

Sep. 13 Girls Soccer Round-Up



Katelyn Becker (7) got her senior season off to a rousing start with two goals in Steinert's 10-0 win over Trenton today (Photo by John Blaine/purchase photos by e-mailing jbsportsphoto@aol.com).

Nottingham gets finished off by Lawrence because it can't finish

By Ken Weingartner

Fish4scores.com

Sept. 13: As the chances slipped away, so did the game.

Nottingham's girls' soccer team outshot Lawrence, 14-5, but came away with little to show for it as the Northstars lost 3-1 tonight at Zimmer Field.

"We kept them in the game," Nottingham coach Elyse Diamond said. "We didn't put them away when we should have. We're still looking to score those goals and we can't seem to get the ball through the posts. That's a real struggle for us. I don't know why. I've got finishers, we're just not finishing.

"If we put them away, that's a different game."

The Northstars dominated the game for long stretches, particularly in the opening 25 minutes. But goals by Natalie Wilson and Nickki DeFillipo, separated by less than three minutes, gave Lawrence a 2-0 lead with 9:20 remaining in the first half.

"Of course [the start] was a concern," Cardinals coach Dana Williams said. "Nottingham is always a scrappy team and they had some really strong shooters up top. We just buckled down and fought off the fire and the next thing we knew, we were starting to put some our way."

Nottingham cut the deficit in half when Val Suto scored with 2:39 to go in the first half, but the Northstars could do no additional damage.

Leanna Glass scored the game's final goal with 8:58 to play.

Lawrence's two-goalie platoon of Marisa Visco and Caoimhe O'Sullivan-Roche combined to make 13 saves as the Cardinals won their opener.

The inability to find the back of the net dampened a strong effort by Nottingham, which dropped to 0-2.

"I think we're playing good soccer," Diamond said. "We hustled; we were doing what we're supposed to do. Our back line looked really good pulling the offside trap. It's the last third of the field we need to work on. It hurts. Somebody's got to step up and finish those goals because everybody's got opportunities. It's just a matter of who's going to do it.

"We're going to work on finishing, I know that. We're going to keep looking for those goals."

Miranda's hat trick leads Steinert to win over Trenton in belated opener

Steinert had little trouble defeating Trenton, jumping to a 6-0 halftime lead and never looking back in a 10-0 victory.

It was the Spartans first game of the season after their opener with Hightstown was rained out.

Sophomore Stephanie Miranda came up with a hat trick while Katelyn Becker and sophomore Darah Wagner tallied two goals each. Lindsay Usarzewicz, Agata Kowalska and Natalie DeAngelo also scored for the Spartans. Usarzewicz and DeAngelo each had an assist, while Adrianna Boucher and Olivia Peate both had two assists.

Steinert held a 35-1 shot advantage, as Liz Carr and Briyanna Femia split the shutout. Carr had the save.

Hamilton blanked by Allentown

Allentown improved its record to 3-0 with a 2-0 victory over Hamilton, which was outshot 16-5. Goalie Erin Septer had seven saves for the Hornets (1-1).