

Sioux City West 6, Denison 0  
Denison falls to 1-6 this season

Shots: Sioux City West 30, Denison 4  
Shots on goal: Sioux City West 17, Denison 1  
Saves: Amy Estrada had 11 saves in goal for the Lady Monarchs.  
Halftime score: Sioux City West 3, Denison 0

Goals: West scored just 1:14 into the match on a counter with a ball played through a gap in the Denison defense timed perfectly to their forward running the middle of the field. She finished the 1 on 1 with the keeper from 10 yards out.

West scored with 7:59 remaining in the 1st half on a header off a corner kick that went off the post and into the net.

West scored with 3:18 remaining in the 1st half on a counter played out wide to the left wing and the player finished a 1 on 1 with the keeper from 8 yards out.

West scored with 29:44 remaining in the match as their player dribbled around a Lady Monarch defender and hit a shot from 15 yards out.

West scored with 25:18 remaining in the match on a 25 yard shot just under the crossbar that resulted from a nice combination of short passes.

West scored with 4:06 remaining in the match on a 25 yard shot just under the crossbar that resulted in a pass dropped to an open player.

Comments by Coach Eller: "We need to keep our heads up. We have lost to 6 teams: 3 of them are ranked in state, 2 of them are 3A schools with good records against a very tough schedule and the unranked 2A team is 7-2. We aren't losing to bad teams or even average teams. The teams we are losing to are good teams who are very good at controlling possession with short passing that results from good communication and movement without the ball. We are forced to play a lot of defense and when we counter we often only have confidence to send 4 or 5 people up on offense. This was also tough as it was our 3rd game in 4 nights. All of those things factor into our low amount of shots tonight. We have to continue to work on possessing the ball with accurate passes and good 1st touches receiving the passes. We have to continue to work on opening up without the ball. We have to get better at winning possession on throw-ins and goal kicks. Defensively, we are marking up pretty well and our communication is improving. We can still get better as we gave up a goal tonight that could have been prevented if we would have talked to each other as West mixed up their attack and did something they hadn't done all night against us on that possession. Otherwise, West made plays by hitting their sprinter in stride on a counter, a great header on a corner kick and 2 shots from 25 yards out that went just under the crossbar. Unfortunately, our goalkeeper isn't tall enough to stop those great shots. Amy kept us in the game by catching a lot of strong shots cleanly and she had a very good night".