LOCAL ROUNDUP

HPU women's soccer rallies late, men's basketball wins opener

HIGH POINT — High Point University scored twice in the final two minutes to rally past Winthrop 2-1 in Big South Conference women's soccer Saturday at Vert Stadium.

Chloe Edwards scored in the 89th minute to tie the match and Morgan Wilcox scored in the 90th minute — with just seven seconds left — for the Panthers (6-8-2 overall, 5-2-1 conference). Amelia Courbron had an assist.

Nylah Mirshafiei made one save in goal for High Point, which outshot the Eagles 18-4 for the match — 11-2 on goal.

The Panthers, as the No. 3 seed, will next host sixth-seeded Longwood on Thursday at Vert Stadium in the quarterfinals of the conference tournament.

MEN'S BASKETBALL OPENS WITH WIN OVER LIBERTY

ROCK HILL, S.C. — High Point University opened its season with a 72-57 win over Liberty early Monday morning in nonconference basketball at the Rock Hill Sports & Events Center.

Curtis Williams Jr. scored 12 points to lead the Panthers (1-0), who shot 49% from the field for the game. Trey Pearson added 10 points on 5-of-7 shooting, while Conrad Martinez chipped in 10 points and six rebounds.

High Point led 37-34 at halftime before using a 10-point to open a double-digit lead early [illegible]econd half. The Flames (0-1) got as close as five, but the Panthers held a double-digit lead all of the final eight minutes.

High Point will host Maryland-Eastern Shore for its home opener Wednesday at 7 p.m.

CROSS-COUNTRY WINS 10TH STRAIGHT BIG SOUTH TITLE

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — High Point University won its 10th straight Big South Conference women's cross-country championship Friday at Milliken Research Park.

The Panthers — led by individual champion Brianna Malone — totaled 38 points to finish well ahead of second-place UNC Asheville with 67. High Point took second on the men's side with 30, trialing only Charleston Southern with 25.