

Eagles score big against Timberwolves



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In their first year

Top, left; Goalkeeper Jadie DiMauro lifts her teammate with a victory hug as senior Alison Antill looks on. Top, right; Avery Ramsey contests the soccer ball. Bottom, left; Adele Fisher goes high making a play.

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To enhance the high school experience by offering student-athletes another option, Gilpin County High School added girls' soccer to their list of athletic programs in 2023. The response has been overwhelmingly positive with 21 players signing up for the new sport. Scheduling the games has been straightforward enough, but actually getting the contests played in Colorado's volatile springtime weather has been challenging with several games rescheduled or canceled. For their home game on Thursday, April 27, against Union Colony Prep, snow was forecast.

With two victories under their belt already this year, Co-coaches Suzanne Diekman and Sunny Vincent felt good about their team and were optimistic about their chances against the Union

Colony Timberwolves of Greeley. Not long into the first half, Annabelle Aloel scored a goal on a penalty kick from the 30-yard line that Coach Vincent thought, "got the girls excited and set the tone for the rest of the game. We were able to control the ball extremely well and held our opponent to merely two shots on goal."

The first round of snow in the form of graupel strafed the field driven by a biting wind. As the temperatures became colder, the Gilpin Eagles got hotter. Clad in short shorts with bare skin exposed, many of the girls used their long sleeves as mittens. Despite the conditions, Elise Vincent caught fire with two goals, both assisted by Jiselle Osteboe. Score at halftime: Gilpin 3, Union Colony 0.

Avery Ramsey scored a goal to open the second half. Elise Vincent achieved a

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Poetry Corner

"Some Words for the Week"

Even after hundreds of years
of breeding and domestication
if you release a pig
back into the wild
in just two weeks
it will grow back its coarse hair
and tusks and get aggressive
in so few days
all our work to break nature
with our weapons and will
is as if it never happened
and so too does my house
fall back so easily into nothing
after a week away
the spiders have taken back
the ceilings and the sills
of the windows
the mold, that external stomach
of the natural world
has started on the food
in the refrigerator
and the snow drifts over
the front door

and the walls
so that it seems
the house is being eaten up
by the ground
we think so highly
of all this we've built
but in the span of no time really
all the wild we tried to hold back
by murdering all the
gods of nature
and those who built them altars
all this wild we tried to hold back
will come spilling over
this blooming land without us

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Gilpin Girls' Soccer has arrived

Top, left; Freshman Elise Vincent kicks in one of her three goals. Top, right; Avery Ramsey keeps the ball in bounds. Bottom, right; Jiselle Osteboe (12) had one goal and three assists in a raging snowstorm. Bottom, left; Midfielder Sterling O'Sullivan takes the ball up field.

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hat trick with her third point of the day, compliments of another Jiselle Osteboe assist. The second wave of snow had come and gone and a heavier unrelenting batch settled in when Maddie Sutton fed Jiselle Osteboe the ball for a goal with 10 minutes left to play. Final score: Gilpin 6, Union Colony 0.

Said Coach Sunny Vincent after a convincing victory, "This season has been amazing so far. It is hard to believe we have to play almost half our season in one week. Next week is our last

week of the regular season and we have five varsity games and one JV game. Wednesday will be our last home game. We have to play a doubleheader to get in all our make-up games. This will also be senior night and we will celebrate our two senior players by honoring them and their parents in between the two games. Both Suzanne and I are very proud of these girls, they have worked very hard to build this team and to keep pushing when we play tough teams. Our team has proven they can compete in the Mile High League."

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