

PREP GIRLS SOCCER



ABOVE: Manistee's Lexie Adams (left) fights for the ball with Kingsley's Lilly Rawlings (right) during the Chippewas' 3-2 loss to the Stags on Friday in Manistee. **BELOW:** Manistee defender Savanna Hiipakka (left) keeps the ball from Kingsley's Destyne Chavalita (right) on Friday.

Chips' rally falls short against Stags

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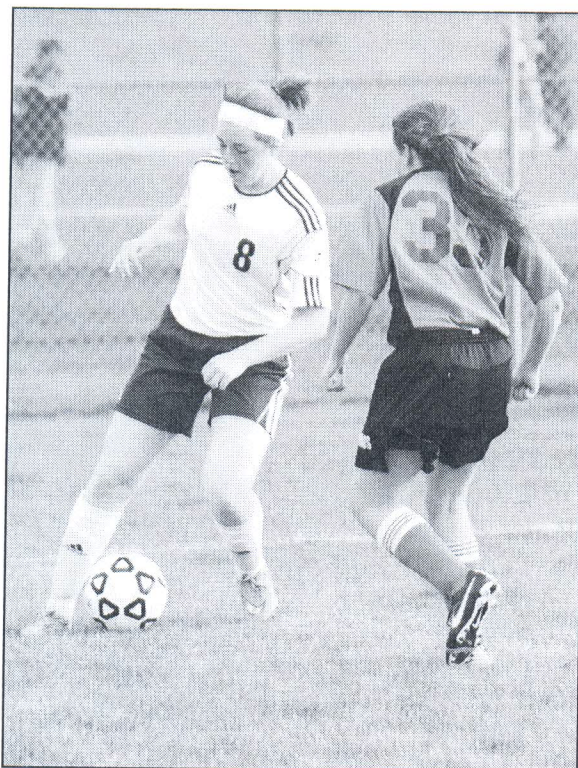
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MANISTEE — A pair of second-half goals by Olivia Vadenoncoeur was not quite enough to lift the Manistee girls soccer team past Kingsley as they fell 3-2 at home Friday.

"In the second half we certainly had a better touch on the ball," said Manistee soccer coach Rudy Guillen. "We attacked more than we did in the first half. We were close. (The team) didn't give up and it was nice to see that because we're definitely going to have to get stronger once Districts start."

Coming out of halftime trailing 2-0, the Chippewas wasted no time getting on the board as Sophie Shriver sent a pass to Vadenoncoeur that was promptly put past Kingsley's goalkeeper just over two minutes into the half.

Unfortunately for Manistee, it didn't take long for the Stags to answer back as Jonelle Sickles assisted on an Ally Kintner goal with 31:48 remaining in the game, pushing the Kingsley lead back to



two.

Vadenoncoeur responded with a nifty goal with just over ten minutes remaining, narrowing the deficit to one.

"(Vadenoncoeur) is not going to quit," Guillen said. "That second goal that she got was just a sweet one. I don't even know how that went in."

The scoring ended there for both teams and the Stags hung on for a tough win over the Chippewas.

"You can tell that the front line and all the girls out there played really really hard that second half," Guillen said. "We were just a couple shots off."

The first half saw an aggressive Kingsley team challenging Manistee keeper Briana Larsen at the net early and often.

The Stags' Ramsi Ginzel drew first blood as she found the back of the net with 11:36 remaining in the first half off an assist by Ally Clark. Five minutes later, Kingsley's Kintner assisted on a Lilly Rawlings goal.

Though dissatisfied with the loss, Coach Guillen noted several pleasing things upon which his team can build moving forward.

"I liked the way that we attacked," he said. "(Larsen) had some great saves in goal and we had some nice play in midfield which I've been looking for the past few games and it was nice to see that. There were a lot of positives."