

Kuemper 5, Denison 0

Denison falls to 5-5-1 this season and 3-2 in the Hawkeye 10 Conference

Shots: Kuemper 18, Denison 6
Shots on goal: Kuemper 11, Denison 4
Saves: Belinda Pancho had 6 saves in goal for the Lady Monarchs.

Comments by Coach Eller: "Even though we gave up 5 goals, we played good defense for the entire game against the #7 ranked team in the state. Kuemper possessed the ball very well with great, controlled passing - making their runs when they needed to and being patient when they needed to in order to allow their teammates to come up and help out. The 5 goals all came down to players making plays while being defended well. The 1st 2 goals were on perfectly placed and perfectly paced through balls between the gap in the Lady Monarchs defense. If either pass was any harder, the ball would have ended up in Belinda's hands as she was charging out to try to get to both passes. Both through balls were just inside the 18 and both times the Kuemper player beat a Denison player to the 50/50 ball and 1 touched the shot into the goal. Kuemper has a lot of speed and it showed on both of those goals. Their 3rd goal was a give and go with a beautiful crossing pass over the heads of the Lady Monarchs defense that was volleyed out of the air into the net, despite being marked up very closely. Their 4th goal came on a great cross pass from the left corner area into the box where their player won the ball in the air, brought it down quickly and hit the shot right away despite being closely marked up by the Denison defense. Their 5th goal came on a corner kick that was won in the air, deflected a couple times and went right back to the player who won it in the air for a 1 touch shot from 3 yards out. So, their ability to finish with 4 1 touch goals and a 2 touch goal shows how well they can play quickly with their touches. I told the girls after the game that tonight was the best defensive game that we played. We didn't give them anything as not 1 of their goals came from us making a mistake. They made 5 plays to score goals with perfect passing, winning the ball in the air and shooting the ball quickly when they had the space despite being contested by a defender. Offensively, we created a few chances but the speed of Kuemper really shut down almost all of our counters. Tonight's game was like when you watch a basketball game and the offensive player makes a very tough, contested shot and the announcer says that you can't play defense any better than that. Kuemper did that to us 5 times tonight. They made plays while they were defended well. Our girls have nothing to be ashamed of and a lot to be proud of with our performance tonight. The effort was tremendous all night by everybody who played in the game".