

August 21, 2011

LCA 1 - Bishop Brossart HS 0

Season Record: 2-2-0

The LCA Lady Eagles capped off an electrifying, if not exhausting, weekend with their first shutout of the season. The game was played on the 'outer' field at North Oldham and was almost immediately halted due to lighting. Although there wasn't a lot of rain produced, there was a thirty minute rain delay to start the game.

If Mother Nature brought the lightning, Bishop Brossart brought the thunder in the form of five Seniors and 6 Juniors who played a physical style of soccer. The size and experience showed throughout the game and the Mustangs carried much of play in the first half in particular earning four corner kicks to LCA's 0. Perhaps fatigue contributed to LCA's offensive woes in the first half as connecting passes proved difficult but the team held on and slipped into the half at nil - nil.

Coach Fugmann was allegedly overheard at halftime saying "we're going inside of 'em, we're going outside of 'em - inside of 'em outside of 'em - and when we get 'em on the run once, we're going to keep 'em on the run." Apparently the Rockneesque speech was just what the doctor ordered as the LCA Lady Eagles appeared to find their legs in the second half. The increased effort yielded improved passing all over the field including out of the back and through the midfield. At the 25 minute mark in the second half, Caroline Boone found herself with the ball about thirty eight yards from goal and laid a short square ball off to Kennedy Caneer in the middle of the field. Never shy, the unmarked Kennedy took a controlling touch and let fly with the left. The ball sailed perfectly over the Mustang keeper's outstretched hands and lifted the Lady Eagles to a 1-0 lead.

Throughout the second half, the team played well, limited its mistakes (e.g., offsides) and made the most of its athleticism. Goalie Katelin Bundy used her athleticism throughout and came up big on several occasions preserving her first shutout of the season and her high school career. Despite rumblings that she was fouled driving the lane after one of her six saves in the second half, Katelin was able to dribble the ball through and hold on to release the offensive pressure put on by the Mustangs. Although the Lady Eagles generated just three shots on goal throughout the game, they got the one that counted boosting their season record back to level at 2-2-0. A pretty good weekend overall by the very young Lady Eagles.