

SKYLINE SOCCER



LEFT: Coach Yamil Castillo talks while the players rest during halftime.

ABOVE: Rachael Gordon

Aug. 16 – Skyline 3, Northridge 1

Story of the game: Holly Daugirda's scoring surge continued as she scored all three of Skyline's goals in the Eagles' victory over Northridge.

Skyline's highlights: Daugirda had two goals in the first half as the Eagles took a 2-1 lead, and then she made the goal score after that. This was Skyline's only back-to-back game of the season.

Northridge's highlights: The Knights came in with a 2-0 record and Adrianna Arrambide's goal kept Northridge in the game for much of it. Their team defense frustrated Skyline at times.

Statistical notes: The three goals Northridge gave up tied for the most all season. This was the Knights' only loss in their first seven games. Daugirda's "hat trick" was her second most of the year and she was later named *Deseret News's* athlete of the week.

What we learned from this game: Skyline's early season schedule was dominated by Region 1 opponents and this was probably the most-intense matchup of the three games. It was also the Eagles' third game in four days leading up to the start of school. Daugirda became a player to watch.

Coach Castillo's comments: *Our first test of the season against a 5A team who come to our field undefeated. Discipline and confidence from the Lady Eagles took care of business. Our midfielders started to take ownership.*

Aug. 20 – Skyline 5, Syracuse 1

Story of the game: Five different players scored goals for Skyline as the Eagles took the bus for their longest road trip of the season and handled Syracuse in another non-region match.

Skyline's highlights: Clearly, the opponent focused its defense on Holly Daugirda, but Cate Christensen, Cecile Murdock, Emma Heyn, McKenna Phippen and Daugirda each scored in the runaway win. Skyline took the lead quickly and had a 3-1 advantage at halftime.

Syracuse's highlights: Nicole Kimber tallied the Titans' only goal. Offense ended up being Syracuse's problem all season. For Kimber, it was her only goal of the year. Syracuse lost to Skyline 6-1 in 2012 and had just one win this year.

Statistical notes: It was an exciting day, in particular, for Murdock and Phippen, who had rare scores. Coach Castillo was able to get a lot of players into the game and that made everyone happy.

What we learned from this game: It was good to see Skyline find other offense than just Daugirda. The team came together and other heroes emerged.

Coach Castillo's comments: *The first half produced a very solid performance from the starters. I liked this game a lot because it allowed us to play the whole varsity team. It is always good to have everybody contribute.*