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In his 14th season with the Dukes, head coach Mickey Matthews makes JMU football history with his win against Towson.

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Head coach Mickey Matthews tallied his landmark 100th win of his career on Saturday, and he seemed to be the last of about 25,000 players and fans to know about it.

"I didn't know," Matthews said after the Dukes defeated Towson 13-10 on Saturday. "I really hadn't paid attention. Literally, I just found out."

But Saturday's sold-out crowd predicted the milestone, as "Congratulations" and "100" flashed on Bridgeforth Stadium's oversized video board.

As for the players, they knew what was at stake. Saturday's competition was a scrum the Dukes simply refused to lose.

"The kids wanted to win the 100th game for me, and that's very humbling that our players feel that way," Matthews said. "It was obvious after the game that

it was a big deal."

Matthews was in high spirits following the news of his centennial win, after his players surprised him with a congratulatory plaque to commemorate his 100th win as head coach of the Dukes. "Where's the compliance officer?" Matthews asked jokingly. "Is it against NCAA rules for the kids to give the coach a trophy?"

No coach in the history of JMU has even won 75 games, yet Matthews topped Towson 13-10 in a nationally televised broadcast.

Despite the fanfare, Matthews stays grounded.

"When you start winning triple figures, that just means you're getting older," Matthews said.

Matthews began his lengthy coaching career, as many do, as a player. A blue chip

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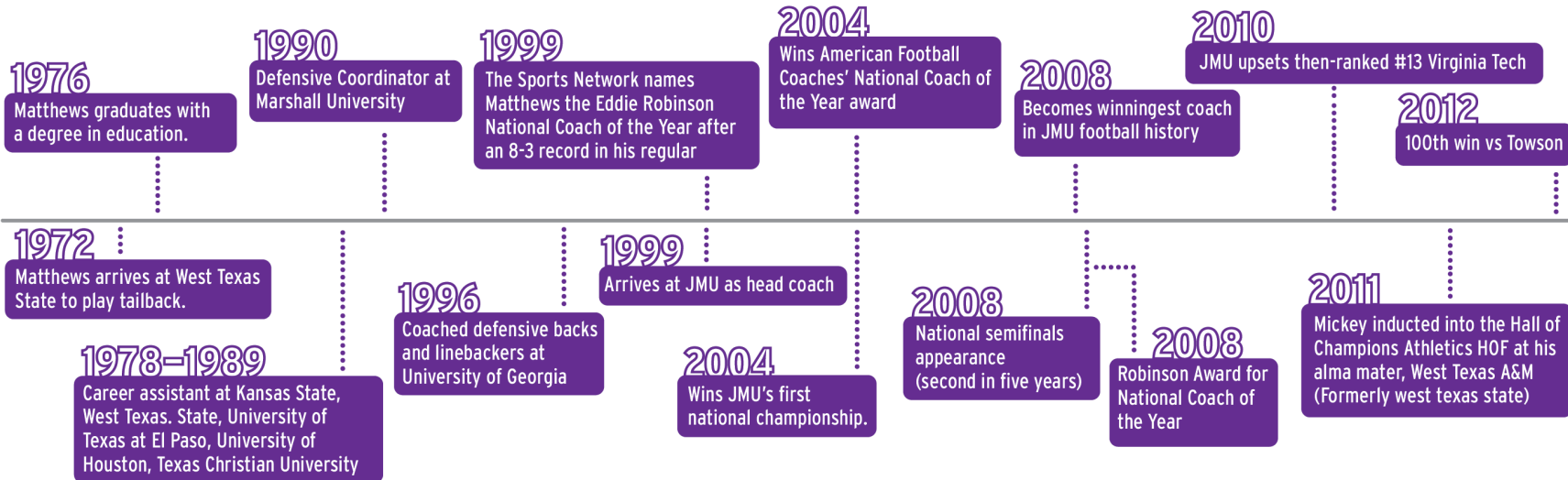


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TOP After a 21-16 win against Virginia Tech, head coach Mickey Matthews is congratulated by his family. **LEFT** Matthews yells at redshirt sophomore Jauan Latney when the Dukes played Delaware in October of 2010. **RIGHT** The Dukes celebrate redshirt junior Justin Thorpe's game-winning touchdown in Saturday's 13-10 win over Towson.



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WOMEN'S SOCCER (4-9-0)

Losing streak snapped in double overtime

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After losing three straight conference games to end September, women's soccer surged back with two straight wins.

On Sunday the Dukes continued their rebound in Maryland, beating Towson 1-0. The team was building off Thursday night's physical game against rival George Mason winning in overtime, 1-0. The lone goal in each game came from junior forward Lauren Wilson.

Going into Thursday night, the

team was mentally prepared for a tough, aggressive game. Since 2010, JMU and George Mason have had a back-and-forth series splitting three games 1-1-1.

"It's always a hard-nosed, tough battle," said head coach David Lombardo. "Games over the years have always been decided by one goal or overtime. It's one of those interstate rivalries. We both want to win. We both want bragging rights."

Players prepared to take some hits and be aggressive.

"We knew the game was going to be a bloodbath," said sophomore

defender Shannon Rano. "There's going to be fouls and bad hits on people, but it's a fight and we knew that coming in here."

The game lived up to the team's expectations. The referees let both sides be a little more aggressive than normal and players took advantage. Even with some no-calls by the referees, both teams still combined for 18 fouls on the night. Senior midfielder Katie Menzie was targeted frequently by the Patriots. Menzie had her nose broken in a game

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Junior forward Lauren Wilson plays a corner kick in Thursday's 1-0 overtime win against George Mason. She scored both winning goals in the past two victories.