

Warriors pepper net in CLC soccer opener

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After repeated postponements due to inclement weather, the Ozaukee girls' soccer team finally took the field for its first Central Lakeshore Conference match April 16.

The host Warriors made the most of the opportunity by blanking Sheboygan Lutheran/Kohler, 7-0.

Senior Katie Bares led the way with two goals and an assist, and five of her teammates each scored once.

"It was a very good start to our conference play," Ozaukee coach Eric Liebergen said.



"We found scoring threats from several different players and did a nice job of sharing the ball."

Bares gave the Warriors all the offense they needed when she scored in the third minute with an assist from Ashley Preisler.

Emily Janke and Lizzie Janke added goals at four and 34 minutes, respectively, allowing Ozaukee to take a 3-0 lead into halftime.

The game turned into a romp with second-half goals by Bares, Kaylee Klopp, Natalie Clark and Micaela Burns in the 55th through 69th minutes. Clark's score was assisted by Bares.

In addition to praising his team's well-balanced offense, Liebergen was impressed with its defensive effort.

"Our defense kept a tight grip on Lutheran/Kohler's ability to attack, limiting them to a handful of shots," he said.

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Ozaukee goalkeeper Erika Karrels had four saves on the way to her third shutout of the season.

“Her ability to communicate from the back is a noticeable improvement and suggests a level of comfort that a senior can bring to a defense,” Liebergen said.

The win improved Ozaukee’s overall record to 4-0.

The Warriors’ April 18 game at Oostburg was postponed due to rain.

In conference play this week, Ozaukee was scheduled to host Sheboygan Christian on Tuesday and travel to Random Lake for a 4:30 p.m. match. Thursday.

The Warriors will then host Kenosha St. Joseph in a 5 p.m. nonconference game Friday and play a 4:30 p.m. contest at Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah on April 30.

Image Information: STEADY OFFENSIVE PRESSURE allowed the Ozaukee girls’ soccer team to take control of a game against Sheboygan Lutheran/Kohler last week. On the way to a 7-0 win in their first Central Lakeshore Conference match of the season, the host Warriors got goals from six different players, including Emily Janke (No. 12, above photo). Ozaukee improved its overall record to 4-0. Photo by Sam Arendt