

Team: U16 Girls

Location: Kingdom Sportscenter | Franklin

Result: T 1-1

Players: Alessandra, Ema, Aleah, Sumera, Emma, Muriel, Cassie, Hannah, Shelby, Nicole, Alicia,

Hope Springs Player of the Game: Camille

Offensively, the Lions set the tone early with high energy and quality on the ball, which resulted in 1-0 lead after Sumera found herself one versus one with the keeper and she confidently slotted the ball low past the keeper. The Lions possession and movement off the ball was much improved but just missed out on the final touch or pass to score the goal.

Defensively, the Lions maintained their organization throughout the match and were aggressive in their individual tackles. Camille had an excellent game as goalkeeper with some quality saves that kept her team in the game.

Coach Shane was quoted, “I was very happy with the overall level of both teams in tonight’s game! It is a opponent that is in our spring buckeye league so it is good to see where we stand leading into the spring season. Our quality on the ball and conditioning has definitely improved these last few weeks and our team chemistry on the field is starting to take shape. It is definitely a slow process and will take time but I have been satisfied the progress we have made.”

Coach Shane nominated Camille as the Hope Springs Player of the Game for an impressive game as goalkeeper as she made numerous goal saving stops, good ball distribution, and was fearless in her 1v1 challenges.

Team: U15 Boys Blue

Location: Kingdom Sportscenter | Franklin

Result: L 9-1

Players: Dimitar, Jason, Dominic C, Nikolas, Dominic M, Julian, Owen, Ethan, Gradey, Mick, Enrico, Justin, Kyle

Hope Springs Player of the Game: Kyle

Offensively, the Lions moved the ball quickly with some high tempo combinations plays to generate their attack. The aggressiveness of the opponent defense made it difficult to gain momentum throughout the game and limited the Lions offensive scoring opportunities.

Defensively, the Lions had a bright start to the game but would eventually lose a bit of confidence after conceding a few goals midway through the match. The Lions had some key defensive stops in the game but had difficulties containing the high paced and technical abilities of opponent.

Coach Shane was quoted, “A quality opponent for us to face against as we continue preparing for the spring. Not only was our opponent fast and strong but also very technical, which challenged our players! Three key things that really stand out to me that we need to improve on is our aggressiveness on/off the ball, our decision making with/without the game, and overall fitness/conditioning. This game was definitely tough for our boys but if I think of the progress this team has made this winter, Im very happy with their development individually and as a team.”

Coach Shane nominated Kyle as the Hope Springs Player of the Game for his work rate throughout the game, a solid defensive performance, and his ability to contribute in the attack.

Team: U14 Girls

Location: Kingdom Sports Center - Franklin, OH

Result: L 3-1

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

Hope Springs Player of the Game: Alexis

Offensively, the girls did well to create opportunities however the final product wasn't completely there. Proud of the way they worked together and continued to improve on their possession and attacking movements.

Defensively, our back line held things together quite well. We defended well as a team, allowing an older, more physical team to only a limited amount of chances on goal. Communication in our back line improved and that was evident in their ability to continuously halt the oppositions attack

Coach Bradley quoted, "Girls battled throughout the entire 40 minutes. After being down 3-0 I challenged the girls to "fight" and they responded well, collecting a goal and controlling the opposition for the last 15 minutes of the game."

Alexis named player of the match after an incredible defensive effort. Alexis also stepped into a midfield position unfamiliar to her and played a big role in our ability to change the momentum of the game.

Team: U12 Girls

Location: Kingdom Sports Center - Franklin, OH

Result: W 12-0

Players: Ava B., Lauren, Mia, Rachel, Laura, Marayna, Alyvia, Shiloh, Hope, Ava P., Nicole, Julia

Hope Springs Player of the Game: Ava P

Lions scored early and didn't once pump the breaks. Goals were scored through various individual efforts, collective teamwork, and some scrappy goals from our high defensive pressure.

Defensively, the Lions communicated well and were able to deal with any potential opposition attacks. Overall, with the offense doing their job, the defense was only called upon a few times yet remained focus and did their individual tasks well

Coach Bradley quoted, "Was an incredibly fun game to watch. Girls moved the ball well, worked for each other, and scored some incredible goals. Although we had a strong outing, there is still room to get better. Hard work isn't over!"

Hope named player of the match after scoring several goals for the Lions. Hope also played in every position on the field and encouraged her teammates to try new positions. Her leadership was evident throughout this game.