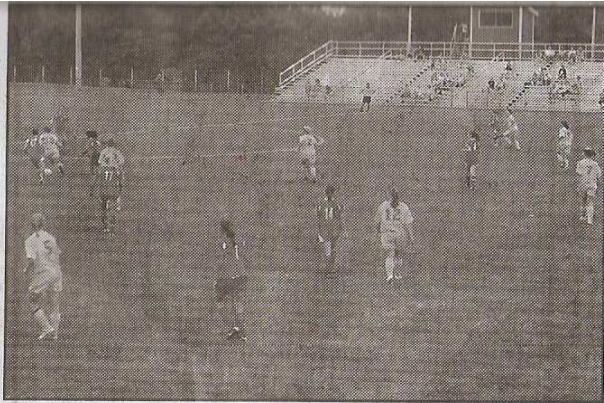


# Girard girls soccer hosts tri-scrimmage



The Yellow Jackets look to advance the ball against Edgewood. The Yellow Jackets had a tougher time finishing and executing in their second scrimmage.

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**GIRARD-** The Yellow Jackets girls soccer team saw their first action of the season at home when they hosted Edgewood and Conneaut in a scrimmage last Saturday. The girls had two 40-minute games against both squads.

Girard played in the first game of the day against Conneaut at 11 a.m. The girls looked good in their first action beating Conneaut 5-0.

"We did a better job of possessing the ball against Conneaut," Head Coach Mike Frick said. "We had crisp passing."

The Yellow Jackets had a tougher time against a good Edgewood team. Girard found themselves turning the ball over to the opposing team in a 3-0 loss.

"Against Edgewood we would win a ball, and turn around and play it right back to them," Frick said. "You can't do that. It is only going to be so long before the opposing team puts the ball in the back of the net."

Girard did have a few opportunities to score, but nearly missed on more than one occasion.

"Finishing was an issue too," Frick said. "We have worked on that in the past week, and we had a couple chances that could have brought a different outcome to the game."

The time was split up evenly in the first scrimmage, while the starters got more of a chance to play in the second scrimmage.

"We are not so worried about the score in our first couple scrimmages, because we split the time up be-



The Girard girls Junior Varsity soccer team warms up before their scrimmage. The girls scrimmaged Edgewood Saturday afternoon.

tween the girls pretty evenly. In the second scrimmage, we wanted to see some of the girls get out there and play a little longer."

Members of the Yellow Jackets squad were happy to get out on the field and scrimmage someone other than their teammates in practice.

"It's very hard to continue scrimmaging against yourself," Frick said. "We couldn't wait to get out there and have an opponent on the field."

The next scrimmage for Girard will be on Saturday, Aug. 28 against Mercer.

"We need to continue working on keeping possession of the ball," Frick said. "We can not just have possession for a split second and give it right back to the

other team. Finishing will be something that we will have to continue to work on as well."

Frick has high expectations for his team as he enters his 10th season as Head Coach.

"I think we can be a truly amazing team this season if we can execute," he said. "A lot of the goals we gave up in the scrimmage were because of mistakes. The opposing team was able to capitalize on errors we are making so we are going to have to eliminate those errors."

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**Vicki Olesnanik** throws the ball into play for Girard. The Yellow Jackets hosted a tri-scrimmage last Saturday.

