**# 24 Old Dominion Monarchs**

Scout: Andrew Ventresca

**Lineup used 17 August 2015 vs William & Mary (Exhibition-ODU Soccer Complex)**

**Formation: 4-5-1**

 **GK #1 (Tiesenhausen)**

**RCH #14 (Wirth) LCH #26 (Nelson)**

 **RB #3 (Joly) LB #4 (Macsicza)**

**RCMF #8 (Stringer) AMF #7 (Militar) LCMF #22 (Willbye)**

 **RW #17 (Liebmann) LW #10 (Miralrio)**

**FW #9 (Edwards)**

**GENERAL MATCH COMMENTS AND FLOW**

Result: 2-2

As would be expected in the first exhibition game of the season, the Monarchs had trouble getting into any sort of rhythm throughout the match. As a result of nerves as well as trying too hard to impress the coaching staff, the ODU players, at times, tried to do too much individually with the ball and as a result lost possession easily in their half of the pitch. William & Mary capitalized on ODU’s lack of possession in the midfield and scored the game’s first two goals. ODU would have done well to slow done the pace of the game and move the ball more centrally as opposed to lobbing inaccurate long balls to streaking wingers.

Defensively, the Monarchs were fairly organized due to the vocal leadership of Nelson. The first goal came off a cross from the left side that William Eskay was able to loop over a late GK Tiesenhausen. Eskay was left unmarked near the top of the box and was able to loop in the opening goal. The second goal by William & Mary was an own goal that deflected off a corner kick scrum. Both goals were the result of defensive miscues as is expected during a pre-season exhibition game.

Despite going behind two goals, Monarch leadership (Miralrio and Militar) kept the team composed and came out at half playing with more control and vision. Miralrio played a well-executed through ball from the right flank to a streaking Militar for the Monarch’s first goal. Militar did well to send home a low, hard shot to the lower right corner of the net. This goal was scored on a quick counter, which ODU had not been able to capitalize on all game due to poor first touches and lack of composure on the ball. Again, Militar was involved in the scoring line when he worked hard to gain a free kick from the end line where he fed a ground pass to Hill who took one touch and launched a well-placed shot over the keeper and into the upper left corner of the net. With the game all tied up, both sides would trade opportunities late, but neither team was able to net the game winner.

**FORMATIONAL ORGANIZATION and TACTICS**

**STRENGTHS**

* Well organized defense for most of the match except the miscommunication on the own goal
* Miralrio and Militar are a formidable duo on the attack. First goal was a sleek through ball from Miralrio that was controlled well by a slashing Militar who was able send in a strong finish to the lower right corner.
* Militar was able to stretch forward in the second half in order to open up the wings and midfield for Miralrio to create and distribute the ball into the box.
* ODU experienced success when it built up through the Miralrio and Militar instead of lobbing long balls out wide aimlessly.
* Militar and Edwards are very sizeable targets that can get forward and hold up the ball if needed to let the play develop.
* Miralrio at his best offers attacking options both out wide and centrally. In the second half he played some very effective balls from the left flank.

**WEAKNESSES**

* Struggled to maintain possession throughout the match, but especially in the first 25 minutes. Due largely to match being the first of the season and many new faces on the roster.
* Took about a half of soccer for the club to settle down and focus on possession/build up.
* Needed to slow down the game in the first minutes and retain possession. Seemed too rushed and at times play was sloppy. Can be attributed to many new faces and the beginning of a new season.
* Poor communication in the box on the own goal. Defensive organization and communication was good for most of the match, but broke down on the own goal. Defensive cohesion will increase as the back four are offered increased minutes together.

**SUMMARY**

* In the end, not a surprising score line in the first match of the season. Both teams had issues with establishing rhythm at different parts of the game. ODU struggled mightily in the first half, but keep fighting and pulled out the draw. ODU never gave up and as a result was able to score twice in the final 25 minutes of play. This resiliency says a lot about the team’s leadership and provides a solid building block to add onto as the season progresses. The duo of Miralrio and Militar will be crucial to the success of the Monarchs this season.

**PLAYERS**

**#1 GK Alex Tiesenhausen:** Noticed some hesitancy in his decision making when to coming off his line. Needs to command the box on set pieces and long crosses. Good size (6’0” 165 lbs.), but needs to use that size to command box better. Good shot stopper especially at close range. Doesn’t let up any real big rebounds; good awareness of incoming pressure. Better command in the box would have aided in keeping a clean sheet (own goal due to miscommunication on a corner and long cross played in near the top of the box.) Increased confidence will come naturally as the season progresses.

**#22 LCMF Jack Willbye:** Young average sized midfielder (5’9” 164 lbs) from Cambridge, England. Limited time on the pitch, but displayed glimpses of good technical skill and pace.

**#26 CB Michael Nelson:** Long and lanky senior defender (6’1” 170 lbs). Possesses skill to push forward into central midfield and distribute into dangerous spots. High work rate. Sticks with every play. Dangerous in the air on set pieces with great leaping ability. Played 10 games freshman year at N.C. State.

**#14 CB Christian Wirth:** Hard-nosed, tough defender with good pace. Good field vision from the back.

**#3 RB Sebastian Joly:** Average sized, medium built young RB. Good closing speed. High work rate. Needs to get better with distribution out of the back, but that will come with increased playing time. Thought process is there, just needs to fine tune execution of distributed balls forward.

**#8 RCMF Cole Stringer:** Athletic midfielder with the ability to push forward and create opportunities on goal. Created two shots on goal in the game. Great size (6’2” 185 lbs.) and athleticism.

**#11 CMF Geoffrey Hill:** Good size (6’0” 165 lbs.) Showed great composure and skill on the second goal as he lofted the ball high to beat the shorter keeper in the top left corner. Vocal leader on the pitch. High work rate led to multiple shots on goal. Has technical ability, but also can play scrappy.

**#4 LB David Macsicza:** Solid, strong frame (6’1” 185 lbs.) Uses speed and physicality to track down ball well. Uses height to dominate in the air. Should have closed down a step quicker on cross that led to the first William & Mary goal.

**# 9 FW Tyler Edwards:** Big target at the top (6’1” 185 lbs).Strong, physical target up front with a good touch. High work rate. Possesses ability to create on his own. Can catch defenders off guard with his speed.

**#10 LW Jesse Miralrio:** Long left footed winger who has the speed to expose opposing teams out wide as well as the technical ability to create in the middle of the pitch. At times needs to slow down in order to avoid careless turnovers when checking back for the ball. Good first touch and control. Needs to distribute quicker at times. Linked up well with Militar on multiple occasions. Played beautiful cross in the final minutes that almost set up the go ahead goal.

**#20 FW Josue Henriquez**: Has the pace and skill to create on his own. Created a noticeable spark for his team off the bench. In moments would do well to slow down his pace and work on keeping possession. High work rate. Older more mature player transferring in from Phoenix Junior College. Very strong on the ball for his size (5’7” 150 lbs).

**#7 FWD Ivan Militar:** Good size (6’2” 170 lbs) Very vocal. Senior leader on and off the pitch. Crucial in both of the team’s goals with a score and assist off of a set piece. Able to use his size and pace to create for himself. Almost had early follow up goal that was disallowed due to keeper interference. Did well to calm team down after going down 2-0. Dangerous and confident on set pieces. Almost had another assist on a set piece from the left side outside of the box that his team mate sent over the cross bar. Spark plug for his team, but needs to avoid getting frustrated if calls don’t go his way. His team needs him on the pitch creating. Tracks back well to mark a late runner in the box.

**#17 RW** **Quinn Liebmann:** Strong on the ball, physical. Still very young. Needs to develop technically and will be able to do so at ODU and the Colorado Rapids Academy.

**#5 DB Garrett Walke:** Young defender who had limited playing time. Athletic and fast with hints of technical ability.

**#12 CB Nick Hutchinson:** Sizeable versatile defender (6’0” 180 lbs). Played limited minutes at center back and right back.

**#13 CMF Phill Grossman**: Long, athletic freshman midfielder who had limited playing time.

**#16 DB/MF Johan De Picker:** Very tall and lanky international (6’4” 155 lbs). A member of the U-16 Belgium National Team. Technically sound and has a very good sense for the game. Needs to develop strength in order to withstand pressure going forward as well as defending in the final third.

**#19 MF Stefano Barahona:** Small, quick compact midfielder who saw limited time on the pitch.

**#21 MF/FW Niko Klosterhalfen:** Sizeable attacking player from Germany (6’2” 170 lbs).

**#23 GK Christian Coulson:** Big goalkeeper (6’4” 178 lbs) who played roughly the last 18 minutes of the match and did not record a save. Vocal in the box, but untested for the most part in the final minutes of the game.

**Soccer Box Score (Final)**

**The Automated ScoreBook**

**William & Mary vs #24 Old Dominion (Aug 17, 2015 at Norfolk, Va.)**

**Goals by period 1 2 Total**

William & Mary 1 1 **2**

Old Dominion 0 2 **2**

William & Mary (0-0-1) vs.

Old Dominion (0-0-1)

Date: Aug 17, 2015 • Attendance: 467

Weather: 83 degrees, sunny

**William & Mary**

**Pos# Player ShSOG G A**

gk 22 Phillips, Mac - - - -

d 2 Perry, Ryan - - - -

d 4 Frost, Remi - - - -

mf 6 Bombelles, Jeff - - - 1

f 7 Maw, Reilly 2 2 - -

mf 9 Flesch, Ryan - - - -

f 10 Bustamante, Antonio 2 2 - -

f 14 Eskay, William 1 1 1 -

d 21 Crenshaw, Adam - - - -

mf 23 Spain, Riley 1 - - -

mf 24 Eskay, Jackson 2 1 - -

-- Substitutes --

1 Onyeador, Sam - - - -

3 Speed, Alfonso - - - -

11 Bell, Ryder - - - -

12 Berry, Marcel - - - -

13 Fuquene, John - - - -

15 Cox, Josh - - - -

17 Olagbegi, Korede - - - -

18 Jones, Christian - - - -

19 Smith, Cole - - - -

20 Young, Geoffrey - - - -

25 Jones, Logan - - - -

TM TEAM - 1 1 -

Totals 8 7 2 1

**Old Dominion**

**Pos# Player ShSOG G A**

gk 1 TIESENHAUSEN, Alex - - - -

d 3 JOLY, Sebastian - - - -

d 4 MACSICZA, David - - - -

mf 7 MILITAR, Ivan 2 2 1 1

mf 8 STRINGER, Cole 2 - - -

f 9 EDWARDS, Tyler - - - -

mf 10 MIRALRIO, Jesse 1 1 - 1

d 14 WIRTH, Christian - - - -

mf 17 LIEBMANN, Quinn - - - -

mf 22 WILLBYE, Jack - - - -

d 26 NELSON, Michael - - - -

-- Substitutes --

5 WALKE, Garrett - - - -

11 HILL, Geoffrey 2 2 1 -

12 HUTCHINSON, Nichola - - - -

13 GROSSMAN, Phill - - - -

16 DE PICKER, Johan - - - -

19 BARAHONA, Stefano - - - -

20 HENRIQUEZ, Josue 2 1 - -

21 KLOSTERHALFEN, Nik - - - -

23 COULSON, Christian - - - -

Totals 9 6 2 2

**# Goalkeepers Min GA Saves**

22 Phillips, Mac 31:47 0 1

1 Onyeador, Sam 27:15 0 1

25 Jones, Logan 30:58 2 2

**# Goalkeepers Min GA Saves**

1 TIESENHAUSEN, Alex 72:21 2 5

23 COULSON, Christian 17:39 0 0

**Shots by period 1 2 Total**

William & Mary 4 4 **8**

Old Dominion 4 5 **9**

**Corner kicks 1 2 Total**

William & Mary 2 3 **5**

Old Dominion 2 3 **5**

**Saves by period 1 2 Total**

William & Mary 2 2 **4**

Old Dominion 2 3 **5**

**Scoring summary:**

**No. Time Team Goal scorer Assist Description**

1. 24:55 WM Eskay, William (1) Bombelles, Jeff Header from top of the box off long cross from

left flank

2. 58:59 WM OWN GOAL Corner kick Own goal deflection off of corner kick scrum

3. 65:34 ODU MILITAR, Ivan (1) MIRALRIO, Jesse Through ball from right flank, finished into lower

right corner

4. 76:05 ODU HILL, Geoffrey (1) MILITAR, Ivan Low ball off set piece, hit into upper left corner

**Cautions and ejections:**

YC-WM #9 (44:54); YC-ODU #22 (47:53)

William & Mary-Jones, Logan (0-0-1). Old Dominion-TIESENHAUSEN, Alex (0-0-1).

Stadium: ODU Soccer Complex

Officials: Referee: Bitt Dittmar; Asst. Referee: Michael Schatzel; Matthew Franz;

Alt. Official: Russell Tolerton; Scorer: Tim Wentz;

Offsides: William & Mary 4, Old Dominion 3.

Played 90 minutes, no overtime