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UTD Soccer wins first two home matches

Richardson--Both UTD Soccer teams were victorious against a tough East Texas Baptist defense Friday. This was the first match of the season for both sides.

The UTD Women were scored on first by senior forward Kelly Sansone in the 56th minute. UTD goalkeeper Megan Jones punted the ball right into Sansone who scored on a lob into the goal making the score 1-0. The Comets waited until the final four minutes of the match to answer. Preseason Defensive Player of the Year Cara Smedley was set up top by head coach John Antonisse and tied up the game on a beautiful pass from sophomore transfer Vishaka Dewnani to tie the game at one. About one minute later, Dewnani served another pass to senior Christina Cox, helping UTD to a 2-1 lead with less than three minutes remaining. UTD was able to hold on to the 2-1 victory and start the season off on a good note.

On the men's side, UTD didn't wait as long to score. Preseason Offensive Player of the Year, J.D. Pomposelli, earned an assist on a strong goal from forward Peter McGrane. McGrane, a senior forward, hit a hard shot that netted in the upper 90, making the score 1-0. That's where the game would end. UTD outshot ETBU 21-15, while the Tigers accumulated 11 shots on goal to the Comets seven. Goalkeepers Chris Nelson and Jason Ellison shared the win and didn't give up a goal.

The UTD Women are back at home for a non-conference matchup Friday, September 7 at 8:00 pm against Southwestern University. The Comet Men take to the road against LeTourneau that same day at 4:00 pm in Longview.

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