



There she goes! Offensive halfback Annie Kleiser demonstrates her foot skills while dribbling past her opponent.

Get out of the way! Senior player Andrea Spaccarelli defends the goal as she takes the ball from her Fairfield opponent.



A Common Goal.

The season was coming to an end. The girls varsity soccer team had a bye for their first game of the state tournament. It was time for action! Their first challenge... the Milford Eagles. The Lady Aves were apprehensive before the game because the Eagles were ranked in the top ten in the city and for the first time Sycamore was not.

It was a chilly fall evening when the day of the big game arrived. The score was tied 0-0 in the first half. "We were all fired up to prove the rankings wrong," said Kristie Bowman.

With 25 minutes left on the clock, Heather Hug attempted a kick and scored. Goalie Janet Turner kept up an incredible defense against the Eagles' shots. Time was up and "everyone spazzed out," Bowman added. The entire team jumped into a huge pile on the field. This was just one example of the spirit that this team was made up of.

The Lady Aves finished off this year with a record of 9-8-4, eight of these wins were shut outs. The team was consistent throughout the season. "We made a defensive change by playing Susie Welch at sweeper. It definitely boosted the teams' morale

with their defense," said Coach Paula Hayden. Welch ended the season as best all around player and best defensive player of the team. "The last few games of the season the offense came alive with two goals versus Lakota, four goals versus Seton, and one versus Milford," said Coach Hayden. Kerry Stanko and Annie Kleiser were the leading scorers.

The team suffered from various injuries throughout the season, however.

Andrea Spaccarelli, Jenny Rawers, and Kristie Bowman were injured for a good part of the

season. This did not discourage the girls. "We lost our first game against Glen Este 5-0. From that point on our record was 4-0-1 until we lost to Glen Este again in the tournament 2-0, Hug said. The highlight of the season was beating Milford. The game counted for a tournament and a regular league game, so we killed two birds with one stone and it felt great," she said.

"Pride and spirit were the Lady Aves' common goals of the season, and we accomplished what we were out to achieve!" Jenny Rawers exclaimed.

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