1
2021	23/23	2049:34	72	.774	8	21	0.92	13-9-1
2022	22/22	1940:08	46	.821	13/2	10	0.46	20-2-0
2023	24/24	2106:20	95	.864	11/4	15	0.64	19-3-2
2024	9/9	764:15	44	.880	4/1	6	0.71	5-1-3
Totals	95/95	8435:46	309	.835	44	61	0.65	72-16-7

#28 – SOPHIA STRAM

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2020	17/17	8	5	3	2	8	1	0	1516
2021	22/21	11	3	0	1	1	0	0	1939
2022	21/21	15	7	3	2	8	2	1	1789
2023	23/23	18	9	2	4	8	1	2	1887
2024	9/9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	757
Totals	92/91	52	24	8	9	25	4	3	7888

#16 – HANNAH LARSON

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2020	16/16	36	17	8	1	17	3	0	1235
2021	DNP - injury								
2022	18/18	23	12	5	4	14	2	1	977
2023	24/24	42	23	7	9	23	2	2	1393
2024	9/9	14	7	1	3	5	0	1	553
Totals	67/67	115	59	21	17	59	7	4	4158

#18 – KATIE HOUCK

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2020*	14/14	9	2	0	2	2	0	0	995
2021	23/23	9	7	0	1	1	0	0	1645
2022	21/21	18	6	1	2	4	0	2	1302
2023	24/24	25	12	2	3	7	0	0	1472
2024	8/8	3	2	0	1	1	0	1	393
Totals	90/90	64	29	3	9	15	0	3	5807

*at Dayton

#20 – KATELYN BRINKMAN

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2021	14/2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	433
2022	8/1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	281
2023	10/0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	290
2024	9/1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	267
Totals	41/4	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	1271

#24 – EMILY GAEBE

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2021	23/15	50	26	7	3	17	2	1	1285
2022	22/3	71	26	9	6	24	1	2	1064
2023	24/15	93	47	16	9	41	5	4	1352
2024	9/9	37	21	6	3	15	2	0	551
Totals	78/42	251	120	38	21	97	10	7	4252

#4 – HANNAH SAWYER

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2021	21/12	40	19	2	1	5	1	0	1192
2022	21/0	28	15	5	3	13	0	0	525
2023	24/3	73	32	10	2	22	1	0	1034
2024	7/2	13	6	2	0	4	1	0	278
Totals	73/17	154	72	19	6	44	3	0	3029

#10 – JULIA SIMON

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2020*	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
2021*	16/11	33	16	4	3	11	1	0	800
2022	DNP - injury								
2023	24/11	21	10	3	4	10	0	0	828
2024	8/8	5	3	2	0	4	0	0	321
Totals	49/30	59	29	9	7	25	1	0	1969

*at Louisville

#15 – ELLIE PALOUCCEK

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2022	9/0	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	296
2023	10/0	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	161
2024	2/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Totals	21/0	10	2	0	1	1	0	0	497

#0 – BECCA WOLTERMAN

Year	GP/GS	MINS	SVS	SV%	ShO	GA	GAA	W-L-T
2022	2/0	39:52	4	1.000	0/2	0	0.00	0-0-0
2023	4/0	73:40	3	1.000	0/4	0	0.00	0-0-0
2024								
Totals	6/0	113:32	7	1.000	0/6	0	0.00	0-0-0

#23 – IZZY LUEBBERT

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2022*	13/2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	242
2023	24/24	4	0	0	8	8	0	1	1136
2024	8/6	6	4	0	1	1	0	0	473
Totals	45/32	12	5	0	9	9	0	1	1851

*at Arkansas

PLAYER YEAR-BY-YEAR STATISTICS

#13 – JORDAN GARY

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2023	21/0	8	4	1	2	4	0	0	484
2024	9/0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	243
Totals	30/0	9	4	1	2	4	0	0	727

#11 – NINA PREUSSER

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2023	17/0	14	7	1	1	3	0	0	498
2024	4/0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	102
Totals	21/0	15	7	1	2	4	0	0	600

#14 – EVA SCHREIBER

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2023	23/0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	920
2024	9/4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	523
Totals	32/4	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1443

#29 – ELISE LE

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2020*	3/1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	129
2021*	20/20	5	2	0	4	4	0	3	1493
2022*	20/20	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1448
2023*	22/22	9	2	0	1	1	0	1	1568
2024	9/9	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	715
Totals	74/72	23	7	1	6	8	0	4	5353

*at Xavier

#9 – RYLEE HOWARD

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2022*	19/19	31	16	3	3	9	0	2	1074
2023*	14/0	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	428
2024	5/0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	89
Totals	38/19	38	20	3	4	10	0	2	1591

*at Wisconsin

#21 – CAMILLE WELKER

Year	GP/GS	SH	SOG	G	A	P	GWG	GWA	MIN
2022*	16/6	4	4	1	0	2	0	0	521
2023*	10/0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	154
2024	3/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73
Totals	29/6	5	4	1	0	2	0	0	748

*at Iowa

PLAYER SEASON/CAREER HIGHS

#25 – LYNDSEY HECKEL

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs</u>
Goals 1 at Missouri State, 8/29/24	2 vs. Loyola Chicago, 10/29/22
Assts 1 at Missouri State, 8/29/24	2 vs. Richmond, 10/8/23
Pts 3 at Missouri State, 8/29/24	4 vs. Loyola Chicago, 10/29/22
Shots 2 at Missouri State, 8/29/24	4, 2x, last at Loyola Chicago, 9/14/23
SOG 1 at Missouri State, 8/29/24	3 at Duquesne, 9/23/21
Mins 90, 6x, last at UMass, 9/19/24	110, 4x, last at Penn State, 11/19/23

#1 – EMILY PURICELLI

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs</u>
Saves 10 at Xavier, 9/12/24	14 at Rutgers, 11/19/21
Mins 90, 6x, last at UMass, 9/19/24	110, 4x, last at Penn State, 11/19/23

#28 – SOPHIA STRAM

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs</u>
Goals	2 at St. Bonaventure, 3/28/21
Assts	2 vs. Loyola Chicago, 10/29/22
Pts	5 at St. Bonaventure, 3/28/21
Shots	5 vs. Loyola Chicago, 10/29/22
SOG	3 at St. Bonaventure, 3/28/21
Mins 90, 6x, last at UMass, 9/19/24	110, 4x, last at Penn State, 11/19/23

#16 – HANNAH LARSON

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs</u>
Goals 1 vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	2 at Penn State, 11/19/23
Assts 2 vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	2, 3x, last vs. SIUE, 9/8/24
Pts 4 vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	4, 2x, last vs. SIUE, 9/8/24
Shots 3, 3x, last vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	5 at Penn State, 11/19/23
SOG 1, 7x, last at UMass, 9/19/24	3 vs. UMass, 10/12/23
Mins 78 vs. BYU, 8/22/24	110 vs. St. Bonaventure, 3/14/21

#18 – KATIE HOUCK

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs</u>
Goals	1, 3x, last at Nebraska, 9/10/23
Assts 1 vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	1, 9x, last vs. SIUE, 9/8/24
Pts 1 vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	2, 3x, last at Nebraska, 9/10/23
Shots 2 vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	3, 5x, last vs. Duquesne, 11/1/23
SOG 1, 2x, last vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	2, 4x, last vs. Duquesne, 11/1/23
Mins 73 at Xavier, 9/12/24	110 at Penn State, 11/19/23

#20 – KATELYN BRINKMAN

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs</u>
Goals	
Assts	
Pts	
Shots 2 vs. BYU, 8/22/24	Same
SOG 1 vs. BYU, 8/22/24	Same
Mins 65 at Missouri State, 8/29/24	Same

#24 – EMILY GAEBE

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs</u>
Goals 2 vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	2, 6x, last vs. SIUE, 9/8/24
Assts 2 at Xavier, 9/12/24	2, 4x, last at Xavier, 9/12/24
Pts 5 vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	6 vs. UMass, 10/12/23
Shots 6 vs. Penn State, 9/1/24	8, 2x, last at Rhode Island, 10/15/23
SOG 4 vs. Kansas City, 8/15/24	7 at BYU, 8/17/23
Mins 83 vs. BYU, 8/22/24	90 at Penn State, 11/19/23

#4 – HANNAH SAWYER

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs</u>
Goals 1, 2x, last at Xavier, 9/12/24	2, 2x, last vs. Duquesne, 11/1/23
Assts	1, 6x, last at Penn State, 11/19/23
Pts 2, 2x, last at Xavier, 9/12/24	4, 2x, last vs. Duquesne, 11/1/23
Shots 5 at UMass, 9/19/24	8 vs. Duquesne, 11/1/23
SOG 2 at Missouri, 8/25/24	5 vs. Duquesne, 11/1/23
Mins 59 at UMass, 9/19/24	92 vs. Missouri State, 9/9/21

#10 – JULIA SIMON

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs (* = at Louisville)</u>
Goals 1, 2x, last vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	2 vs. Western Michigan, 8/19/21*
Assts	1, 7x, last vs. VCU, 10/27/23
Pts 2, 2x, last vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	4 vs. Western Michigan, 8/19/21*
Shots 2, 2x, last vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	5 vs. Northern Kentucky, 8/29/21*
SOG 2 at Missouri State, 8/29/24	3, 2x, last vs. Northern Ky., 8/29/21*
Mins 52 at Creighton, 9/6/24	79 at Miami (Fla.), 9/17/21*

#15 – ELLIE PALOUCCEK

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs</u>
Goals	1 vs. Duquesne, 10/19/23
Assts	1 vs. Duquesne, 10/19/23
Pts	2, 2x, last vs. Richmond, 10/8/23
Shots	1, 2x, last vs. Geo. Mason, 10/2/22
SOG	55 vs. Rhode Island, 10/13/22
Mins 21 at Missouri State, 8/29/24	

#0 – BECCA WOLTERMAN

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs</u>
Saves	3 vs. Rhode Island, 10/13/22
Mins	31 vs. Kansas City, 8/27/23

#23 – IZZY LUEBBERT

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs</u>
Goals	
Assts 1 vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	2 vs. Richmond, 10/8/23
Pts 1 vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	2 vs. Richmond, 10/8/23
Shots 2 at UMass, 9/19/24	Same
SOG 2 at UMass, 9/19/24	Same
Mins 80 at UMass, 9/19/24	Same

#13 – JORDAN GARY

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs</u>
Goals	1 vs. Kansas City, 8/27/23
Assts	1, 2x, last at Saint Joe's, 10/22/23
Pts	2 vs. Kansas City, 8/27/23
Shots 1 vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	2 vs. Duquesne, 10/19/23
SOG	1, 4x, last vs. La Salle, 11/5/23
Mins 54 at Creighton, 9/6/24	46 vs. Duquesne, 11/1/23

#11 – NINA PREUSSER

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs</u>
Goals	1 vs. Kansas City, 8/27/23
Assts 1 at Missouri State, 8/29/24	1, 2x, last at Missouri St., 8/29/24
Pts 1 at Missouri State, 8/29/24	2 vs. Kansas City, 8/27/23
Shots 1 vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	3 at Loyola Chicago, 9/14/23
SOG	2 vs. Kansas City, 8/27/23
Mins 46 vs. SIUE, 9/8/24	61 at George Mason, 9/28/23

#14 – EVA SCHREIBER

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs</u>
Goals	
Assts	1 vs. La Salle, 9/17/23
Pts	1 vs. La Salle, 9/17/23
Shots 1 at UMass, 9/19/24	1, 2x, last at UMass, 9/19/24
SOG	
Mins 90, 2x, last at UMass, 9/19/24	Same

#29 – ELISE LE

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs (* = at Xavier)</u>
Goals 1 vs. Penn State, 9/1/24	Same
Assts	1, 6x, last vs. Pittsburgh, 9/7/23*
Pts 2 vs. Penn State, 9/1/24	Same
Shots 2 vs. Penn State, 9/1/24	3 at Lamar, 9/14/23*
SOG 1 vs. Penn State, 9/1/24	1, 7x, last vs. Penn State, 9/1/24
Mins 90, 6x, last at UMass, 9/19/24	110 at Bowling Green, 9/16/21*

PLAYER SEASON/CAREER HIGHS

#9 – RYLEE HOWARD

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs (* = at Wisconsin)</u>
Goals	1, 3x, last at Northwestern, 10/7/22*
Assts	1, 4x, last vs. SIUE, 9/8/24
Pts	2, 3x, last at Northwestern, 10/7/22*
Shots	4, 3x, last vs. N. Illinois, 9/12/22*
SOG	4 vs. Green Bay, 8/28/22*
Mins	74 at Northwestern, 10/7/22*

#21 – CAMILLE WELKER

<u>Season Highs</u>	<u>Career Highs (* = at Iowa)</u>
Goals	1 vs. DePaul, 8/28/22*
Assts	
Pts	2 vs. DePaul, 8/28/22*
Shots	1, 5x, last vs. Iowa State, 8/24/23*
SOG	1, 4x, last vs. Nebraska, 10/16/22*
Mins	39 vs. BYU, 8/22/24

#3 – AUTUMN JACKSON

<u>Season Highs</u>
Goals
Assts
Pts
Shots
SOG
Mins

#2 – LUCIE SCHWARTZ

<u>Season Highs</u>
Goals
Assts
Pts
Shots
SOG
Mins

#26 – EMILY FOX

<u>Season Highs</u>
Goals
Assts
Pts
Shots
SOG
Mins

#00 – NIMU KARANI

<u>Season Highs</u>
Saves
Mins

#5 – HOPE KIM

<u>Season Highs</u>
Goals
Assts
Pts
Shots
SOG
Mins

#19 – ADDY LANG

<u>Season Highs</u>
Goals
Assts
Pts
Shots
SOG
Mins

#22 – CAIGAN LEONARD

<u>Season Highs</u>
Goals
Assts
Pts
Shots
SOG
Mins

#8 – ASHLEY MILLER

<u>Season Highs</u>
Goals
Assts
Pts
Shots
SOG
Mins

#7 – ISA MORENO

<u>Season Highs</u>
Goals
Assts
Pts
Shots
SOG
Mins

#27 – SARAH SARNOWSKI

<u>Season Highs</u>
Goals
Assts
Pts
Shots
SOG
Mins

#12 – ULLA SHARP

<u>Season Highs</u>
Goals
Assts
Pts
Shots
SOG
Mins

#6 – AUDREY SMITH

<u>Season Highs</u>
Goals
Assts
Pts
Shots
SOG
Mins

2024 GAME RECAPS

#22 SAINT LOUIS 1, MASSACHUSETTS 0

Thursday, Sept. 19 – Amherst, Mass.

•**Hope Kim** scored her first collegiate goal in the 63rd minute and the Saint Louis defense did the rest as the 22nd-ranked Billikens began Atlantic 10 Conference play with a 1-0 victory at Massachusetts.

•**Ashley Miller** collected her second assist of the season, while **Emily Puricelli** made four saves.

#23 SAINT LOUIS 3, #16 XAVIER 2

Thursday, Sept. 12 – Cincinnati, Ohio

Emily Gaebe's unassisted goal in the 82nd minute gave 23rd-ranked Saint Louis a thrilling 3-2 victory over 16th-ranked Xavier.

Emily Puricelli made a season-high 10 saves, the third-highest total of her SLU career.

Gaebe assisted on Saint Louis' first two goals as the Bills overcame a first-minute tally by the Musketeers to take a 2-1 halftime lead.

Saint Louis pulled even in the 15th minute when **Audrey Smith** found the back of the net for a second time this season. In the 31st minute, **Hannah Sawyer** also recorded her second goal of the year.

Xavier equalized in the 68th minute to set the stage for Gaebe's game-winner, her second of the season and team-leading sixth goal overall.

#19 SAINT LOUIS 6, SIUE 1

Sunday, Sept. 8 – St. Louis, Mo.

Saint Louis exploded for five second-half goals and defeated SIUE 6-1 at CITYPARK in downtown St. Louis.

Emily Gaebe tallied two goals and an assist, and **Hannah Larson** registered a goal and two assists to lead the way.

Gaebe put SLU on top in the 14th minute when she scored on one of the Billikens' six 1st-half corner kicks. **Izzy Luebbert** assisted.

The score remained 1-0 until the 58th minute when Gaebe struck again, this time with assists by Larson and **Katie Houck**.

Gaebe's second marker ignited a flurry of four goals in just under 11 minutes. **Julia Simon**, assisted by Gaebe, made it 3-0 in the 60th minute. After SIUE notched its only goal, Larson (**Rylee Howard** assist) found the back of the net in the 66th minute, and **Emily Fox** (Larson) made it 5-1 in the 69th minute.

Lucie Schwartz tacked on an unassisted goal in the 84th minute to complete Saint Louis' largest scoring output of the season.

#19 SAINT LOUIS 0, CREIGHTON 0

Friday, Sept. 6 – Omaha, Neb.

No. 19 Saint Louis and Creighton fought to a 0-0 draw at Creighton's Morrison Stadium.

Emily Gaebe had game highs of four total shots and three shots on goal, while **Hannah Larson** matched her season high of three shots. **Emily Puricelli** tallied three saves to post her third shutout of the season.

#12 PENN STATE 2, #19 SAINT LOUIS 1

Sunday, Sept. 1 – Hermann Stadium

Elise Le scored her first career goal on a penalty kick in the 47th minute, but two early first-half goals held up for 12th-ranked Penn State in a 2-1 victory over 19th-ranked Saint Louis.

Emily Puricelli collected six saves between the posts, and **Emily Gaebe** registered a game- and season-high six shots.

#19 SAINT LOUIS 4, MISSOURI STATE 0

Thursday, Aug. 29 – Springfield, Mo.

Saint Louis scored a season-high four goals and registered its third shutout in four games in a 4-0 victory over Missouri State.

Lyndsey Heckel collected her first points of the season with a goal and an assist. **Emily Gaebe** tallied her team-leading third goal of the season, while **Julia Simon** and **Audrey Smith** each found the back of the net for the first time this year.

Emily Puricelli made seven saves and combined on the clean sheet with **Nimu Karani**, who stopped the only shot on goal she faced.

Heckel gave the Billikens all they would need with a penalty kick in the eighth minute. Simon, assisted by a long-range pass from Heckel, made it 2-0 in the 20th minute.

In the second half, Gaebe took a cross from **Hannah Larson** in the 54th minute and volleyed it in for a 3-0 SLU advantage. Smith, assisted by **Nina Preusser** in a scramble, recorded her first collegiate goal in the 74th minute to conclude the scoring.

#23 SAINT LOUIS 2, MISSOURI 0

Sunday, Aug. 25 – Columbia, Mo.

In its first road game of the season, Saint Louis scored a late goal in both halves and defeated Missouri 2-0.

The game was the first between SLU and Missouri in women's soccer since 1998.

Hannah Sawyer, assisted by **Ashley Miller**, gave Saint Louis the only goal it would need in the 38th minute. It was Sawyer's first goal of the season.

Emily Gaebe, with a **Hope Kim** assist, provided insurance with a tally in the 82nd minute. The goal was Gaebe's second of the year.

#23 SAINT LOUIS 1, #4 BYU 1

Thursday, Aug. 22 – Hermann Stadium

Emily Gaebe scored her first goal of the season and **Emily Puricelli** came up big with eight saves in Saint Louis' 1-1 draw with BYU.

Gaebe gave the Billikens a 1-0 lead with her 33rd career goal in the 19th minute. BYU's Allie Fryer tallied the equalizer in the 68th minute.

The crowd of 3,823 at Hermann Stadium was the third-largest home attendance in Billiken women's soccer history. At No. 4, BYU became the highest-ranked opponent SLU has ever faced at home.

#12 SAINT LOUIS 0, KANSAS CITY 0

Thursday, Aug. 15 – Hermann Stadium

Saint Louis and Kansas City battled to a 0-0 draw in the season opener for both teams.

The game resumed in the 58th minute following a lengthy lightning delay, but storms in the area caused an early ending in the 72nd minute, just past the required 70 minutes.

Saint Louis earned advantages of 12-3 in total shots, 5-0 in shots on goal and 16-0 in corner kicks. **Emily Gaebe** led the way with five shots, four of which were on frame.