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2016 BULLDOG SOCCER WEEKLY NOTES • OCT. 31 - NOV. 6 (POSTSEASON)





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Home Matches in Bold

- \* GAC Contest
- + GAC Post-Season Tournament

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	NSCAA Top 25 Poll	(Oct. 25)	
#	School (First-Place)	Prev.	Rec.
1	Western Washington	1	-
2	Grand Valley State	2	-
3	West Chester	3	-
4	Central Missouri	4	-
5	Columbus State	5	-
6	Adelphi	7	-
7	St. Edwards	8	-
8	California San-Diego	9	-
9	Nova Southeastern	14	-
10	Colorado School of Mines	10	-
11	Minot State	11	-
12	Rollins College	6	-
13	Bridgeport	15	-
14	Kutztown	22	-
15	Rockhurst	16	-
16	Limestone	18	-
17	West Florida	17	-
18	Truman State	19	-
19	North Georgia	12	-
20	Sonoma State	20	-
21	Fort Hays State	23	-
22	LIU Post	25	-
23	Edinboro	RV	-
24	Colorado State-Pueblo	NR	-
25	Notre Dame College	NR	-

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Southern Nazarene (4) Thursday, Nov. 3, 3 p.m. Season Series 1-1 Last Meeting October 29



Ouachita Baptist (2) / Harding (3)
Saturday, Nov. 5, 11 am
With a win on Thursday, SWOSU would play
the winner of the Ouachita/Harding matchup
for the GAC Tournament Championship.

#### Setting the Scene:

- SWOSU Soccer clinched the regular season Great American Conference Championship, a number-one seed in the post-season tournament, and the privilege of hosting the 2016 GAC Women's Soccer Championships for their (12-4-1, 9-3 GAC) performance this season
- The Bulldogs will face the fourth seeded Southern Nazarene Crimson Storm starting at 3 pm on Thursday, November 3 out at the Athletic Complex
- The Dawgs split the regular season series with SNU, beating them 2-0 at home and losing 2-0 in the final regular-season game of the season just last week

#### The Coaches:

SWOSU: Mark Persson (80-59-13; 8th season)

- Since taking over the program in 2009, Persson has amassed an 80-59-13 record, becoming the all-time winningest coach in program history
- Persson also led the Bulldogs to back-to-back GAC Championships in 2012 and 2013
- A two time All-Conference Coach of the Year, Persson holds a 37-24-7 record in GAC play
- He has coached one All-American, 12 All-Region players, and numerous All-Conference players during his time in Weatherford

Southern Nazarene: Julie Duncan (65-72-5; 7th season)

- Coach Duncan was the 2014 Great American Conference Coach of the Year after her team won the conference championship
- She has led the Crimson Storm to two SAC (NAIA) Conference Championships, including a runner-up finish in the NAIA National Championship game in 2009
- Duncan's coaching career began at Moore High School, where she coached the Moore girls' soccer program for 17 seasons

#### The Opponent:

Southern Nazarene Crimson Storm (7-11, 6-6 GAC)

- SNU finished fifth in the GAC standings, but qualified for the post season

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due to Oklahoma Baptist's provisional status with the - The Bulldogs come into the GAC tournament having league

- The Crimson Storm ended the season strong, winning Courtney Flores and the Dawg defense rank second in five of their last seven matches to make the conference the GAC with six shutouts this season tournament and edge out ECU for the last spot
- finishing with a team-high nine goals
- four shutouts to her credit, while giving up 31 goals on Flores (goalkeeper 1x) the year

# **Bulldog Facts:**

- Freshman Alimata Rabo ended up tied as the second- season it over best goal scorer in the NCAA Division II with two other - With a win over SNU, SWOSU will play for the GAC players with 22 goals scored on the season, one behind Tournament Championship on Saturday at 11 am against Bridgeport University's Idoia Agirre (23)
- Other freshman Sandra Nabweteme is next on that list, The GAC Tournament Champion receives an automatic with her 19 goals good enough for fifth place overall in the invitation to the NCAA Central Region Tournament which Division II category
- SWOSU finished fifth in the country by averaging 3.71 seed in the region's home site which at this current goals per game

- scored 63 goals, and conceded 20 on the year
- SWOSU had six different weeks where at least one - Meagan Chase led the SNU attack during the season, player was awarded either the conference's offensive or defensive weekly honor. Rabo (offensive 3x), - Natasha Fuentes collected 84 saves in 17 games with Nabweteme (offensive 2x), Brunet (defensive 2x), and

# **Looking Ahead:**

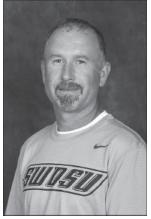
- -The Bulldogs have a must win on Thursday or their
- the winner of Ouachita (2) and Harding (3)
- will begin the following Friday (Nov. 11) at the highest moment would be Central Missouri

	2016 SWOSU Soccer Roster											
#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)							
0	Steffi Silvera	GK	5-7	Jr.	Luque, Paraguay							
1	Courtney Flores	GK	5-11	Sr.	Plano, Texas (Plano West HS)							
2	Lauren Williams	D	5-6	Jr.	Coseley, England (The Coseley School)							
4	Alexis Fowler	D	5-4	Fr.	Norman, Okla. (Norman HS)							
5	Erica Brunet	D	5-7	So.	Ontario, Canada (St. Roch Catholic SS)							
6	Lydia Rife	D	5-7	R-Fr.	Granbury, Texas (Granbury HS)							
8	Jasmine Heffley	MF	5-7	Jr.	Denton, Texas (Guyer HS)							
9	Kendall Harris	MF	5-4	Jr.	Burleson, Texas (Hill Junior College)							
11	Alimata Rabo	F	5-7	R-Fr.	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (SW Christian)							
12	Kirstyn Eustace	MF	5-2	So.	Weatherford, Okla. (Weatherford HS)							
13	Olivia Butler	MF	5-5	Jr.	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Putnam City West HS)							
14	Lauren Tonkovich	MF	5-4	R-So.	Plano, Texas (John Brown University)							
15	Shelley Mueller	MF	5-5	Jr.	Enid, Okla. (Enid HS)							
16	Sandra Nabweteme	F	5-3	Fr.	Kampala, Uganda (Kawempe Muslim SS)							
18	Kylee Bertrand	MF	5-4	So.	Ontario, Canada (St. Augustine SS)							
20	Dajhane Turner	D	5-9	So.	Yukon, Okla. (Yukon HS)							
21	Veronica Lopez	MF	5-1	Fr.	Santa Ana, Costa Rica (Cariari HS)							
22	Ashlyn Collier	F/MF	5-2	So.	Yukon, Okla. (Yukon HS)							
23	Megan Moonen	D	5-1	Fr.	Claremore, Okla. (Claremore HS)							
24	Kodi Holloway	F	5-3	So.	Noble, Okla. (Bethel College)							
25	Kaitlyn Keeler	MF	5-3	Fr.	El Reno, Okla. (El Reno HS)							
27	Sarah Wilson	MF	5-6	So.	Cleveland, Okla. (Yukon HS)							
29	Mikah Stroh	MF	5-2	R-Fr.	Moore, Okla. (Moore HS)							
30	Regan Coil	MF	5-7	So.	Mustang, Okla. (Mustang HS)							

Head Coach: Mark Persson

Assistant Coaches: Kira Bertrand, Ellen Trotter

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# **HEAD COACH MARK PERSSON**

Mark Persson has built the SWOSU Women's Soccer program into a consistent contender since taking over the program in 2009 and he enters his eighth season with the Bulldogs in 2016. Persson is the winningest coach in program history, bringing a 68-55-12 (.548) record into this season.

Persson is a two-time conference Coach of the Year with the Bulldogs, earning the honor for the Lone Star Conference in 2009 and again from the GAC in SWOSU's record-setting 2012 campaign. His teams won back-to-back GAC regular season and tournament championships in 2012 and 2013 with a record of 16-1-2 against conference foes during that time.

In seven seasons at the helm of the SWOSU Soccer program, Persson has seen several players earn post-

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season accolades including 12 All-Region selections, 43 All-Conference (Lone Star & Great American) picks and nine GAC specialty award winners, including three-time Defensive Player of the Year Kira Bertrand and two-time Goalkeeper of the Year Courtney

#### Flores.

The Bulldogs had a bounce-back season in 2015, reaching the 10-win plateau for the third time in the past four seasons. SWOSU finished 13-6-1 overall, including a third-place finish in the GAC regular season standings with a mark of 8-3-1. In the conference tournament, SWOSU defeated No. 2-seed Ouachita Baptist to advance to their third GAC Championship game in four seasons, where they were defeated by tournament-host Harding.

SWOSU had a program-record 10 players selected to the All-GAC teams in 2015, led by Goalkeeper of the Year Courtney Flores, who was one of four players to earn First Team All-GAC honors. Also earning a selection to the first team were Cori Kelly, Samantha Nunez and Kylee Bertrand while Nunez (Second Team) and Bertrand (Third Team) were also selected to the All-Central Region team by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

A youthful Bulldog squad in 2014 was limited to two wins and missed the GAC Tournament for the first time, but his group had four players earn All-Great American Conference honors while defender Charlotte Eastman was named a Second Team All-Central Region choice by Daktronics. Her selection gives the Bulldogs an all-region selection in each of the past three seasons after not having a player earn all-region honors in the first 14 years of the programs existence.

The 2013 squad repeated as GAC Champions by finishing the regular season 7-1-1, three points ahead of second-place Ouachita Baptist. The Bulldogs then cruised through the conference tournament, defeating East Central and Harding by a combined score of 7-0 to claim a second straight tournament championship. SWOSU just missed out on a second straight bid to the NCAA Division II national tournament after they qualified in 2012.

With the success of the team came several more postseason accolades. Kira Bertrand was named the GAC Defender of the Year for the second consecutive season while Courtney Flores earned both Goalkeeper and Freshman of the Year honors following a standout freshman campaign at SWOSU. The Bulldogs placed four on the All-GAC First and two more on the second team. In addition to those honors, Bertrand was named to the NSCAA All-Central Region First Team for the second straight season while Carbonara and Visor both earned second team all-region honors.

# Persson vs. Opponents

<u>Team</u>		
Abilene Christian	1-1	2010
Angelo State	0-3	2014
Central Missouri		
Central Oklahoma	2-7-1	2016
Concordia St. Paul		
Dallas Baptist	1-1	2014
East Central	10-3-1	2016
Eastern New Mexico	0-3	2011
Emporia State		
Harding		
Incarnate Word	0-1	2010
Mid America Christian.		
Midwestern State		
Minnesota State - Mar		
Minot State	1-0-1	2014
Missouri Southern	2-0	2013
Missouri Western		
Nebraska-Kearney		
Newman		
N.M. Highlands	1-0	2010
Northeastern State		
NW Missouri State	0-1	2009
Northwestern Okla	11-1-2	2016
Oklahoma Baptist	4-1	2016
Oklahoma Christian	2-1	2015
Oklahoma City	0-3	2011
Oral Roberts	0-1	2013
Ouachita Baptist	12-3-1	2016
Southern Nazarene	7-7	2016
St. Gregory's	1-0	2009
St. Mary's	0-2	2010
Texas A&M Comm	1-0-1	2010
Texas A&M Internation	al. 0-1	2010
Texas Women's	1-0-1	2010
Wayland Baptist	1-0	2013
Western State	1-0	2012
West Texas A&M	0-3-1	2015

Persson's 2012 team became the first in school history to advance to the NCAA Division

II Tournament, where they defeated Minot State 3-0 before falling to host Central Missouri by the same score in the second round of the Central Regional. The Bulldogs were the only team in NCAA Division II to complete the regular season without a loss, ending the season with a record of 20-1-1.

For their efforts in 2012, the Bulldogs received several postseason awards including a very impressive sweep of the Great American Conference specialty awards: Josie Price was named the Offensive Player of the Year, Kira Bertrand won Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive year, Corey LaMoureaux was the Goalkeeper of the Year and Ashlee Beitinger earned Freshman of the Year. Persson completed the sweep with his Coach of the Year Award.

Beyond that, Price was named a First Team All-Central Region and First Team All-American selection, becoming the first NSCAA All-American in SWOSU soccer history. Bertrand (first team) and LaMoureaux (third team) joined Price on the All-Central Region team.

Persson took over a program that had combined to win three games in the two seasons prior to his arrival. His teams won at least six games in each of his first three seasons before breaking through with the 20-1-1 record in 2012.

Before coming to SWOSU, Persson had spent 12 years as a high school and college coach, the last eight of which were spent at Southern Nazarene University. At SNU, he initially served as the men's head coach and posted a 100-33-14 in eight-plus years. His teams made five consecutive trips to the NAIA National Tournament and advanced to in the National Final 4 in 2005. He then served in the dual capacity as both the men's and women's head coach in the 2006 and 2007 before only coaching the women in 2008.

In the 2008 season at SNU, his team finished with a 14-2-3 record and were ranked as high as No. 13 in the final NAIA poll. The SNU women went 32-19-7 in three years under his guidance, included back-to-back winning seasons in 2007 and 2008.

A native of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, Persson is a 1996 graduate of SNU where he was a two-time NAIA All-American for the school. He then went on to play semi-professionally with the Oklahoma City Slickers before taking over the men's and women's coaching duties at Phillips University in 1997.

He led the Phillips men to the 1997 Sooner Athletic Conference championship and was voted the league's coach of the year, the first of now seven times that he received such an award. He remained in Enid after Phillips shuttered its doors in 1998 coaching both at Enid High School and later Northern Oklahoma College-Enid. Persson then moved to Bethany in 2001 when he joined the SNU coaching staff on a full-time basis.

He and his wife Sheila, have three young children.

#### Persson at SWOSU

Year	Won	Lost	Tied	%	Won	Lost	Tied	%	Result	Postseason
2009	7	10	2	.421	4	5	1	.450	7th LSC	None
2010	7	10	1	.472	3	7	1	.318	9th LSC	None
2011	6	11	2	.368	4	2	0	.667	2nd GAC	L, GAC Semifinals
2012	20	1	1	.932	9	0	1	.950	1st GAC	L, NCAA II 2nd Round
2013	13	4	2	.737	7	1	1	.833	1st GAC	W, GAC Tournament
2014	2	13	3	.194	2	6	2	.300	6th GAC	None
2015	13	6	1	.675	8	3	1	.708	3rd GAC	L, GAC Tournament
2016	12	4	1	.735	9	3	0	.750	1st GAC	?
8 vears	80	59	13	550	46	27	7	620	3 GAC Titles	1 NCAA Tournament Ann

2016 GAC S	tandin	gs		2016 BULLDOG ACCOLADES					
Team Conf.	Conf. %	Ove. %	Week	Offense	Defense				
(1) <b>SWOSU</b> 9-3	0.750	12-4-1 0.735	1 (Sept. 7)	Sandra Nabweteme (GAC)	Erica Brunet (GAC)				
(2) Ouachita Baptist 8-3-1	0.708	8-7-2 0.529	2 (Sept. 13)	Alimata Rabo (GAC) (NSCAA)	Erica Brunet (GAC)				
(3) Harding 7-4-1	0.625	10-6-1 0.618	3 (Sept. 20)	)					
(+) Oklahoma Baptist 7-4-1	0.625	10-5-1 0.656	4 (Sept. 27)	Alimata Rabo (GAC)					
(4) Southern Nazarene 6-6	0.500	7-11 0.389	5 (Oct. 4)						
East Central 3-8-1	0.292	3-12-2 0.235	6 (Oct. 11)	Sandra Nabweteme (GAC)					
Northwestern Okla. St.0-12	0.000	0-0 0.000	7 (Oct. 18)	Alimata Rabo (GAC)					
(#) Indicates seed for GAC T	ournam	nent	8 (Oct. 27)	27) Erica Brunet (CoSIDA Academic All-District)					
(+) Not elgible for post-season play		9 (Nov. 3)							

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# 2016 SWOSU Soccer Southwestern Okla. Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 31, 2016) All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	12-4-1	8-2	4-2-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	9-3	5-1	4-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1-1	3-1	0-0-1	0-0

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
Sep 01	CENTRAL MO.	L	0-3	77
Sep 03	SOUTHWEST BAPTIST	W	4-0	68
Sep 07	RANDALL	W	11-0	73
Sep 09	SOUTHWESTERN CHRIST.	W	11-0	71
Sep 11	at Central Oklahoma	To2	2-2	175
* Sep 20	at Northwestern Okla.	W	6-1	135
* Sep 25	EAST CENTRAL	W	4-0	64
* Sep 29	at Ouachita	W	2-1	113
* Oct 01	at Harding	L	0-2	260
* Oct 06	SOUTHERN NAZARENE	W	2-0	132
* Oct 08	OKLA. BAPTIST	Wot	3-2	131
* Oct 11	NORTHWESTERN OKLA.	W	3-1	79
* Oct 13	at East Central	W	3-1	106
* Oct 20	HARDING	L	1-3	0
* Oct 22	OUACHITA BAPTIST	W	7-2	83
* Oct 27	at Okla. Baptist	W	4-0	187
* Oct 29	at Southern Nazarene	L	0-2	345

TEAM STATISTICS	SWOSU	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	63-383	20-178
Goals scored per game	3.71	1.18
Shot pct.	.164	.112
Shots on goal-Attempts	183-383	89-178
SOG pct.	.478	.500
Shots/Game	22.5	10.5
CORNER KICKS	63	54
PENALTY KICKS	5-6	0-1
PENALTIES		
Fouls	120	140
Yellow cards	4	8
Red cards	0	1
ATTENDANCE		
Total	778	1321
Dates/Avg Per Date	10/78	7/189
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

##	Player	gp	g	а	pts	sh	sh%	sogs	sog%	gw	pk-att
11	Alimata Rabo	17	22	8	52	130	.16	55	.42	6	0-0
16	Sandra Nabweteme	17	19	8	46	91	.20	44	.48	4	4-4
22	Ashlyn Collier	17	7	4	18	25	.28	15	.60	1	0-0
9	Kendall Harris	16	3	2	8	22	.13	13	.59	0	0-0
27	Sarah Wilson	17	0	2	2	18	.00	12	.66	0	0-0
15	Shelley Mueller	17	3	1	7	17	.17	7	.41	1	0-0
5	Erica Brunet	17	1	2	4	17	.05	5	.29	0	1-2
29	Mikah Stroh	13	3	0	6	12	.25	7	.58	0	0-0
24	Kodi Holloway	11	1	0	2	12	.08	5	.41	0	0-0
13	Olivia Butler	10	3	4	10	11	.27	9	.81	0	0-0
2	Lauren Williams	17	1	1	3	11	.09	6	.54	0	0-0
12	Kirstyn Eustace	15	0	1	1	7	.00	3	.42	0	0-0
14	Lauren Tonkovich	17	0	0	0	7	.00	2	.28	0	0-0
30	Regan Coil	14	0	1	1	1	.00	0	.00	0	0-0
20	Dajhane Turner	8	0	0	0	1	.00	0	.00	0	0-0
4	Alexis Fowler	16	0	1	1	1	.00	0	.00	0	0-0
6	Lydia Rife	7	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0
23	Megan Moonen	9	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0
1	Courtney Flores	17	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0
25	Kaitlin Keeler	2	0	0	0	0	.00	0	.00	0	0-0
	Total	17	63	35	161	383	.16	183	.47	12	5-6
	Opponents	17	20	12	52	178	.11	89	.50	4	0-1

##	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Save	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
1	Courtney Flores	17	1562:06	20	1.15	69	.775	12-4-1	6/0
	Total	17	1562:06	20	1.15	69	.775	12-4-1	6
	Opponents	17	1562:06	63	3 63	120	656	4-12-1	3

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	ОТ	OT2	Total
Southwestern Okla.	29	33	1	0	63
Opponents	10	10	0	0	20
Shots by Period	1st	2nd	ОТ	OT2	Total
Southwestern Okla.	180	193	4	6	383
Opponents	80	97	1	0	178
Saves by Period	1st	2nd	ОТ	OT2	Total
Southwestern Okla.	31	38	0	0	69
Opponents	59	58	1	2	120
Corners by Period	1st	2nd	ОТ	ОТ2	Total
Southwestern Okla.	28	34	0	1	63
Opponents	16	38	0	0	54
Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	ОТ	ОТ2	Total
Southwestern Okla.	59	59	2	0	120
Opponents	55	83	1	1	140

# **ALL-AMERICANS/POSTSEASON HISTORY**



Midielder Josie Price 2012 NSCAA All-American (1st)

# **SWOSU at GAC Tournament**

2011: November 4-6; Ada, Okla.

Nov. 4: (2) SWOSU lost to (3) Ouachita Baptist 1-0

2012: November 2-4; Weatherford, Okla.

Nov. 2: (1) SWOSU def. (4) Harding 4-0

Nov. 4: (1) SWOSU def. (3) Ouachita Baptist 2-1

2013: November 8-10; Weatherford, Okla.

Nov. 8: (1) SWOSU def. (4) East Central 5-0

Nov. 10: (1) SWOSU def. (3) Harding 2-0

2015: November 5-7; Searcy, Ark.

Nov. 5: (3) SWOSU def. (2) Ouachita Baptist 2-1

Nov. 17: (3) SWOSU lost to (1) Harding 3-5

# **All-Tournament Team Selections**

2015: Kylee Bertrand, Freshman, Midfielder

Cori Kelly, Senior, Forward

Samantha Nunez, Senior, Forward

2013: Alexis Russell, Sophomore, Midfielder (MVP)

Kira Bertrand, Senior, Defender

Jessica Carbonara, Senior, Midfielder

Natalie Crosslin, Senior, Defender

Kelsey Visor, Senior, Forward

2012: Jessica Carbonara, Junior, Midfielder (MVP)

Kira Bertrand, Junior, Defender Natalie Crosslin, Junior, Defender Josie Price, Senior, Midfielder

2011: Ashley McMahon, Sophomore, Midfielder

Kelsey Visor, Junior, Forward

Kelsey Visor, Sophomore, Forward



# 2016 GAC WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 & 5, 2016 / SWOSU ATHLETIC COMPLEX / WEATHERFORD, OKLAHOMA

## (2) OUACHITA

Game A / Thursday Nov. 3 / Noon

## (3) HARDING

Game C / Saturday Nov. 5 / 11 a.m

# (1) SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE

Game B / Thursday Nov. 3 / 3 p.m

(4) SOUTHERN NAZARENE

CONFERENCE CHAMPION