

U-14 game of the week – Lord Roberts vs. Oakbank

Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association

Nov. 11 – Under 14

Lord Roberts vs. Oakbank – at the Gateway Recreation Center

In one of WYSA's first games of the week for the 2006-2007 Indoor season, the U-14 female teams from Lord Roberts and Oakbank went head-to-head in a matchup that was hard fought until the end.

Before the game we had a chance to speak with Lord Roberts veteran coach Charlie Ironside, who thought his girls might be in for a long night against a very strong and balanced Oakbank side.

The Lord Roberts girls were quick off the opening whistle as Rebecca Acosta got off a good strike in the first minute, but Oakbank forward Ashley Rush made good on her first shot beating the Lord Roberts keeper,

Chelsea Saunders, high to the far post.

Right from the kick off Oakbank went on the attack again as Rush picked up a rebound off the back wall but Chelsea Saunders was able to block the hard drive. Lord Roberts countered off the goal kick which resulted in Acosta's first of three goals on the night. At 4:30 p.m. Oakbank went ahead on a lovely goal by Stepheny Vicente. A minute later Alyssa Henchert beat Chelsea Saunders on a breakaway giving Oakbank a 3-1 lead that they took to the half.

It looked like Oakbank might run away and hide when Rachael Valente scored five minutes into the second half to go up 4-1. Ashley Rush had several more chances including one that almost slipped through the Lord Roberts goalkeeper's legs.

Lord Roberts midfielder Connie McMahon-Wiebe showed some real finesse

bringing the ball out of her end and setting up Jessica Schorn to pull them to within two, but Stepheny Vicente replied soon after on a breakaway set up by her goalkeeper's long punt. Vicente scored her third goal of the night soon after to put Oakbank up 6-2.

It seemed like Lord Roberts was out of the match when Acosta struck again with two quick goals on one shift with less than five minutes to go in the game. With two minutes left on the clock Sara Janowski drove a direct free kick from outside the box straight into the net to bring Lord Roberts to within one goal. With Lord Roberts pushing to equalize, Oakbank took its fifth foul of the half to give Lord Roberts a power play in the final minute. Jankowski had a strong last minute shot but the Oakbank keeper made the save to preserve the 6-5 victory for her squad.



Lord Roberts' Under 14 girls team.

U-17 game of the week – Southdale Strikers vs. Lindenwoods

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Nov. 17 – Under 17

Girls Southdale Strikers vs. Lindenwoods

Fans were treated to a fast-paced affair between Southdale and Lindenwoods.

Scoring commenced very early in the game with the Lindenwoods keepers shining while facing many Southdale shots.

In a pre-game talk Dave Enns, the Lindenwoods coach, said that he was very optimistic for his team even though they had started the season with two close losses. Enns said that Lindenwoods used a 3-2 formation on the field.

Southdale coach Gary Coleman said his team started the season very well with two wins and are now just starting to gel as a team.

Southdale lined up in a 2-1-2 formation for the start of the game.

Lindenwoods came out of the blocks flying and centre Margot Meagher, after stealing the ball, flew up the centre and placed a nice shot to score the first goal with only 30 seconds gone in the game. Southdale came

storming back with Alina Hardings' nice shot saved only to have Lindsay Shute to score on the rebound twenty seconds after the Lindenwoods goal. Southdale kept the pressure on and after plenty of action around the Lindenwoods net, Josee Gregoire scored Southdale's second goal. Southdale's Jayne Reimer scored at the 23 minute mark from a nice passing play. Southdale's two defenders, Clare Coleman and Lindsay Pratt, played the full half as Southdale were short players. The first half ended with Southdale having a 3-1 lead but the half was very entertaining with lots end-to-end play.

The second half began with both teams creating scoring chances but both keepers were playing well and controlling their respective goal areas. Southdale controlled the play and had many scoring chances forcing the Lindenwoods' keeper to make some fine saves. Southdale's Josee Lepine scored her second goal of the game after some good passing culminated in a tap-in by Lepine.

Once again, Alina Harding used the boards to her advantage and after a couple of nice moves, took a hard shot on net with Amanda

Meixner banging in the rebound. Southdale's final goal came in the last minute after some really good teamwork and Josee Lepine side-footing it in for her "Hatrick."

Final score was Southdale 6 to 1 against Lindenwoods.

This was a very clean and fast-paced game with very few free kicks with Southdale having more of the scoring opportunities but the Lindenwoods keepers coming up with some excellent saves.

Lindenwoods coach Dave Enns said it was a really good effort by his players and when asked what, if anything, he would have done differently, he replied that he would like to practice a little more and that he was happy to have the team exercise and have fun together.

Southdale coach Gary Coleman said he was really happy with the effort of his girls as he only had nine players and thought they might have gotten tired. When asked what he would have done differently, he said that he probably should have changed to a 2-2-1 formation once they were ahead and try to control and slow the game down a little more.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

December 6 - WYSA RMM, 200 Main Street, 7:30 p.m.

December 20 - Last day for Indoor Additions/Deletions

December 22 - Indoor Season X-MAS Break

January 2 - Restart of the Indoor Season

January 3 - WYSA RMM, 200 Main Street, 7:30 p.m.

January 16 - WYSA Budget Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at 200 Main Street

February 7 - WYSA RMM, 200 Main Street, 7:30 p.m.

March 7 - WYSA RMM, 200 Main Street, 7:30 p.m.

March 16 - Final Team Registration (Prem/Reg/Dev) Outdoors

March 19-23 - Cambrian Challenge Cup (Indoor Championship Matches)

April 2-15 - WYSA Harvest World Cup

April 4 - WYSA RMM, 200 Main Street, 7:30 p.m.

April 6 - Final Team Registration (Rec) Outdoors

April 27 - Outdoor Roster Deadline and fees