

Royals avenge loss, get first soccer win

By JERRY STOLP
The Lynnwood Royals out to avenge their opening day defeat, took their vengeance out on the Everett Seahawks and destroyed them, 5-1 last week. Led by Steve Turner's two goals, the Royals looked once again like they did last year when they finished second in Wesco.

Lynnwood never let Everett get into the game and looked like a well-oiled machine as they played good team ball.

Norm Kumma, Dan Leach, and Chet Ross also scored goals. Ross has scored in both games this season, although the first game's goal was futile as the Royals went down to defeat.

The Royals, who missed two penalty kicks in their opening loss, never made the same mistake in their victory, which was very pleasing to coach Dave McAbey.

Lynnwood will next meet Bellevue in a non-conference game, but it would be a big plus for the Royals if they won because last year, when Mike Cross booted it through.

LYNNWOOD'S soccer team didn't quite start the season out as they had hoped, but then no team does when they lose their first game.

It was a loss at the hands of Woodway 2-1. But the tightly contested first half ended in a scoreless tie.

Lynnwood had a super opportunity to score with time running out in the first half, on a penalty kick. But Jim McCuskey missed the shot and in the later stages of the game, that missed kick loomed much larger than what it seemed at all times.

Woodway was the first to get on the scoreboard when Mark Johnson put one across. The Royals retaliated quickly when Chet Ross chipped one in and the game was once again in a tie with time running short.

The Royals finally seemed to get the break and had another opportunity on a penalty kick. It was the same old story as it was missed again. That just isn't supposed to happen in soccer as Woodway proved when it got their only shot because of a pass and cashed in on it when Mike Cross booted it through.

Hawks fall from ranks

Mountlake Terrace fell from the ranks of the undefeated last week in a 1-0 loss to Lynnwood.

Chet Ross scored two of the Royals three goals to highlight the victory. The loss for Terrace followed an 8-0 romp over Everett earlier in the week. Mike Tate scored two goals in that one.

In other games, Woodway romped past Snohomish 6-0 on three goals by Mark Johnson. Johnson also scored in Woodway's tie with Cascade 2-2.

Royals take over first from Tigers

By STUART MICHELSON
Lynnwood took over first place in the Western Conference soccer war with a 2-1 win over Edmonds last week.

Edmonds was leading the pack until they faced a very game Royal team. Despite that, Edmonds had 21 shots on goal, scoring one while Lynnwood had four shots, scoring twice.

"They wanted it more," coach Nick Garcia said. But nobody probably

wanted it more than Gillihan, despite having to play the last 30 minutes with one less player. Earlier in the week, Alex McAdam was sidelined after failing to impress the referee with his French.



Heads up

LYNNWOOD'S Todd Myklebust (left) meets Woodway's Pete Armstrong in mid-air. (Staff photo by Chuck Browne)

Royals keep clean; soccer mark now 7-0

By JERRY STOLP
The Lynnwood Royals kept their record clean with an easy 3-0 victory over the Mariner Marauders.

With that victory the Royals now stand at 7-0 in league play. Lynnwood, which missed going to state last year by just one place, is now leading Edmonds, which was that one place ahead last year and went on to take second in state.

But in soccer it's not always just the win that counts, because the standings are based upon a scoring system. Lynnwood has the scoring lead as well with 14 points but Edmonds is a close second with 11 and Meadewdale has 12.

THE ROYALS were once again led by the outstanding play of Wendell Smith. Wendell has played in just five games this year, has

scored in all of them and has nine total goals. Lynnwood has won all of those games.

But it is far from a one-man show as the Royals are coached brilliantly by Dave MacAbo in the area of teamwork. Bob Cruise and Kurt Anderson also scored in the win over Mariner. Lynnwood has a very balanced team in the way of class, experience, and overall playing time.

Lynnwood will be challenged in their next match when they meet the Meadewdale Chiefs riding third place but only two points back of the Royals. The two teams will both be trying to give the other their first loss, as Meadewdale has tied two but not lost any.

THE LYNNWOOD Royals continued their unbeaten string with a hard fought 4-3 overtime win when they met Mariner Thursday.

Bruins: It took two overtimes and one sudden death to decide the outcome.

Lynnwood fell behind 1-0 early in the game and then came back to tie it at 1-1. Cascade went in at halftime with a 2-1 lead but the Royals tied it up again, and the regulation ended in a 2-2 tie.

Lynnwood battling from behind the whole game, quickly fell behind in the second of the five minute overtimes and had to rely on some last minute heroics by sophomore Kirk Anderson to tie it up and send it into sudden death. Wendell Smith then connected with the winning goal.

Wendell has now scored eight goals in his four games this season. The Royals will next try to retain their Wesco lead when they meet Mariner Thursday.

Royals stay close in Wesco soccer race

By JERRY STOLP
The Lynnwood Royals traveled to Everett Tuesday for the first night game of the year and came back through the clear with a 1-0 soccer victory.

In a defensive game, the only player to penetrate the opposition's goal was the Royal ace, Wendell

Smith. Smith has scored in every game played this year and is the main reason Lynnwood is only two points out of first.

In the very tough and close battle for the top position, Edmonds hangs on with 18 points. Terrace with 17 and the Royals with 16, as of Monday. Only the top team advances to the playoffs.

Lynnwood had a little pressure taken off with a non-conference game Friday but came with a 2-2 victory.

Chester Ross scored three goals for the Royals with Wendell Smith keeping his streak of goals intact. He chipped one in as did Bob Cruise.

By JERRY STOLP
Lynnwood found it tough.

But that's soccer in the Western Conference. Somehow, Lynnwood began the week in third place, and ended the week in third place following a 3-1 loss to Mountlake Terrace and a 2-1 win over

winless Snohomish.

Lynnwood, suffering from an offensive slump, received punch from Wendell Smith. Smith has penetrated the enemy goal 11 straight times for goals but has also found it tough to win with one man scoring.

In the Terrace game, one which could have moved the Royals into

second had they won it, things look promising as Smith scored in the first 15 minutes. But no one, not even Wendell, found the goal again as Terrace scored the last three goals of the game for an easy win.

Lynnwood squeezed past Snohomish by the grace of Smith's two goals and solid defense.

Royals put out Mariner lights, 2-1

By JERRY STOLP
Lynnwood played its soccer game in the dark of the night and left Mariner searching for the light last week.

The Royals, meanwhile, rolled to a 2-0 victory.

Lynnwood, seemingly undaunted over the miss of state playoffs by the slightest of margins for

the second straight year, used a solid moving defense to keep the Marauders confused and out of the goal.

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Turner found the Mariner goalie out of position and booted the ball into the back of the net.

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ineligible player.

That gift, plus the return of Wendell Smith, had the Royals rolling with a 7-0 record. Smith, plagued by a bad knee, ignored the pain, but striking distance, of scored in 11 straight games, including three in one.

But Smith was the only ace scoring and the Royals lost four of seven

games. It still didn't erase hopes in the closely contested Wesco race, however, and Lynnwood topped Edmonds for the second time to pull within striking distance, of scored in 11 straight Terrace.

Then, Smith reinjured his knee, the Royals fell to Cascade, and the season ended.

second half on a head shot.

Snohomish goalie Andy Penner lost his shutout on a goal by John Allen with a minute to play.

A FREAK goal caused by a collision of four players in the front of the net resulted in a 1-0 verdict for Woodway over Edmonds after four overtime periods.



A gang scene

LYNNWOOD and Meadewdale collided last week in soccer, with the Chiefs getting the best of it. From left are Norm Kumma, Jeff Molinda, Mike Belcher, Danny Leach, Jeff Thompson, Wendell Smith, Eric Meland, and Scott Mickels. (Staff photo by Chuck Browne)

Royals inflated hopes burst

By JERRY STOLP
In one week, Lynnwood inflated its soccer playoff hopes with a great game, then popped them with a sub-par performance.

On Tuesday of last week, the Royals were in third place, two points behind second place Edmonds. They faced Edmonds and stopped them 2-1 to move into second.

ON THURSDAY, Lynnwood became Cascade's third victim of the year, possibly because of the absence of Smith. The Bruins' Mark McCullough just took it to Lynnwood in the second half. After Cascade's Dan Cherry scored and Chet Ross retaliated with one of his own, it was McCullough's turn.

The score was 1-1 at halftime but McCullough scored twice in the second half to wrap up the victory.

That loss marked the second straight year Lynnwood will miss the state playoffs by less than five points.

The game marked the first time in 12 straight games that Wendell Smith did not score. But Bob Cruise and Anderson picked up the slack by poking in goals.

Smith connects for Royals; Hawks upset

By JERRY STOLP
Lynnwood's exciting soccer season didn't die until the last seconds of the last game.

In that span of time last week, Lynnwood's ace Wendell Smith booted the ball through Meadewdale's defenses to give the Royals a 3-2 victory, thereby clinching the season with a bang.

The Royals finished the season in second place within the heated Western Conference standings, one point behind state-bound Mountlake Terrace.

KIRK ANDERSON of the Royals started Lynnwood off with a goal and Smith added another for a 2-0 lead. Meadewdale, however, didn't roll over

and tie and came back with scores by Scott Anderson and Scott Mickels.

That tied it up. Enter Wendell Smith. Caping an absolutely fascinating career at Lynnwood, Smith weaved a way through a swarm of Chiefs to score single-handedly in the waning seconds.

Thus ended Wendell's year at Lynnwood, one in which he scored in 12 of 13 games, including three in one and two in two others.

The season, though filled with success, had to be a disappointing one for coach Dave McAbey. It was the second time in two years that Lynnwood has missed the state barrier by taking second.

IN OTHER games, the state-bound Hawks were somewhat surprised to find a not-so-willing-to-roll-over-either Snohomish team and fell, 2-1, in the season finale.

Tom Rausch's goal at the 32nd minute mark gave the Panthers a 1-0 lead and Joel Brothen added the money-maker Mariner after four five minutes into the

Wesco soccer

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Terrace	12	3	1	25
Lynnwood	12	4	0	24
Edmonds	10	4	2	22
Woodway	9	5	1	19
Meadewdale	6	7	3	15
Cascade	5	9	2	12
Mariner	5	10	1	11
Everett	5	11	2	8
Snohomish	3	11	2	8