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Radford Women's Soccer won the Big South regular season and conference tournament but falls to West Virginia in NCAA Tournament.

Women's Soccer finished an impressive season, though they lost this past Saturday to No. 8th ranked West Virginia 6-0.

The loss may be disappointing, but the season is one for the Radford record books. The Highlanders won a record-tying 16 wins. The squad also managed to produce a 13-game winning streak before falling to West Virginia.

Another great stat for the team this year was when they ranked fifth nationally in winning percentage. Also, the Highlanders ranked in the top ten in the nation in shots-on-goal and shots-per-game. Overall, Women's Soccer ranked top 30 in the nation across ten different categories.

Many players on the team led the Big South Conference in many different categories. Jasmine Casarez had more shots than anyone else in the whole conference with 105. She averaged over five per-game. Nelia Perez also led the conference averaging .56 assist-per-game. Goalkeeper, Courtenay Kaplan proved to be one of the Big South's best goalies. Kaplan led all Goalkeepers in the conference with eight shutouts throughout the season.

Not only did players on the team rank on top the Big South, but they also gained some national recognition as well. Casarez has proven she is one of the best attackers in the whole country. Her shots per game (5.53) ranks second nationally. While her seven game-winning goals rank third as well.

Casarez wasn't the only Highlander gaining some national spotlight. Perez's 10 assist ranks 13th nationally. Showing how much her teamwork paid off for giving her teammate scoring opportunities. Jessica Wollman was deadly accurate in-front of the goal all season. She ranks 16th in shots on goal per game with 2.32. While also ranking 35th nationally in shot accuracy shooting 61.1 percent at the goal.

The Highlanders managed to win their sixth Big South Tournament Championship against Gardner Webb. A team who beat Radford earlier in the season. Though win it mattered the most the Highlanders proved to be the better team winning the game narrowly 1-0.

The win didn't come easy though. Perez scored what looked to be the game-winning goal for Radford. However, just three minutes later Gardner Webb drew a foul to force a penalty kick. But goalie, Kaplan stepped up when it mattered the most and made a crucial save.

Thanks to the clutch performances of Perez and Kaplan, the Highlanders were indeed able to complete the season sweep of the Big South Conference by winning both the regular and post-season championships.

Even though the season was such a success, the 6-0 loss against West Virginia was the unfortunate send-off to what was an amazing year. Jessica Wollman was just one shot from tying the Radford University record for shots on goal, during the match, before she was robbed by the goalie. The Mountaineers dominated the ball and proved too much for the Highlanders. Even Radford Head Coach Ben Sohrabi had to congratulate West Virginia, after the game, about the impressive performance.

Though the season may be over, it will be one that will last in memory. It was one of Radford's most successful seasons in years and seniors like Jasmine Casarez and Jessica Wollman will go down as All-Time greats for the Highlanders. This season may be over, but the future still looks bright as we look on towards next year. Except that this time the Highlanders will be the defending Big South Champions.

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