

SPORTS

A tale of two halves

DuPage struggles in the first half but takes care of business in the second

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

When the horn blared at the end of the Tuesday's game, the score didn't indicate how close a game it was.

Even though the Chaps won 6-0 against the Triton Trojans in a regional playoff game, they didn't play well until the second half.

"Our communication was poor," head coach Jason Hunter said. "Our first touch was poor. Our intensity level was poor. We played good soccer for 35 seconds in the first half."

Hunter was referring to the beginning of the game. His team was fired up and drove the ball to Triton's goal.

Forward Laura Lehman booted the ball past Triton goalie Stephanie Whowell on a fast break for one of her two goals.

"It was really fast," Lehman said. "We had good momentum and someone gave me a good pass."

The Chaparrals then started to lose focus. The Trojan defense stepped up after that goal. Even though they were constantly attacking the Trojan goal, none of the shots were going in.

Lehman and teammates Melissa Koch and Kelsey Mu



Photo by Aldo Blanco

Forward Melissa Koch beats out Triton's midfielder Valenia Carrera on a head ball during the first half.

ruato had some very good looks at the goal yet they would miss their shots.

"You could say we did come out a little flat," midfielder Karissa Kerber said. "I think it

was a lack of concentration and getting the ball in the net."

The Trojans held their own in the first half. They put pressure on the ball and



Photo by Aldo Blanco

Midfielder Karissa Kerber (second to left) kicks the ball past Triton College's goalkeeper Stephanie Whowell in scoring one of the Chaparrals' six goals.

weren't afraid of using slide tackles. Triton forward Danielle Schoenheider caused the Chaps fits with her defense.

"They were on their marks," Koch said.

Early in the second half, Schoenheider got a yellow card. Then Kerber charged to the goal and scored to put DuPage up 2-0.

"Someone took a shot at goal and she missed it," Kerber said. "I followed up and hit it (in)."

After Kerber's goal, the Lady Chaps went on a tear. They scored three more goals in 20 minutes. Lehman and teammates Danielle Kinman and Katie Bowman kicked the ball in the net. Midfielder Sarah Podczerwinski scored the game's final goal in the last seconds.

"It was only my second goal of the season," Kerber said. "It maybe gave the girls confidence that they could score."

Lehman said that her team made adjustments from the first half. They were shooting the ball at the goal very high. They worked on making their shots lower.

Hunter said that he talked to the girls at halftime and asked them if they wanted to end their season early or compete for a national championship. They answered his challenge and played with more intensity.

"We started a new season today," Hunter said. "If you lose it is over. I think after our speech at halftime that rule was enforced."

With the victory, the Lady Chaps advance to the regional championship. They play the winner of Harper/Joliet at home Saturday at 12 p.m.

Kerber knows what her team needs to practice for the big game.

"As a team, we need to work on finishing and communication," Kerber said.

Athletics brings families closer

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Athletics is about bonding with others. Teammates become like a second family for athletes.

For four Chaparral athletes, those bonds go beyond sentiment. They are actually related by blood.

Volleyball player Lauren Verstat (18) and tennis player Alyssa Arnold (19) are cousins.

"Alyssa is strong, smart, confident and very outgoing," Verstat said. "She is known as the loud mouth of the family."

"Lauren is hilarious," Arnold said. "She always makes me laugh and it is contagious. She is known as the



Lauren Verstat and Alyssa Arnold pose for the camera. The two are cousins and former Athletes of the Week. ditz of the family. My mom said that she is the blondest brunette ever!"

The two were always to-

gether since Verstat was born. They live only a few blocks away.

Both girls have brothers but

no sisters. They always have hung out together.

"We only have brothers so we are like sisters," Arnold said. "She is like the sister I never had."

The two played volleyball as young girls at the Straight Down Volleyball Club at the college together. There they both pushed each other to improve.

"Alyssa was always the first one on the court that busted her butt," Verstat said. "She always stayed mentally tough."

"She was always working hard in practice when everyone was messing around," Arnold said. "She did everything to improve for the next meet."

Arnold couldn't make the

volleyball team at Wheaton North due to politics. Arnold said the coach only picked girls that played for her at the club she coached at. Arnold then decided to take up tennis.

"That sucked when she took up tennis," Verstat said. "That was our thing."

"It was hard but it was something else for the family to support. I wanted to learn about tennis in order to support her."

They have been able to see each other everyday after their practices at the college. They go to the mall and out to lunch. They also support each other during their meets.

Next year Arnold plans to attend a four-year school. Ver-

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‘Closer’ from page 17 stat knows that seeing her cousin this year through athletics made them closer.

“I’m always going to take this experience with me,” Verstat said. “I know she will always be there for me.”

On the soccer team, brothers Jacob (22) and Justin Pedersen (20) have played together at DuPage for two years.

“When we came to COD, it was the first time we played together,” Justin said. “It was something that we wanted to do.”

Justin described himself as more loud and obnoxious while Jacob is quiet and keeps to himself. These demeanors carry onto the field.

“When I play, I’m more vocal,” Justin said. “Playing with Jacob has helped us interact better.”

Justin has helped his brother adjust to a new position.

“I grew up playing on the right side,” Jacob said. “I was moved this year to the left. Having my brother on the left and me on the left has made the transition easier.”

Justin said that he



Photo by Aldo Blanco

Justin and Jacob Pedersen show some brotherly love before soccer practice. Justin trusts his brother on the field.

field.

“When I was playing on the left side, I had more confidence kicking to my brother instead of taking two guys on,” Justin said. “I have enough confidence in my brother’s abilities and decision making to do that.”

When the brothers were younger, they would play against fellow Chap Phil Carlson and his brother. They had very competitive

This is Jacob’s last year in soccer, so the brothers are playing their last games together.

They will always cherish the memory of playing as teammates. They hope that their kids will experience the joy of playing with a family member.

“If there is a situation that sons or nephews didn’t want to play with each other, I would recommend (for them to),”

SportsBriefs

Football

The gridders defeated Ellenworth, Iowa on the road in a 58-23 blowout.

DuPage was led by the play of running back Nick Booth. Booth had 10 carries for 133 yards and a touchdown and one catch for 33 yards and a score.

This was a key victory for the Chaparrals. It pushes their record to 6-3. They will also be able to host a home playoff game against rival Harper.

Kickoff is on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Men’s Soccer

The College of DuPage men’s soccer team (10-7-4) beat Kishwaukee Community College 1-0 during Region IV playoff action in Malta on Saturday, Oct. 20.

The Chaparrals’ Jacob Parrino scored the lone goal in a game that saw a total of 21 shots at the goal, 11 by DuPage and 10 by Kishwaukee.

Volleyball

The netters had a successful Saturday at the Ancilla College Fall Invitational at Plymouth, Ind.

After falling to Ancilla, the Chaps beat St. Francis JV (Ind.) and IUNW in three set sweeps.

Jackson (Mich.) cooled the Chaps down by winning a tough five set match.

The Chaps improved their record to 7-26

Outside hitters Amanda Connelly and Christa Pomatto led the way with 38 and 31 kills, respectively. Setter Lauren Verstat had 93 assists and libero Lauren Vrdsky had 48 digs and 12 aces.

The netters hope to continue their success this Saturday at the Triangular tournament at Freeport, Ill.

Cross Country

The Chaparral runners have their regional meet on Saturday at Palos Hills, Ill. Both the men and women will start their meet at 10 a.m.

Obtain a membership

To use the athletic facilities students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours and have a P.E. pass.

Community members can purchase an annual or seasonal membership card that allows use of the facilities.

Gold memberships cost \$350 annually and \$100 seasonally, bronze memberships cost \$300 annually and \$80 seasonally and silver memberships cost \$250 annually and \$70 seasonally. Seasonal memberships are valid for three months.

The P.E. and Community Recreation Center includes the strength complex, P.E. arena, diving and lap pools, fitness center, and racquetball.

Contact the Athletics office for more details.

P.E. passes available

Obtain a student I.D. in the P.E. building for \$5. You can obtain a pass from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday.

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Athlete of the Week



Name: Nick Booth
Sport: Football
Major: Business
Year: Sophomore
Age: 19



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Q: What are the challenges of being a running back?

A: Patience and faith. The main key is the offensive line. You can't do anything without them. When they start opening holes, you can make a play. You just got to run and be prepared.

Q: What was your best game?

A: My best game would be against North Dakota. I was just feeling it and I was in the zone. The offensive line

was making holes. I felt every time that I could make a play. I had three touchdowns and over 200 yards of total offense. Hopefully the next game is the best.

Q: What does football mean to you?

A: It has fostered relationships. Some of my best friends I wouldn't have known if not for football. It has given me much joy.

Q: Who are your favorite players?

A: LaDainian Tomlin-

son and Shawn Taylor.

Q: What's your favorite memory from football?

A: My last high school game at Naperville North.

Me and the other seniors were crying. My buddy Kyle Bartl (offensive tackle) looked over to me and said, 'It was great playing for you and keep your head up. You have good things coming for you.'

He believed in me. It meant a lot coming from him at that time.

Sport Schedule Fall '07

FOOTBALL

AUGUST		
Sat., 18	Scrimmage vs. Marian (IN)	
*Sat., 25	ROCK VALLEY	W 29-27
SEPTEMBER		
*Sat., 1	at Joliet	W 34-22
*Sat., 8	GRAND RAPIDS (MI)	L 27-30
*Sat., 15	at Harper	W 43-27
Sun., 23	CARTHAGE (WI) JV	W 66-12
*Sat., 29	IOWA CENTRAL	L 14-44
OCTOBER		
*Sat., 6	at North Dakota Science	W 21-20
*Sat., 13	NORTH IOWA AREA	L 6-23
*Sat., 20	at Ellsworth (IA)	W 58-23
Sat., 27	PLAYOFFS	TBA
NOVEMBER		
Sat., 3	PLAYOFFS	TBA
Sat., 17	Bowl Game	TBA

VOLLEYBALL

AUGUST		
Sat., 18	Jamboree at Harper	
Fri., 24	12th Annual DuPage Classic	L, L
Sat., 25	12th Annual DuPage Classic	L, L
Thu., 30	OLIVE HARVEY	W

SEPTEMBER		
Sat., 1	at Ancilla (IN)	L, L
		L, L
*Thu., 6	at Rock Valley	L
Sat., 8	18th Annual DuPage Invite	W, W, L
*Tue., 11	JOLIET	L
Fri., 14	at Lake County Tourney	L, L
Sat., 15	at Lake County Tourney	L, L
*Thu., 18	ROCK VALLEY	L
Thu., 20	SOUTH SUBURBAN	L
*Tue., 25	HARPER	L
Fri., 28	16th Annual Chaparral Invite	W, L
Sat., 29	16th Annual Chaparral Invite	L, L

OCTOBER		
*Tue., 2	at Triton	W
*Thu., 4	at Joliet	L
*Tue., 9	at Harper	L
Tue., 16	MORaine VALLEY	L
Sat., 20	at Ancilla (IN)	L, W, W, L
*Thu., 25	TRITON	6 p.m.
Sat., 27	Triangular at Highland	11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Tue., 30	REGION IV PLAYOFFS	6 p.m.

NOVEMBER		
Sat., 3	REGION IV FINAL @ Lake County	TBA
Fri., 16	NJCAA Division III Nationals at Rochester, MN	TBA
Sat., 17	NJCAA Division III Nationals at Rochester, MN	TBA

MEN'S SOCCER

AUGUST		
Sat., 25	Owens (OH) at South Bend, IN	L 1-2
Tue., 28	at Lake County	T 3-3

SEPTEMBER		
Sat., 1	PRAIRIE STATE	W 3-1
*Wed., 5	at Joliet	W 3-2 (2ot)
*Fri., 7	at Triton	L 0-2
Sun., 9	OAKTON	T 2-2 (2ot)
Sat., 15	vs. Jefferson (MO) at Lincoln Land	L 0-1
*Wed., 19	at Harper	W 1-0
Thu., 20	ELGIN	W 2-0 (2ot)
Sat., 22	at Lincoln Land	W 2-0 (2ot)
Sun., 23	ILLINOIS CENTRAL at Lincoln Land	L 0-1

OCTOBER		
Tue., 25	KENNEDY-KING	W 4-1
Sun., 30	KISHWAUKEE	W 2-0

NOVEMBER		
Tue., 2	MCHENRY	W 5-0
*Wed., 3	JOLIET	W 1-0
*Fri., 5	TRITON	L 0-2
Sat., 6	MORaine VALLEY	L 0-1
Mon., 8	MORTON	L 2-3
*Wed., 10	HARPER	W 3-0
Sat., 13	SOUTH SUBURBAN	T 2-2 (2ot)
Sun., 14	vs. Jefferson (MO) at Lincoln Land	L 1-2
Sat., 20	REGION IV PLAYOFFS	W 1-0
Wed., 23	REGION IV PLAYOFFS	3 p.m.
Sat., 27	REGION IV PLAYOFFS	12 p.m.

NOVEMBER		
Sat., 3	DISTRICT PAYOFF @ Region XI	12 p.m.
Thu., 15	NJCAA Division I National Tourney at Tyler, TX	TBA
Fri., 16	NJCAA Division I National Tourney at Tyler, TX	TBA
Sun., 18	NJCAA Division I National Tourney at Tyler, TX	TBA

WOMEN'S SOCCER

AUGUST		
Sun., 26	PARKLAND	L 1-2
Fri., 31	JOHNSON CO. (KS) at Oakton	L 2-5

SEPTEMBER		
Sun., 2	vs. Iowa Central at Oakton	L 0-4
*Wed., 5	JOLIET	W 6-1
*Fri., 7	TRITON	W 5-0
Thu., 13	SOUTH SUBURBAN	W 9-0
Sat., 15	TRINITY CHRISTIAN	L 0-2
*Wed., 19	HARPER	W 1-0
Thu., 27	LAKE COUNTY	L 3-4
Sun., 30	OAKTON	L 0-2

OCTOBER		
*Fri., 5	at Triton	W 5-0
Sat., 6	at Elgin	L 1-2
Mon., 8	MORaine VALLEY	W 6-0
Sun., 14	ROCHESTER (MN)	L 0-1
*Wed., 17	at Harper	W 4-0
Thu., 18	at Waubensee	W 1-0
*Sat., 20	at Joliet	W 3-0
Tue., 23	REGION IV PLAYOFF	W 6-0
Sat., 27	REGION IV FINALS	12 p.m.

NOVEMBER		
Fri., 2	Dist. Tournament at Region IV	3 p.m.
Sat., 3	Dist. Tournament at Region IV	12 p.m.
Sat., 10	NJCCA Division III Nationals @ Tyler, TX	TBA
Sun., 11	NJCCA Division III Nationals @ Tyler, TX	TBA

WOMEN'S TENNIS

AUGUST		
Wed., 29	ST. FRANCIS	W 8-1
Thu., 30	CALUMET COLLEGE OF ST. JOE'S	W 9-0

SEPTEMBER		
Tue., 4	at Elmhurst	W 9-0
Thu., 6	BENEDICTINE	postponed
Sat., 8	Dave Webster Doubles Classic	9 a.m.
Mon., 10	at Lewis	L 3-6
Wed., 12	at Rock Valley	W 9-0
Sat., 15	at Rend Lake	W 9-0
Wed., 19	at McHenry	W 9-0

OCTOBER		
Fri., 21	DuPAGE- DePAUL INVITATIONAL	2 p.m.
Sun., 23	DuPAGE- DePAUL INVITATIONAL	9 a.m.
Mon., 24	MORaine VALLEY	W 8-1
Sat., 29	ROBERT MORRIS	W 9-0

NOVEMBER		
Mon., 1	at North Central	L 3-5
Wed., 3	at Univ. of Chicago	L 3-6
Sat., 6	Region IV Tournament	W 9-0

CROSS COUNTRY

AUGUST		
Fri., 31	at Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL	5 p.m.

SEPTEMBER		
Sat., 15	Midwest Collegiate Kenosha, WI	1 p.m.
Sat., 29	at Loyola University	11 a.m.

OCTOBER		
Sat., 13	at University of Wisconsin	1 p.m.
Sat., 27	Regional IV Championships at Palos Hills, IL	10 a.m.

NOVEMBER		
Sat., 10	NJCCA Division III Nationals at Long Island, NY	

GOLF

AUGUST		
Fri., 24	Freeport, IL	cancelled
Fri., 31	Port Byron, IL	10 a.m.

SEPTEMBER		
Thu., 6	Romeoville, IL	12 p.m.

OCTOBER		
Sun., 9	Bloomington, IL	12:30 p.m.
Mon., 10	Bloomington, IL	8 a.m.
Fri., 14	Sterling, IL	10 a.m.
Tue., 18	Plainfield, IL	11 a.m.
Fri., 21	Oglesby, IL	11 a.m.
Sat., 22	Oglesby, IL	8 a.m.
Fri., 28	Byron, IL	12:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER		
Thu., 4	Region IV Tournament Byron, IL	10 a.m.
Fri., 5	Region IV Tournament Byron, IL	9 a.m.
Sat., 6	Region IV Tournament Byron, IL	9 a.m.

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