

Newton girls fall victim to No. 10 Ames

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AMES — First-year soccer coach Rick Barnhill got to see what his players could do in game situations Tuesday. Unfortunately, that came at a price as the Newton girls soccer team lost to Ames, 3-0.

“We have only had six days with one another and after my evaluation period we have really only had a few days of outside work,” Barnhill said. “So it was good to see the team in game situations.”

Joanna Eggert recorded the hat trick for the Little Cyclones. She scored her first goal a little more than six minutes into the game, and Ames carried that goal to halftime with a 1-0 advantage. Eggert scored again midway through the second half and added a third goal with less than seven minutes to play.

“Eggert is a quality finisher, and Ames has a high-quality team,” Barnhill said. “I’m never satisfied with losing, but this game will help us.”

Ames, which is ranked No. 10 in Class 2A, outshot Newton, 16-12. Newton sophomore goalkeeper Jessica Mouchka stopped 10 shots, including a point-blank save against Eggert.

“She performed well against a great team,” Barnhill said. “I was also especially happy with the defense of Jenna Clausen and Ellie Farrier. I was most impressed with our team defense.”

All 22 players on the varsity roster played at least 20 minutes in the game. Barnhill said the Cardinals created plenty of chances offensively and even should have scored at least one goal in the game.

“We had an open net that we should have scored on and maybe could have scored another goal, too,” Barnhill added.

Newton, which is ranked No. 12 in Class 1A, will host Grinnell Friday at 7 p.m. at H.A. Lynn Stadium.