

Lady Rams open season with 3-0 win over Morehead

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EDEN - Monday's season soccer opener between Reidsville and Morehead pitted a veteran team against a very inexperienced squad with nine new players. The experienced Lady Ram squad got all they wanted from Morehead as both teams went scoreless in the first half. RHS was able to notch three goals in the second half, including two in a span of two minutes as the visitors came away with a 3-0 win.

Despite the loss, Morehead Ken Price was very pleased, but very surprised with what he saw out of his young Lady Panther squad.

"I think we played a heck of a match," Price said. "We don't have the experience they have or the ball handlers they have, but I wanted us to play harder than they did. The girls showed some real good hustle and played better than I expected."

Monday's showing was no surprise for Reidsville coach Steve Scott.

"We were running a new system with new midfielders," he said. "We welcomed two new starters (Karley and Kinsey Kropa) off the basketball team to the team. We have experienced players, but they have never worked together. We played sloppy soccer and that is what I thought would happen. If anyone thought we would go over and beat Morehead 10-0, they don't know soccer."

With the loss, MHS dropped to 0-1, while Reidsville improved to 1-0.

After 43 minutes on neither team finding the goal, RHS finally got on the board as Avery Daniel scored off a corner kick from Annie Carroll. Rockingham transfer Karley Kropa, scored her first goal (off an assist from Daniel) as a Lady Ram as she went down the middle and scored from 20 to 25 yards out to make it 2-0 at the 68:00 mark. One minute later, Beth Neal scored from 18 yards out off an assist from Sarah Niegelsky for the third RHS goal.

"We finally did the right things on those two goals," said Scott.

Price praised the play of Angela White and Ashleigh Musso.

RHS finished with a 27-11 advantage on shots on goal and 5-0 in corner kicks. Jamie Trent tallied 20 saves for the home team and Ashley Scott had 11 for RHS.

Morehead will return to action tonight at home against South Stokes, while the Lady Rams will host Rockingham County Wednesday night in their home opener.

Both games will start at 6 p.m.