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Sept. 24 – Brighton 1, Copper Hills 0

Story of the game: Jayde Jones' second-half goal was the deciding factor as Brighton avoided Copper Hills' upset in a Region 3 game.

Brighton's highlights: It took a while for the Bengals to adjust to their opponent's tactics. While CH didn't threaten to score, Brighton couldn't either – until Jones found the net with one of her most important scores of the season.

Copper Hills's highlights: After being dominated the last time, the Grizzlies focused on defense and tried to take advantage of any offensive threats. It was one of their best efforts of the season.

Statistical notes: Brighton wasn't in danger of losing this game, but didn't do much to win it either. On the negative side, the Bengals haven't scored more than one goal in their last four games.

What we learned from this game: Opponents have apparently found ways to combat Brighton's offense. Time for a new offensive style, or the players need to significantly increase their efforts.

Coach Stoker's comments: *One day after the hard-fought Lone Peak match, we hosted Copper Hills at home. Perhaps we were tired or we had expectations of a walk in the park, but Copper Hills packed it in defensively and nearly succeeded in capturing a draw. We dominated play but again struggled to counter the number of bodies they were placing behind the ball.*

Sept. 26 – Brighton 8, West Jordan 1

Story of the game: Becky Fuller had her best game of the season, scoring three goals, and Jocelyn Loomis and Bree Rueckert got into the scoring column as Brighton dominated West Jordan again.

Brighton's highlights: The Bengals used Fuller's effort find their missing offense. Brighton led 4-0 at halftime and the outcome was never in doubt. Brighton was also able to empty its bench and let everyone play.

West Jordan's highlights: The Jaguars avoided the shutout with a second-half goal – after the outcome was decided. West Jordan was blanked this season in seven of its 10 region matches.

Statistical notes: Loomis had another two-score game. She has had several this year. Rueckert's goal was her first of the season. Brighton outscored West Jordan in their two matches, 16-1.

What we learned from this game: The Bengals were hoping for another shutout, but just getting the offense going again was the highlight of the game. Again, the schedule gets tougher now and there was no "warmup" matches left.

Coach Stoker's comments: *West Jordan was a great match to get back into our scoring ways. Our goals in this match came from strong combination passing and aggressive runs. We really wanted to score clean goals in this match and we were successful despite having multiple players out with injury.*