

BRIGHTON SOCCER



LEFT:

ABOVE:

LOWER RIGHT: Sierra Boyer races a Lone Peak defender to get to the ball.

Sept. 23 – Brighton 1, Lone Peak 0

Story of the game: Rachel Powley scored the game-winning goal in and Brighton’s keepers turned away 12 shots as the Bengals got back on the winning track in a game played at Rio Tinto Stadium.

Brighton’s highlights: The Bengals were only credited with four shots on goal and survived this battle – only four days after their disappointing loss at Alta. The stadium atmosphere had an effect on both teams. Brighton had trouble getting the ball into scoring position, but Powley made hers count.

Lone Peak’s highlights: The Knights were one of the top teams in Region 8 and got a big effort from defender Catie Ritchie (an all-state pick) to frustrate Brighton. Nine different players had shots on Brighton’s goal.

Statistical notes: Brighton led most of the way as its goal came in the first half. This was the first time Lone Peak had been blanked this season. The Knights came in on a five-game winning streak and would later eliminate Alta in the 5A state tournament.

What we learned from this game: This was another great battle between two teams that would end up being among 5A’s best. Brighton had been looking forward to this game for a while, but the timeliness made it difficult for the team to prepare.

Coach Stoker’s comments: *Lone Peak is always a stout defensive team. They played very physical and it took us 40 minutes of play just to adjust to the Rio Tinto pitch and their physical play on the ball. We struggled to finish once again, but it was an aggressive play from Rachel Powley to find a loose ball in the box that gave us the game winner.*

