

No. 12 Newton crushes Oskaloosa

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Jordyn Thompson added to her career goal-scoring record with a hat trick, Taylor Woebeking tallied two goals and the 12th-ranked Newton girls soccer team pitched a shut out against Little Hawkeye Conference rival Oskaloosa on Tuesday at a cold and rainy H.A. Lynn Stadium.

Amy Vos added a goal and two assists and Jenna Clausen got another past the Oskaloosa goalkeeper as the Cardinals cruised past the Indians, 7-0.

“I was confident we would get a win, but it was even better than I thought,” Newton coach Rick Barnhill said. “We played up to our standard despite the strength of our opponent. I was satisfied.”

Thompson’s three goals puts her at 39 for her career, which consists of just a little more than two seasons. Her first goal of the game also was Newton’s first and it came a little less than 10 minutes in. Vos created a 1-on-1 opportunity for her running mate and Thompson placed it past the keeper in the left corner of the net.

“It’s a good way to start the season off,” Thompson said. “This was a fun and exciting game.”

Vos scored her second goal of the season about six minutes later to put Newton up 2-0. She put the ball in after Kayla Gerleman delivered the assist. Vos’ kick bounced off the keeper and into the goal and came following a corner kick.

“It was our best ball-control game of the season,” Barnhill said. “I was extremely happy with our passing.”

Thompson went back to work at around the 7-minute mark of the first half. She scored her second goal of the season from the top of the goal box and then added an empty netter with 2:51 to play until halftime. The empty-net goal was created by Vos as she slipped the ball past the keeper where Thompson punted the left corner once again.

“We worked well as a team tonight and learned to distribute the ball better,” the junior all-stater said. “It was a good confidence builder.”

Woebking scored both of her goals in succession 13 minutes apart in the second half as the Cardinals’ 4-0 halftime lead grew to 6-0 with 18:52 to play. Her first goal was scored just in front of the net as she punched it in after Oskaloosa failed to clear the ball during a scrum.

Senior all-stater Jenna Clausen, who was feeling a bit under the weather this weekend, put the final dent in the scoreboard with one minute to play as she kicked in a beautiful pass to the middle of the field by junior Natalie McCormick.

“I was really happy with how that goal looked,” Barnhill said. “It was all put together. It was the best collaboration since (John) Lennon and (Paul) McCartney.”

In a game where players constantly slipped on the wet surface, Newton scored seven goals in 28 shots.

Sophomore keeper Jessica Mouchka also was not challenged a whole lot as Oskaloosa attempted just two shots on goal.

“It’s a day where you have to bring self-motivation and a day where artic fisherman head back to the harbor,” Barnhill said.

In an unusual move in the second half, Barnhill removed Mouchka from goal on an offensive corner kick. That move came when the Cardinals were up 4-0 in the second half, but the decision was not based on trying to run up the score.

“I know that looks bad, but that is not what we were trying to do,” Barnhill said. “We were going to try to do that in the game and wanted to do it earlier. I wanted to keep her active and warm. She’s a good target on corner kicks, and I wanted to reward her for playing well for us.”

Barnhill said his experience with the move goes back to Albert Lea, Minn., the place he coaches girls soccer at during the fall season.

“I want to revolutionize the position,” Barnhill said. “I don’t want to waste her back there. I wasn’t trying to run up the score. We’ll do that in close games, too.”

Notes: Newton improved to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in conference play following the win. ... All 22 girls for Newton saw action again. Oskaloosa did not have the use of any bench players. ... Christine Wendel had an assist on one of Thompson’s goals. ... Due to the lopsided score, Thompson and Vos played just 12 minutes in the second half. ... Thompson likes how the Cardinals are playing but said she feels like the team still needs to communicate better. “Once we start doing that, we’ll score more goals and have more opportunities. That’s a big part of the game.”