



Erin Septer gathered in 17 saves for Hamilton today in their loss to Princeton (Photo by Dennis Symons Jr./purchase photos at www.dennissymons.com).

Usarzewicz flashes back to 2010 in helping Spartans past Lawrence

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Sep. 30: Lindsay Usarzewicz answered some questions.

“You don’t know how many people have come up to me saying ‘What are you doing? Why aren’t you scoring?’ the Steinert midfielder said. “I was like ‘You know what, I don’t know. I’ll get there eventually. I gotta get into the groove of things.’”

That groove may have started today, as Usarzewicz scored two first-half goals to give the Spartans a 2-1 victory over Lawrence at Zimmer Field.

That doubled Usarzewicz’s output this season, as the senior hasn’t quite found the scoring touch she had last year with a team-high 16 goals.

Lindsay feels that might have given folks some inflated expectations.

“Last year was bizarre for me,” she said. “Half those goals were just being in the right place at the right time. I don’t expect it to happen this year. We have other girls that can score, it doesn’t have to be just me.

“People are like ‘You gonna score 16 again?’ I say ‘Probably not, we’ll see what happens.’ As long as I do my part and we win, that’s what I care about.”

Steinert (5-3-1) is starting to win, having gone 4-1-1 in its last six. The Spartans have taken two straight and are unbeaten in three.

“It’s nice to see Lindsay score, and it’s nice to see us come out there and play well like we did today,” coach Aimee Turnbull said. “We had some players who stepped it up in the front created some opportunities for us.

“Our outside mids did some nice things. Overall we liked what we saw for an entire game and we created some dangerous opportunities.”

Steinert dominated the first half, outshooting the Cardinals 7-1. The first goal was a BFF-BFT special, as Usarzewicz called it “best friend telepathy” when she teamed with Angelina Buzgo for the first goal.

Buzgo lifted a perfect free kick that Usarzewicz headed in with 13:21 left in the half.

“We look at each other, we read each other’s minds,” Usarzewicz said. “We know where we want the ball, and we pray that it goes there.”

Turnbull praised both Buzgo and Rachel Rivera for their accurate re-starts, and Usarzewicz said she and her pal hope to keep connecting when they attend Misericordia University net fall.

“That’s why I brought her along with me,” she said with a laugh.

Steinert got what proved to be the game-winner with 2:12 left in the half when Usarzewicz booted one into the lower right-hand corner.

“That’s my shot,” she said. “Unless I see them going that way, then I’ll move over.”

Lawrence looked like a different team in the second half, outshooting the Spartans 13-5. Briyanna Femia made eight of her nine saves after intermission and the only goal she allowed was an odd one to say the least. Marie Buschman’s direct kick was caught by the keeper, but officials ruled she was behind the goal line.

“I never saw that one before,” Turnbull said.

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But the Spartans held on for a nice win over an improving Lawrence team. Turnbull and Usarzewicz both feel things are turning around after a 1-2 start.

“We had some adversity, a tie, some losses,” Turnbull said. “But we had good training and a good game today so we’re looking to continue that.”

“It was rough at first,” Usarzewicz said. “We had such good chemistry last year, we played great together, I guess we kind of just thought it was gonna happen this year.

“We have to work at it. We’re coming hard to practice, (the captains) are talking to the girls every day, when we have our bad games we talk about it. We’re getting there, we’re having bonding days. It’s all coming together.”

And if Usarzewicz’s 2010 scoring touch is returning, it could come together even quicker.

Hornets fall to once-beaten Princeton

Coming off an emotional comeback win over Nottingham, Hamilton could not sustain an attack against a big, tough Princeton squad today in a 2-0 home loss.

Ally Rogers scored both goals for the Little Tigers (5-1-2), while goalie Erin Septer had a huge

game for Hamilton (2-6-1) with 17 saves.