

Sept. 5 – Brighton 8, Copper Hills 0

Story of the game: Jocelyn Loomis scored two goals and six other Brighton players had one each as the Bengals dominated play and cruised past Copper Hills in their Region 3 opener.

Brighton’s highlights: This match was never in doubt. Angie Timm, Becky Fuller, Taylor Kasteler, Janessa Garcia, Mia Mazur and Stephanie Ringwood also found the nets. Tamaryn Braun, Carly Olsen and Megan Turner split time in goal and had an easy day.

Copper Hills’s highlights: The Grizzlies came in with high hopes, having won five of their first six games. However, they couldn’t manage much offense here. They found their region schedule to be much harder than preseason.

Statistical notes: Brighton had 11 shots on goal, and made the most of them. Loomis, Timms, Sydney Myers, Katie Brinkerhoff and Raquel Watts were credited with assists. It was Brighton’s second-straight shutout.

What we learned from this game: The team was excited to play its first region match and most expected a tougher game. Copper Hills learned from its mistakes, though, and it showed the next time.

Coach Stoker’s comments: *This was our first region match and we came out firing. The girls made a statement to the rest of the region. It was rare to see the ball enter our defensive third.*



Madi Jepperson

Sept. 10 – Brighton 8, West Jordan 0

Story of the game: Jocelyn Loomis had another two-goal game as Brighton buried West Jordan with a huge first half in another Region 3 win.

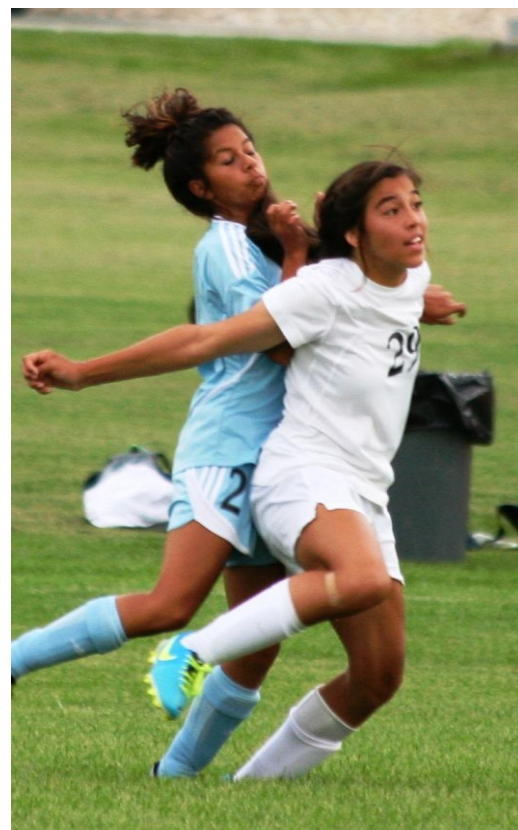
Brighton’s highlights: The Bengals played their first game on their new home field at Butler Middle School and it showed. There were still plenty of field problems, but the team’s exuberance and the thrill of playing so close to their actual school more than made up for it.

West Jordan’s highlights: There weren’t many. The Jaguars came in rusty, having hadn’t played in two weeks. In their last match, they were pummeled 10-0 by Alta.

Statistical notes: This match was more one-sided than the previous contest vs. Copper Hills – even though the scores were the same. The Bengals emptied their bench in the second half and grabbed their third straight shutout victory.

What we learned from this game: Brighton improved to 2-0 in region and stayed tied with Alta on top of the region. Again, it seemed there would be a big discrepancy between the top and bottom teams in the league.

Coach Stoker’s comments: *West Jordan was our first home match on our newly constructed field. Although West Jordan is not the top competition in our region, the girls moved the ball well and finished in the attacking third.*



Jade Boyer