

# OVERTIME

In the 27 years that Dave Rosenthal has coached girls soccer at West High, he has never had a season like this one. "This is the smallest number of players I've ever had in the whole program. I think there's a lot of factors to that, one of which might be the fear of the pandemic," Rosenthal said.

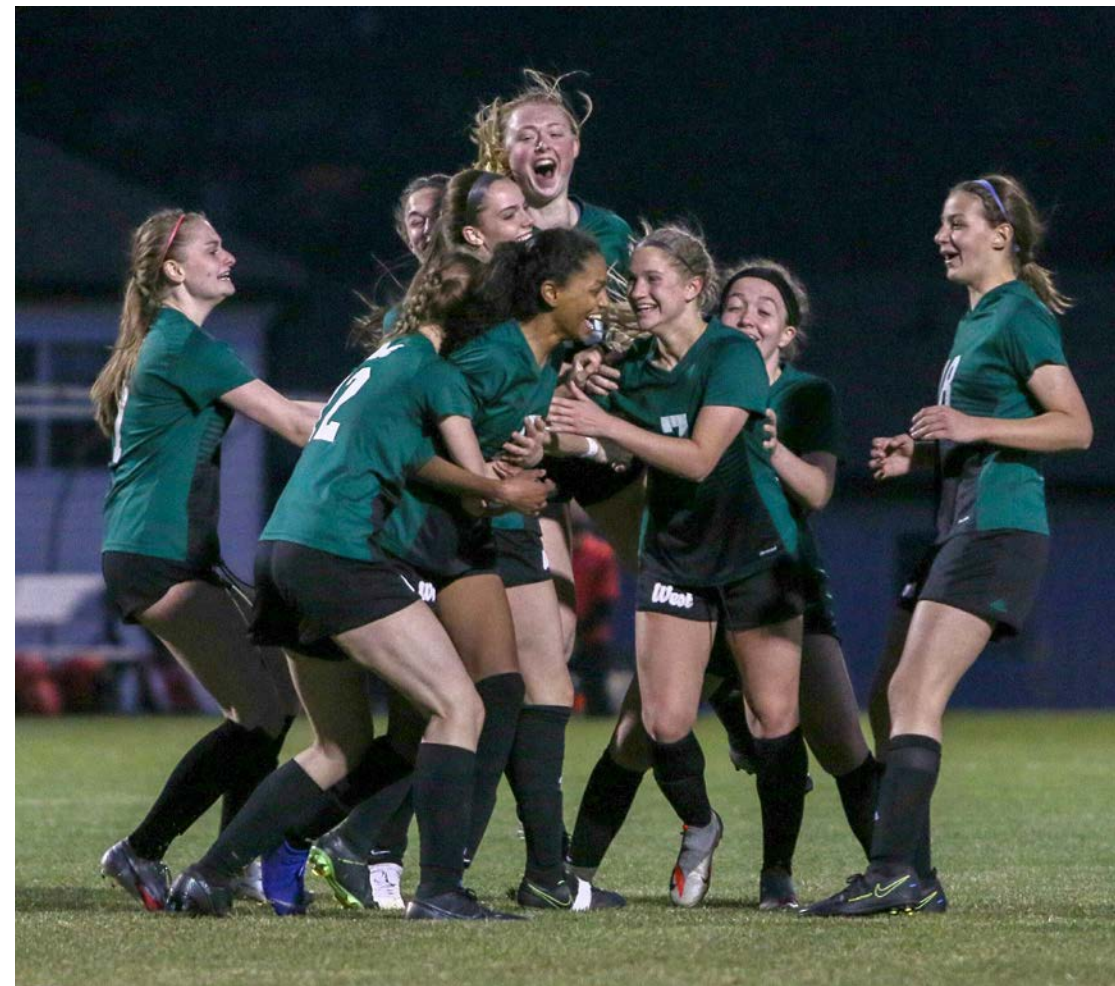
Small but mighty, the girls soccer team started the season strong in a nail-biting game against the Ankeny Hawks. "Our first home game we played the defending state champs and tied them one on one," Grace Curran '21 said.

With one second left on the clock, Jada Dachtler '22 tied the game, sending the team into overtime. The Trojans lost the game to Ankeny in a penalty kick shoot out but persisted nonetheless.

A week later, they played Bettendorf in another close game. "We lost two very, very close games in penalty kicks," Rosenthal said. "The coolest moment was to see them get over that hump and get over that block of, 'We're losing these really, really close games.'"

The girls gritted their teeth and worked hard to improve during practice. Their hard work paid off in yet another overtime game against Moline.

"Every single one of us only worked for a moment, and we ended up scoring that goal and winning in overtime," Julia Bernat '21 said. The team rallied together to find the strength to beat Moline.



## ACCOMPLISHING GOALS

Meena Tate '23 and her teammates celebrate her goal against City, putting the Trojans up 1-0 April 22. *All photos by Owen Aanestad*



## CRASHING THE NET

Kenadee Showalter '22 and Linda Baguma '21 fight for a shot at City's goal April 22.

## JUST FOR KICKS

Jada Dachtler '22 and her teammates celebrate her penalty kick which tied the game against Ankeny April 6.



1. Anna Verry '22 dribbles past Ankeny to get the ball up field April 6.
2. Julia Bernat '21 jumps for the ball to defend the goal from Ankeny April 6.
3. Makenna Vonderhaar '22 looks for an open pass with an attacker on her heels April 6.
4. Alyson Skala '24 battles against City for possession April 22.
5. Maya Mozena '24 looks to pass the ball out of the goal box April 6.



<b>Varsity</b>	Ankeny	1-2
	North Scott	3-1
	Liberty	3-0
	Bettendorf	2-3
	Moline	2-1
	Linn-Mar	0-5
	City	1-0
	Waukee	0-6
	Kennedy	3-1
	Dubuque Senior	8-1
	Waterloo East	3-0
	Hempstead	5-0
	Xavier	1-0
Jefferson	10-0	
Prairie	6-0	

6. Meena Tate '23 uses her head to get the ball past a defender April 22.
7. Kenadee Showalter '22 strikes the ball in a penalty kick shoot out against the Ankeny Hawks April 6.
8. Grace Curran '21 pushes past her opponent in a game against City April 22.



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