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Central Drops Non-League Contest in OT to Grand Canyon, 2-1 *Slawson Scores First Goal, But Wildcats Surrender Lead in Home Loss*

ELLENSBURG, Wash. – Junior **Arica Slawson** (Buckley, Wash./White River HS) scored her first goal of the season at the 25th minute, but Grand Canyon scored goals at the 59th and 93rd minutes to steal a 2-1 overtime victory over the host Wildcats on Saturday afternoon.

Slawson’s goal in the first half gave Central Washington (2-5-0) early control of the game in their home return following a 13-day hiatus. However, despite a 9-3 advantage in shot attempts in the first half, Grand Canyon (5-3-0) scored the equalizing tally 14 minutes into the second half as Lindsey Countryman scored her first goal of the year.

Neither team scored again in regulation, although the Wildcats had plenty of opportunities to go in front. Central outshot the visiting ‘Lopes 5-4 in the second half to enter overtime with a 14-7 edge in shot attempts. However, Grand Canyon took advantage of its chances early in the extra session, as Countryman had the initial shot attempt of the overtime. That attempt was turned away by CWU goalkeeper **Meghan Michaud** (Renton, Wash./Hazen HS), but an ensuing try by Emilee Ashby 47 seconds later found the back of the net and enabled the ‘Lopes to escape with the one-goal victory.

Central Washington controlled nearly every team statistical category, taking three corner kicks to Grand Canyon’s two, and outshooting the ‘Lopes 14-9 overall.

The Wildcats, who remain winless in four home games this season, open Great Northwest Athletic Conference play on Tuesday afternoon at defending West Region champion Seattle University. Central Washington will then play Northwest Nazarene at the CWU Soccer Field next Thursday.

Grand Canyon vs Central Washington (Sep 17, 2005 at Ellensburg, WA)

Grand Canyon (5-3-0) 2, Central Washington (2-5-0) 1, OT

Date: Sep 17, 2005 **Attendance:** 108

Weather: 72 degrees F, sunny

Goals by period 1 2 OT Tot

Grand Canyon..... 0 1 1 - 2
Central Washington.. 1 0 0 - 0

SCORING SUMMARY:

- 24:04 CWU Slawson, Arica (1) (unassisted)
- 58:58 GCU Countryman, Lindsey (1) (Young, Vanessa)
- 92:34 GCU Ashby, Emilee (3) (Countryman, Lindsey)

Shots: Grand Canyon 9, Central Washington 14

Saves: Grand Canyon 3 (Munger, Jen 3), Central Washington 2 (Michaud, Meghan 2)

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