

Louisburg blanks Ottawa for first road win



Louisburg senior Jarod Rose wins a 50-50 ball from a Fort Scott player during the Wildcats' season opener on Aug. 29. Rose and the Wildcats got their first road win of the season Thursday with a 4-0 win over Ottawa.

Two days after coming off an easy win in its opener, the Louisburg High School boys soccer team faced its first road test of the season Thursday in Ottawa.

It may not have been pretty at times, but the Wildcats put it together in the final 50 minutes as they cruised to a 4-0 victory over Ottawa and captured their first Frontier League victory.

"We started out playing very flat and selfish," Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. "After about the first 20-30 minutes we played much better and moved the ball very well! We played with a massive amount of energy and at a high pace.

"I think our midfield was the key and we finally finished some of our opportunities. I think it was important that we played a complete game and controlled the flow of the game."

A big piece of that midfield was sophomore Landon Johnson as he was involved in each of the team's four scores. Johnson finished with a pair of goals and assisted on the other two.

The match was scoreless just before halftime as Johnson made a pass to senior Raistlin Brewer. The Louisburg senior then found the back of the net to give the Wildcats the lead.

Louisburg (2-0) doubled that lead just three minutes later as Johnson scored his first goal of the night, which gave the Wildcats momentum going into halftime.

About 10 minutes into the second half, Louisburg struck again as junior Brock Bila made it 3-0 off an assist from Johnson. Bila has now scored six goals in two games after his big performance earlier in the week against Fort Scott.

Johnson sealed the win late in the second half with his second goal as the Wildcats left Ottawa with two-game winning streak.

The Louisburg defense limited Ottawa's chances to just six shots on goal and goalie Ambrose Stefan earned his first shutout of the season with five saves.

Louisburg returns to action tonight when it hosts undefeated Paola. Junior varsity will play a shortened game at 4:30 p.m. and varsity will begin at approximately 5:30 p.m.

JV wins first two games to start season

The Louisburg junior varsity has done its best to mimic the varsity players as the Wildcats opened their season with a pair of wins, as well.

Most recently, Louisburg defeated Ottawa 3-0 on Thursday behind goals from Deven Wieland, Jacob Andersen and Eli Minster. Treston Carlson, Haden Yeager and Minster each added assists as well.

Sophomore goalie Thomas Arnett earned the shutout for the second straight game.

The Wildcats had an easy time in their opener on Aug. 29 as they rolled Fort Scott, 6-0.

Minster led Louisburg with three goals as he recorded his first hat trick and Andersen found the back of the net twice. Eric Vazquez finished the contest with a goal and an assist, while Minster, Andersen and Carlson each had an assist.