

Yellowjackets get first UMAC win over Bethany Lutheran

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Bethany Lutheran 4, UW-Superior 0 | UW-Superior 9, Bethany Lutheran 8

AUSTIN, Minn. (April 7, 2018) – The Yellowjackets returned to action Saturday afternoon, collecting their first conference win of the year.

Game 1

The Vikings got off to a hot start in the first inning, putting a home run over the left field wall to go up 1-0. Saige Patrick (Steinbach, Man./St. Mary's Academy) would return fire in the 'Jacket half of the first, singling up the middle, but Superior couldn't bring her home.

Macy Hanson (Grantsburg, Wis./Grantsburg) pitched well through four innings, striking out eight batters, including five in a row from the second to third innings. Bethany Lutheran added two more in the fourth inning, going up 3-0 on four hits, and then the final run of the game in the top of the sixth.

The Yellowjackets found only three hits in the game, falling 4-0.

Game 2

The second game saw no runs through the first three and a half innings until the 'Jackets scored one. Alayna Tulip (Arcadia, Wis./Arcadia) would single to center while Bailey Kinnunen (Grand Rapids, Minn./Grand Rapids) singled to advance Tulip to third. A sacrifice ground ball to second scored Tulip to get the run.

The Vikings scored five in the following half inning to take a sizable lead, but the 'Jackets fired back to cut the lead down. Ciarra Stavang (Duluth, Minn./Denfeld) walked and advanced to second on a passed ball. Patrick brought her home on a double to left field, making it 5-2. A throwing error scored Patrick and put Katie White (Pequot Lakes, Minn./Pequot Lakes) on second; White was then brought home on a Kinnunen single to make it just a one-score, 5-4 game.

The Vikings would score quickly in the next inning to take a big 8-4 lead, but Superior wasn't done scoring either.

Gabby Gidley (Superior, Wis./Superior) doubled to start the sixth, and Sarah Fjeran (Duluth, Minn./Marshall School) singled to score Gidley. Patrick would then push a single home to bring home Stavang and move Maggie Cragg (Champlin, Minn./Champlin Park) to third. Another run was added by a sacrifice hit from Tulip to make it 8-7.

The Yellowjackets added the game winning runs when Kinnunen found another hit, doubling down the left field line. Hanson would get credited with a save in the top of the seventh, striking out the final batter and getting the win.

Up Next

The Yellowjackets hope to play at home this Tuesday as their scheduled to take on Northwestern at 3:30 p.m. at Liebaert Field.

Zach Otto-Fisher Named Women's Basketball Coach

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SUPERIOR, Wis. (April 6, 2018) - The University of Wisconsin-Superior and Yellowjacket Athletics have announced they've completed a national search and Zach Otto-Fisher has been named head women's basketball coach.

Otto-Fisher took over on an interim basis following the resignation of Dr. Don Mulhern in September. In his first season at the helm of the program, Otto-Fisher led the Yellowjackets to a 23-5 overall record and a perfect 16-0 mark in U.M.A.C. play. The Yellowjackets won the U.M.A.C. regular season and playoff titles for the third year in a row and advanced to the program's third consecutive N.C.A.A. tournament.

"Zach did a tremendous job coaching our women's basketball program this past year. The accolades he and the team earned are

attributed to his hard work and dedication to our student-athletes," said UW-Superior Athletics Director Nick Bursik. "It was clear watching him work with the student-athletes over the past few seasons and going through the interview process that he was going to make a tremendous head coach. We are excited to have him to continue to lead our program."

Otto-Fisher joined the Yellowjacket women's basketball coaching staff as an assistant to Mulhern in 2016-17. Prior to UW-Superior he was the head coach at Glencoe-Silver Lake (Minn.) High School and he served on the staff of the Minnesota Fury, one of the top A.A.U. programs not only in Minnesota but the entire Upper Midwest for four years.

"I want to personally thank Mr. Bursik and the search committee for giving me this

opportunity, to continue building on the successful culture and program that is Yellowjacket women's basketball," Otto-Fisher said. "It's an exciting time for me and my family and I'm looking forward to continuing the work with our tremendous student-athletes, athletics department, campus community and the city of Superior."

"UW-Superior is a very special place to me and to be able to lead the women's basketball program on and off the court is truly a blessing."

Otto-Fisher is an alumnus of UW-Superior, having graduated with a bachelor of science degree in legal studies in 2008.

Superior rolls over Cougars for another UMAC win

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UW-Superior 9, Minnesota Morris 0

SUPERIOR, Wis. (April 8, 2018) – The Yellowjackets stayed undefeated in UMAC play Sunday, beating the Minnesota Morris Cougars in dominating fashion. Doubles

The no. 2 duo of Emily Wald (Antigo, Wis./Antigo) and Kitana Honkola (Eveleth, Minn./Eveleth-Gilbert) saw the most resistance, winning their match 8-2.

The no. 3 pair of Megan Dulong (Grand

Rapids, Minn./Grand Rapids) and Charlotte Zangs (Maplewood, Minn./North St. Paul) won their match in sweeping fashion of 8-0. Singles

Alison Tollas (Ashland, Wis./Ashland) won her two sets 6-4 and 6-2, seeing the most push back in singles. Mariah Linder (Grand Rapids, Minn./Grand Rapids) took care of business in the third spot, getting the first win 6-0 and then winning 6-3.

The final three positions were dynamite for the 'Jackets, all getting 6-0 wins.

Head coach Kolin Dean was proud of his team for their play this weekend saying "We did what we needed to do! We showed that we can beat some great competition."

Up Next

Superior will go on a UMAC road trip next weekend, playing three matches from April 12-14 away from home.