

Sep. 15 Field Hockey

Rendina's goal gives Northstars and Cicale their first victory

Sep. 15: When Alexis Rendina converted a feed from Dalia Lopez, it did more than score a goal.

It gave the Nottingham High field hockey team its first win of the season, and head coach Jen Cicale the first win of her head coaching career.

Rendina's goal proved to be the game-winner as Nottingham took a 2-1 victory at the Pennington School today. The score came off a Lopez drive into the center of the circle.

"I was in the right place at the right place at the right time on goal," said Rendina, a sophomore. "It really means a lot to get that goal."

Lyndsey Buckley scored a first-half goal – Nottingham's first of the season – off an assist from Melissa Choe.

Sophomore Amanda Muziani continued to excel during her first season as goalie, as she made 10 saves and preserved the victory by stopping a penalty stroke in the second half.

"Winning our first game this season means a whole lot to us," Rendina said. "Especially with our new addition to the team – coach Cicale. I feel like we are a brand new team and family with her and we give a strong team effort.

"We are all very proud of winning this game and are hoping for a whole lot more to come." Nottingham improved its record to 1-1-1.

Hightstown's late explosion seals victory over Hamilton

Hamilton played tough against a talented Hightstown team before a late eruption by the Rams sealed a 5-0 victory at West.

The game was 2-0 at halftime and remained that way until less than five minutes remained. The Rams then put three on the board.

"The score doesn't really show how we played," coach Judy Goldstein said.

Goalie Alicia Torres had another incredible game with 29 saves for Hamilton.

"She played unbelievable," Goldstein said. "She was our JV goalie last year and she's been great this season. She not only made a lot of saves today, but she made a lot of big-time saves.

"Our defense did another great job today. Hightstown has some big, powerful girls up front and we did a nice job. Our freshman, Audrey Manion, had a great game stopping some big drives by them."

Spartans fall to Lawrence as Fabian stars again

Ashley Gonzalez had a second-half goal but it wasn't enough as Steinert dropped a 2-1 decision to Lawrence to drop to 0-2.

Danielle Fabian had another outstanding game in goal with 16 saves, giving her 32 in her first two varsity game.