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Beattie's OT Header Enables Wildcats to Upset Seattle, 2-1

CWU Snaps 15-Game Skid against Redhawks, Takes GNAC Opener

SEATTLE, Wash. – Sophomore **Michelle Beattie's** (Seattle, Wash./Bishop Blanchet HS) header off a free kick at the 99th minute enabled Central Washington to upset host Seattle University, 2-1, in its 2005 Great Northwest Athletic Conference women's soccer opener at Championship Field on Tuesday.

The victory by the Wildcats (3-5-0, 1-0-0 GNAC) snaps a 15-match losing streak to the Redhawks that had dated back to Oct. 4, 1995. In fact, Central Washington had not won on the road at Seattle since taking a 5-3 decision during the 1990 season. Seattle (6-3-0, 0-1-0 GNAC), which debuted the season ranked second nationally in the NCAA Division II, lost at home for the first time since Nov. 8, 2003 – a streak of 13 straight home victories.

Beattie's goal came off a free kick from senior defender **Chelsea Beck** (Renton, Wash./Liberty HS). Beck lobbed the ball into the box from 30 yards out, and Beattie headed it into the net behind Seattle keeper Ashley Angerer for the game-winner.

Central Washington outscored the Redhawks despite being dominated in nearly every statistical category, including shots (19-7), corner kicks (8-0), and despite committing 25 fouls to Seattle's 18. However, although the Wildcats scored multiple goals in the same game for just the second time this season, CWU head coach **Michael Farrand** said it was the Wildcats' defensive effort that stood out on Tuesday.

"Our defense did a great job to help keep (Seattle) out of the goal area," Farrand said. "Meghan (Michaud) did an excellent job in the goal, and outside of the goal, Lindsay Mitchell had perhaps her best game in a Central uniform."

Redshirt freshman **Meghan Michaud** (Renton, Wash./Hazen HS) made seven saves to earn the victory in the goal for the Wildcats. The aforementioned **Mitchell** (Federal Way, Wash.) was responsible for containing Seattle's Ashley Porter, whom she held to just an assist and three shot attempts on the afternoon.

"We played a great, solid game for 100 minutes," Farrand added. "That is the direction we have been going all season long – to be able to put an entire game together – and today is a great win for our program."

Central Washington junior **Michelle Phillips** (Wenatchee, Wash./Cashmere HS) opened the scoring with her second collegiate goal at the 52nd minute. Seattle tied the score 13 minutes later on Ana Gutierrez's fourth goal of the season.

The Wildcats return home for consecutive matches this coming week. Central takes on Northwest Nazarene in a GNAC contest on Thursday (3 p.m.), before stepping out of conference play to face Eastern Oregon in a non-leaguer on Sunday at noon.

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Central Washington vs Seattle (Sep 20, 2005 at Seattle, WA)

Central Washington (3-5-0, 1-0-0 GNAC) 2, Seattle (6-3-0, 0-1-0 GNAC) 1, OT

Date: Sep 20, 2005 **Attendance:** 129

Weather: 67 degrees F, sunny and warm

Goals by period 1 2 OT Tot

Central Washington.. 0 1 1 - 2
Seattle..... 0 1 0 - 1

SCORING SUMMARY:

- 1. 51:58 CWU Phillips,Michelle (1) (unassisted)
- 2. 65:20 SEATTLE Gutierrez,Ana (4) (Porter,Ashley)
- 3. 98:43 CWU Beattie,Michelle (1) (Beck,Chelsea)

Shots: Central Washington 7, Seattle 19

Saves: Central Washington 8 (Michaud,Meghan 7, TEAM 1), Seattle 1 (Angerer,Ashley 1)

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