



Milford Wins District Game, but Season Ends

The Milford Lady Mavericks soccer team opened their District season against Waterford Kettering last Wednesday with a 3-2 victory, but fell to an extremely strong and well-balanced perennial soccer power Grand Blanc on Thursday in the District Semi-final 3-0, ending their second consecutive winning season.

In the District opener, Waterford opened up the Maverick's eyes early in the first three minutes of play, when they broke through the Maverick defense and fired a high shot over junior keeper Angie Pasciolla. Milford got back the tying goal four minutes later, when high scoring sophomore striker Michelle Dant took a pass from freshman Samantha Sturgeon and drove through the Waterford defense to finish the goal. Five minutes later, it was Dant again, this time taking a pass from sophomore Ryan Winn, to score her second goal of the night.

After Waterford tied the score, the Mavs seniors finally got the game winner midway through the second half, when mid-fielder Macy Hubbard moved the ball through the middle of the field with her usual adept footwork, and fed a pass to tri-captain Allie Zemaitis, who moved into the box and took a perfectly placed shot high into the nets. Milford finished the game with a 3-2 win, advancing in the District tournament for the second straight year.

In the District semi-final game against Grand Blanc, Milford ran into powerhouse Grand Blanc for the second year in a row, losing 3-0. The Bobcats showed why they've won six consecutive District Championships, who went on to beat Lake Orion in the District final on Saturday with a 4-1 victory. Grand Blanc scored two goals against the Mavs in the first half, and then used their pressure defense to limit the Mavs attack. But, the Mavs kept the game within striking distance, proving again that the team played well against the state's top teams.

For Milford, the Lady Mavs finished the season at 9-8-1, compared with 9-8-3 in 2007, with a 5-5-1 KVC record in their final KVC league play. With a very good group of seniors moving on, many young players look to take control next year and continue the recent success of the Milford soccer program.