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Once a Yellowjacket, Always a Yellowjacket

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On August 16, 2021, Ryder Woodworth tragically lost his life in a car accident days prior to starting preseason for University of Wisconsin-Superior men's soccer team. This accident left shock and sadness throughout all the men's soccer team. A now senior from Waunakee, Wisconsin, Zach Tiemeyer, who had played against Woodworth in high

school, took the number 12 which was meant to be Woodworth's, in his honor.

On Saturday Oct. 19, the UWS Yellowjackets hosted Bethany Lutheran in one of their most important games of the season, being first vs second place. For this game, Mary Woodworth, Ryder Woodworth's mom, travelled up to watch the Yellowjackets compete at the new Superior Choice Credit Union Stadium.

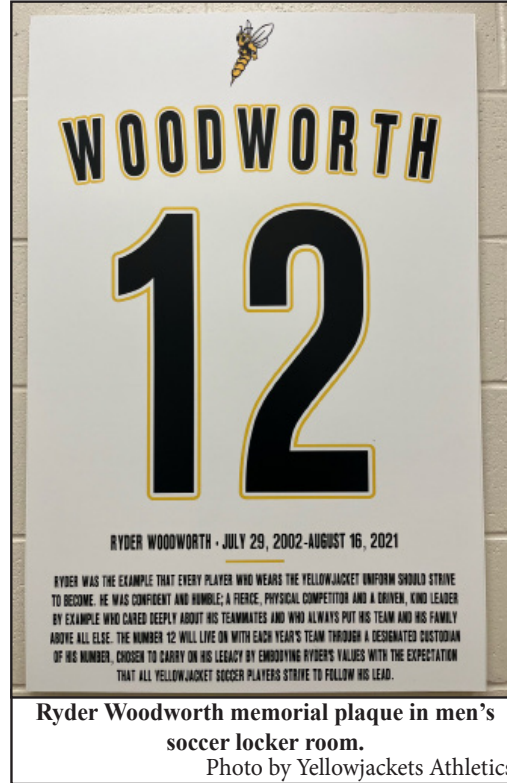
In the 21st minute of the competition, who else but Tiemeyer would open the scoring for the Yellowjackets.

"Ryder and the Woodworth's will always hold a special place in the Yellowjacket family. Mary and I have become very close over the past few years, and she has remained close with our team. She's been to a few of our games now, but this was the first time we won with her there. The fact that Zach scored the opening goal while wearing the number 12 made the day that much more special," said Joe Mooney, UWS men's soccer head coach. "We continue to feel Ryder's presence with our team, and we are so grateful for the relationship we have with



UWS men's soccer team with Mary Woodworth after game against Bethany Lutheran on Oct. 19 at SCCU Stadium.

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Ryder Woodworth memorial plaque in men's soccer locker room.
Photo by Yellowjackets Athletics

the Woodworth family."

With Mary Woodworth in the stands and Tiemeyer scoring the opening goal wearing number 12, it was a wonderful moment for everyone involved in the UWS men's soccer team and Woodworth's family.

"I was able to meet all of this year's players and received a hug from every player," Mary said. "To top it off, number 12 scored a goal in the first half, my eyes teared with

joy."

This moment demonstrates how important college sports are for people beyond just the two teams competing.

"It is the most important goal I will ever score in my life; those circumstances can never be replicated," Tiemeyer said.

It was a moment for everyone that demonstrated how light can come out of the darkest of situations.

UWS Men's and Women's Soccer Take Home UMAC Championship Titles

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The UW-Superior men's and women's soccer teams earned UMAC titles after defeating Bethany Lutheran in the UMAC Championship game.

Starting off with the men's team, they earned their eight consecutive UMAC title after taking down Bethany Lutheran 6-2.

Leading the way in goals for the Yellowjackets was Junior Forward, Jake Kidd who recorded two goals on the night. Phillip Eriksen, Isaac Becket, Freddy Watson, and Josh Bellamay also recorded a goal in the Yellowjackets win over the Vikings.

UWS will improve to 17-3-2 overall and end the season with a

perfect 14-0 recorded in conference play.

The Yellowjackets have earned a spot in the NCAA tournament where they will face North Park.

For the women's, they shutout Bethany Lutheran 4-0, to earn their fourth consecutive UMAC Championship.

The Yellowjackets were led by Kamryn Hill, who scored two goals in the contest. Tori Vosburg and Niya Wilson were the other Yellowjackets who recorded a goal in the match.

UWS improves to 15-7 on the year and 11-1 in conference play.

The Jackets earned a spot in the NCAA tournament and face Carleton College.



UWS women's soccer earned their four consecutive UMAC title on Saturday, Nov. 9, at SCCU Stadium.

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UWS men's soccer earns eighth straight UMAC title on Saturday, Nov. 9th at SCCU Stadium.

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UWS men's and women's cross country team earns UMAC titles at conference meet in Winthrop, Minn.

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UWS Men's & Women's Cross Country Teams Race to Another UMAC Title

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Championships aren't something that is uncommon at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, especially for its men's and women's cross-country teams. Following the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference cross country championship, both the men's and women's teams came home with the gold. The men's team was led by senior

Aiden Doherty, winning the individual race by only five seconds. Getting second place was Zach Reese. Both Doherty and Reese finished almost 30 seconds before the rest of the

competition. Doherty and Reese ran a personal best for the 8k race as well.

Over to the women's side of things, the Yellowjackets were led by sophomore Cora Hudella.

Hudella is the first Yellowjacket on the women's team to win the individual title.

Behind Hudella's performance, the team claimed the first ever team conference championship in program history. The Yellowjackets have three runners place in the top five while recording four personal records.

Head coach Glen Drexler explains how

this season's championship felt different,

"Just an exceptional team culture this year. From day one- our team focused on being the best version of themselves as a team. We're not perfect, but our culture was as strong as it's been in years, and I am really proud of who we are and what they accomplished together."

The Yellowjacket teams are preparing for the NCAA Division III North regional tournament, set to take place on Saturday, Nov. 16 in Northfield, Minn. The meet is scheduled for 11 a.m. start at the Bull Huyck Championship Course.



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