

September 10, 2011

LCA 0 - Newport Central Catholic 1

Season Record: 4-4-1

District Record: 1-0-0

The LCA Lady Eagles spent the afternoon shopping for homecoming dresses in Cincinnati before easing back south to Penderly Field, a cool 100 miles from home, to take on an ever difficult Newport Central Catholic squad. Well, at least one Eagle did.

Anyway, the full Eagle squad traveled to Melbourne, Kentucky to take on the girls from Newport Central Catholic in what is year in and year out a hotly contested battle. Two years ago, the Lady Eagles were in Newport and despite a handful of injuries to several key starters managed to leave town with a tie when Myranda Powers punched a ball over the crossbar and Madison King put a shot from distance just past the NCC keeper and into the left side net to tie the score late in what was a decidedly lopsided game in NCC's favor. Last year, NCC came to visit LCA and the Lady Eagles used a steady team effort to prevail 2-1 over the difficult NCC squad on goals by Julie Sunday and Maddie Boone.

This year proved no different as NCC brought the heat early and often compiling 17 shots with 9 on goal to LCA's 5 shots total. NCC also compiled 4 corners and 12 fouls to LCA's 2 and 9. While the girls struggled, the LCA parents were on the positive side of the ever popular stat of contact lenses found, prevailing 1-0. While stats don't always tell the entire story in soccer, they pretty much did on this day and the Lady Eagles ultimately fell to the pressure in a 1-0 loss.

Although one might have traveled home late Saturday night with a bit of sadness over the loss, the Sunday morning tributes for the victims of 9/11 were certain to immediately change one's outlook about a soccer game and life in general. What a tremendous event held in New York City that morning including the reading of the names of all 2,976 individuals who perished in the events of that day. One particular reader grabbed my attention and my heart as he alternately read his portion of the list of names and concluded with a personal tribute to his father. The young Gorki said, "and my father, Sebastian Gorki, who I never met because I was in my mom's belly, I love you father; I love you for loving the idea of having me, you gave me the gift of life, and I wish you could be here to enjoy it with me." If the quote alone doesn't move you, watch the video located at <http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local&id=8349657>. You have to select the third video in the sequence which is labeled "G through Hulse" and go to the 15:30 mark.

As the varsity girls struggled, so too did the JV squad falling to NCC 3-0.

