



2008 WEST VIRGINIA ILLUSION SOCCER



Date	Opponent	Time/Results
May 10	Charlotte	L 0-3
May 18	Tampa	L 0-3
May 24	Atlanta	L 0-5
May 31	Carolina RailHawks	L 1-2
June 7	Carolina Dynamo	L 0-3
June 12	@ Bradenton	W 2-1
June 13	@ Tampa	L 0-4
June 20	@ Carolina Dynamo	L 1-3
June 21	@ Hampton Roads	L 1-2
June 28	@ Richmond	L 0-4
July 11	Richmond	7:30
July 12	Hampton Roads	7:30
July 18	@ Charlotte	7:00
July 19	@ Atlanta	3:00



2008 W-League Match #11 West Virginia Illusion (1-9-0) at Richmond Kickers Destiny (3-7-0)

July 11, 2008 • 7:30 PM • Fairmont, W.Va. • Duvall-Rosier Field



ABOUT RICHMOND

Head Coach: Jesse Myers

2007 Record: 9-2-1

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Season to date: L 0-3 vs Carolina RailHawks (May 18); L 0-6 vs Charlotte (May 24); L 0-3 vs Atlanta (May 26); L 0-1 @ Tampa Bay (May 31); L 4-3 @ Bradenton (June 1); W 2-1 vs Hampton Roads (June 5); L 0-2 @ Charlotte (June 14); L 0-3 @ Atlanta (June 20); W 4-0 vs West Virginia (June 28); W 1-0 @ Hampton Roads (July 3)

Series: 1-0, Richmond

Last Meeting: Richmond 4, West Virginia 0 (June 28 at Richmond)

NOTES ON TODAY'S GAME...

• Five players were added to the Illusion roster this week; three from the University of Cincinnati (**Jenn Johannigman, Kim Sykes, and Lindsay Noteboom**) and two from the University of Charleston (**Taryn Conklin and Caroline Price**)

• **Kendra Graber** scored the first goal in franchise history against the Carolina RailHawks off of an assist from **Megan Mischler**.

• **Marisa Kanala** scored both the team's first-ever game-winning goal and first-ever penalty kick in the 2-1 win over Bradenton, a game the Illusion began Thursday night and had to finish Saturday due to bad weather.

• One Illusion player (**Michelle Molinari**) has played every minute this season.

• This is the final homestand of the season for the Illusion; the team hosts Hampton Roads tomorrow night at 7:30.

• Richmond is the third team that the Illusion will see for the second time this season, but the first time that the rematch will occur at home.

• The Illusion will conclude their season with a two-game road trip next weekend to division leaders Charlotte and Atlanta.



Record	3-7-0	1-9-0
Goals	10	5
Gls Allowed	23	30
Shots	112	93
SOG	54	51
Saves	76	67
Fouls	78	81
Corners	35	24

PROBABLE ILLUSION STARTERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/Last School	Notes
0	Andrea Kaminski	GK	5'8	Noblesville, Ind./U. of Cincinnati	Will make first home start of season
2	Kelsey Fowler	D	5'8	Wheeling, W.Va./West Virginia U	Has started every gm but one in center of D
16	Michelle Molinari	D/M	5'7	Parkersburg, W.Va./West Virginia U	Two-time WV HS player of year
23	Kim Sykes	D	5'6	Cincinnati, Ohio/U of Cincinnati	Has started every match in her career at UC
19	Kaitlin Parsons	M	5'10	Morgantown, W.Va./Morehead State	Scored goal for U-20s in win over N. Virginia
6	Lindsay Noteboom	M	5'5	Hurst, Texas/ U of Cincinnati	2 G, 3 A, 18 starts for Bearcats last year
24	Jenn Johannigman	M/F	5'3	Cincinnati, Ohio/U of Cincinnati	Four assists for Bearcats last year
14	Marisa Kanala	M	5'3	Wantagh, N.Y./West Virginia U	Scored game-winner at Bradenton
18	Melissa Bigg	M	5'6	Limehouse, Ontario/U of Cincinnati	Five shots in loss to Hampton Roads
12	Ashley Rees	F	5'11	Pittsburgh, Pa./West Virginia Wesleyan	Scored first goal at Bradenton
7	Megan Mischler	F	5'5	Moon, Pa./West Virginia U	Picked up first goal against Hampton Roads

PROBABLE ILLUSION SUBS



20	Brittany Clark	F	5'3	Vienna, W.Va./West Virginia Wesleyan	Out (knee injury)
9	Caroline Price	M	5'7	Charleston, W.Va./U. of Charleston	Joined team this week
15	Christen Seaman	D	5'8	Belleville, Ill./West Virginia U	Out (ankle injury)
17	Bailey Bryant	D	5'7	Charleston, W.Va./U. of Charleston	All-West Virginia Conf. pick last yr
21	Shayna Varner	M	5'5	Moundsville, W.Va./Harding U	Provides depth on wing
11	Taryn Conklin	F	5'5	Milwaukee, Wisc./U of Charleston	Joined team this week

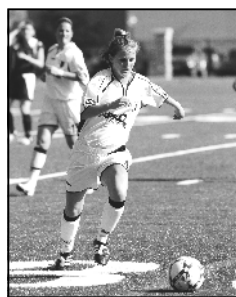
ILLUSION STATISTICS (UPDATED 7/4/08)

#	Name	GP	GS	Min	G	A	Pts	Shots	Shot%	GWG	PK-PKA
7	MISCHLER, Megan	10	10	862	1	2	4	24	4.2%	0	0-0
5	BARNES, Greer	10	10	894	1	1	3	9	11.1%	0	0-0
14	KANELA, Marisa	9	8	767	1	0	2	24	4.2%	1	1-1
12	REES, Ashley	9	8	672	1	0	2	7	14.3%	0	0-0
4	GRABER, Kendra	7	7	535	1	0	2	3	33.3%	0	0-0
22	METHENY, Sydney	6	6	511	0	1	1	8	0.0%	0	0-0
18	BIGG, Melissa	3	3	270	0	0	0	8	0.0%	0	0-0
16	MOLINARI, Michelle	10	10	900	0	0	0	4	0.0%	0	0-0
8	CECCHINI, Megan	5	1	173	0	0	0	2	0.0%	0	0-0
19	PARSONS, Kaitlin	7	6	508	0	0	0	2	0.0%	0	0-0
3	THAXTON, Haley	4	4	305	0	0	0	2	0.0%	0	0-0
17	BRYANT, Bailey	10	4	621	0	0	0	1	0.0%	0	0-0
28	COCCHI, Natalie	2	2	180	0	0	0	1	0.0%	0	0-0
20	CLARK, Brittany	5	1	169	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0-0
2	FOWLER, Kelsey	9	9	795	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0-0
1	JESSEE, Megan	6	6	540	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0-0
0	KAMINSKI, Andrea	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0-0
99	MAGRUDA, Ashley	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0-0
13	MAILLOUX, Nicole	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0-0
15	SEAMAN, Christen	6	6	319	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0-0
21	VARNER, Shayna	7	4	422	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0-0
	TOTALS	130	110	9893	5	4	14	95	5.3%	1	1-1

	Name	GP	GS	Min	GA	GAA	Sv	Sv%	W	L	T	Sho
1	JESSEE, Megan	6	6	540:00	20	3.33	41	67.2%	0	6	0	0
0	KAMINSKI, Andrea	2	2	180:00	5	2.50	13	72.2%	0	2	0	0
99	MAGRUDA, Ashley	2	2	180:00	5	2.50	13	72.2%	1	1	0	0



Michelle Molinari



Kendra Graber



Megan Mischler



Marisa Kanela



Kelsey Fowler



AROUND THE ATLANTIC DIVISION

Saturday, June 28
RICHMOND 4, WEST VIRGINIA 0
 CAR. RAILHAWKS 4, HAMPTON ROADS 1
 TAMPA BAY 4, CAR. DYNAMO 0

Sunday, June 29
 CAR. DYNAMO 5, BRADENTON 2

Thursday, July 3
 CHARLOTTE 3, CAR. RAILHAWKS 0
 ATLANTA 6, BRADENTON 0
 RICHMOND 1, HAMPTON ROADS 0

Friday, July 4
 ATLANTA 0, TAMPA BAY 0

Saturday, July 5
 HAMPTON ROADS 5, BRADENTON 1

Sunday, July 6
 HAMPTON ROADS 1, TAMPA BAY 1

Friday, July 11
RICHMOND AT WEST VIRGINIA 7:30
 TAMPA BAY AT CAR. DYNAMO 7:30

Saturday, July 12
 ATLANTA AT CHARLOTTE 7:00
HAMPTON ROADS AT WEST VIRGINIA 7:30
 TAMPA BAY AT CAR. RAILHAWKS 7:30

W-LEAGUE TEAM OF THE WEEK (WEEK NINE)

(player of week bolded)

- GK- Mallori Lofton-Malachi- Tampa
- D- Elizabeth Speck- Long Island
- D- Allison Fries- New York
- D- Kelli Smith- Seattle
- M- Tina Murphy- Charlotte
- M- Joy Nsubuga- Hampton Roads
- M- Ahna Johnson- Connecticut
- M- Brittany Kinmond- Rochester
- F- Shay Powell- Ottawa**
- F- Ella Masar- Washington
- F- Christine Latham- Atlanta

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Hometown/Last School	Pronunciation
5	Barnes, Greer	M/D	5'7"	Rye, N.Y./WVU	
18	Bigg, Melissa	M	5'6"	Limehouse, Ontario/U. of Cincinnati	
17	Bryant, Bailey	D	5'7"	Charleston, W.Va./U. of Charleston	
8	Cecchini, Megan	M/D	5'8"	Tualatin, Ore./Washington State	CHECK-key-nee
20	Clark, Brittany	M/F	5'3"	Vienna, W.Va./W. Va Wesleyan	
28	Cocchi, Natalie	D	5'11"	Ocean Township, N.J./WVU	COT-chee
11	Conklin, Taryn	F	5'5"	Milwaukee, WI/U. of Charleston	
2	Fowler, Kelsey	D/M	5'8"	Wheeling, W.Va./WVU	
4	Graber, Kendra	M	5'4"	Morgantown, W.Va./Stony Brook	GRAY-burr
1	Jessee, Megan	GK	5'4"	Orefield, Pa./U. of Connecticut	
24	Johannigman, Jenn	F	5'3"	Cincinnati, Ohio/U. of Cincinnati	Joe-HAN-ig-man
0	Kaminski, Andrea	GK	5'8"	Noblesville, Ind./U. of Cincinnati	KUH-min-skee
14	Kanela, Marisa	F/M	5'3"	Wantagh, N.Y./WVU	Kuh-NELL-uh
99	Magruda, Ashley	GK	5'6"	Belle Vernon, Pa./Belle Vernon HS	Muh-groo-duh
13	Mailloux, Nicole	D	5'8"	Mississauga, Ontario/WVU	MAY-you
22	Metheny, Sydney	F	5'2"	Elkins, W.Va./WVU	MUH-FEE-KNEE
7	Mischler, Megan	F	5'5"	Moon, Pa./WVU	MISH-lurr
16	Molinari, Michelle	M/D	5'7"	Parkersburg, W.Va./WVU	
6	Noteboom, Lindsay	M	5'5"	Hurst, Texas/U. of Cincinnati	
19	Parsons, Kaitlin	M	5'10"	Morgantown, W.Va./Morehead State	
9	Price, Caroline	M	5'7"	Charleston, W.Va./U. of Charleston	CAR-O-LINE
12	Rees, Ashley	D/M	5'11"	Pittsburgh, Pa./W.Va. Wesleyan	REESE
15	Seaman, Christen	D	5'8"	Belleville, Ill./WVU	
23	Sykes, Kim	D	5'6"	Cincinnati, Ohio/U. of Cincinnati	
3	Thaxton, Haley	D	5'4"	Charleston, W.Va./Marshall U.	
21	Varner, Shayna	M	5'5"	Moundsville, W.Va./Harding U.	VAR-nurr

(as of July 10)	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	11-0-1	34	42	3
Charlotte	10-1-1	31	35	9
Tampa Bay	7-3-2	23	22	13
Car. Railhawks	5-5-1	16	16	15
Car. Dynamo	4-6-2	14	21	24
Hampton Roads	4-6-1	13	17	19
Richmond	3-7-0	9	10	23
Bradenton	2-10-0	6	11	43
West Virginia	1-9-0	3	5	30

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Head Coach: Joe Dorini
 Assistants: Marisa Kanela, Christen Seaman

- 0 Andrea Kaminski
- 1 Megan Jessee
- 2 Kelsey Fowler
- 3 Haley Thaxton
- 4 Kendra Graber
- 5 Greer Barnes
- 6 Lindsay Noteboom
- 7 Megan Mischler
- 8 Megan Cecchini
- 9 Caroline Price
- 11 Taryn Conklin
- 12 Ashley Rees
- 14 Marisa Kanela
- 15 Christen Seaman
- 16 Michelle Molinari
- 17 Bailey Bryant
- 18 Melissa Bigg
- 19 Kaitlin Parsons
- 20 Brittany Clark
- 21 Shayna Varner
- 22 Sydney Metheny
- 23 Kim Sykes
- 24 Jenn Johannigman
- 28 Natalie Cocchi
- 99 Ashley Magruda

June 28: L 0-4 @ Richmond

Pos	#	Name	Min	G	A	Sh	Fouls	YC/RC
GK	1	JESSEE, Megan	90					
D	17	BRYANT, Bailey	90				2	
D	2	FOWLER, Kelsey	90					
D	16	MOLINARI, Michelle	90					
M	5	BARNES, Greer	90			2	1	
M	18	BIGG, Melissa	90			1		
M	3	THAXTON, Haley	90			2		
M	21	VARNER, Shayna	90					
M	14	KANELA, Marisa	90			1		
F	7	MISCHLER, Megan	90			3		
F	12	REES, Ashley	90					

			SHFC	Svs	GA			
GK	1	JESSEE, Megan	21	7	4			

RICHMOND, Va. (June 28, 2008)—The Richmond Kickers Destiny (2-7-0) scored twice in each half, led by two goals from Dunia Susi, to dispose of the West Virginia Illusion, 4-0, at Sports Backers Stadium. Megan Mischler had three shots in a losing effort for the Illusion (1-9-0).

Kristin Stannerd opened scoring for the Destiny in the 12th minute, taking a pass from Emma Delves and driving it far post with her right foot from 20 yards out.

Illusion goalkeeper Megan Jessee kept it at 1-0 with a great sprawling save in the 19th minute on a shot from Dunia Susi.

A pair of chance came West Virginia's way in the 29th minute; Megan Mischler's cross from the left side was nearly deflected for an own goal by a Destiny defender, then Marisa Kanella's subsequent corner kick was a split-second away from connecting with Mischler's near post run.

Susi made it 2-0 in the 32nd minute, latching on to a Sarah Curtis through ball. Jessee made an initial diving deflection at the top of the box, but the ball knuckled into the net.

Mischler got the first good chance of the second half, whistling a shot high from the left edge of the box and had another shot soar high and wide in the 58th minute.

Melissa Bigg got a look on a breakaway in the 78th minute but shot high.

Susi picked up her second goal off of a great give-and-go with substitute Claire Zimmeck in the 80th minute.

The floodgates officially opened in the 82nd minute when Hallie Rodgers tallied off of a second Zimmeck assist.

RICH—Stannerd (Delves) 12th
 RICH—Susi (Curtis) 32nd
 RICH—Susi (Zimmeck) 80th
 RICH—Rodgers (Zimmeck) 82nd



Media Services

Coach Interviews

All interviews with West Virginia head coach **Joe Dorini** must be coordinated through the team's Media Relations department. Please contact **Michael Minnich** via phone at (304) 685-0872 or by e-mail at michael.d.minnich@gmail.com.

Player Interviews

Members of the 2008 West Virginia Illusion soccer team as well as head coach Joe Dorini are available for interviews with members of the media weekly before practice or by request. For more information, please contact **Michael Minnich** via phone at (304) 685-0872 or by e-mail at michael.d.minnich@gmail.com.

Game Credentials

Media credentials should be requested at least two days prior to a game. Passes will be left at the ticket booth at the front gate of Duvall-Rosier Field. All requests should be made by e-mailing or calling **Michael Minnich** at (304) 685-0872 or michael.d.minnich@gmail.com.

Post-Game Interviews

Post-game interviews, including those with coaches and players from both teams, will be held on the field approximately 10 minutes following each game. A member of the Illusion gameday staff will take interview requests in the final minutes of the game. Game information will be provided in the press box, and halftime and post-game statistics will also be made available to members of the media.

WestVirginiaIllusion.com

A game recap will be made available to media and fans following the game on the team's website, www.westvirginiailusion.com. The site is also home to team schedules, results, rosters, biographies, statistics, and game notes.

Visiting Radio Information

Duvall-Rosier Field can accommodate visiting radio crews in their own separate booth with a complimentary phone line. **Please contact Michael Minnich at least a week before the game to request this service.**

June 21: L 1-2 @ Hampton Roads

Pos	#	Name	Min	G	A	Sh	Fouls	YC/RC
GK	00	KAMINSKI, Andrea	90					
D	2	FOWLER, Kelsey	90				2	
D	16	MOLINARI, Michelle	90				1	
D	17	BRYANT, Bailey	90			1	2	
M	5	BARNES, Greer	90		1	1	2	
M	18	BIGG, Melissa	90			5	2	
M	20	CLARK, Brittany	90					
M	22	METHENY, Sydney	90					
M	14	KANELA, Marisa	90			4	1	
F	12	REES, Ashley	90			1	2	
F	7	MISCHLER, Megan	90	1		4	2	

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (June 21, 2008)—Second-half goals from Chi Chi Nweke and Kim McMullen erased a 1-0 halftime lead and gave the Hampton Roads Piranhas a 2-1 win over the West Virginia Illusion at Virginia Wesleyan College Saturday night. Megan Mischler had a goal for the Illusion.

Melissa Bigg had five shots, Mischler four, and Marisa Kanela four to lead the Illusion (1-8-0); Kim Francis and Wendy Kotwas Waddell had four to lead the Piranhas (3-4-0).

The game didn't take long to get interesting; Laura Beeman hit the crossbar less than a minute in for the Piranhas.

The Illusion's first good chance of the game came in the 18th minute, when Marisa Kanela's strike from 22 yards was handled by Piranhas goalkeeper Victoria Johnson.

Piranhas forward Joy Nsubuga got a good look from the right side of the box at the half-hour mark, but her shot was partially deflected into Andrea Kaminski's waiting hands.

But it was the Illusion that opened scoring for the first time all season. Greer Barnes played a through ball to a streaking Megan Mischler, who buried the chance in the 37th minute for her first goal of the season.

Melissa Bigg nearly doubled the lead five minutes later off of a pass from Sydney Metheny, but was denied by a sprawling save from Johnson.

For the first time all season, the Illusion kept a clean sheet in the first half and held a 5-1 advantage in shots on goal at the interval.

After the Piranhas opened the half with the lion's share of possession, the Illusion got two good looks off of the counter-attack but could not capitalize, as Mischler missed one shot and had a cross blocked.

Hampton Roads capitalized in the 60th minute; after a scrum at the top of the box, second-half substitute Chi Chi Nweke broke through. Her first shot was blocked, but she took a sliding pass back from Wendy Kotwas Waddell and found the net from inside the six-yard box.

The Piranhas took the lead in the 66th minute when Kim Francis' free kick from the left side towards a group of open players at the far post was headed home by Kim McMullen.

Bigg nearly tied the game when her shot from the left wing rocketed off the bar in the 74th minute and again when she shot wide in the 78th minute off of a delicate chip from Michelle Molinari.

WV—Mischler (Barnes) 37th
 HR—Nweke (Kotwas Waddell) 60th
 HR—McMullen (Francis) 66th



	#	Name	SHFC	Svs	GA		
GK	00	KAMINSKI, Andrea	22	5	2		

June 20: L 1-3 @ Carolina Dynamo

Pos	#	Name	Min	G	A	Sh	Fouls	YC/RC
GK	00	KAMINSKI, Andrea	90					
D	16	MOLINARI, Michelle	90				1	
D	2	FOWLER, Kelsey	90				1	
D	5	BARNES, Greer	90	1				
D	15	SEAMAN, Christen	51					
M	17	BRYANT, Bailey	90				1	
M	14	KANELA, Marisa	90			2		
M	18	BIGG, Melissa	90			2	2	
M	22	METHENY, Sydney	90		1	2		
F	12	REES, Ashley	90			1	2	
F	7	MISCHLER, Megan	90			4	3	
	20	CLARK, Brittany	39					

GREENSBORO, N.C. (June 20, 2008)—Goals from three different scorers carried the Carolina Dynamo to a 3-1 victory over the West Virginia Illusion Friday night at Macpherson Stadium. Greer Barnes volleyed home a Sydney Metheny corner in the 71st minute for the Illusion goal.

Katie Andreski opened scoring in the 13th minute, burying a Allie Sadow shot that rebounded off the crossbar.

The Illusion nearly equalized five minutes later when Megan Mischler's shot off of an errant backpass sailed high and again in the 31st minute when a rocket from Marisa Kanela was denied by a fine diving save from Dynamo goalkeeper Lauren Brown.

One minute later, the Dynamo doubled their lead on a hard shot from Hailey Beam from just outside the 18-yard box.

Second-half sub Ashley Church pushed the cushion to three goals in the 58th minute on a tap-in from a Tessa Hall cross.

The Illusion found their legs in the final 20 minutes. Metheny won a corner on the left side and played a beautiful ball to the head of Barnes in the six-yard box. Her initial header was blocked, but the rebound was not.

The Illusion kept the pressure on late, but shots from Kanela, Mischler, and Melissa Bigg either went wide or into Brown's gloves.

Mischler had four shots to pace the Illusion attack; Barnes, Kanela, Bigg, and Metheny each had two.

CAR—Andreski (Sadow) 14th
 CAR—Beam (Dillon) 31st
 CAR—Church (Hall) 56th
 WV—Barnes (Metheny) 71st



	#	Name	SHFC	Svs	GA		
GK	00	KAMINSKI, Andrea	12	8	3		

June 13: L 0-4 @ Tampa Bay

Pos	#	Name	Min	G	A	Sh	Fouls	YC/RC
GK	99	MAGRUDA, Ashley	90					
D	5	BARNES, Greer	90			2		
D	2	FOWLER, Kelsey	90				1	
D	15	SEAMAN, Christen	90				1	
D	3	THAXTON, Haley	35					
M	4	GRABER, Kendra	61					
M	14	KANELA, Marisa	90			3	1	
M	16	MOLINARI, Michelle	90				1	
M	22	METHENY, Sydney	61			2		
M	19	PARSONS, Kaitlin	90					
F	7	MISCHLER, Megan	52			1		
	21	VARNER, Shayna	29					
	17	BRYANT, Bailey	55				1	
	20	CLARK, Brittany	29					
	12	REES, Ashley	38					

TAMPA, Fla. (June 13, 2008)—Four goals in the first 30-plus minutes doomed the West Virginia Illusion to a 4-0 loss to the Tampa Bay Hellenic Friday night at Ed Radice Field.

Stacy Bishop had two goals and Jasmine Johnson two assists for the Hellenic, while Marisa Kanela had three shots for the Illusion.

Laura Baeza opened scoring in the sixth minute, finishing off a rebound from a Johnson shot.

Scottish international Rhonda Jones doubled the lead off a feed from Leah O'Grady ten minutes later.

Stacy Bishop buried her second free kick in as many meetings with the Illusion from the right side after a Greer Barnes foul in the 21st minute, then scored off a feed from Johnson in the 32nd minute.

The Illusion lost co-captain and assistant coach Christen Seaman in the 69th minute when she was taken down by a hard tackle and injured both her knee and ankle.

Head coach Joe Dorini was ejected for arguing the call.

TB—Baeza (Johnson) 6th
 TB—Jones (O'Grady) 16th
 TB—Bishop 21st
 TB—Bishop (Johnson) 32nd



	#	Name	SHFC	Svs	GA		
GK		MAGRUDA, Ashley	16	6	4		

June 12: W 2-1 @ Bradenton

Pos	#	Name	Min	G	A	Sh	Fouls	YC/RC
GK	99	MAGRUDA, Ashley	90					
D	5	BARNES, Greer	90				1	
D	15	SEAMAN, Christen	38					
D	3	THAXTON, Haley	90					
M	4	GRABER, Kendra	66					
M	14	KANELA, Marisa	90	1		3		
M	16	MOLINARI, Michelle	90			1		
M	22	METHENY, Sydney	90			1		
M	19	PARSONS, Kaitlin	90				1	
F	7	MISCHLER, Megan	90		1	3		
F	12	REES, Ashley	90	1		3	2	
	21	VARNER, Shayna	24					
	17	BRYANT, Bailey	52					

BRADENTON, Fla. (June 14, 2008)—It took 42 hours from kickoff to final whistle, but the West Virginia Illusion have their first-ever win, defeating the Bradenton Athletics, 2-1.

In a game halted late in the first half Thursday due to thunderstorms and finished Saturday morning, goals from Ashley Rees and Marisa Kanela erased an early 1-0 hole. A big save from Ashley Magruda in the waning stages made it stick.

The Illusion kept possession in the Athletics' end for the first two minutes, highlighted by a long-distance effort from Marisa Kanela in the first 15 seconds of the match.

But Bradenton took the early lead when Martha Hall took advantage of a turnover to beat Illusion goalkeeper Ashley Magruda in the 3rd minute.

"After the first goal was scored, we gained confidence and realized that we were dominating the game," said head coach Joe Dorini. "We're finally playing possession soccer."

The Illusion pulled level when Megan Mischler's shot was blocked by Athletics goalkeeper Shannon Aitken, but Aitken could do nothing with a sprawling shot from Ashley Rees off of the rebound.

Five minutes later, the Illusion snared their first-ever lead when Marisa Kanela drew a foul in the 18-yard box and buried the subsequent penalty kick.

Nine minutes later, the match was halted due to lightning storms in the Bradenton area and, after a one-hour delay, was officially postponed. The game was resumed at the half.

BRA: Hall (Manthey) 3rd
 WV: Rees (Mischler) 21st
 WV: Kanela (PK) 26th



	#	Name	SHFC	Svs	GA		
GK	99	MAGRUDA, Ashley	13	7	1		

June 7: L 3-0 vs Carolina Dynamo

Pos	#	Name	Min	G	A	Sh	Fouls	YC/RC
GK	1	JESSEE, Megan	90					
D	2	FOWLER, Kelsey	75				1	0/1
D	3	THAXTON, Haley	90					
D	5	BARNES, Greer	90			1		1/0
M	16	MOLINARI, Michelle	90			1	1	
M	21	VARNER, Shayna	90				1	
M	8	CECCHINI, Megan	26			1	2	
M	19	PARSONS, Kaitlin	90			1		
M	4	GRABER, Kendra	90			1		
F	7	MISCHLER, Megan	90			3	1	
F	22	METHENY, Sydney	90			1		
	17	BRYANT, Bailey	64					

FAIRMONT, W.Va. (June 7, 2008)—Three goals in the first half-hour carried the Carolina Dynamo (2-3-1) to an easy 3-0 victory over the West Virginia Illusion (0-5-0).

Katie Andreski paced the Dynamo with one goal and an assist on three shots, while Megan Mischler and Sydney Metheny each had a shot for the Illusion. Andreski wasted no time putting the Dynamo ahead, breaking down the left side and banking a shot in off of the far post in the seventh minute.

The Illusion nearly got back on level pegging in the 17th minute; Michelle Molinari's corner kick from the right side was headed sharply by Megan Mischler, but was cleared off the line by a Dynamo defender.

Andreski turned provider in the 21st minute, beating a defender on the right side and playing a low cross in to Tessa Hall at the far post for an easy tap-in.

Hall then played a cross to Hailey Beam for the third goal in the 29th minute.

After the half, Illusion forward Sydney Metheny was unlucky for the second game in a row, hitting the crossbar in the 62nd minute. Metheny was denied the tying goal last week against the Carolina RailHawks by the woodwork.

Mischler was denied on a 16-yard shot by a full-extension save from Dynamo goalkeeper Lauren Brown in the 68th minute.

Illusion defender Kelsey Fowler drew a straight red card for a tackle in the 75th minute; Brown was also given a yellow card.

The Illusion begin a month-long road trip next Thursday when they visit the Bradenton Athletics. The team's next home game is July 11 against the Richmond Kickers Destiny at 7:30 p.m.

CAR—Andreski 7th
 CAR—Hall (Andressi) 21st
 CAR—Beam (Hall) 29th



	#	Name	SHFC	Svs	GA			
GK	1	JESSEE, Megan	9	3	3			

May 31: L 2-1 vs Carolina RailHawks

Pos	#	Name	Min	G	A	Sh	Fouls	YC/RC
GK	1	JESSEE, Megan	90					
D	2	FOWLER, Kelsey	90					
D	28	COCCHI, Natalie	90					
D	5	BARNES, Greer	90				1	
D	16	MOLINARI, Michelle	90				3	
M	14	KANELA, Marisa	90			4		
M	12	REES, Ashley	45					
M	19	PARSONS, Kaitlin	13					
M	4	GRABER, Kendra	76	1		2	2	
F	7	MISCHLER, Megan	90		1	2	1	
F	22	METHENY, Sydney	90			2	1	
	8	CECCHINI, Megan	77				1	
	17	BRYANT, Bailey	45				1	
	21	VARNER, Shayna	14					

FAIRMONT, W.Va. (May 31, 2008)—The West Virginia Illusion tallied their first goal in franchise history en route to losing to the Carolina RailHawks, 2-1, Saturday night at Duvall-Rosier Field.

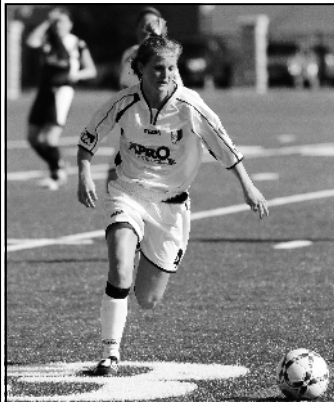
Casey Nogueira led the charge for the RailHawks (3-1-1), scoring a goal and taking six shots. Kendra Graber had a goal and two shots, Megan Mischler an assist and two shots, and Marisa Kanela had four shots for the Illusion (0-4-0). Megan Jessee registered seven saves.

The RailHawks got the first chance of the match early when Lindsay Vera's shot was tipped off the crossbar by Illusion goalkeeper Megan Jessee.

They made their second look count; Nogueira took a feed from left back Kelly Hathorn, raced in, and beat Jessee one-on-one just seven minutes in for her second goal of the season in as many appearances.

Back came the Illusion; Megan Mischler shook a defender on the right edge of the 18-yard box and crossed to Morgantown High School product Kendra Graber for a tap-in and the first goal in franchise history in the 25th minute.

The seesaw went back to Carolina in the 34th minute when Ally Baker played a through ball from the left side to Carrie Patterson, who chipped Jessee to make it 2-1.



The RailHawks' Jane Alukonis drew a yellow card in the 42nd minute, tripping Marisa Kanela from behind.

In the second half, Jessee kept the margin at one, denying Nogueira on a chance inside the box in the 57th minute and stuffing her again on a long-distance effort in the 80th minute.

Sydney Metheny got two great chances for the Illusion late, hitting the ball right at RailHawks goalkeeper Anna Rodenbough from outside of the box in the 79th minute and clanging a shot off the crossbar three minutes later.

CARR—Nogueira (Hathorn) 7th
 WV—Graber (Mischler) 25th
 CARR—Patterson (Baker) 34th

	#	Name	SHFC	Svs	GA			
GK	1	JESSEE, Megan	15	7	2			

May 24: L 5-0 vs Atlanta

Pos	#	Name	Min	G	A	Sh	Fouls	YC/RC
GK	1	JESSEE, Megan	90					
D	2	FOWLER, Kelsey	90				2	
D	15	SEAMAN, Christen	5					
D	12	REES, Ashley	90				2	
M	16	MOLINARI, Michelle	90				3	
M	21	VARNER, Shayna	90				1	
M	19	PARSONS, Kaitlin	90				1	
M	5	BARNES, Greer	84					
M	4	GRABER, Kendra	69					
F	14	KANELA, Marisa	90			2	1	
F	7	MISCHLER, Megan	90			1		
	17	BRYANT, Bailey	85					
	8	CECCHINI, Megan	21			1		
	20	CLARK, Brittany	6					

	#	Name	SHFC	Svs	GA			
GK	1	JESSEE, Megan	21	7	5			

FAIRMONT, W.Va. (May 24, 2008)—Two goals in the final ten minutes of the first half put the West Virginia Illusion in a 2-0 halftime hole. Three goals in the final twenty minutes of the match made sure they'd stay there.

Substitute Molly Franklin scored two goals for the Atlanta Silverbacks (4-0), who outshot the Illusion (0-3) 21 to 4.

Atlanta almost tallied in the first minute when Sarah Steinmann's chip shot off of a rebound was denied by a kick save from West Virginia goalkeeper Megan Jessee.

Another blow was dealt the Illusion's way when co-captain Christen Seaman was forced to exit only five minutes in due to injury.

Megan Mischler got the first Illusion chance of the match in the 16th minute, taking a feed from Greer Barnes in a two-against-two breakaway and shooting far post, only to be denied by a fingertip save from Silverbacks goalkeeper Ashley Phillips.

The Illusion weathered the storm until a turnover in the penalty box gave Lyndsey Patterson, who had been extremely active throughout the half, an open shot, which she buried past a helpless Jessee in the 34th minute.

Krista Bobo chipped Jessee from an impossible angle from the left side in the 39th minute to double the Atlanta advantage.

Substitute Melanie Schneider made it 3-0 with a strike in the 70th minute and another sub, Molly Franklin, finished off a rebound after a nice run in the 82nd minute and buried another in the 89th off an assist from Schneider.

Marisa Kanella had two shots for the Illusion. Jessee made seven saves.

ATL—Patterson 34th

ATL—Bobo 39th

ATL—Schneider 70th

ATL—Franklin 81st

ATL—Franklin 89th



May 18: L 3-0 vs Tampa Bay

Pos	#	Name	Min	G	A	Sh	Fouls	YC/RC
GK	1	JESSEE, Megan	90					
LD	5	BARNES, Greer	90				5	1/0
CD	2	FOWLER, Kelsey	90				2	
CD	15	SEAMAN, Christen	90					
RD	17	BRYANT, Bailey	43				1	
M	21	VARNER, Shayna	85					
M	19	PARSONS, Kaitlin	90					
M	4	GRABER, Kendra	90					
M	16	MOLINARI, Michelle	90			2	1	
M	12	REES, Ashley	90				3	
F	7	MISCHLER, Megan	90			1		
	14	KANELA, Marisa	47			2		
	8	CECCHINI, Megan	8					
	20	CLARK, Brittany	5					

	#	Name	SHFC	Svs	GA			
GK	1	JESSEE, Megan	12	9	3			

FAIRMONT, W.Va. (May 18, 2008)—Three goals in the first fifty-plus minutes of play doomed the West Virginia Illusion Sunday as they fell to the Tampa Bay Hellenic, 3-0, at Duvall-Rosier Field in Fairmont.

The Hellenic opened scoring in the 12th minute when Stacy Bishop bent a free kick over the head of Illusion goalkeeper Megan Jessee from eight yards out from the left side.

They extended their lead when Rhonda Jones buried a through ball in the 24th minute.

The Illusion almost got one back around the half-hour mark when Ashley Rees played Megan Mischler in for a one-on-one breakaway down the left side. Mischler's low effort beat Hellenic goalkeeper Mallori Lofton-Malachi but went inches wide of the far post.

The Hellenic scored again in the 51st minute on a strike by halftime substitute Marika Fukuta to extend their cushion to three goals.

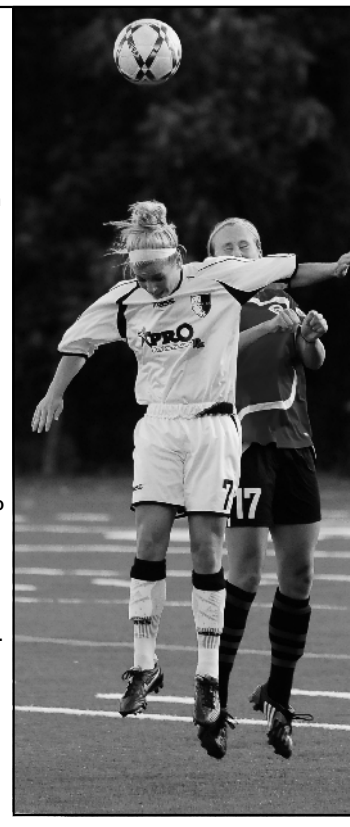
West Virginia got a look at goal in the waning stages when Greer Barnes played a nice pass to the feet of Michelle Molinari, but her shot went right to substitute goalkeeper Katy Fraine.

The Illusion continue their five-game home-stand next Saturday when they host first-place Atlanta at 7:30 p.m.

TB—Bishop 12th minute

TB—Jones (Hudson) 24th

TB—Fukuta 51st



May 10: L 3-0 vs Charlotte

Pos	#	Name	Min	G	A	Sh	Fouls	YC/RC
GK	1	JESSEE, Megan	90					
LD	5	BARNES, Greer	90			1	1	1/0
CD	2	FOWLER, Kelsey	90					
CD	15	SEAMAN, Christen	45					
RD	13	MAILLOUX, Nicole	90				2	
M	14	KANELA, Marisa	90			3		
M	28	COCCHI, Natalie	90			1		
M	4	GRABER, Kendra	83			1		
M	16	MOLINARI, Michelle	90					
F	7	MISCHLER, Megan	90			2	1	
F	12	REES, Ashley	49			1		
	19	PARSONS, Kaitlin	45			1		
	8	CECCHINI, Megan	41					
	17	BRYANT, Bailey	7				1	

	#	Name	SHFC	Svs	GA			
GK	1	JESSEE, Megan	12	8	3			

FAIRMONT, W.Va. (May 10, 2008)—The West Virginia Illusion opened the 2008 W-League season with a 3-0 loss to the Charlotte Lady Eagles at Duvall-Rosier Field on Saturday afternoon in front of a crowd of about 200 fans.

Tina Murphy and Kelly Schmedes each had a goal and assist to spark the Lady Eagles, who were 8-2-2 last season.

"We did very well for the first 20 minutes. Charlotte's a very good team; you can tell they've played together for a while," said Illusion head coach Joe Dorini.

The Illusion got the best chance early when Marisa Kanela's corner kick from the left side was headed in the six-yard box by Ashley Rees, forcing Lady Eagles goalkeeper Laura Armstrong to make a diving save to her left.



"We held our own for the first 20, then I think fitness came to be an issue as well as our girls not having played together for more than five days," said Dorini.

Charlotte opened their scoring ledger for 2008 in the 37th minute when Schmedes collected her own rebound and dished the ball to Tina Murphy at the top of the box. Murphy's shot banked off the left post and into the goal.

Less than three minutes into the second half, Murphy hit a driving corner kick to the near post to the waiting head of Schmedes.

Charlotte sealed the deal when substitute Laura Novikoff buried a rebound in the 77th minute.

The Lady Eagles out-shot the Illusion 12 to 10; each goalkeeper made eight saves. The Illusion held a slight 5-4 edge in corner kicks, but only

one came after halftime.

Schmedes had five shots to lead the Lady Eagles.

Charlotte improves to 1-0-0 on the young season, while West Virginia falls to 0-1-0.

CHAR—Murphy (Schmedes) 36:55

CHAR—Schmedes (Murphy) 47:25

CHAR—Novikoff 76:28