Lady Wildcats tie Hornets on pitch

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FORT JENNINGS — It was a tale of two halves between Jefferson and Cory-Rawson on a brilliant but chilly Monday afternoon/evening at Keith Hamel Memorial Field in Fort Jennings. The visiting Lady Hornets won the first and the Lady Wildcats the second.

When the 80 minutes was over, the teams had fought to a 1-1 draw.

The Lady Hornets (3-10-1) had 10 shots, eight on-goal (11 for the match), in the first half when they scored at the 23:56 mark when junior Mallory Hiser finished off a flurry in front of the goal past Jefferson senior goalkeeper Paige Miller (7 total stops).

The Lady Wildcats (5-8-2), who only had three shots on-goal the first half but 10 the second, dominated the second 40 minutes and tied it up at the 33:59 mark when freshman Logan Hamilton fed sophomore Kylee Haehn for a goal past junior C-R netminder Natasha Shields (7 saves).

The Wildcats had more chances in the second half but couldn't put them in the back of the net.

The Hornets host Van Buren 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Jefferson visits Allen East 5 p.m. Thursday.

(Larger article in Wednesday's paper)

Lady Musketeers goose-egg Roughriders

FORT JENNINGS — The Fort Jennings girls soccer team is tuning up for the tournament next week.

The Lady Musketeers were in fine form as they shut out visiting St. Marys Memorial 3-0 Monday afternoon at the Fort Jennings Outdoor Athletic Complex.

The Lady Musketeers (11-1-3) led 2-0 at the half on goals from senior Kristen Maag and freshman Brandi Kaskel.

Also tallying for the Orange and Black was junior Marissa Good. Kaskel had an assist.

The Lady Roughriders (11-2-1) won the shots on-goal 8-7 but lost the corner kicks 6-2. Senior Gabbie German had six saves for the hosts.

"It was a hard-fought match by both teams. St. Marys started out controlling the match, then with 30 minutes left in the first half, our team started clicking and playing the way they are capable of playing," Jennings mentor Rodney Wagner noted. "We got more physical, went to the ball and started taking better shots. With 26:36 left in the half, (senior) Macy Schroeder chipped a ball over the defense to Kristen, who was taken down in the box for a penalty kick. She took the PK and put it by the keeper. The match went back and forth again until a pass through the defense and Brandi picked it up and dribbled past the rest of the defense and put a shot past the keeper.

"The second half was a repeat of the first with both teams playing physical and St. Marys maybe having a little advantage. With 16:23 left in the second, Brandi passed the ball pasted the defense and Marissa was standing there and put a shot past the keeper for the third and final goal of the match. The rest of the match was back and forth with our defense stepping up every

time Memorial got close to the goal and Gabbie stepped up on every shot. The girls are playing the way we want them to. They are a very unselfish team and are always backing each other up."

Jennings hosts Ottoville 5 p.m. Thursday.

Lady Lancers capitalize for victory over Mustangs

RURAL MIDDLE POINT — Even though Allen East owned the shots on-goal versus Lincolnview 11-9 Monday night, the Lady Lancers used them far better for a 6-1 Northwest Conference girls soccer triumph over the Lady Mustangs at Lincolnview High School.

The Lancers (8-7) scored the first two goals: just 1:01 in as Haley McAbee put it in the net by Kyra Plaugher (3 saves); and assisted Kaylee Thatcher for the second goal at 35:01.

The visitors (5-9-1) halved their deficit on a goal from Trisha Drury at 12:49 past keeper Julia Thatcher (10 saves).

The hosts tacked on two more goals the first half: at 9:19, when Thatcher assisted Courtney Gorman; and at 7:14 when Jordan Ludwig made it 4-0.

Two more Lincolnview goals came in the second half: Kaylee Thatcher at 10:51; and Brooke Schroeder at 7:00 on a feed from Hannah McCleery.

Allen East hosts Jefferson 5 p.m. Thursday, while plays St. John's in Division III sectional play 7 p.m. Saturday at Elida.

Senior Ben Kaufman named HCAC Defensive Player of the Week

BLUFFTON — Senior Ben Kaufman (Ottawa/Ottawa-Glandorf) was recently named Heartland Conference Player of the Week for his work at Rose-Hulman on Saturday. Kaufman is the third Bluffton player to be honored this season and the second on the defensive side of the ball. Fellow linebacker Joe Maldonado took home Player of the Week honors following Bluffton's 20-0 shutout of Kenyon in week one.

Kaufman led the way for the Beavers with 16 tackles, including 10 solo stops. He also forced a fumble in Bluffton's 37-34 win at RHIT in three overtimes. It marked the first-ever 3-overtime contest for the Beavers and it was the second straight Bluffton win over the Engineers who had won the first seven meetings between the schools.

Bluffton will look to stay in the race for the Heartland Conference title when the Beavers welcome Hanover College for Homecoming on Saturday. The contest is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and it will follow a tour of the Sommer Center, Bluffton's new indoor athletic complex which is slated to open in November.__PUBLIC__