

Wildcats have won 7 straight after victories against Tonganoxie, Ottawa



Louisburg junior Erin Lemke sneaks a shot past the Tonganoxie goalie Monday in Tonganoxie. Lemke scored two goals in the Wildcats' 6-0 win.

The Louisburg girls soccer team didn't let a little wet weather get to them earlier this week – in fact – the rain did little to cool off a Wildcat team that has been on a hot streak.

Louisburg picked up a pair of road wins Monday and Tuesday and now have seven consecutive victories as the Wildcats have just one game left on the regular season.

The Wildcats scored 14 goals in two games as they defeated Tonganoxie, 6-0, on Monday and then turnaround to play Ottawa on Tuesday and came away with an 8-0 victory.

Bad weather forced the Wildcats to move their game with the Cyclones from Ottawa High School to Ottawa University and they were able to play on turf. That move certainly didn't slow the Wildcats down as they jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead and scored five more

times in the second half to complete the shutout.

“The girls came out playing very aggressive and dominated the game start to finish,” Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. “The defense played very well for the most part only allowing one shot. Offensively, we struggled to get a shot on net the first half, missing on four extremely good opportunities.

“The second half, our movement was much better and we were able to play our game. I was very excited with how hard we played and how well we possessed. The girls played hard and did a nice job.

Junior forward Mackenzie Scholtz continued her torrid scoring streak as she added a hat trick to her line to lead the Lady Cats. Fellow junior Erin Lemke added two goals, including the match’s first score.

Midfielder Trinity Moore put the Wildcats up 2-0 with a goal that was assisted by Leia Shaffer. Scholtz then added a goal shortly before halftime to make it 3-0.



Junior Haley Cain heads the ball away from an Ottawa player Tuesday in the Wildcats' 8-0 win.

Scholtz found the back of the net to open the second half thanks to an assist from Olivia Barber and then scored again after an assist from Lemke made it 5-0. Lemke made it a six-goal match less than two minutes later.

Sophomore Emma Christy scored her first varsity goal as she converted a penalty kick late in the second half and then

Louisburg got its final score on an own goal from Ottawa that was knocked in

after a corner kick from Lily McDaniel.

Against Tonganoxie, the Wildcats got out to a slow start but picked it up in the second half after a goal from Scholtz

and another from freshman Reese Johnson. Scholtz, Lemke, Moore and Morgan

Messer each added scores to put the game away.

Goalie Carson Buffington recorded shutouts in both matches, while the defense of Kaitlyn Lewer, Julianne Finley, Avery O'Meara, Hallie Hutsell and Madison Quinn helped limit the opportunities.

"Tonganoxie played a very packed-in style," Conley said. "We absolutely dominated start to finish, but struggled to put the final pass together. We made some adjustments at halftime and made much better passes and possession.

"I was very happy with our execution in the second half and our level of play. They girls played much quicker and executed much more efficiently. We possessed and moved the ball very quickly and were able to break down their 6 girls on their back line. I was very proud of their second half performance."

Louisburg will try and make it eight wins in a row Thursday when it hosts Spring Hill for Senior Night. The match is set for 4:30 p.m.

"The girls will come out and be ready to play a really, really good Spring Hill team to honor their senior teammates," Conley said. "Our games with Spring Hill are always action-packed and quality games. They are extremely well coached and will come ready to play."