

September 1, 2011

LCA 1 - George Rogers Clark HS 1

Season Record: 3-3-1

As both Sir Isaac Newton and the 1960's band Blood, Sweat & Tears taught us, "what goes up, must come down." The young Lady Eagles who soared to victory over district rival West Jessamine two nights earlier landed with a bit of a thud tonight. Seemingly sluggish from a mixture of energy expended in the prior victory and working the intermediate class retreats 24/7 all week, the Lady Eagles saw to it that school was back in session and created another opportunity for themselves to learn: Lesson #2: You can't coach speed.

From the opening kickoff, the George Rogers Clark Cardinals played with more pace and force than the Lady Eagles could match. Although the Lady Eagles gamely battled and fended off the Lady Cardinals for the first forty minutes, GRC eventually broke clear at the top of the box and lofted a clever 23 yard shot just under the crossbar. Given the work rate of the Lady Cardinals throughout the evening, scoring two goals to win or even one to salvage a tie seemed a daunting task for the sluggish Eagles. Nevertheless, the Eagles battled back getting the usual significant effort in the midfield from the Energizer bunny, Maddie Sjogren, and a significant contribution from Emily Deller filling in for Caley Hall who went down at the half with knee pain.

Midway through the second half, the continued effort finally paid dividends when Hannah Treadway broke free down the right side and lofted a crossing pass near the back post. As the Lady Cardinal defender watched the pass sail overhead, she got turned around and ended up running through a hard charging Elise McKinney who had slipped up on the back side in an attempt to one time the ball in the net. A clear foul but a tough call for the Lady Cardinals who quickly saw their hard earned lead evaporate off the foot of McKinney. After being fouled, Elise stepped to the spot and calmly slotted her third PK of the year (3 for 3) giving the Lady Eagles a goal and knotting the game at one goal each. The Lady Eagle defense held check the rest of the way and the team escaped with a tie against a pretty good soccer team in the George Rogers Clark Cardinals.

The JV squad enjoyed a seemingly opposite experience dominating the game with their size and speed and prevailing 1-0 on a beautiful shot by Julia Barnhart.