



Stratford Academy: Girls Soccer 2010 Season Review



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The Stratford Eaglettes (15-6-1) made history on May 22, 2010 when the girls' Varsity soccer team won its first GISA class AAA state championship since 2006. The bulk of the squad was composed of 8th and 9th graders; however, the five Upperclassmen on the roster provided great leadership and stability. Spurred on by captains **Kendall Cowart** and **Lauren Hale**, the young Eaglettes improved in almost every category on last year: they scored double the number of goals, increasing the 2009 total of 66 to 112; they earned an impressive nine shutouts, down one on last year; and they won two more games (15).

The Eaglettes finished as the Viking Cup runners-up, as well as Region 2-AAA runners-up. As the old saying goes, offense wins games, but defense wins championships. This year, our defense really stepped it up. **Taylor Mathis** and **Sarah Dennis** split time between the sticks, while **Katie Hale**, **Blaire Burton**, **Jasmine Pratts**, **Lauren Hale**, **Celia Dann**, and **Lane Bowden** provided cover in front of them. Each of these girls plays in a position that is not considered glamorous, yet, without them, we could not have been as successful as we were. In the playoffs, our defensive unit only allowed a single goal, and that was with 28 seconds to go!

Freshman forward **Allie Hale** led the team in scoring with 40 goals; fellow 9th graders **Malone Slappey** and **Elizabeth Fuller** provided great offensive support, too, with 19 and 13 goals, respectively. Junior captain Lauren Hale played mainly in defense, but contributed with 8 goals and 12 assists. **Haley Tidwell** led the team and the GISA in assists with a massive 25. Tidwell also scored 7 goals.

The Eaglettes had a total of five players selected to the 2-AAA All-region Team. The players selected were senior, Kendall Cowart; Junior, Lauren Hale; and Freshmen Allie Hale, Malone Slappey, and Haley Tidwell. All five of these girls were also selected as GISA AAA all-state - the best haul in many years. Voted by their teammates, the individual award winners were: Rookie of the Year: Celia Dann; Most Improved Player: Taylor Mathis; Defensive Player of the Year: Jasmine Pratts; Offensive Player of the Year: Allie Hale; State Tournament MVP: Kendall Cowart; Joel Hatcher MVP: Haley Tidwell; Coach's Award: Lauren Hale.

The Eaglettes wave a fond farewell to graduating seniors Kendall Cowart, **Carrie Ellen Ford**, and **Mary Adger Bowen**, each of whom has left a permanent and positive mark on Stratford Soccer.

With the vast majority of the team returning, the pressure is on to repeat. The Eaglettes know, though, that they will have to redouble their efforts, as they will no longer be the underdogs.

The 2010 Eaglettes' coaching staff was **James Jordan** (Head coach), **Jeff Hale** (Varsity, goalkeepers), **Andrew Myler** (B-team, Varsity), **Heather Manting** (Varsity), and **Dewayne Lawson** (B, C-teams).

Until next year....

2010 Stratford Varsity Girls' Roster

0	Sarah Dennis	9
00/12	Lauren Hale	11
000	Taylor Mathis	8
1	Juliana White	9
2	Mary Adger Bowen	12
5	Haley Tidwell	9
6	Malone Slappey	9
8	Elizabeth Fuller	9
9	Jasmine Pratts	11
10	Baylee Vance	9
11	Katie Hale	9
14	Celia Dann	8
15	Allie Hale	9
16	Lane Bowden	9
18	Blaire Burton	9
19	Hope Hays	8
20	Katie Stone	8
21	Kendall Cowart	12
23	Kate Bickley	9
25	Carrie Ellen Ford	12

2010 Varsity Stats

Number	Name	Goals	Assists	Points
15	Allie Hale	40	9	89
6	Malone Slappey	19	7	45
8	Elizabeth Fuller	13	14	40
5	Haley Tidwell	7	25	39
12	Lauren Hale	8	12	28
11	Katie Hale	5	5	15
21	Kendall Cowart	6	3	15
14	Celia Dann	3	1	7
16	Lane Bowden	2	3	7
2	Mary Adger Bowen	2	1	5
18	Blaire Burton	2	1	5
25	Carrie Ellen Ford	1	1	3
0	Sarah Dennis	1	0	2

Number	Name	Minutes	Goals Against	G.A.A.	Saves
000	Taylor Mathis	1215	31	1.91	66
00	Sarah Dennis	240	4	0.842	8



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2010 Results

Opponent		Venue	Result	Record
February/March				
Thurs. 3/4	Viking Cup vs. First Presbyterian Christian Viking	FPD	11-0	1-0-0
Fri. 3/5	Cup vs. Augusta Preparatory	FPD	4-1	2-0-0
Sat. 3/6	Viking Cup vs. Westminster Schools of Augusta	FPD	2-2	2-0-1
Sat. 3/6	Viking Cup vs. Mount de Sales Academy	FPD	0-2	2-1-1
Fri. 3/12	Stratford Cup vs. Cardinal Newman High School (SC)	Stratford	3-2	3-1-1
Sat. 3/13	Stratford Cup vs. Griffin Christian	Stratford	11-0	4-1-1
Sat. 3/13	Stratford Cup vs. St. Joseph's Catholic School (SC)	Stratford	6-2	5-1-1
Thurs. 3/18	Tattnall Square Academy	TSA	10-0	6-1-1
Fri. 3/19	Heritage Academy	Stratford	10-0	7-1-1
Thurs. 3/25	First Presbyterian Day School	FPD	2-3	7-2-1
April				
Weds. 4/7	Catholic Memorial (WI)	Stratford	1-4	7-3-1
Sat. 4/10	Tattnall Square Academy	Stratford	10-0	8-3-1
Thurs. 4/15	First Presbyterian Day School	Stratford	2-3 OT	8-4-1
Sat. 4/17	Mount de Sales Academy	Stratford	2-1	9-4-1
Tues. 4/20	Augusta Preparatory	Augusta	6-2	10-4-1
Mon. 4/26	Westminster Schools of Augusta	Augusta	1-9	10-5-1
Thurs. 4/29	Deerfield Windsor	Stratford	7-0	11-5-1
May				
Tues. 5/4	Mount de Sales Academy	MDS	2-3	11-6-1
Sat. 5/8	First Round of State vs. Trinity Christian	Stratford	7-0	12-6-1
Sat. 5/15	State Quarter-finals vs. Deerfield Windsor	Albany	9-0	13-6-1
Thurs. 5/20	State Semi-finals vs. Mount de Sales	MDS	1-0	14-6-1
Sat. 5/22	State Championship game vs. Westminster	MDS	5-1	15-6-1

GISA AAA STATE CHAMPIONS!!