

St. Albert 4, Denison 1
Denison falls to 1-1 this season and 0-1 in the Hawkeye 10 Conference

Denison fell behind 3-0 in the 1st 17 minutes of the match. Denison cut the score to 3-1 on a goal by Janet Castillo (1st goal of the season), assisted by Xochitl Arellano (2nd assist of the season) with 23:34 remaining in the match. Arellano took a free kick from 54 yards out following a foul on a St. Albert midfielder. Arellano put the ball over the top of the St. Albert defense and Castillo beat the St. Albert defenders to the ball on the right wing. Castillo put a shot just inside the right post from 10 yards out.

Sam Chandler had 25 saves in goal for the Lady Monarchs.

Comments by Coach Eller: "First and foremost, St. Albert has a great soccer team. They have speed at all levels, great touch and possession which leads to great ball movement, and they have girls at forward and midfield who can create off the dribble and finish. This was a very tough matchup and I think they can make a deep run towards the state tournament this season. St. Albert has several girls who play club soccer and they have a lot of great athletes from their state champion basketball team. They dominated the first 17 minutes and we made some key mistakes that led to their 1st 3 goals. We had a ball stolen from us that led to a 1 on 1 shot, we didn't mark up the player who took the corner kick giving her an uncontested cross from short range and we allowed them to complete a 30 yard pass right down the middle of the field to their best scorer, who got around a couple defenders for a shot. However, the last 63 minutes of the game we played that great team to a 1-1 tie and it wasn't because they subbed their starters out. We made good adjustments defensively, stayed more connected in the middle, and took away their easy shots. We defended their corner kicks much better than we did earlier in the game. Offensively, we did a better job of possessing the ball and getting the ball up top on counters. But, whenever we countered their possessions they had 6 players get back so quickly that we had a hard time getting shots off. Tonight was one of those games that was tough at the moment, but will be good for our team to prepare for the rest of the season".