

Team: U14 Girls

Location: Kingdom Sports Center - Franklin, OH

Result: W 6-1

Players: Alexis, Milan, Camlyn, Audrey, Hannah, Ashley, Erin, Morgan, Kira

Hope Springs Player of the Game: Milan

Offensively, this was the most productive game the girls have had to date. The girls were able to move the ball well and create numbers up opportunities in the offensive third. 1v1 skill and off the ball movements lead to a lot of attacking chances for the Lions.

Defensively, our back line was solid. The only mistake coming from a lack of communication. Other than that small break down, the girls defended as a collective unit and were able to win their individual battles throughout the field.

Coach Bradley quoted, "Incredibly happy with the performance today. I thought the girls were able to be creative and take chances through their hard work and patience. They possessed the ball extremely well and were deadly in the attacking third."

Milan was named player of the game as a result of high passing and tackling proficiency. Her determination to win tackles and play simple sparked a ripple effect throughout the team.

Team: U12 Girls

Location: Kingdom Sports Center - Franklin, OH

Result: T 3-3

Players: Laura, Marayna, Alyvia, Shiloh, Hope, Ava P., Nicole, Julia

Hope Springs Player of the Game: Marayna

The Lions struggled to get anything going in the first 20 minutes of the game. However, after some tactical changes, the Lions had countless opportunities on goal. They did well to keep their foot on the gas after being down 3-1 with 12 minutes remaining. Despite this circumstance, the Lions were able to come together to score two goals to bring the game level, while also almost scoring the game winner with a minute remaining.

Defensively, the Lions communicated well and were able to shut down a quick front line by the opposition. Although we conceded three, the Lions held the opposition to only a handful of shots throughout the game. Together, they provided good support to one another and were smart in their individual defensive positioning.

Coach Bradley quoted, "Can't fully explain how proud I am of the girls for battling back. It would have been easy to give up after being down with only a short time left. However, the girls were determined to win and with a few more minutes I believe we would have. The girls showed heart and determination. With only 1 sub, the girls were asked to play big minutes and they all responded with great individual and collective performances."

Marayna was named player of the game after leading the defense throughout the entire game. Her determination to win and chase after every 50/50 ball set a standard for the rest of the team. Marayna won numerous tackles and did an exceptional job shutting down a very talented forward from the opposition.