

Lewis Central 7, D-S 0
D-S falls to 3-1 this season, 1-1 in Hawkeye 10 games

Shots: LC 29, D-S 0
Shots on goal: LC 23, D-S 0
Saves: Sam Chandler had 16 saves in goal for the Lady Monarchs
Halftime score: LC 1, D-S 0

Comments by Coach Eller: "Lewis Central does such a great job possessing the ball. They move the ball around the field very well with very few bad touches, so they don't beat themselves. When we got a touch, we weren't able to string 3 or 4 consecutive passes together to maintain possession. Part of that was because our midfielders were too hesitant to push up on offense and help out the forwards. We played great defense in the 1st half. We stayed marked up and forced them to take shots outside of the box and Sam was able to have a lot of saves. Their only goal came on a beautiful corner kick for a header just inside the back post. In the 2nd half, LC came out and played a different style because we were so effective stopping their short passing game down the middle. They played the ball wide and switched the ball a lot more in the 2nd half. They got 2 more goals on headers, a goal on a free kick that bounced off the post and rebounded right to one of their players, and a goal on a nice left footed shot by a right footed player. We did lose a player running from the outside into the middle and left her unmarked for a goal. Lewis Central does a great job of winning balls in the air, whether that's getting their head, chest or any other part of their body on the ball - they don't let good passes get by them and that's very hard to stop. We work on those things in practice, but too many balls hit the ground or get by our players. If we want to take the next step as a soccer team, winning balls in the air is one of the biggest things we need to improve on. I believe fatigue set in for us in the 2nd half as we were down 2 regulars in our rotation and girls had to play more minutes than usual. We played defense almost the entire game and really did a good job for the most part against a great team. Sam had a great game in goal with some clean catches on some really hard shots on goal. If we can continue to defend like we did, we should be able to stay in games against all the tough teams on our schedule".