

### **LINDSAY KITSON SHINES IN LOSS**

ORANGE BEACH, Ala. – Lindsay Kitson made 15 saves, including several spectacular stops, but 16th-ranked Cumberland was not able to find enough offense and dropped a 1-0 decision to No. 5 Concordia [OR] University here in the second round of the NAIA National Championships.

The Bulldogs end their season 19-3-0 overall and made their first-ever appearance in the national tournament under third-year head coach Gavin McKinney. The squad had just one senior – Simone Quinn – and played the final month without two starters on the backline.

Concordia (17-2-2), the national runner-up last season, controlled possession for much of the match, creating incredible scoring chances time and again, but Kitson was up to the challenge, just as she has the last month of the year, keeping the club in the match.

The Cavaliers started quickly but the Bulldogs countered and had the best scoring chance in the opening minutes, with Tori Talbutt saving Kelsey Langille's shot from a bad angle down the left side. After that Concordia controlled play for basically the rest of the half and if not for several great saves from Kitson, the Cavaliers would have opened a big lead at the half.

The Bulldog keeper made a point-blank save in the 20th minute against Hannah Scott but Kaylynn Winwood found the back of the net three minutes later, hitting a one-timer from 10 yards at the back post on a cross from McKayla Madison, giving the Cavaliers a 1-0 edge.

Kitson kept the match from getting out of hand with a sliding save on Ariel Kanable in the 35th minute, knocked Kanable's shot from 20 yards over the crossbar in the 42nd minute and moved well to her left along the goal line to save Ashley Ames' half-volley off a corner kick in the 44th minute.

In the second half CU held the ball more but was unable to penetrate the Concordia backline and the Cavaliers continually counter-attacked. Kitson had two saves from close range and made a great reaction on a flick by Madison in the 78th minute. The Bulldogs were also the beneficiaries of two good bounces off the cross bar, one in the first half on a header and then Hannah Scott's shot from four yards in the 86th minute.