

GU13-1 Tewksbury 1 Melrose 0

Vying for their 7th shutout of the season the Girls U13-1 team had more to contend with than just a good opponent; they had Mother Nature's early Noreaster to battle. The girls had to wait in the cold rain for almost an hour to start their game and by the time they took the pitch it was a mess, it was pouring, and it was very cold and windy. This didn't stop the team from coming out strong and right away forwards Kayla Devlin, Kayla Makooi, and Karina Crowley began pounding shots at the Melrose keeper. Once again the shots seem to go everywhere but in the back of the net but the girls didn't give up. With great support from Emily Sessa, Madison Wescott, and Allison Piracini at midfield the Redmen were able to keep the ball in the offensive end of the field to start the game. Defenders Caroline Picariello, Kelly Fortier, Victoria Mirabito, and Sam Surowiec challenged the Melrose forwards and didn't allow a shot on Samantha Mercurio in the first half. The rain turned into a torrential sideways down pour but the game continued as Allison Capone, Dainelle Carrigg, and Priya Vijay moved the ball well, despite the conditions. Well into the second half it looked like this match was going to end in a 0-0 tie until Surowiec poked the ball away from a Melrose forward, then she made a nice pass to Piracini, who passed it perfectly up to a streaking Devlin who one timed into the back of the net. The Melrose keeper had no chance at this rain soaked, hard shot. Sessa, with her usual strong play in the middle of the field, along with the outstanding defenders, and the swift hands of Mercurio were able to keep the Melrose shots to a minimum and preserve the small lead. Mercurio earned her 3rd shutout in a row and her 7th of the MYSL season. With 1 game left, the Redmen are in a 3 way tie for first place with Wilmington and Reading. They will play their last fall game at home on Saturday.

Girls U12-1 Tewksbury 1 Westford 0

The Tewksbury Girls U12-1 travel team fought off the bitter cold and a sluggish 1st half to pull out their fourth straight MYSL win this past Saturday in Westford. Tewksbury's defense kept Westford off the board despite the fact that much of the play in the first half was in Tewksbury's end. Defender Rachel Sessa was dominate once again and controlled the middle while Andrea DiCiaccio and Maggie Penta held down the speedy Westford wings with their aggressive play. Lindsay Harris earned her second straight shutout in goal with some diving stops and nice catches. Tewksbury woke up in the second half and took the play to Westford. Tewksbury forwards, Jessica Cacciola, Kelly Golini, Stephanie Graffeo and Samantha Schultz came out aggressive and had several scoring chances. Midfielder Lillian Holden made some great crosses that Tewksbury just couldn't finish. Abigail Eskenas impresses each week at midfield with her precision passing and footwork. Tewksbury's pressure paid off when it was awarded a corner kick. Isabelle Picher curved a beautiful kick towards the goal. The Westford goalie reached up over her head to catch the ball, but she was unable to and it went off her hands and into the top of the net. Up 1-0 and with Harris in net, Tewksbury sealed the deal and the impressive 1-0 win.

GU12-6 Tewksbury 2 Dracut 1

The Tewksbury Girls U12 Division 4A teams came out on a cold Saturday afternoon with a fire in their heart and were able to come out on top in a very hard fought game against Dracut. Tewksbury energy was untamed to start and 3 minutes in Sarah Boudreau showing great field awareness was able to score on a nice elevated shot. Sophia DeMatos made the nice pass to Sarah to set up the goal. Mary-Cate Cassidy and Isabella Beyloune who played defense most of the game showed great courage in turning away a relentless Dracut attack. Leanne Durham in goal however was challenged throughout the 1st half and was able to turn away all attacks.

In the 2nd half Tewksbury started off strong but as the half went on the Dracut attack started to wear down Tewksbury and with less than 10 minutes to play Dracut finally capitalized on their determination and scored on a beautiful shot past Kendall Donahoe. Now with the game tied Leanne went back in net and Kendall moved to center midfield to shore up that position where Dracut was having the most success. This strategy paid off as with only a few minutes left Kendall stopped a Dracut attack moved the ball to midfield and blasted a pass towards the Dracut net. It just missed going in but Sophia was in perfect position to finish it off for the 2-1 lead and scored for the 3rd straight game! Tewksbury held off Dracut the rest of the way to preserve the win. This was a total team effort on the day with everybody contributing at some point. Jane Kirby, Janine Richardson, Caitlin Sheehan, Rebecca Smith, and Rachel Figucia all played well in the middle of the field and helped set up many Tewksbury attacks throughout the day. The team looks to finish off a good season with a win in their final game against Chelmsford.

GU9-1 Tewksbury 1 Reading 0

The Tewksbury GU9-1 played the Reading 10-2 on Saturday and came away with a last second victory. On the frozen tundra of Frasca fields, the Little Lady Redmen came prepared to do battle. The girls had the post ringing most of the game with shot after shot, but just couldn't get one to stay in the net. The game winner came with literally 15 seconds left in the match. Adrianna Niles scored the game winner. Offensive player of the game goes to Adrianna. Defensive Player of the game goes to Kaitlin Macdonald. The big season ending finale is next week against Medford