

"Today we are here to recognize a person who definitely left her mark here at Montreat College. I was personally blessed to be able to play with and co-captain with her for 3 seasons. Her name is Amanda Solesbee and her name will remain honored thanks to her outstanding accomplishments that she made in the Montreat women's soccer program 2004-2007. As a freshmen from Hickory, NC Mandy began the 2004 season with 5 goals and 2 assists. In her 2005 sophomore year she earned an All-Academic Award and finished her sophomore season with 4 goals.

Apparently, Mandy had to get her feet wet before she truly broke through and showed us what she was really made of. In her 2006 junior year she made NAIA All-American Scholar, she was ranked #4 in the NAIA Division 1 for Goals and Assists, #2 for assists in the AAC Conference, #1 for goals and points in the AAC Conference, and All-Academic. Mandy also accumulated the most points and the most goals in a single season at Montreat College that year. She was awarded 2nd team ALL-Conference and impressively finished her season with a grand total of 22 goals and 11 assists.

With these statistics and one last year to finish strong one could only anticipate the possibilities that could await a player like this! In 2007, Mandy was again All-Academic and NAIA All-American Scholar her senior year. She was ranked #7 in NAIA Division 1 for goals and assists and #6 in NAIA Division 1 for assists. She was ranked #1 for goals and assists in the ACC, earned offensive player of the week for the AAC Conference and made the All-Conference team. She completed her senior year with 19 goals and 15 assists. This accomplishment placed Mandy at the top with a total of 50 goals scored and 28 assists in her entire soccer career, which made history and broke the previous school record of 46 goals and 26 assists. That same year she also broke the single game assist record for Montreat which was 5 with 6 assists and tied the NAIA single game assists record. After all of these tremendous accomplishments, Mandy was featured in the Asheville Citizen Times and Sports Illustrated magazine. These articles not only highlighted her God given talent but also emphasized her sincere passion for teaching and working with children in general.

I feel like God has used Amanda Solesbee's testimony to reflect His perfect and divine handiwork that was put into each and every one of us. It is obvious that God has specifically given Amanda an incredible

gift. Today we are retiring her #4 jersey so that her records, her legacy and her life will be remembered. Mandy, thank you for all that you have given this team Mandy. It was not just the wins that you have contributed to, but it was also our lives and hearts that you were there for. It was an honor to have been a captain with you my junior year. You taught me so much just through you actions. Congratulations Mandy! Your hard work was rewarded and you deserve this! - Heather Hable