

Lady Buffs take conference opener

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BLUEFIELD, Va. — For Milligan's Lady Buffs, it was a splendid way to begin Appalachian Athletic Conference play.

The Buffs (3-2-1) sent Bluefield tumbling to a 3-1 loss on Saturday afternoon.

Milligan opened the scoring in the third minute as Rachel Martin punched in a goal off an assist from Jacklyn Orange. The Buffs struck again in the seventh minute, with Grace Shawley taking advantage of a free kick to put Milligan up 2-0 — a

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cushion still intact at halftime.

Martin picked up a second goal in the 50th minute off of a pass from Hannah Kellogg. Milligan defense kept the Lady Rams off the board until the game's final minutes, when Braley Freire put the ball in the net.

Lauren McInturff recorded three saves for the Buffs, who journey to Beckley, W. Va. this Thursday to face Mountain State. Action begins at 4 p.m.

"It was nice to get our first conference win," Milligan coach Lisa Buckley said. "We got a lot of people playing time today, and it was a great team win."