

Dallas Center-Grimes 8, D-S 0
D-S finishes the season 7-10

Shots: DC-G 32, D-S 2

Shots on goal: DC-G 26, D-S 1

Saves: Sam Chandler had 17 saves in goal for the Lady Monarchs and Rosy Segoviano had 1 non-keeper save for the Lady Monarchs.

Halftime score: DC-G 3, D-S 0

Comments by Coach Eller: "DC-G is the defending state champions in 2A 2 years in a row 2022 and 2023. They have a great team with a lot of speed in all 10 field positions and a team full of girls who can handle the ball, take shots and pass the ball with both feet. From what I heard, their entire team plays club soccer in Des Moines. Every time we had the ball, DC-G ran us down and took the ball from us. That resulted in us playing a lot of kickball as we lost the ball either dribbling or having short passes stolen all game so we'd have to get rid of the ball quicker than we did against other teams. Defensively, we did a pretty good job of marking up their players, but their speed with the ball led us to scramble once their player sprinted by us with the ball. When we had the ball on our offensive end of the field and they countered on us, we just couldn't sprint with them so they had 4 of their goals on counters. 2 of their goals came after steals of our attempts to clear from our defensive third. When DC-G possessed the ball in their half-field offense, we did a great job of marking their switches and their give and gos. Sam had some great saves to keep the game close for a while. Overall, I thought our season was very positive. We had 3 conference wins, which is our highest total since I've been coaching the girls team. We had a much tougher schedule than we did last season and we went the distance against every team we played against. 5 of our 10 losses were to teams ranked in state: Gilbert is #2, Treynor 10 and St. Albert 11 in 1A. DC-G is # 4 and Lewis Central #13 in 2A. 4 of our 5 losses against unranked teams were by 1 goal. The 10 teams we lost to at this point have a combined record of 116-53, for a .686 winning percentage and every team we lost to has a record of .500 or better. We beat Glenwood for the 1st time since sometime before 2010. We had 5 shutouts and we allowed only 1 goal in 6 other games, so our team defense and goalkeeping were outstanding all season. Of the 6 teams we allowed more than 1 goal against, 5 of them are ranked in state. The girls have a lot to be proud of this season. We had 4 seniors play her last game for the Lady Monarchs. We will miss Aremy Santos, Estela Lupian, Mia Garcia and Genesis Reyes after graduation. I want to thank those girls for all they have done for Lady Monarch soccer the past 4 seasons".