



## Girls soccer: Glenelg upsets Marriotts Ridge

*River Hill, Long Reach, Reservoir and Centennial win; Howard and Mt. Hebron tie*

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Rachel McCarrhier has become a game-changer.

Last week, the senior scored in the second sudden-death overtime period to give Glenelg to a 1-0 win over River Hill.

McCarriher did it again, scoring seven minutes into the game as visiting Glenelg pulled off a huge upset Oct. 5, beating previously-unbeaten Marriotts Ridge, 1-0.

The win "feels great," said McCarriher, whose rebound goal was initiated by a throw-in by Danielle Burris. "Everyone was definitely gunning for Marriotts Ridge."

McCarriher has scored five of Glenelg's nine goals this season.

"It was a breakdown in communication," Marriotts Ridge coach Robin Grey said about the goal. "It seems like my defenders froze and so did my goalie and (Glenelg) took advantage."

The early goal not only put the underdogs — Glenelg had just two county wins in the first five games of the season — in the driver's seat, but allowed the team to concentrate on other things, McCarriher said. "We could worry about defense and we didn't have to (play in a) panic" to try to score.

Her goal changed not only the outcome of this game, but also the league standings. Entering the contest, Marriotts Ridge was unbeaten at 4-0-0 while Reservoir was just a half-step behind at 4-0-1.

Now Reservoir (5-0-1 county) is at the top and River Hill and Marriotts Ridge are both 4-1-0 in the county. Glenelg plays at Wilde Lake Thursday, Oct. 7 while Reservoir plays at Marriotts Ridge Friday, Oct. 8.

The early goal put Glenelg in unfamiliar territory. Glenelg had played in four straight double-overtime games — two ties, a win and a loss — and just squeaked past last-place Oakland Mills, 1-0, in league play.

"With all the overtimes and ties, this win gives us confidence and boosts our momentum," said Liz Ebeling, whom Glenelg coach Dean Sheridan calls the "organizer" of his defense which includes two players new to the varsity — juniors Casey Vantucci and Megan Pawtowski.

Brooke Carey, Glenelg's senior keeper, also played a key role in the game, with two big saves in the first half. Halfway through the period, she deflected a Maxine Brewer shot over the goal and 30 seconds later saved a Brewer header.

Marriotts Ridge got a free kick just outside the 18-yard box 20 minutes into the second period, but Alexandra Price's boot soared over the cage. Brewer had six throw-ins from about 25 yards out in the last six minutes of the game but the Mustangs could not find the net.

Grey said she will be talking about timing in the Mustangs' next practice. "We can't wait until the last 20 minutes to play," she said.

For Glenelg, though, "It's good for the girls to have to hold on the last 10 to 15 minutes," Sheridan said. "They needed" that experience.

Both Glenelg and Marriotts Ridge are expected to meet again in the Class 2A post-season tournament.

**River Hill 4, Atholton 3 (2OT)**

Katie Arensmeier's goal with under two minutes left in the second time overtime gave River Hill (4-1-0, 7-1-0) the victory over visiting Atholton (1-3-1, 1-4-1).

The Hawks had took a 3-1 lead with 15 minutes left in regulation on Tope Olujobi's goal off an assist from Anna Theisen. But the Raiders pulled to within one with six minutes remaining on a goal by Desiree Bodziony off an assist by Katrina Macadoff.

Then Macadoff scored with roughly 30 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

River Hill took a 1-0 halftime lead when Katie Marlatt scored off an assist from Sheridan Street. Bridgette Snyder's goal tied the game for Atholton.

Theisen scored to put River Hill in front 2-1 off assists from Kellie Song and Street.

### **Long Reach 3, Hammond 1**

Long Reach (3-2-0, 6-2-0), which came into the season having won only one league game in the past three years, defeated visiting Hammond (1-4-0, 2-4-0).

Freshman Ana Rebaza's sixth goal of the season gave the Lightning a 1-0 halftime lead. Rebaza scored again two minutes into the second half off an assist from Katie Haarer.

Hammond got on the board four minutes later on a nice individual effort by Allie Kennedy, who dribbled through the middle and finished with her left foot.

Midway through the second half, Long Reach's Akilah Limes scored off an assist from Jess Sachs to make it 3-1.

Abby Kramer and Tori Delaney played well defensively for Long Reach.

### **Reservoir 2, Oakland Mills 0**

Michelle Viegas scored with about five minutes left in the first half and Katlyn Axenfeld scored with about 10 minutes left in regulation to give Reservoir (5-0-1, 7-1-1) the victory at Oakland Mills (0-6-0, 2-6-0).

Viegas scored after a direct kick had been headed out of the box. She took control of the ball and dribbled through three defenders to score. Axenfeld scored off a picture-perfect crossing ball from Sarah Hermina, who had worked the ball down the sideline.

Oakland Mills' goalkeeper Nicole Twardowicz had 15 saves.

### **Centennial 6, Wilde Lake 1**

Taylor Bourg scored three goals to lead Centennial (4-2-0, 6-3-0) over visiting Wilde Lake (1-4-0, 1-5-0).

Caroline Baker added two goals and Danielle Entrot had one. Ruthie Lucas and Nicki Mize each had two assists and Tessa Seale added one.

Gillian Sawyer scored for Wilde Lake to tie the game at 1-all nine minutes into the game. Baker scored with 18 minutes left in the first half to put Centennial ahead for good.

"We have taken a lot of shots this season and have had trouble putting the ball in the net," said Centennial coach Steve Baxter. "Tonight, we finally broke out."

### **Howard 0, Mt. Hebron 0 (2OT)**

Mt. Hebron goalie Tahlia Tavai had six saves, and Howard goalies Erin Leatherman and Cassidy Burns had five and 11, respectively, as the visiting Vikings (2-2-1, 3-4-1) and Lions (1-3-1, 2-3-1) played 100 minutes without a goal.

Morgan DiPietro, Kristen Shea and Emma Bruzdinski had strong games defensively for Howard.

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