

LHS soccer swept by Vandergrift

By CLAY WHITTINGTON
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Both of Lampasas' varsity soccer teams came up short against Leander Vandergrift Tuesday evening.

The Badgers hosted the Vipers and lost 2-0, while the Lady Badgers traveled to Vandergrift and lost 1-0.

The defeats drop both teams' early District 49-4A records to 1-2. Playing shorthanded, the Lady Badgers were without three starters, and head coach Mark Guszak admits his team did not play an impressive match. He did, however, see positives during the loss.

"We had great games from [goalkeeper] Liz Hawthorn, who made several incredible saves, Andrea Dibble, who once again battled with an injury, and River Hooks, who gave as much as any player could give," Guszak said. "The bright side is that we had to play players that had not played all year, and this allowed us to see what they could do."

After picking up their first victory of the season last week, the Badgers were shut out at home as the Vipers scored their second and final goal five minutes into the second half.

Lampasas held Vandergrift scoreless for almost the entire first half, but gave up a goal with 35

seconds remaining before halftime when the Badgers' defense failed to clear the ball.

"We had several opportunities to score, but were unable to finish," Lampasas head coach Greg Porter said.

The Badgers travel to face Lake Travis tonight at 7:45 p.m., while the Lady Badgers will play the Lady Cavaliers in Lampasas at 7:45 p.m.



Lampasas midfielder Emmanuel Lopez, left, uses his body as a shield to keep a Viper player from gaining control of the ball.



Badgers' senior forward Marc Campisi (5) works the ball down the pitch during Lampasas' home loss to Leander Vandergrift Tuesday evening.

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Playoff appearance on the line tonight

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The coupled with Marble Falls' loss to Killeen, brings the Lady Badgers within a game of the fourth-place Lady Mustangs (13-14, 4-4) in the standings.

The two squads play each other tonight in Marble Falls' gymnasium at 7 p.m.

"If we beat them, that gives us the same amount of wins, and we own the tiebreaker over them," Beckwith said. "The bottom line is we have to take it one game at a time and not worry about anyone else."

"Our job now is to beat Marble Falls."

Former Players Nominate Teachers Who Have Inspired Them

Honorary Coach of the Night

Feb. 5 Honorary Coach

"She's a great lady and EXTREMELY nice. She has always helped kids when they need it, and was a really great teacher." -Russ Clark, LHS Class of 2007



A native Lampasan, Connie Hendrix was born at Rollins Brook Community Hospital, one of seven children. She loved the outdoors and sports from birth.

She started her college life at Texas Tech University on a full federal grant, but after one semester she had an offer she could not refuse. Tim Hendrix asked her to be his wife. She obviously made a good decision, as 33 years later she still is married to him.

Connie did not aspire to be a teacher initially, but after looking at her options of being with her children as much as possible and having a career, she chose the teaching field. She completed her education at Southwestern University in Georgetown, where the Hendrixes lived for 10 years. She earned her degree in elementary education with a minor in physical education.

The Hendrixes have two children, Wade and Holly, and one grandchild, Ridge Kwade Hill.

Connie Hendrix is a person who "walks the walk, and does not just talk the talk." She is one of the most physically fit teachers, and people, in Lampasas. She taught fourth

grade for 17 years and is in her eighth year of teaching elementary PE.

Leading by example, she has completed the Danskin Triathlon six years in a row. (The triathlon includes competition in three athletic events: swimming a half-mile, biking 12 miles and running 3.1 miles or a 5K.) She has completed the Spring Ho Toughest 10K in Texas 15 consecutive times, and she and her husband are master divers. They learned to dive in the '80s and love water sports.

Connie said she absolutely loves her career as a teacher but is retiring to spend as much time as possible with her new grandson. Her son Wade is married to the former Lauren Atkinson, and her daughter Holly is married to Ryan Hill.

Connie is grateful to be nominated as an honorary coach. She hopes she has made a difference in people's lives and will continue to do so in other areas of her life. She truly does practice what she preaches, and is an excellent role model and mentor for students and for her peers in living a healthy lifestyle.

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Badgers fall to No. 5 Cavaliers

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The Badgers trailed No. 5 Lake Travis by just six points after the first quarter.

Then the Cavaliers displayed why they are considered a state powerhouse.

Lake Travis exploded for 28 points in the second quarter and never gave the Badgers a second thought, rolling to an easy 56-39 victory at home.

"We put together one of the best halves of the year," Harrelson said. "In the first two minutes of the second quarter, we failed on the game plan and took a couple of quick, ill-advised shots that led to quick points for the Cavaliers," Lampasas head coach Scott Harrelson said. "A 15-0 run ensued, and we were down 26 points at the half."

Although Lampasas lost the game, it accomplished the goal it

set for itself during halftime which was to win the second half.

The Badgers outscored Lake Travis 24-15 over the final two periods, including a 15-point third quarter.

"We put together one of the best halves of the year," Harrelson said. "Playing aggressive defense, Lampasas trimmed the

Cavs' lead to 16 points, but David Eads hit a 3-pointer to inflate Lake

Travis' cushion to 19 points heading into the final period.

Brandon Scott and Astin Murray tied for team-high scoring honors with 10 points each, while Eduardo Davila chipped in eight points in the loss. Scott also led the team with seven rebounds, three assists and two steals.

The Badgers (8-18, 0-6 District 25-4A) must defeat Marble Falls at home

tonight at 7 p.m. in order to keep their postseason hopes alive. Currently, Lampasas is just one game behind the Mustangs and two games back off Hutto for the final postseason berth.

"We need to fill the gym when Marble Falls comes to town," Harrelson said. "It will be our last home game, Senior Night, and a chance for the Badgers to make a last effort to make the playoffs."

District 25-4A Boys Standings		
	Overall	District
Lake Travis-x	26-3	6-0
Killeen-x	22-8	5-1
Hendrickson	16-13	4-2
Hutto	12-15	2-4
Marble Falls	15-14	1-5
Lampasas	8-18	0-6
x-clinched playoff spot		
Tuesday		
Hendrickson 69, Hutto 55		
Killeen 67, Marble Falls 59		
Lake Travis 56, Lampasas 39		
Friday		
Killeen @ Hutto	7 p.m.	
Lake Travis @ Hendrickson	7 p.m.	
Marble Falls @ Lampasas	7 p.m.	



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National signing day in Lampasas

Badgers Rush Seaver, sitting left, and Brandon Abbott, sitting right, were joined by their parents and several of their football coaches as they signed letters of intent Wednesday morning inside the Lampasas High School library. Seaver committed to Angelo State University, while Abbott committed to Hardin-Simmons University. Joining the seniors, from left, are Rodney and Carrie Seaver, LHS linebackers coach David Brister, head coach Joey McQueen, defensive coordinator Jimmy Randolph, and Bobbi and Rick Rebando.

SPORTS SHORTS

RACE

The 89th MP Brigade and Lampasas City 10K March Against Hunger will be held March 6 at 9 a.m. at Gavin Garrett Soccer Park. Registration begins at 7 a.m. There will also be a 5K fun run/walk. For more information, contact race director Kaitlyn Hart at 254-553-3701 or email kaitlyn.brye@us.army.mil.

SOCCER

The Lampasas Soccer Association is accepting registrations for new players for the spring season. Available age groups are U-11 boys, U-13 boys, U-15 boys and U-19 girls. LSA hopes to field U-16 girls' and U-19 boys' teams if there is sufficient interest. LSA teams compete in the Capitol Area Youth Soccer Association and play matches in the Central Texas area. For more information, visit lampasassoccer.org, or contact Clay Harrington at 556-3581 or Jerry Barbero at 734-0097.

Lampasas High School graduate Lee Wiginton, far right, was recently named the head football coach at Midlothian High School. Also pictured, from left, are wife Becky, daughter Julia and son Haydon.

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