

Last night's game against Charleston was a doozy. The JV game was first and we, unfortunately, had to play with a shortened team. Despite the low numbers, our team played really well and had a strong defensive game. The first half, EHS held Charleston's JV team to only one goal. Second half was impressive as well but unfortunately, our players were feeling the effects of fatigue. As the game progressed, Charleston scored two more very nice goals. The end result was a score of 0-3.

The varsity game was the really exciting part. I am disappointed in the fact we lost, ending with Charleston taking the win at 6-4. However, watching EHS in the second half compared to the first, was like watching two totally different teams. The first half was slow for us defensively and we seemed disorganized on the field. This resulted in Charleston scoring a quick goal. From there, they possessed well and outworked our defense. By the end of the first half, the score was 6-1.

The second half was the defining moment for EHS though. We went out with our heads up high, and a fire in our hearts that changed the course of the game. From there, Hearts worked hard and ran the ball, possessed it when needed, and made smart, consistent runs. They were not slowing down. Effingham proceeded to score 3 unanswered goals in the first twenty-five minutes of the half. After that, we had numerous close looks, but could not get them to land. Though the outcome was a loss, I am very proud of how our team played in the second half. With such a debilitating score deficit, many teams would have hung their head and given up. The determination in our team is what really sets us apart.

Armando Estrada Angel: 1 goal

Bryan Angel: 1 goal

Osvaldo Angel: 1 goal

Josh Bowlin: 1 goal

Brandon Duncan: 11 saves