

Oct. 11 Girls Soccer: Spartans blank Northstars



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*Chelsea Schultz, who had one of Steinert's goals today, battles Marissa Colon for possession of the ball (Photo by John Blaine/purchase photos by e-mailing [jbsportphoto@aol.com](mailto:jbsportphoto@aol.com)).*

## Steinert overcomes loss of Coyne to take down Nottingham

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**Oct. 11:** The Steinert girls' soccer team lost a player, but made sure it didn't lose the game.

The Spartans survived the first-half loss of hard-luck senior sweeper Mollie Coyne, who was taken to the hospital with a head injury after a collision with a Nottingham player. Coyne missed all of last year with an ACL injury.

But in the second half, the Spartans put two on the board to escape with a 2-0 victory over the Northstars today.

"We had many chances in the first half but couldn't get them in the goal," forward Katelyn Becker said. "We had about five or six corners within 20 minutes, but our mood shifted when we lost Mollie."

And then, it shifted back.

"We realized we needed to get back to our game and win this for Mollie and show everyone else how we really play," Becker said. "I personally look up to Mollie. I find everything outstanding about her playing abilities, and we are really going to miss her on the defense." (Becker did not elaborate on how long Coyne is out for).

Steinert (6-4-2) shook out of its doldrums after intermission. Eight minutes into the second half, Becker's head shot was headed in by Chelsea Schultz. Five minutes later, another set piece produced a goal in spectacular fashion, as Rachel Rivera hit a free kick from the 50 that Lindsay Usarzewicz headed in from the 12.

The Northstars (2-11), who have been playing well of late, could only muster four shots on Briyanna Femia, who saved each one. Chelsea Toscano kept Nottingham in it with nine saves.

Becker gave props to the improved 'Stars.

"Nottingham was different then last year," she said. "I'm very surprised with the outcome of the game, they hung with us for the most part. They have a lot of fast girls who have good ball control. Their last defender (Valerie Suto) was a big help to them and cleared a lot of balls from the back."

Nottingham was coming off a 1-0 loss to West Windsor-Plainsboro North, which beat the Spartans for the first time in its history.

"Our last loss killed us, we all hung our heads," Becker said. "But this gives us a positive outlook to keep fighting to the end.

"Last year we were a lot closer as a team but we are bonding more and more every day. I see these girls every day and I love it. They are like my family. I'd do anything for anyone. We've learned to trust each other's judgment and to understand how we play together and it's finally coming together beautifully."

## Hamilton's modest win streak ended by WW-P North

Hamilton had its two-game winning streak halted when West Windsor-Plainsboro North took a 3-2 victory in Plainsboro.

Loran Wyrrough had a goal and an assist for the Hornets (4-7-1), while Samantha Santiago added a goal and Allyson Prekop had an assist. Goalie Erin Septer kept Hamilton in it with 18 saves.

WWPN improved to 9-1-1.