

Rough start for tough Skippers soccer team

By Adrienne Downing

The North Kingstown girls' soccer team did not have much time before facing their most anticipated opponent this season.

After only playing two pre-season scrimmages, plus a 40-minute Injury Fund game against Pilgrim on Sept. 1, the Skippers hosted rival South Kingstown for their first league match of the season on Tuesday night.

The Skippers had reason to believe they would have a good start to their league season. In their first pre-season match-up against Pilgrim, the NK offense had a great night and soundly defeated the Patriots, 7-0. They picked up where they left off at the Injury Fund game on Saturday morning and topped Pilgrim again by a score of 3-0.

The team, which was a little worn out after leaving that morning at 6:30 a.m. to play in the Injury Fund game, returned home to host Smithfield on Saturday evening.

Although the Skippers were held to a 0-0 tie in that game, assistant coach Sean McAdam saw positives in their play.

"We spent the majority of the game in their half," McAdam said after the Smithfield game. "We really just need to finish. We take some great legitimate shots, we just need to follow through and have them go in."



Islander Kyra Reppe takes the ball past a Smithfield defender in the Sept. 1 Monica game. The proceeds from the game go to support the Jeff Monica scholarship fund. Photo by Adrienne Downing

Islander Kyra Reppe was without fellow Jamestown, battering mate and team captain Catie Kelly for the Smithfield game, but she did have several shots that were just centimeters wide of scoring goals for the Skippers.

Ashley Smith also had a standout defensive game, including several steals, which kept the Sentinels off the board.

The island teammates had hoped to kick off their senior season with a win against the rival Rebels, but two fatal mistakes by the Skipper goalie, combined with

a lack of follow through on offense contributed to the 2-0 North Kingstown loss.

The game started well enough for the home team, with the Skippers spending the majority of the first 15 minutes in the first half in Rebel territory. Reppe got off several shots, but South goalie Libby Lazar was able to get her hands on all of them.

With 23:04 remaining in the first half, South Kingstown forward Alexis Smith launched a long, arcing shot over goalie Brooke Messier's head and put the

Rebels up 1-0.

North came back with the pressure and again controlled the ball in the South Kingstown half of the field, but two Reppe shots sailed over the goal post and the Skippers were unable to bury one in the net.

With time winding down in the

first half, Smith fought hard for the ball and was able to keep it clear of the NK goal to hold the Rebels to a 1-0 halftime lead.

Kelly, along with the team, came back with a renewed sense of purpose in the second half. They spent the first ten minutes of the half penetrating repeatedly into Rebel territory, but still could not get the game-tying goal.

Messier was saved twice by the goal post from South scoring, but with 15:33 remaining, she was caught out of the goal in the corner playing for the ball and Lexa Vallecoco closed the lid on the game by scoring the Rebel's second goal.

"South only took about ten shots the whole game, but that second goal just sucked the life out of us," McAdam said.

The Rebels only being able to get off ten shots is proof that the Skippers new four-back defensive game is working, so now their focus shifts to regaining their pre-season offensive form.

"We are really just trying to work on the simple things this year. They are a good team, we just need to do the simple things right," McAdam said.

Register for glow ball tourney

On Saturday, Sept. 15, Jamestown Baseball and Jamestown Soccer will co-sponsor a Glow Ball tournament to raise funds for repairs to the baseball and soccer fields' concession stand. The event will be held at the Jamestown Golf Course and will start at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person. Additional costs are the glow ball, at \$6 each, and stick at \$1 each. The event is scheduled rain or shine and is limited to adults only. The cost includes nine holes of Glow Ball and hot dogs, pizza, and calzones after the event. A raffle will also be conducted.

Advance reservations are recommended and must be accompanied by payment. Same day reservations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Advance reservations can be made in person at the Jamestown Recreation Center, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by mail. If registering by mail, be sure

to include payment (checks payable to Jamestown Youth Athletic League), name, address, phone number, and number of golfers in party. Mail registrations to Glow Ball Tournament, P.O. Box 208, Jamestown, RI 02835. Mail-in registrations must be received no later than Thursday, September 13. For further information, contact Bill Piva at the Jamestown recreation office at 423-7260.

Kids art class offered Sept. 15

The Jamestown recreation department is offering an art class for children in grades 3 to 6 that will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the community center.

The class, called Drawing and Painting Animals, will allow children to paint their pets from photos or create their own fantasy creatures. All materials will be provided and non-toxic acrylic paint will be used.

Jean Cotton will teach the class and the cost is \$15 per student.

For more information or to register, call 423-7260.

Classic bike race now a two-day event

The 32nd annual Jamestown Classic Bike Race will take place on Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 8. The annual race is for USCF licensed and professional riders and follows a 19.1-mile course around Conanicut Island. There are categories from Juniors to Pro 1,2,3 and cash prizes worth \$4,000. Multi-age Cat 5 racers will start the racing at 9 a.m. and the feature event, the Pro 1,2,3 race, is scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m. The top category women will race 38.2

miles and the men will cover 57.3 miles.

The race has traditionally attracted present and recent national champions and some of the finest racers in the country.

Racers may pre-register online at www.jamestownclassic.org.

New to the race weekend this year is the "Rides and Strides for Humanity" event. It will be held the day before, on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 2 p.m. at Ft. Getty.

Participants may walk, run,

bicycle, skateboard or scooter for their choice of several charitable and humanitarian projects.

Adults must raise a minimum of \$100 and children must raise \$20. T-shirts will be given to each participant, along with coupons for prize drawings. All participants will also be given a ticket for the pasta dinner that will follow the event.

Special awards will be given to those whose fund-raising exceeds the minimum amounts.

Both events are sponsored by the Jamestown Rotary. Those interested in volunteering for either event should contact Tyler Page at wtp4@aol.com.

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