



CUTLINE: Southern State Community College's Stone Crothers (No. 9) wastes no time getting a goal in Aug. 30 match against Penn State University New Kensington.

SSCC falls to PSU-NK in season opener

Southern State Community College's soccer team kicked off the 2014 season Aug. 30 at Penn State University (New Kensington) in Pennsylvania.

"Our Southern State Patriots lost 5-1, but the score doesn't indicate how closely contested the game actually was," said SSCC Head Coach Josh Thoroman.

The Patriots' 2013 leading goal scorer and sophomore forward Stone Crothers (Peebles H.S. graduate) didn't waste any time getting into the scoring column for 2014 with a goal just 3:50 into the game. Crothers was assisted by freshman Tyler Dawson (Ostego H.S. graduate). PSU-NK was able to tie the game and, after 45 minutes of action, the halftime score was 1-1.

"New Kensington was an extremely physical team," said Thoroman. "We were only about halfway through the first half and I already had to sub out four starters due to injuries."

Eighty minutes into the contest and PSU-NK was clinging to a 2-1 lead. Southern State traded the opponent shot for shot with a sound defense. The official awarded PSU-NK a penalty

kick which they converted for a 3-1 lead. PSU-NK added a fourth goal and was awarded another penalty kick—which they landed—with only one minute remaining.

“Our defense was pretty good and freshman Matthew Moore (Washington High School graduate) really made a great impression. He was exceptional in his first college game!” said Thoroman.

For photos, game recaps, and the 2014 schedule, visit www.sccc.edu/athletics/menssoccer. To learn more about the soccer program at Southern State Community College, contact Athletic Director Matt Wells at 1-800-628-7722, ext. 2697, or mwells@sccc.edu.

###