

Girls

GU14-1 Tewksbury 3 Wakefield 5

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On a beautiful Saturday morning at 9:00 AM the girls 1 team opened the fall season. The girls came out flying in this game and for most of the first half the game was being played in the opponent's end of the field. The Tewksbury offense was a thing of beauty as the ball was being passed around with the precision that you see with teams that have been together a lot longer than this. Despite the constant pressure the girls went into the half tied 2-2. Estelle Penta netted both first half goals for the locals.

Early in the second half Emily Velozo scored to give the girls a 3-2 lead. Unfortunately late goals for the visitors gave the girls a loss in the season opener.

There was so many positives in this game to focus on that the final score (although a let-down) was not important. The forward play of Penta, Velozo & Michele Farraher was awesome all day. The middies led by Megan Braciska with great all around efforts from Erin Dwinell, Karalyn Gallella, Aria Porzio & Karah Chaisson for the most part controlled the game. Sarah Catanzano at stopper was great; playing a new position like she owned it and Taylor Donohoe played some strong minutes at the stopper as well. The full backs of Haley Pozzuto, Samantha Parker & Nicole Malfa were solid at the back line.

Janina Kennedy went the distance in goal and made several key stops in this one.

In the end, the locals just could not close out what was a great performance. Next week the girls will be at home for another 9:00 AM game this time against Reading

GU12-6 Waltham 4 Tewksbury 2

The Tewksbury Girls U12 Division 4A team came ready to play in for all but one of them their first ever 8v8 game. Tewksbury controlled the tempo early on with several scoring chances by Kendall Donahoe and Sophia DeMatos but could not get a lot of force behind the shots. 7 minutes into the game Waltham put a strong run together and was able to score. Throughout the rest of the 1st half MaryCate Cassidy and Caitlin Sheehan played solid defense keeping the score 1-0. Then about 20 minutes in, MaryCate was determined to make something happen. Getting the ball in her own end, took it all the way to the opponents 18 and then made a crisp pass to Kendall who poked it to Leanne Durham who put it in the net to tie the score. Unfortunately the tie could not be held and it went to halftime with Waltham up 2-1.

To start the 2nd half, Tewksbury continued to control the tempo and about 10 minutes in Tewksbury was awarded a penalty kick on a Waltham handball. Again it was Leanne who was tasked with shooting and did not disappoint with a ball that hit off the top crossbar into the goal for the 2-2 tie. Waltham was not finished yet though despite some fantastic defense by Isabella Beylouné and some good clearing kicks by Janine Richardson, Waltham scored with 8 minutes left to go up 3-2. Then in the next 4 minutes Tewksbury put the best pressure of the day on with the offensive team of Jane Kirby, Becca Smith, Sarah Boudreau, MaryCate, and Rachel Figucia. Four times in a row they stole the Waltham goal kick and worked it in for a shot on net. All 5 players contributed but could not find the back of the net. On the day midfielders Rachel and Daisha Thompson were extremely active all over the field and really contributed to the effort.

Daisha also had some very good throw-ins on the day. In the last minute Waltham was able to sneak in again and despite a beautiful diving effort by Kendall where the ball looked to be saved it squibbed underneath her and trickled into the net for the final score of 4-2. Tewksbury led the game in possession and shots on goal. Great start of the season for the team.

Boys

The TYSL Boys U9-2 team started the season off strong displaying solid team work throughout and coming away with a 4-1 victory at Somerville. The starting front line of Justin Murphy, Logan Teixeira, and Drew Timmons set the tone early scoring a goal within the first 3 minutes of the game. Along with Connor Moynihan and Mihir Bagul they kept the pressure on the Somerville defense throughout the game with a steady offensive attack. James Ministeri played stellar in the net not allowing a goal in the first half and was supported well by solid defense from Cole Duffett, Owen Griffin, Benny Svendsen, and Lucas McFadyen who also played very well in net in the 2nd half.