

Net eludes Lady Hawks in long-awaited opener

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Shutout loss to Germantown dampens season debut for Grafton girls' soccer team

The net was an elusive place for the Grafton girls' soccer team when it finally had a chance to open the season Monday.



Struggling to get its offense on track, the Black Hawks were blanked, 2-0, by Germantown in a North Shore Conference match played at Whitefish Bay High School.

"We got to get on the field, that was the big thing," said Grafton coach Don Arnold, whose team made its 2013 debut after having its first three games postponed due to inclement weather.

"It would have been better to come away with a win, but we can't make any excuses. We didn't play well. You could tell we didn't have any rhythm going."

The game was originally scheduled at Germantown on Tuesday, April 16, but was moved to Bay because of unplayable conditions. Bay has an artificial-turf field.

The Black Hawks faced a tough challenge against a foe that finished second in the conference last year. Playing its third game of the season, Germantown (2-0-1) allowed only four shots.

Staunch defense became the order of the day for both teams, who had to play most of the night in steady rain.

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“The weather didn’t affect things that much for either team,” Arnold said. “Germantown just played better than us. You could tell they had a chance to play before.

“That would have helped us. Every game, we plan to get better and better.”

The Warhawks got the only goal it needed late in the first half. At 33 minutes, Maddie Tetzke scored with an assist from Jaime Karch.

Germantown added an insurance goal in the 50th minute when Tetzke set up a goal by Paige Blankenheim.

The Warhawks finished with seven shots.

The game was Grafton’s only match this week. Pending improved field conditions, the Black Hawks will host Homestead in another conference contest at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 23.

Image Information: STEADY RAIN didn’t stop the Grafton girls’ soccer team in its season opener Monday, but Germantown did by defeating the Black Hawks, 2-0. Above, Angie Mann (7) and Alyssa Arnold (9) tried to put the clamps on a Germantown player. Looking on was Maria Salm (13). Photo by Sam Arendt