

NHHS and SCHS girls's soccer

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For both the visiting North Harrison Lady Cats' soccer team as well as the host Silver Creek Lady Dragons over the weekend, the Silver Creek' Girls' Soccer Tourney was a tourney experience they would describe as being mixed overall.

North Harrison played in the opening game against Switzerland Count, and after falling behind 3-0 in the second half, they scored two goals just to end up falling short by a 3-2 score.

Neither team managed to muster any offense in the first half, so the game was a scoreless tie at the half.

Switzerland County scored first with 25:20 left in the second half, and scored additional goals at 16:52 and 14:53.

Kenzie Fell got the Lady Cats on board with 13:51 left in the game, and added a second goal with 11:31 left.

The Lady Cats dodged bullets from Switzerland County throughout the first half, and almost gave up another goal right after the second goal by Fell. North Harrison had a chance at scoring again with a kick right in front of the Switzerland County goal, but just missed wide.

North Harrison assistant coach Cody Austin would have preferred to win, but was pleased with his team's defense in the first half.

"The first half, it (the defense) did alright," Austin said. "They had a couple of lapses that hurt us (in the second half). I was impressed with the offense in the last few minutes (of the match); we stepped up under pressure."

Austin credited a lot of the success at keeping Switzerland County from scoring in the first half, as well as in later stages of the game, with Lady Cats' goalie Jerany Medina.

"I was really happy with our goalie play," said Austin. "(Jerany) did well; she's been playing well for us this year. I like what I see out of her."

In the second first round game, host Silver Creek was blanked by Corydon Central. Corydon scored two of their four goals in the first half, and two of their goals in the second half.

Silver Creek Lady Dragons' coach Danielle Hinton has been with the program three years, and she sees good things in store for the program in the future.

"We're a young team, but they're athletes and they like playing. Hopefully, the program can continue to grow."

In spite of the loss, Hinton was pleased with the defense for keeping Corydon limited to four goals. Silver Creek lost to Corydon in the girls' soccer sectional in 2009, and Hinton said she knew that Corydon would be aggressive. Even so, she said her players "hustled, and have so much heart."

Due to the possibility of incoming storms, the consolation and championship games were reversed in order.

Switzerland County defeated Corydon 4-3 on penalty kicks. The title game was tied at 3-3 in regulation, before the penalty kicks came into play.

In the consolation game, Silver Creek took an early 2-0 lead in the first half, when Haley Turner scored at the 33:52 mark, and Morgan Sharp scored at the 2:34 mark.

North Harrison managed to tie up the match at 2-2 when Kenzie Fell scored first with 36:55 in the second half. Team mate Shelby Austin scored the Lady Cats' only other goal almost exactly 11 minutes later.

The Lady Dragons went ahead for good with 2:30 in the game when Deziree Cook scored. North Harrison assistant coach Cody Austin thought that too many mistakes in general were to

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blame for his team's losses Saturday. He said it was spread out on his team, in the defense, the midfield, and the offense.

"We just kind of let up a little bit," Austin said.

"Overall, I was proud of their performance today," Hinton said of her team. "This game showed things we need to work on."

Hinton hopes to see her program continue to grow. With 19 players on the squad, she has the luxury of having a bench to choose from when she needs to make a substitution.

"As things evolve, I think more girls will com