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North Oldham senior Savannah Lampton dribbles the ball in a 6-1 loss to Collegiate.

North Oldham falls in home finale

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North Oldham senior Sadie Seifrit dribbles the ball down the field in a 6-1 loss to Collegiate.

The North Oldham Lady Mustangs fell in their home finale 6-1 to the Collegiate Amazons (9-6) on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

"I think we've had some tough games to close out the season, and actually, despite the losses, I think they've been coming together better as a team, connecting a little better, which didn't necessarily show on the field [Tuesday], but I think last week when we played CAL, despite the numbers on the scoreboard, I thought we connected really well," North head coach Liz Hershner said. "We're playing together really well as a team. Communication has improved tremendously, and we really trust each other on the field."

Collegiate took an advantage early in the game, holding possession for most of the first period.

The Amazons earned a penalty corner a few minutes into the game, and junior Jillian Hamilton had a shot hit off the post.

North junior Harper Anderson deflected another shot a few minutes later. However, Collegiate kept pushing, and a shot by junior Abby Ridge was deflected and tapped in by sophomore Cora Rizzo to give the Amazons an early lead.

Collegiate kept attacking, holding the ball on its half of the field and continuing to look for shots inside the circle. North sophomore goalie Claire McGraw kicked the ball out twice with two minutes left in the first quarter, leading to a corner by Collegiate.

"When we started the year, [McGraw's] first game was against CAL, so it was nice to see her grow in her confidence throughout the season," Hershner said. "I think she is moving better back there. I think we can hear her a little better, so her communication has gotten better also throughout the season. That's been really nice to see."

On the corner, McGraw made multiple saves, and the Lady Mustang defense held strong. The Amazons kept attacking and, eventually, found the back of the cage again with 1:06 left in the first on a goal by senior Hayden Breier.

North created its first opportunity after the goal to close out the opening period. After a defensive stop, junior Catie Howard lobbed a pass downfield to junior Emaline Myers, but Collegiate didn't allow a shot to take a 2-0 lead into the second period.

The Amazons pressed early in the second quarter, forcing a save by McGraw and leading to a penalty corner. North made a stop on the shot and gained possession for most of the last 10 minutes of the first half.

North senior Sadie Seifrit started an attack that led to the first Lady Mustang corner of the game. The Amazons made a stop and forced a second. Senior Savannah Lampton hit the ball hard on a shot from the corner attempt that went out of play. The Lady Mustangs created another chance a minute later, but the ball bounced off the post and ended the attack.

The Lady Mustangs kept attacking and earned another penalty corner with 5:30 left in the first half. Lampton had a shot off the corner saved by Collegiate senior goalie Eliza Lewis. North created another corner a few minutes later, leading to a shot by Myers that was saved by Lewis.

North kept attacking and earned its fourth corner of the period with three minutes left in the half. A shot by junior Rheegan Jackson was saved and kicked out by Lewis, and Myers was able to tap in the deflection to put the Lady Mustangs on the board with 2:34 left in the half.

"[Myers] is one of our strongest tippers," North assistant coach Missy Miller said. "She's great at redirecting the ball, second option in the circle."

Hershner has seen a lot of growth in Myers throughout the regular season and has been able to rely on her to help offense get some momentum in the attack during games.

"We rely on Emaline. She has really good hand-eye coordination, and I think that stems from her being a basketball player," Hershner said. "We really rely on that talent as well as her speed to get the ball down the field but also to be in a position to tip the ball into the goal. A lot of her goals this season have come off passes that she ended up just tipping in."

Collegiate immediately responded on a goal by junior Laurel Jayne Nelson 27 seconds later, helping give the Amazons a 3-1 lead at the half.

The Lady Mustangs came out of the break playing aggressive and looking for a goal to cut into their deficit. Howard earned a penalty corner for North Oldham five and half minutes into the third quarter. Lampton's shot off the corner was saved by Lewis.

North Oldham continued to possess the ball and look for a chance inside the circle, but Collegiate's defense held strong. Ridge started a fast break for the Amazons' first chance of the second half, but the Lady Mustangs forced a foul to end the chance.

Lampton pushed the ball near the circle for another North Oldham opportunity, but Collegiate's defense continued to bend but not break. The Lady Mustangs stopped another chance inside the circle before Howard created a fast break. The Amazons made another stop and ended the chance before continuing to stall out the Lady Mustang attack to end the third quarter with a 3-1 lead.

Collegiate was able to get an early goal in the fourth off a penalty corner by sophomore Jada Johnson. The Amazon found a rhythm offensively to help close out the game. Sophomores Kayla Holzer and Caroline Sillings helped extend the Amazon lead throughout the fourth quarter, leading to a 6-1 win by Collegiate.

North Oldham drew against Atherton to move to 8-6-3 on the season and will wrap up its regular season against the Eastern Eagles (1-11) on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 6:30 on the road.

"We need to focus. It sounds really cliche but really focus on the fundamentals," Hershner said. "If you can't pass the ball to each other, if you can't receive, if you can't communicate and if you can't put the ball in the back of the other team's cage, you're not going to win. We're really going to try to hone in on all those basic fundamentals, keep it simple and go out there and win some games."

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South Oldham senior Lucas Villegas looks for a pass in a 1-0 loss to North Oldham.

South Oldham ends regular season strong, builds district momentum

BY WYATT SPARKMAN

The South Oldham Dragons finished their regular season with a 1-0 shutout win on the road over the Manual Crimsons on Thursday night.

"We showed some fight and grit [Thursday] night," South head coach John Cantrell said. "We're a little banged up right now, so we had to have some people that typically don't get some minutes step up and end up getting a good result going into the postseason."

The Dragons were able to control the possession ball through the first half, allowing them to create opportunities to start the game. Junior Enoch Romney gave South Oldham the lead in the first half off an assist by senior Lorenzo Negron.

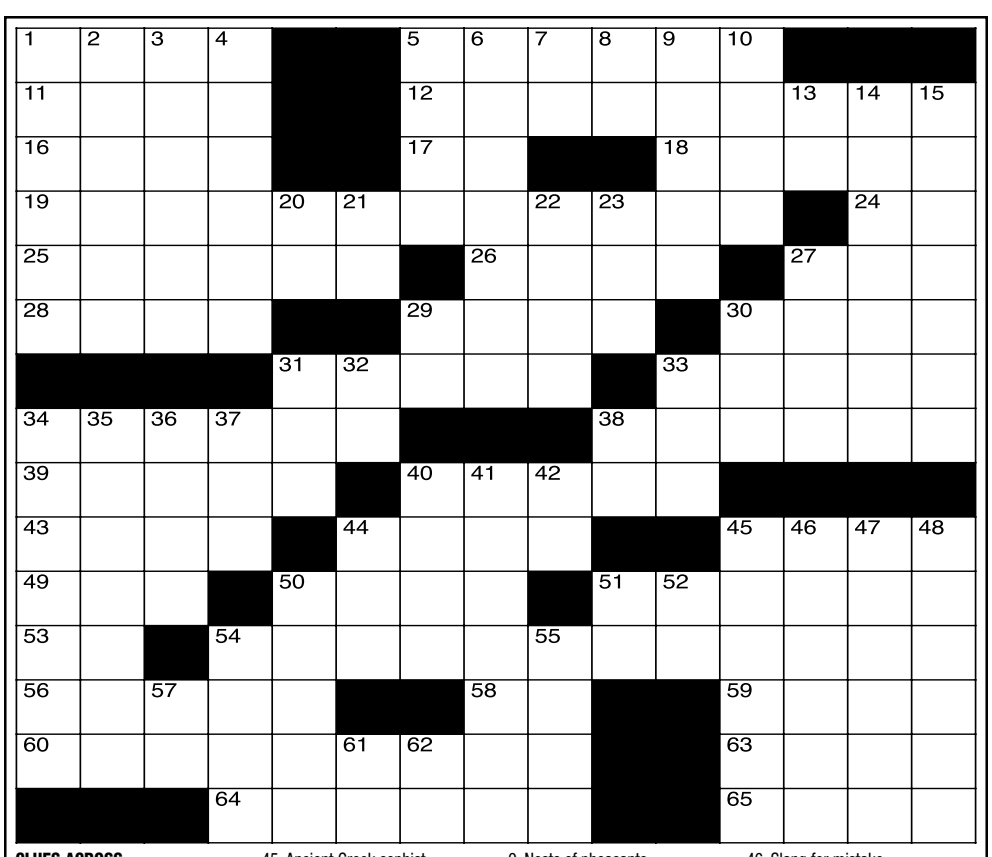
"We've had a lot of guys step up. Senior Lucas Villegas and junior Liam Hayden, they've both stepped up a lot in the middle of the field and kept the ball for us and also scored some goals here late as well," Cantrell said. "They're good. Our strikers Enoch Romney and Lorenzo Negron, we have a rotation of strikers going up there. They're all three giving us good minutes and all three scoring some goals here. We're trying to stay healthy going into the postseason."

In the second half, the Crimsons attacked and threw everything they could at the Dragon defense to get a game-tying goal to no avail. South took home a 1-0 win to close out the regular season. Junior goalie Ethan Briscoe came up with four saves throughout the game and completed his third shutout of the season, second in three games.

"It says a lot. They're really starting to grow into the roles, replacing our whole back line from last year," Cantrell said. "We knew we were going to have some growing pains, but they've really started to figure out what they need to do. Playing together, getting more games together, they're getting reps, and I think we're in a good spot heading to the postseason."

South Oldham begins postseason play against the Oldham County Colonels on Monday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. South Oldham defeated Oldham County 2-1 after coming off a loss against North Oldham the week prior. Sophomore Judah Walker scored off an assist from Negron while Negron scored a goal as well in the win against their county rival on Sept. 17.

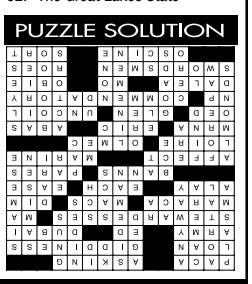
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CLUES ACROSS
1. Nocturnal rodent
5. Requesting
11. Give temporarily
12. Frivolousness
16. Military arm
17. "Westworld" actor Harris
18. Persian Gulf port city
19. Air hostesses
24. Partner to "Pa"
25. Percussion instrument
26. Raincoats
27. Lower the light
28. Asian mountain range
29. Every one of two or more
30. Lack of difficulty
31. A public announcement of a proposed marriage
33. Reduces in size
34. Make an impact
38. Serviceman
39. A French river
40. Prehistoric people
43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
44. "Layla" singer Clapton
45. Ancient Greek sophist
49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
50. "Top Gun: Maverick" actor Powell
51. A way to disentangle
53. Atomic #93
54. Manifesting approval
56. Indigo bush
58. Larry and Curly's pal
59. Off-Broadway theater award
60. Fencers
63. Masses of fish eggs
64. Passerine birds
65. Arrange systematically

CLUES DOWN
1. Colorless part of blood
2. Of a main artery
3. Photog's tool
4. Blues Traveler hit "But __"
5. Grew older
6. Not the leader
7. __ Lang: country singer
8. A driver's license is one
9. Nests of pheasants
10. Antelopes
13. One quintillion bytes
14. Japanese lute
15. A type of cat
20. It cools your home
21. Dorm official
22. Pouches
23. German trigraph
27. Form of Persian
29. __ route
30. Upper body part
31. Bridge building degree
32. Indicates position
33. Political action committee
34. Edible nuts
35. Front part of a quadruped
36. Locate
37. Geological time
38. Of I
40. Northern Utah city
41. They work in the trenches
42. Hammer is one
44. Tall deciduous tree
45. Performers
46. Slang for mistake
47. More open
48. Most slick
50. Provokes
51. Home of the NCAA's Flyers
52. Sodium
54. Large fish of the mackerel family
55. Not one
57. __ and behold
61. Atomic #21
62. "The Great Lakes State"

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