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Transylvania Named Favorite to Capture Women's Soccer Title

GREENWOOD, IN – Transylvania University has been selected to pace the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference race in women's soccer this season. The Pioneers received 98 total points in a poll of the conference's ten head coaches, grabbing eight first place votes. Hanover College finished behind the Pioneers with 85 points and one first place vote.

Earlham College placed third in the poll with 68 total points and the final first place vote, while Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology finished fourth with 65 points. Defiance College received 57 points and finished fifth, while Manchester University (54 points), Franklin College (52), College of Mount St. Joseph (31), Bluffton University (27), and Anderson University (13) rounded out the poll.

Transylvania University finished 2012 with a 7-2 conference record and an 11-6-3 mark overall, finishing second in the league standings. The Pioneers defeated Earlham on penalty kicks in the HCAC tournament championship and fell 3-0 to Washington-St. Louis in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

2013 HCAC Preseason Poll

	Team	Points
1.	Transylvania	98 (8)
2.	Hanover	85 (1)
3.	Earlham	68 (1)
4.	Rose-Hulman	65
5.	Defiance	57
6.	Manchester	54
7.	Franklin	52
8.	Mount St. Joseph	31
9.	Bluffton	27
10.	Anderson	13

The 2013 version of the Pioneers return two players that earned First-Team All-HCAC honors last fall. Junior forward **Alyssa Kruse (Lexington, Ky./Tates Creek)** returns after leading the squad in goals and points as a sophomore. Kruse totaled 23 points on the season after scoring 10 goals and contributing three assists. Senior back **Anne Marie Dumaine (California, Ky./Campbell Co.)** anchored the Transy defense that allowed only 15 goals in 20 matches last fall.

Hanover College finished third with a 6-2-1 conference record last season and finished 13-4-2 overall. The Panthers fell to Transylvania on penalty kicks in the HCAC tournament semifinals. Hanover has one returning First-Team All-HCAC selection from last season's squad and will have to replace All-American Kaitlin McCulloch on defense. Junior forward **Tricia Walsh (Amelia, Ohio/Archbishop McNicholas)** led the team with seven goals and 15 points as a sophomore, earning an All-HCAC spot. Hanover fielded the conference's best offense and defense last fall, scoring 42 goals and allowing only 10 goals in 19 matches played.

Earlham will look for a fourth-straight HCAC title in 2013. The Quakers claimed their first outright league title a year ago with a 7-1-1 mark (12-5-2 overall), but fell to Transylvania in the HCAC tournament title match. Earlham graduated four First-Team All-HCAC members from last season's squad, including HCAC Offensive Most Valuable Player Joy Doucette. The Quakers offense graduated 37 of its 39 goals from last season.

The 2013 women's soccer season is scheduled to open on August 27.

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Players to Watch

	Wynne O'Neal	Junior	Midfield	Paragon, Ind./Martinsville
	Taylor Shoemake	Sophomore	Midfield	Dyer, Ind./Lake Central
	Alyssa Grabner	Sophomore	Back	Roanoke, Ind./Huntington North
	Aimee Whitmer	Senior	Back	Grand Rapids, Ohio/Otsego
	Megan Moreo	Senior	Forward	Spencerville, Ohio/Delphos Jefferson
	Jessica Ramirez	Senior	Midfield	Archbold, Ohio/H.S.
	Maggie Armstrong	Senior	Goalkeeper	Vevay, Ind./Switzerland Co.
	Karly Smith	Senior	Forward	Parma, Ohio/H.S.
	Bibiana Parra	Senior	Midfield	Indianapolis, Ind./Ben Davis
	Chelsie Moyer	Junior	Back	Tipp City, Ohio/Tippecanoe
	Lindsay Bubnick	Junior	Midfield	Vandalia, Ohio/Butler
	Claire Murphy	Senior	Back	Ft. Wayne, Ind./Canterbury
	Annie Frodeman	Senior	Back	Denton, Tex./Guyer
	Jordan Matthews	Sophomore	Midfield	Chillicothe, Ohio/H.S.
	Ali Norton	Junior	Midfield	Hartford City, Ind./Blackford
	Vanessa Benham	Senior	Forward	Needham, Ind./Franklin
	Kayla Dragstrem	Junior	Midfield	Brownsburg, Ind./H.S.
	Danielle Owens	Junior	Back	New Palestine, Ind./H.S.
	Chloe Hutchinson	Senior	Back	Amelia, Ohio/Archbishop McNicholas
	Tricia Walsh	Junior	Forward	Cincinnati, Ohio/Colerain
	Rachel Alvis	Sophomore	Midfield	Noblesville, Ind./H.S.
	Paige Byers	Senior	Back	Amelia, Ohio/H.S.
	Erin Hancock	Junior	Forward	
	Katelyn Barta	Junior	Forward	Griffith, Ind./H.S.
	Emily Willmann	Junior	Goalkeeper	Montpelier, Ind./Blackford
	Sofia Tzortzinis	Junior	Midfield	Ann Arbor, Mich./Huron
	Amber Oster	Junior	Midfield	Waterloo, Ind./DeKalb
	Katie Jauch	Sophomore	Back	Cincinnati, Ohio/Mercy
	Lauren Bishnow	Senior	Midfield	Huber Heights, Ohio/Wayne
	Kayla Eiben	Sophomore	Midfield	Erlanger, Ky./Dixie Heights
	Macie Smith	Senior	Forward	Springboro, Ohio/H.S.
	Nicky Wheeler	Senior	Midfield	Avon, Ind./H.S.
	Lucinda Combs	Sophomore	Goalkeeper	Danville, Ky./Boyle Co.
	Kate DeMoss	Sophomore	Midfield	Martinsville, Ind./Roncalli
	Anne Marie Dumaine	Senior	Back	California, Ky./Campbell Co.
	Abby Felthaus	Senior	Midfield	Florence, Ky./St. Henry
	Carley Williams	Senior	Midfield	Monroe, Ohio/H.S.
	Michelle Schroeck	Senior	Midfield	Fairfield, Ohio/Bishop Fenwick
	Alyssa Kruse	Junior	Forward	Lexington, Ky./Tates Creek

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