

August 20, 2011

LCA 3 - Male HS 1

Season Record: 1-2-0

The LCA Lady Eagles returned to the scorched pitch at 6:00 pm for game two of the sizzling hot day in Louisville. The temperature had climbed to 88 degrees and while there was a little more high cloud cover (and shade for the parents), the conditions were difficult for the players. Despite the heat, the Lady Eagles dominated play throughout at both ends of the field and earned a well deserved first victory of the season 3-1 over the Male Bulldogs.

The Lady Eagles got on the board first at the 27 minute mark when Caroline Boone made a beautiful cross to Rachel Bertrand who finished with authority for her first goal of the season. This duo has the capability to create many scoring opportunities throughout the season, and are just fun to watch. The Lady Eagle defense played well throughout the half giving up only three shots on goal - none of which were threatening. The lone scare of the half came on an indirect kick just outside the LCA box which resulted from a bit of miscommunication between Hargis and goalkeeper Bundy resulting in a pass back call. Julie Sondag braved the shot and charged the ball once touched into play. The ball deflected off Sondag and was easily cleared without more. Caroline Tompkins filled in admirably throughout the game for Madi Mitchell who overheated in the first game against Connor.

In the second half, teams were tired and play became a little more aggressive. The Lady Eagles were fortunate to have plenty of players giving quality minutes. Several players were playing in their fourth game of the day and still managed to give outstanding effort. Brooke Dobbs ran tirelessly up top earning a couple of scoring chances and Julia Barnhart got in the action and played with poise, patience and determination. Julia used that determination to win a 50/50 ball at midfield midway through the second half then played a beautiful ball to Rachel Bertrand. Although Rachel had to beat a defender eliminating the "technical assist," the play resulted in Bertrand's second and the winning goal. Perhaps inspired by the Junior duos clever soccer, the freshman duo of Boone and Sjogren (pronounced "SHOWGREN" if you're in the PA booth) followed suit. Caroline Boone found herself with the ball just across midfield and laid a pass out wide to Sjogren who is always moving forward. Sjogren carried the ball toward the waiting Male defense and alertly made a well timed return pass to Boone who used the first touch to place the ball into the back of the net. The goal was the first of the year for Caroline Boone and icing on the game cake.

Throughout the remainder of the game, the defense held strong, if not stiffened at times, and despite a crazy goal by the speedy Male forward Mallory Dunn, only yielded one other shot. Again, a tremendous effort by the entire team and a masterful job of keeping fresh players on the field by Coach Fugmann.

Earlier in the day, the Junior Varsity team lost to a pretty good Male JV team 2-0 just 45 minutes after the varsity game against Connor HS in which many of the JV girls played. A difficult afternoon in the heat for sure so far 2-1 for the JV squad.