

Wildcats lose matches to Baldwin, Spring Hill



Louisburg sophomore Haden Yeager clears the ball out of the back during Monday's match with Baldwin in Louisburg. The Wildcats lost back to back matches to Spring Hill and Baldwin.

The Louisburg High School boys soccer team had gotten off to a hot start to its season by winning four of its first five matches.

Those winning ways have recently hit a snag as that streak was snapped last Thursday in a 3-1 loss to Spring Hill and the Wildcats fell again at home Monday in a 3-0 defeat to Baldwin, which is currently undefeated on the season.

"Against both teams I felt we played well at times, but then we were exposed on our mistakes," Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. "We need to learn from those mistakes and keep improving. Unfortunately, those mistakes are the same mistakes we have been making, but those two teams exposed us."

On the road at Spring Hill, Louisburg found itself down 1-0 at halftime and the Broncos tacked on another goal to put the Wildcats down two midway through the second half.

The Wildcats were able to get back in the match when senior Chris Williams was fouled in the box and Louisburg was awarded a penalty kick. Junior midfielder Ryan Haight converted on the

penalty and the Wildcats were building momentum until the Broncos put the match away late in the second half with another score.

In its match with Baldwin at home Monday, Louisburg didn't have many chances on goal as the Bulldogs dominated possession throughout and kept the Wildcat defense busy.

Louisburg goalie Thomas Arnett made several big saves in the net, but Baldwin put pressure on the Louisburg back line most of the night and were able to put three in the back of the net.



Freshman defender Michael Seuferling makes a pass to a teammate last Thursday in Spring Hill.

Although the Wildcats (4-3) have suffered a couple setbacks, Conley knows his young team will continue to grow as the season goes along.

“We are getting back to basics and focusing more on teaching and improving,” Conley said. “We are working on our game preparation, being ready to play (showing up on time and with all their equipment), being prepared to play, and playing our game. We will learn and continue to learn.

“We have to remember we only have six kids returning with any previous varsity soccer experience. We will keep getting better and progressing.”

The Wildcats will try and bounce back at 6 p.m. tonight when it hosts Ottawa in a Frontier League match.