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## Soccer Jacks leave Eaton beaten



Senior Graham Roberts scored three goals in a rainy, muddy 4 - 2 victory against Eaton on Thursday. The Jacks beat Valley View 3-0 on Tuesday. The team is currently 9-4-1 for the season and 8-2-1 in the SWBL.

## Jills soccer wins two to even record

The Jills closed out their regular season home schedule with two strong wins against Valley View on Tuesday and an improving Eaton team on Thursday, as has been typical this season -- in the rain.

The Valley View game was a close one, with Oakwood earning a 1-0 victory, rebounding from a first game of the season 2-0 loss. The first half was played without score, with Oakwood controlling possession in the first part of the half and Valley View controlling possession in the latter part of the half. Notable in this half were some excellent saves by keeper Alex Miller and the double-team defending of Valley View star Emily Salyer. At the 28 minute mark, with Salyer breaking free, Miller responded quickly, jetting out from the goal, diving to possess a ball which Salyer was attempting to run down. In the second half, the scoreless trend contin-

ued until 25:13, when freshman Olivia Ireland took a midfield pass, shouldered through a defender to the outside, and then lofted a high shot over the goalie's head hitting the crossbar on the far side of the net. The carom was collected by fellow freshman Clare Davis who smartly delivered a short pass to the open outside midfielder, Alex Randolph, whose strike high to the far post easily found the net. Valley View didn't quit, however. They came back very quickly, delivering a hard shot at goal from about 15 yards out, which Miller blocked and then collected. About 10 minutes later, Oakwood had another potential score which just missed. Senior Ellen Viereckl delivered a great crossing pass to Christina Davis, whose subsequent trap and shot also caromed off the top crossbar.

Against Eaton the Jills recognized seniors Christina Davis, Colleen Hallinan, Alex Miller, and

Ellen Viereckl before earning a 3-0 victory. The first goal came at the 38:16 mark in the first half, after the Eaton keeper was called for picking up a ball just outside of the 18 box. Junior sweeper Briana McConnell's direct kick was sent low through the Eaton wall of defenders. It somehow found its way through them and then into the net. This score held up through the end of the first half. In the second half, the Davis - Davis combination (Christina to Clare) led to both scores. At 35:39, Christina presented Clare a nice pass to the right side of the goal which she blistered into the net for a score. A short time later, the senior Davis attempted a shot which was blocked by an Eaton defender, re-collected by Christina, then passed to Claire, who easily put the ball past the goalie. Throughout the game, a great team defense pretty much mitigated any scoring opportunities by Eaton.

**Kohstall** from page 11 State Park in Springfield, Ohio. Ruth qualified for the national games only four months after doing her first triathlon. She also qualified in all five of the track events at Kettering High School, including the 100, 200 and 400 meter sprints, but her favorites were the longer endurance races, which were the 800 meters (with a time of 3:16) and 1500 meters (6:03), all ran in the same day. Ruth set her sights on winning the sprint triathlon at the Senior Olympics in California.

Ruth grew up in Cincinnati, riding horses. She pursued a career in nursing while raising her family in Dayton. She started running to become better at soccer, which she

played recreationally, and ran her first 5K race in 1996.

Ruth is an inspiration to all runners, as well as those who see her perform. When asked what some of her philosophies are, she replied, "Do anything you like, just be active. I live what I preach and have become fearless as I get older. And tread lightly on the earth." What is her mantra while racing? "Just relax." Her favorite eats? Pizza and cinnamon rolls. In regards to her down time, she replied with a laugh, "what down time?" No surprise here, she works, trains, eats and sleeps.

After returning from the senior games, Ruth went on to compete in the Nike Hood to Coast Relay in

Portland, Oregon on Aug. 25 and 26, the Dances with Dirt running relay in Hell, Michigan on Sept. 12, and the inaugural Augusta Ironman 70.3, in Georgia on Sept. 27, (otherwise known as a half-ironman triathlon). She also ran the esteemed Boston Marathon both in 2002 and 2006, and has a marathon PR of 3:30.

Ruth's passion for sports and an active lifestyle compliments her commitment to being a healthcare provider. Ruth is currently working in Kettering as a physician assistant, and has been a resident of Oakwood for three years.

For more information on this summer's national senior games, go to [www.wsrgames.org](http://www.wsrgames.org).