

Junior varsity soccer off to good start



Louisburg's Chris Williams (left) battles a Piper player for a 50-50 ball during a home match last month. The Wildcats are 6-2-2 to start their season and have 36 goals so far on the season.

The Louisburg High School junior varsity soccer team has had no problems scoring goals this season and it has picked up its fair share of wins along the way.

The Wildcats currently have a 6-2-2 record on the year and have scored 36 goals in their 10 games so far. Louisburg won three of its first four matches to start the season and outscored its opponents 14-1 with blowout wins over Fort Scott, Ottawa and Paola.

New junior varsity coach Tanner O'Hara couldn't have asked for a better start with his new group and he likes what he sees from his team moving forward.

"This season has been pretty good for us, especially with this being my first season and new to the kids, as they are with me," O'Hara said. "I am still trying to figure out where my players will be most effective for us. They have played very hard every game and even if we get down by a goal they never

give up. I am very pleased with their work ethic.

“I am still tweaking the lineup to give us the best opportunity for the game. The skill level of the team is there, it’s just a matter of getting more chemistry with each other and knocking the ball around. With the season being halfway over, I see a very bright future for the team.”

The Wildcats squared off with De Soto in their fifth game of the season and recorded their first tie. Jonathan Ventre scored the two goals for Louisburg in the 2-all match.

Louisburg responded in a big way as it blanked Baldwin 4-0 in its next match. Eric Vazquez, David Holiday, Calvin Cassida and Ty Martin all had goals for the Wildcats. After a 2-0 loss to Piper gave the Wildcats their second defeat on the season, they responded once again.

The Wildcats defeated Eudora, tied with Bonner Springs and downed Paola on Thursday.

On Sept. 22, Louisburg traveled to Eudora and left with an 8-0 victory. Ventre led the way with a two goals and two assists, while Jacob Benne added two goals. Martin, Kristoffer Aye, Kris Light and Jon Paul Totta each found the back of the net to complete the scoring.

Louisburg tied Bonner Springs 3-3 on Sept. 24 before taking care of business against Paola in a 5-1 win. Martin finished with two goals to lead Louisburg over Paola, while Cassida, Jacob Arnett and Jacob Anderson also scored goals.

Macyn White, Kolten Ragan, Timothy Smith, Chris Williams, Nick Hamamy and goalie Ambrose Stefan also are playing for the junior varsity team this season.