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### Girls Soccer: Eastern Tech Falls Short in Semis

Mavericks bid for first state title since 2005 ends with 4-1 loss to Glenelg.

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Eastern Tech missed out on a couple of quality scoring chances early on and before long Glenelg took control to knock off the Mavericks 4-1 in the Class 2A state semifinals Saturday afternoon at Bel Air High.

Eastern Tech, which won the state title in 2005, ends its year with a mark of 9-6-2.

Glenelg, now 13-3-2, just missed out on posting its 12th shutout in the last 13 games. The Gladiators advance to meet the Middletown-Bel Air winner next week for a state title, which would be its seventh and first since 2008.

Three minutes into the game, Eastern Tech's Melissa McGuire was turned away from a score in a collision with goalie Brooke Carey and left injured.

Eastern Tech coach Kim Williams was disappointed her team couldn't net one of those early opportunities.

"Definitely. Our first attack on goal, our forward got hurt, she sprained her MCL. That's not going to help the girls in the field, it would have been critical to put that one in," Williams said.

In the 18th minute, Glenelg took a 1-0 lead on a score by Christina Kaminsky. Eastern Tech keeper Elise Thompson, a freshman, could not handle a direct kick and Kaminsky put the loose ball in the net.

With 13 minutes remaining in the opening half, Erin Kaminsky scored for the Gladiators and they made it 3-0 six minutes later on a goal by Danielle Burris.

The Mavericks played without regular goalie Alexis Lee, who was injured. Down 3-0, Williams tried Heather Bowers in goal for the remainder of the game.

"Our starting keeper [Lee] got injured last week, she dislocated her shoulder, so we started out with a freshman in there and decided to make a switch. Just to see if a little more experienced player could make a difference," she said.

"We played really good defense," Glenelg coach Dean Sheridan said. "The goal we gave up today is just the seventh all season. We have quite a bit of confidence in our defense."

Glenelg made it 4-0 in the middle of the second half on a score by Rachel McCarriher. Eastern Tech broke up the shutout on a score by senior Jamie Richardson with 13 minutes left. Her 11th goal of the season tied her with Ashley Kroll for the team lead.

Despite the loss, Williams is pleased with the Mavericks' season.

"This is a very young group," she said. "I have 11 sophomores, eight or so juniors and three starting seniors. We are very proud of the growth that they made since day one.

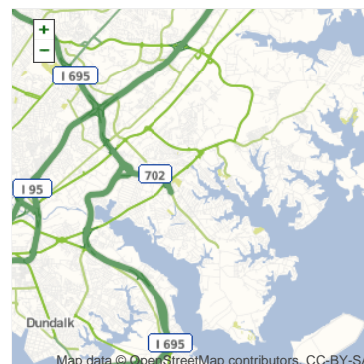
"It took us a while to find a combination where we needed the girls and what worked best. We are very happy with the results this year and look forward to having 20 girls back next year."

The Mavericks will lose seniors Kroll, Morgan Deloach, Shelby Simons and Richardson.

Now Glenelg, which has outscored four playoff opponents 11-1, will play for another state championship.

"It's exciting," Sheridan said. "We'd love to bring a championship home. This will be our fourth trip in five years to the final. And we graduated two all-state players and 11 seniors.

"So, for this group to come forward and we have had just two subs all year. They are one of the greatest groups of kids I've had, a quality group and I am so pleased for them."



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