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Linfield College Women's Soccer Weekly Coaches Report

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**VIDEO**

LSN OPENING VIDEO GRAPHIC

CUT IN

TWO-SHOT OF JOE (RIGHT) AND STEVE  
(LEFT)

JOE

STEVE

JOE

17 SEC HIGHLIGHT CLIP FROM  
WHITMAN/WHITWORTH MATCHES  
JOE/STEVE V/O

**AUDIO**

[LSN Opening Vid Music]

Hi there everyone, welcome to our final edition of the Wildcat Weekly Coaches Report with head women's soccer coach Steve Simmons, I'm Joe Stuart and thanks so much for joining us here on the Linfield Sports Network. Coach, it's hard to believe but here we are on November 6<sup>th</sup>, looking into the final weekend of the 2019 season.

\*Response\*

Your team is coming off a split weekend in eastern Washington, winning 1-0 in Walla Walla against Whitman on Saturday and then following it up with a 2-1 loss to Whitworth, but it has been a somewhat difficult stretch of the season here in the back half of the Northwest

2S OF JOE/STEVE

Conference schedule. A road heavy couple of weeks has seen your record away from McMinnville fall to 2-6 and the overall record dip below .500 at 8-9-1. What do you think the difference has been in these road matches against teams that your players looked strong against earlier in the year?

STEVE

\*Response\*

JOE

Now looking ahead to this weekend, it's far from an easy end to the campaign, with the already-claimed conference champions Pacific Lutheran in town for senior day on Saturday and then on the road in Newberg on Sunday against a George Fox team that played you guys very tough in the gritty double-overtime draw a couple of weeks ago.

When you played PLU in Puyallup they scored early and Linfield had a difficult time creating chances for the rest of the match. How much do you think your team has to do differently in order to not just hang in with this team for the whole match but really give them a fight and possibly come away with the draw or victory?

STEVE

\*Response\*

JOE

And then for George Fox, it was a tough, physical match where neither team was really able to gain much control of the action for long

stretches, do you expect another similar type of effort from both sides with it being the final match of the season?

STEVE

\*Response\*

JOE

Two-part question here: Starting keeper Madi Reimer, who's had various health issues much of the season, did not play due to injury in the match against Whitworth. Can we expect to see Alyssa Bakkensen in goal this weekend, and also do you think Madi has handled this little bit of a frustrating run of injuries in her junior season?

STEVE

\*Response\*

JOE

And of course, this Saturday being the final home match of the year, it is senior day, and this is a particularly special senior day with you having 10 different seniors on your roster. With your first year back running the program, how has this group of players you've had leading the way this season helped lay the foundation for what you're trying to build long-term as a program?

25 SECOND CLIP OF SENIORS SEASON

HIGHLIGHTS

JOE/STEVE V/O

STEVE

\*Response\*

2S OF JOE/STEVE

JOE

FILLER/BANTER ABOUT SENIOR DAY  
W/STEVE

Again, Senior Day is this Saturday when the Wildcats have their final home match here in McMinnville against Pacific Lutheran at 11:00 for kickoff. We'll have coverage on the Linfield Sports Network but we sure hope you make it down to see these seniors play one last time in McMinnville, and then they'll play their final game of the season on Sunday in the rivalry match with George Fox in Newberg. Thanks so much for joining us all season long here on the Linfield Sports Network, and Coach Simmons thanks so much for taking the time.

STEVE

\*Response\*

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