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Shutout games leave Grafton soccer team with mixed results in Green Bay

Up-and-down play left the Grafton girls' soccer team with a decidedly mixed bag of results last Saturday.

Although the Black Hawks scored a shutout win, the victory was sandwiched between two losses at the Red Devil Invitational hosted by Green Bay East.

"We played well at times, but we had some problems, too," Grafton coach Don Arnold said. "We could have come away with at least two wins."

Grafton opened the tournament with a 1-0 loss to Seymour. Despite piling up a 14-2 edge in shots, the Hawks couldn't find the net.

"It was one of those games where you walk away scratching your head," Arnold said. "We put ourselves in position to score, but we weren't aggressive enough in front of the net."

Seymour got the winning goal midway through the second period.

The Hawks bounced back with a 7-0 win over Green Bay Southwest before capping the day with a 3-0 loss to Kimberly.

Against Southwest, Carley Pfannerstill and Jessie Bader each scored two goals, and Audrey Dickmann, Amanda Ritonia and Tess Safstrom had one apiece.

Alyssa Arnold and Amanda Lorge contributed two assists apiece, and Haley Orlowski, Pfannerstill and Alli Demerath each had one.

Pfannerstill, a senior forward, found the net twice in the first 12 minutes. The lead grew to 4-0 by halftime.

“We came out and attacked right away. When we get goals, they seem to come in bunches,” coach Arnold said.

But Grafton’s offense stalled against Kimberly, which controlled play throughout the match.

“They pressured us, and we were on our heels the entire game,” said coach Arnold, noting his team managed only three shots.

The Hawks continued to play without two injured standouts, midfielder Emma Fatla and defender Gabi Kuester. Both were sidelined with concussions they sustained in games the previous week.

The tournament left Grafton with an 11-6-2 season record.

Grafton 7, University School 1

A hat trick by Pfannerstill helped propel the Hawks in a nonconference win at home May 10.

Grafton raced to a 2-0 lead in the first 11 minutes on goals by Hannah Knauer and Angie Mann. After University School got a goal from Jenna Seter at 13 minutes, the Hawks built the margin to 4-1 by halftime.

Mann and Pfannerstill scored in the 32nd and 39th minutes, respectively.

After Pfannerstill added goals in the 45th and 58th minutes, Alyssa Arnold capped the scoring in the 64th minute.

Alyssa Arnold was credited with two assists, and Orlowski, Safstrom, Pfannerstill, Bader and Taylor Arnold each had one.

Whitefish Bay 4, Grafton 0

A sluggish start cost the Hawks in a North Shore Conference road loss May 8.

The Blue Dukes got a goal from Lindsey Agnew in the sixth minute on the way to a 4-0 lead by halftime. Their other goals came from Leah Rothstein, Gilly Maxwell and Kelly Danek.

“The opening goal shocked us, and we never recovered,” coach Arnold said. “We battled them in the second half, but it was too late.”

Grafton fell to 2-3 in NSC play.

This week, the Hawks faced Milwaukee Lutheran on Tuesday and will host Sheboygan South in

a 7 p.m. nonconference match Friday.

On May 22, Grafton will wrap up conference play with a 7 p.m. home game against Port Washington.

Germantown 11, Port Washington 1

The injury-plagued Pirates were no match for a hard-charging foe in a North Shore Conference game May 8.

Host Germantown got four goals from Maddie Tetzke and three from Jamie Karch on the way to a 9-0 lead by halftime. Each player had two goals in the first 11 minutes.

The lead grew to 10-0 before Port averted a shutout with a goal by Abby Becker in the 52nd minute.

“We’re too beat up right now to be competitive with most teams,” Port coach Mike Bultman said. “I haven’t had this many injuries and ailments in years.”

The loss dropped the Pirates to 0-5 in NSC play.

This week, Port faced Cedarburg on Tuesday and will play in the West Bend Classic tournament Saturday.

Image Information: ANGIE MANN scored two goals in the Grafton soccer team’s 7-1 win over University School of Milwaukee on May 10. Photo by Sam Arendt