

Go-Hawks 3-peat in tournament

W-SR soccer team wins three games to take title



Waverly-Shell Rock junior Will Reynolds jukes Spencer senior Malik Rasch in the Go-Hawks 3-1, second-round win on Saturday afternoon at the Waverly Shell Rock Soccer Complex. Reynolds had two shots for the game.

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trolling the midfield and just applying a lot of pressure in the attacking third, and

that's exactly what we did. "Same thing with the last game [against Clear Lake]. I

think that our guys executed pretty well controlling the midfield attacking third,

executing shots. I told them to take a risk a little bit more in the attacking third and

one of those shots will [go] in."

The Go-Hawks opened bracket play with an early-morning match against an inferior Fort Dodge team (3-11). Though, the Go-Hawks appeared overwhelmed and out of sink for much of the first half. The longer Fort Dodge kept the Go-Hawks off the scoreboard, the more confident they became.

However, junior Ryan Sprain finally broke through for the Go-Hawks. With 11 minutes, 10 seconds remaining in the first half, Sprain buried a shot, his first of two goals on the day, to give the Go-Hawks a 1-0 lead and the momentum.

"Ryan's the player that can always make a difference up top for us," Muhamedagic said. "That's why we chose him along with Brett Schwemm to play those two attacking key positions. Ryan's always quick on the ball, creates [chances]."

Stingy defense and solid play from senior goalkeeper Alex Denton, who stopped all seven shots by Fort Dodge, sealed the first-round match for the Go-Hawks.

"It all starts behind us, the center-mids, even the defensive line ... they always do a good job of playing us through," Sprain said of his offensive performance during the tournament.

Following the first game, Muhamedagic said his team needed to get off to a much better start against Spencer, a potential opponent at the upcoming state tournament.

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W-SR bounces back, blows out Waterloo West

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The Go-Hawks would love to forget the past couple of games.

They suffered a heart-breaking defeat in the final seconds (2-1) to Waterloo Columbus on May 1, and didn't play the entire 80 minutes against Cedar Falls on May 7, a 4-3 regulation loss.

The following week pitted strenuous practices prior to Saturday night's match against Waterloo West. The Go-Hawks needed a better showing, no doubt.

Against a team that has scored just two goals all season, the Go-Hawks bounced back with a much-needed 10-0 win over the Wahawks.

"We had a hard practice [Friday] to get us ready for [Waterloo West] and the rest of the season," senior forward Haley Grawe said, following Saturday night's win. "We feel like this is our time to turn it around and [Saturday night] showed that we can get it done if we

really put our minds to it.

"We definitely decided as a team that we needed to step up our confidence. It probably hasn't been where it should be, so we decided our confidence needs to be brought up again and we're going to work on that from here on out."

Grawe scored a hat trick for the Go-Hawks, including one in the first half and two in the second. The Go-Hawks' leading scorer (10 goals) was credited with an assist on the evening as well.

Not 4 minutes into the match, junior Shelby Hemer put the Go-Hawks on the board with her second goal of the season off a corner kick.

Shortly after, junior Katie Stewart fired a shot past goalkeeper Vienna Lamb to make it 2-0 W-SR.

If you blinked after that goal, you missed the next one.

Freshman Sarah Campbell netted her first of the season with 31:13 to play

in the first half. Grawe boot-ed the ball into play off a corner kick and Campbell came away with the rebound, and ripped it past Lamb for the score.

At that point, the rout was on.

The visitors were no match for the Go-Hawks, who ran circles around their opponents all night. The Wahawks first crossed the middle of the pitch some 26 minutes into the game.

At the break, the Go-Hawks sported a 7-0 lead.

"We knew coming in it would be a little bit of a confidence booster for us, get some other people who haven't gotten so many minutes back in the game and get back on our feet, get back to what we do best," Go-Hawks co-head coach Chelsea Frye said.

The Go-Hawks utilized their bench in the second half, which was no different than the first.

With 19:20 remaining in

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Waverly-Shell Rock freshman Sarah Campbell kicks the ball to one of her teammates in the Go-Hawks' 10-0 win over Waterloo West on Saturday night.

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The captains presented head coach Barb Gielau with a cancer survivor gift at Friday night's game against Columbus. Left to right: Lauren Block, Sommer Stevens, Kelsey Gebel, Barb Gielau, Elisabeth Sage and Sydney Jergens

Denver wins for coach

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Milestones are important achievements in an athlete's career. Whether it's reaching 500 home runs in baseball, rushing for 10,000 yards in football or reaching 1,000 points in hockey.

For breast cancer survivors, like Denver girls' soccer head coach Barb Gielau, milestones are a little different. Just beating the insufferable disease is the first milestone, a year later being cancer free, then remaining cancer free for five, 10 and 15 years are other important marks.

Before a 3-1 victory over the Waterloo Columbus Sailors Friday, the Cyclones and assistant coach Emily Gielau, Barb's daughter, honored their beloved and strong head coach who fought off cancer five years ago and has battled to keep it from coming back ever since. It's a battle she continues to win.

After helping to jump start the program as school board president in 2000, and taking over the program in 2004 after four consecutive seasons of coaching turnover, Gielau has missed just two games. One for a chemotherapy treatment and

the other last year for her son's wedding.

"We love Barb," senior defender Sommer Stevens said. "Barb is a fantastic coach and I couldn't ask for a better coach, always pushing us. We did this for her tonight."

Amid tears, Emily gave a short speech. Afterwards, pink balloons were released and senior captains smiled as they gave Gielau a present and posed for a picture. Yet, there was still a game to be played.

"It is wonderful," Gielau said after the game about

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