

Wildcats drop league matches to Baldwin, Spring Hill



Louisburg senior Ethan Sharp heads the ball out of the back during a match earlier this season.

After a strong start to its season, the Louisburg boys soccer team hit the toughest part of its schedule last week as the Wildcats squared off against two of the Frontier League's best.

Louisburg hosted Baldwin last Tuesday, and had to battle the Bulldogs and some rain drops, and ended with a 2-0 loss to Baldwin.

The Wildcats then traveled to Spring Hill on Thursday and could not overcome three penalty kicks in an 8-0 loss to the

Broncos. Both Baldwin and Spring Hill have a combined 18-1-1 record on the season.

Louisburg is now 4-4 on the year and the Wildcats are not only having to battle tough opponents, but the injury bug as well.

“We ran into two exceptional opponents last week with Baldwin and Spring Hill,” Louisburg coach Bobby Bovaird said. “Both games were tough losses for us, but with the adversity we faced, we also had great opportunities for growth. Those two will be battling to see who’ll be on top of the League by the end of the season. They’re both poised to make great runs in the post-season, but I think that our losses to them will prepare us to make a great run ourselves.

“It’s like I told the guys after those losses – they don’t define us. We learn, adjust, and come back stronger. We couldn’t be any prouder of the strength and character our guys showed on the field.”

Baldwin took the lead on Louisburg less than four minutes into the match with a goal, but the Wildcats held strong and trailed just 1-0 at halftime.

The Bulldogs added a second goal midway through the second half and the Wildcats were unable to bounce back.

Louisburg goalie Evan Moreland was busy most of the night as he recorded 11 saves and six blocked shots.

The Wildcat attack couldn’t get much going as they tallied six shots, compared to Baldwin’s 29. Senior Colton Blue had five shots and Ryder Erickson had one.

Against Spring Hill, the Broncos scored their first goal 15 minutes into the match, which was their first of seven first half goals. Spring Hill also had three penalty kicks for goals, including one in the second half to put the game away.

Grant Cannon, Owen Marsh and Brody Bovaird had the lone shots

of the game for Louisburg.

The Wildcats will try and bounce back tonight as they host Chanute in their first of two matches this week. Varsity is set to begin at approximately 6 p.m.