



## Aug. 13 – Maple Mountain 2, Brighton 1

**Story of the game:** Courtney Fryer and Kenedee Tracy scored second-half goals as Maple Mountain rallied past Brighton in the season opener for both teams.

**Brighton’s highlights:** Jocelyn Loomis scored the first goal of the season. Her first-half attempt gave the Bengals a 1-0 lead at intermission.

**Maple Mountain’s highlights:** The Golden Eagles came out after half-time and pressured the Bengals the rest of the match. Fryer scored the first goal when she rebounded Tracy’s shot. Tracy scored the winning goal when she beat two Brighton defenders past the diving goalkeeper.

**Statistical notes:** Brighton grabbed the lead – a trend that occurred all season. In fact, Brighton led its opponent at least once in every game all season. The Bengals outshot the visitors on its Albion Junior High home field, but on what would be one of only a few instances all season, did not score in the second half.

**What we learned from this game:** This was a great first game for both teams, although both didn’t know it at the time. The Golden Eagles started the season with matches against two eventual state champions (4A champ Timp-anogos was next). Maple Mountain eventually won its region and would have played Brighton again if it hadn’t lost to East in the 4A tourney quarterfinal.

**Coach Stoker’s comments:** *The Maple Mountain game is a great example of how important team chemistry and coordination is for high school soccer. We were not able to have any practices prior to this match. It goes to show that we cannot just show up and win. We played hard and had some unlucky bounces, but this was great motivation throughout the season.*



TOP LEFT: Bri Sperry

TOP RIGHT: Jade and Sierra Boyer poses for a photo.

LOWER RIGHT: Janessa Garcia dribbles the ball ahead of an opponent.