

BRIGHTON SOCCER



Brighton players gather together a quick photo after a preseason scrimmage on the school's football field.

Oct. 1 – Brighton 5, Jordan 1

Story of the game: Nadia Gomes scored twice as Brighton built a big lead and downed Jordan in a Region 3 contest.

Brighton's highlights: The Bengals had a 2-0 advantage by halftime and put the game away in the second half. Becky Fuller, Jocelyn Loomis and Jayde Jones had Brighton's other scores.

Jordan's highlights: There weren't many. The Beetdiggers had been one of the highest-scoring teams around, but were held to one goal (or less) for the fifth straight match.

Statistical notes: The five goals was another good sign for Brighton after its recent offensive dry spell. This was one of just two losses Jordan had on its home field this season.

What we learned from this game: A good offensive show for the second straight game. Later, we learned that the Diggers fell to Fremont in the quarterfinals (2-1 in OT). Otherwise, the Bengals would have had to try to beat them a third time.

Coach Stoker's comments: *Jordan was another great match to prove to ourselves that we can finish. This match found goals from distance, in front of the net, and through set pieces.*

Oct. 3 – Brighton 3, Bingham 0

Story of the game: Nadia Gomes and had two goals and Jocelyn Loomis added another as Brighton avoided a letdown with this convincing Region 3 win.

Brighton's highlights: The Bengals' difficult win at Bingham a few weeks ago was still on their mind here. Brighton led 1-0 at halftime and then rolled. For the third straight match, the Bengals were never really threatened.

Bingham's highlights: The Miners' goal was to get their offense rolling again, but instead they were blanked for the third straight game.

Statistical notes: Brighton silenced the Miners for the second time. Gomes had two goals for the second straight match. This was the start of a trend that would last through the rest of the season.

What we learned from this game: This was really the start of when Brighton's defense stepped up. This contest was far more onesided than last time. Gomes' offensive efforts made a big difference.

Coach Stoker's comments: *Bingham was a different team the second go around with a few injuries taking out key defenders; however, we were a different team as well. We came out strong and the game was never in question.*