

BRIGHTON SOCCER



LEFT: Ivy Hansen warms up.
MIDDLE: Kori Goller
RIGHT: Katie Howell

Sept. 12 – Brighton 4, Jordan 1

Story of the game: Jocelyn Loomis scored two goals and Nadia Gomes and Sydney Meyers had one each as Brighton downed Jordan to stay undefeated in Region 3 action.

Brighton's highlights: The Bengals grabbed a 2-0 lead by halftime and were never threatened afterward. They kept the pressure on Jordan's goalkeeper (Myers had six shots by herself) and their second game on their new home field seemed to have fewer issues.

Jordan's highlights: Jacqueline Williams was the Beetdiggers' top scorer during the season and she scored the team's only goal here – in the second half.

Statistical notes: Brighton had 18 shots on Jordan's goal. Myers and Gomes each earned assists. The loss dropped Jordan to 4-3 so far. The team's one goal was the lowest so far of the season.

What we learned from this game: Brighton's region schedule was – ironically – set up to start the Bengals with the region's weaker teams and get progressively more difficult. It showed here and the Bengals noticed. So far, however, the team has been up to the task.

Coach Stoker's comments: *Jordan was our first region test and the girls were up to it. It took us a moment to get going, but we were able to put away some good goals and make another statement.*

Sept. 17 – Brighton 1, Bingham 0 (2OT)

Story of the game: Jocelyn Loomis scored the game's only goal in the second overtime and Brighton edged Bingham in dramatic fashion.

Brighton's highlights: This was the first time the Bengals had been held scoreless for so long, but Loomis's dramatic score set off a huge celebration on the team's sideline.

Bingham's highlights: The Miners' strength was defense all season and they gave both Alta and Brighton a difficult match in their first games. Goalkeeper Madi Loftus had a strong game and kept Brighton frustrated.

Statistical notes: Loomis kept her scoring streak going. Late in the game – and all through overtime – this match had a postseason feel. At this point, Bingham didn't give up more than one goal for several games.

What we learned from this game: With Alta coming up next, some felt Brighton might have been looking past this match. True or not, the Bengals avoided the letdown and the game may have toughened up the team for later matches.

Coach Stoker's comments: *Bingham played a strong defensive game and pushed the game into overtime. We were struggling to finish goals until Jocelyn Loomis finished a beautiful goal to give us the 'golden goal' victory.*