

ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE



Marauder Athletics

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SOCCER GETS UNDERWAY

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THIS WEEK: Marauder Soccer opens the season at home against Moorpark, then heads to Oxnard for their only tournament of the season.

2008: The Marauders were 12-7-1 overall, 9-3 in the Foothill Conference and second. It was the best conference finish ever for the Marauders. The 12 wins, second place finish and the .631 winning percentage are all records for the Marauders as a team. They tied the shutout record at seven. This was really a team that defied description. They continued a Marauder long nine games without scoring a goal, and extended the futility of not winning a game to 21 games. The team then responded with five straight wins - the most ever by a Marauder team, and won nine of ten games. **Adri Ruiz** broke school records for both season and career Goals Against Average with a 1.74 GAA, nearly a tenth better than **Elsye Webb's** 1.82 set in 2000. **Ashlin Benesch** led the Marauders in scoring and her 14 goals puts her in sixth in both the season and career charts. She is only the fourth Marauder to score 14 or more goals in a season.

RETURNERS: The Marauders return a full team of 11 players from last year's team. Included in that are six players on the All-Foothill Conference teams. Named to the first team were the Benesch sisters - **Ashlin Benesch** (MF/F, 5-7, SO, Lancaster (Quartz Hill '08)) and **Lauren Benesch** (D, 5-5, SO, Quartz Hill (Quartz Hill '06)) as well as **Shannon Cox** (D/MF/F, 5-4, SO, Lancaster (Quartz Hill '07)). On the second team are **Rheanna Crawford** (F/MF, 5-3, SO, Palmdale (Quartz Hill '08)) who was AVC's No. 2 scorer on the season, **Lauren Misklevitz** (MF, 5-9, SO, Lancaster (Quartz Hill '08)) and **Chelsea Porter** (D, 5-5, SO, Quartz Hill (Quartz Hill '08)). Other returners include **Adri Ruiz** (GK, 5-4, SO, Palmdale (Pete Knight '08)), **Kimberly Van Pelt** (D/MF, 5-5, SO, San Antonio, TX (Earl Warren '08)), **Valerie Arciga** (D/F, 5-2, SO, Lancaster (Paraclete '08)), **Lauren Misklevitz** (MF, 5-9, SO, Lancaster (Quartz Hill '08)) and **Kelsey Wiles** (D/F, 5-2, SO, Acton (Quartz Hill '08))

STATS: Marauder statistics can be found at GoMarauders.avc.edu.

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STUPAR: **Jerry Stupar** (pronounced stew-par) became the Marauders' fourth Head Women's Soccer Coach in 10 years, and immediately coached the Marauders to their best ever season - 12-7-1 overall and second in conference. For the five years before coming to AVC he was the men's and women's head assistant soccer coach at College of the Canyons, assisted in developing the Cougars' inaugural men's soccer program in 2003 and was on staff when the women won the 2004 Western State Conference.

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This Week for the Marauders

FRIDAY

Aug. 28

SOCCER (0-0) vs. Moorpark Raiders (0-0), AVC Soccer Field, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

Aug. 29

SOCCER (0-0*) vs. East LA Huskies (0-0*), Oxnard Tournament, 10 a.m.

SUNDAY

Aug. 30

SOCCER (0-0*) in Oxnard Tournament

*Indicates record as of 8-25-08

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