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Salukis’ season ends in an upset

Karim held to 27 rushing yards

Ryan Voyles / Daily Egyptian

The William and Mary Tribe showed the old adage “defense wins championships” still holds true Saturday.

William and Mary’s No.1 rushing defense (210) held the Salukis to 113 yards on the ground in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

The Tribe’s defense was able to stop the Salukis from running the ball, allowing only 50.3 rushing yards a game, while the Salukis came in with the fourth-worst rushing attack, which averaged 202.8 yards per game.

William and Mary held the line of scrimmage, as Saluki could only muster 84 rushing yards the entire game.

William and Mary head coach Rick Stockrel said it was a poor day for his team’s passing numbers.

“We just played good defense,” Stockrel said. “That’s what we do. We play defense, which means we get off blocks, you run the football and you wrap up and tackle. We do those things very, very well.”

Saluki running back Deji Karim, who is one of three finalists for the Walter Payton Award, was held to only 7 rushing yards, and 105 all-purpose yards. He said his team fought its way in the Tribe’s physical defense.

“They were just tougher than us,” Karim said. “They were more physical than us — especially on defense. They just battered us with the penalties and stuff.”

Saluki quarterback Paul McDonald took the first play of the game up the middle 34 yards to the William and Mary 26-yard line. The Tribe’s defense locked down and allowed only a 46-yard field goal to the Salukis on the possession.

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Saluki senior running back

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SHU drove down the field on its next possession, but a holding penalty negated McCaffrey’s run to the Tribe’s eight-yard line, and Saluki kicker Kyle Daugherty’s 39-yard field goal bounced just inside the end zone.

It was the last chance William and Mary showed SHU into the end zone.

It was just about adding to a lead we had, said before. William and Mary defensive and Adrian Tracy said. “We didn’t really help ourselves that was totally our fault. Maybe we could have had a few more yards than I thought we did. We were able to get the opportunity.

After a first quarter that saw the Tribe manage only off after yards on one play, quarterback RJ Archer and running back Jonathan Daniels went in week.

Theater department survives in fiscal crisis

Erin Holcomb / Daily Egyptian

The theater department is losing its shows going as usual during the economic downturn and cash-flow problems.

Mark Varn, chairman of the theater department, said the economics of the theater industry is what has hit the department hard.

“We’re very good at utilizing resources,” Varn said. “We try to maybe stretch to the best extent possible.”

Shawn Dombrowski and costume designer, said the theater department is cutting the number of shows this season and so, too, are other procedures.

Revenue from ticket sales helps pay for the shows, but there is no guarantee that all tickets will be sold.

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Cold can’t trip the Lights Fantastic

Flots, faces light up for annual holiday parade

By Nick Johnson | Daily Egyptian

As the Oberz children and family members pulled up on the street behind the SIUC Touch of Nature float and waited for the start of the 2009 Lights Fantastic Parade Saturday, only two words were on their minds.

“we hope it rains,” said 12-year-old Tara; James, 10, and seven-year-old James, almost simultaneously.

Eric Oberz, the children’s father, works with Touch of Nature and said it was the environmental center’s first year in the annual holiday-themed parade, which had more than 50 entries for its 17th iteration and ran for the third straight year in Snyder-average temperatures.

As in years past, homemade floats, dance groups and marching bands formed a parade of floats from southern Illinois to straddle down South Illinois Avenue in front of hundreds of spectators. Notable entries included a float themed after the University of Illinois radio station KGMO, a float themed after former 1960s band The Beatles, and a float themed after the Children’s Hospital.

Although the city and the Carbondale Park District sponsor the parade, it is mostly supported by local donors, parade organizer Pat Cooney said.

Preparation for the Lights Fantastic is a year-long process, she said.

“We continue to work all year around to make it better,” she said.

The parade featured floats from the Carbondale Jaycees, the Carbondale Shriners, the Carbondale Optimists Club, the Carbondale Lions Club, the Carbondale Rotary Club, the Theta Chi fraternity, the Sigma Chi fraternity, the Carbondale Rifle Club, the Carbondale Post 1020, and many more.

Five marshals inspect each float before the parade, Cooney said.

Jim Allen and Mary Manis live in the Carbondale area and said they expected their grandparents to march with the Oberz of Middle School.

“A member of the Williamson County Shrine Club drives a miniature car draped in Christmas lights down the Strip Saturday during the Carbondale Lights Fantastic Parade. The parade included holiday-themed floats, area school marching bands and Santa Claus with his nine reindeer.”

Corrections

In the Oct. 24 edition of the Daily Egyptian, the story about the new beagle named Traveller was incorrect. Traveller’s older sister named Whistle Winder was deemed the best beagle because of a captivating winter style and smooth movement by handles Open National. The Daily Egyptian regrets this error.
Students' art auctioned for grants, scholarships

Art Over Easy 5 has largest ever turnout

Christina Spakovsky

Robert Paulson beamed when the auctioneer announced he had won the small, still-life painting he bid on for $125 at the School of Art and Design’s annual art auction.

Paulson, director of art and design and faculty member, said he enjoys attending the yearly auction and bidding on art created by his students and peers.

“They get their inspiration from right here,” said Paulson, pointing to his heart.

The fifth annual live and silent auction had more than 300 guests and pulled in more than $52,000 Friday at the Lupus Gallery. Proceeds benefiting both the Robert Paulson Fine Arts Faculty Endowment and the Art Over Easy fund, said Tracee North, director of development in the College of Liberal Arts.

North said the event is the biggest fundraiser for the School of Art and Design, and showcases student success and community work.

“This is probably our largest year so far,” North said. “This is becoming a tradition.”

Peter Chametuy, director and professor of art history, said artists donate their work, and bids are streamed well below retail values in an effort to encourage extensive bidding. Each dollar spent is matched by two private grants for scholarships and creative research, he said.

“The grant closes Dec. 31, so these are the last big moments to gain as much of this as we can,” Chametuy said.

Chametuy said despite finding and spending difficulties at SIUC, the School of Art and Design is in good shape. He said the school has a strong tradition of support and a nationally ranked program.

Chametuy directed the bidders, leaving auction and live bidding with people wanting to think and feel, in order to encourage competition.

“People want to think and feel with words and with objects,” Chametuy said.

Key Weatherford, wife of Larry Weatherford, who is the co-chairman of the Art Over Easy Auction & Gala, makes a bid on an item during the live auction portion of the event Friday at the Glove Factory, The money raised from the night will be matched by two private grants for scholarships and research in the School of Art and Design.

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Salukis’ shots go cold against Billikens

Dillard only player to reach double-digit points

Ryan Velez/ 
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Dillard was the only Saluki to score in double figures, finishing with 13 points. His performance helped break the Billiken’s confidence, and they never recovered.

Sioux, St. Louis

Salukis’ center Gene Teague attempts a layup during the 91-63 Nov. 14, 14 home win against University of Tennessee-Martin. At Saturday’s game in St. Louis, the Salukis lost the lead in the second half. The final score of 71-61 gave SUU its third loss of this season.

Salukis capture 15 wins in indoor-track and field opener

Post six provisional marks

Ryan Stelzner

DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Salukis opened the season at the Saluki Fall Sprint Friday at the Recreation Center.

The SIU track and field team kicked off its season with 19 first-place finishes and posted six provisional marks at the exhibition event.

The men’s team finished second overall, while the women’s team finished third overall.

Junior pole vaulter, Muscle Thompson set the tone for the Salukis early by finishing first place in the men’s pole-vaulting event. He set a new school record of 13 feet, 7.5 inches, shattering his old record of 11 feet, 2.33 inches from last season.

Thompson said she has worked all year to get to the four-meter mark. "It felt good to finally get to 13”, said Thompson. "I feel it was a stronger and faster than last year and today was a good indicator of how far I can go.”

The SIU throwers also captured first place in the men’s and women’s shot put and hammer throw events.

SIU finished in the top three among the women’s weight throw with a total of 60 feet, 7 inches. Junior Taylor and Alas Lear established new personal bests in the event.

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Junior Taylor and Alas Lear both followed with exceptional qualifying throws finishing second and third respectively. Taylor has set a new personal best in the event.

SIU thrower coach John Smith said he was pleased with the throwers’ performances, especially in the women’s weight throw.

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BASKETBALL

Defensive effort a key to Saluki win

By Scott Gasser

The Salukis defeated Murray State 85-75 at SIU Arena on Tuesday night. SIU overcame a 10-point deficit in the second half to secure the win.

"We just didn't have the same energy that we did against A&M," said SIU coach Barry Hinson. "But our defense was really good as a whole and we improved as the game has progressed, but that's not enough.

"We have gotten a lot better as the season has gone on, but eventually we are going to have to start shooting the ball," Hinson added.

SIU returns to play on Dec. 12 when it visits Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn.

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FOOTBALL

William and Mary's defense best against Salukis

By Steven Bryant

Indiana State 70, Missouri State 31

The Indiana State Sycamores dominated the Missouri State Bears in a 70-31 victory on Saturday afternoon. The Sycamores scored on their first play from scrimmage and never looked back.

The Bears were never able to get going offensively, as the defense held them to just 31 points. The Sycamores scored on every possession in the first quarter and scored their 31st point in the second quarter.

The Bears were able to score 13 points in the third quarter, but that was not enough to overcome the deficit.

William and Mary's defense best against Salukis

By Steven Bryant

The Salukis faced off against the William and Mary Tribe on Saturday afternoon. The Salukis were able to hold the Tribe to just 21 points, while scoring 68 of their own.

The Tribe was unable to get any shots going in the first quarter, as the Salukis held them to just three points. The Tribe was able to score 12 points in the second quarter, but that was not enough to overcome the deficit.

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SIU remains winless on season

Texas A&M and Colorado State beat SIU

Derek Robbins | Daily Egyptian

The Salukis' signs of improvement have yet to come as they fell to their third straight defeat.

The Salukis were outmatched by the Aggies, who beat SIU 72-58 Friday and 62-53 Sunday

SIU head coach Missy Tiber said the team played hard in a losing effort.

“We played as hard as we could, but unfortunately they were bigger, faster and stronger and it got us,” Tiber said.

Tiber said she was proud of the team for playing as well as it did against the competition.

“We bring a lot of heart to the court for one game, then we just don’t bring it for another,” Tiber said.

SIU started the classic hot, as it held an 11-3 lead against Texas A&M with 14:21 left in the first half, but the Aggies went on a 10-0 run, and the Salukis failed to take the lead again.

The closest they came was with six minutes to play in the first half when they cut the Aggies' lead to two with a 22-21 lead in the first half. The Salukis closed the gap again in the second half, coming within seven points in the final minutes, but they only made two field goals in the final 10 minutes of the game.

Salukis were leading 11-3 in the final 10 minutes, but the Aggies took over and pushed their lead to 53-41 with 6:39 left in the game.

“We was tough for me,” Tiber said. “I had four charges. I don’t know many point guards with four charges.”

Tiber said Neptune was brought in to be a point player and a leader and should not have to shoulder the entire load of the offense.

Tiber held Texas A&M to a season-low 72 points. The Aggies’ previous low was 79 against Auburn University. The Aggies are averaging 87.6 points per game.

The Salukis had a similar result in Sunday's 62-53 loss to Colorado State. Oliver said the Salukis did not play as well Sunday as they did on Friday.

“We just didn’t have the same energy that we did against A&M,” Oliver said. “We would have won by at least 10.”

Oliver said the Salukis’ lack of energy did them in Sunday.

“We bring a lot of effort and a lot of heart to the court for one game, then we just don’t bring it for another,” Tiber said.

“We should have won, we just didn’t bring it for another,” Tiber said.

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