JC WOMEN’S SOCCER

Hawks get hat-trick from Calixto, lose to Las Positas 4-3

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APTOS — Despite getting a hat-trick from Leslie Calixto the Cabrillo College Seahawks lost their second Coast Conference game to Las Positas 4-3 Tuesday at Carl Conelly Stadium in Aptos.

“I feel happy, I feel proud of myself that I scored three goals,” Calixto said.

“But if we would’ve put all our different parts into the game we probably could’ve done better. We probably could’ve came out with a win.”

Despite coming in with a much better record than Las Positas – Cabrillo was 6-3 overall and the visitors were 1-9 before Tuesday – the Hawks (6-4, 4-2) could not get the score that put them over the top and into the win column once again.

“I take my hat off to Las Positas,” said Cabrillo College first-year head coach Justin Johnson. “I thought they played well.”

After losing eight straight games and only scoring one goal in their last four games Las Positas (2-9, 1-4) came out firing against the Hawks.

Fifteen minutes into the game Madison Umidon booted a strike past the Cabrillo keeper to put Las Positas up 1-0 and three minutes later she found the back of the net again. This time Umidon lofted a free kick over Cabrillo’s defensive wall and into the goal after she was set up just 10 yards outside of the penalty box by a Cabrillo yellow card.

The Seahawks weren’t done yet though as they came back to tie the game in a flash. Two goals in a span of three minutes by Calixto knotted the game up in the 33rd minute and the two teams went into the half in a tie.

But the second half was all Las Positas right from the start. They took the lead in the 53rd minute when Haleigh Atkinson shot a ball right over the head of the Hawks’ keeper from just inside the penalty box.

They added another score in the 83rd minute as Umidon notched a hat-trick of her own via a header off a beautiful cross from Mallory Wolfe.

Calixto scored in added time by heading in a jump-ball free kick from Margaret Phillips to cut the lead to one, 4-3, but it was too little too late for Cabrillo.

“It’s tough when you go down early on in the game,” Johnson said. “You start to force balls that maybe you shouldn’t have forced and you’re a little less patient. Six out of the seven days of the week, most of those balls that we tried to play through or try to play in the middle we connect them. For some reason, with the combination of us being down early and being a little less patient than we usually are, it hurts us today.

“We were just a step behind today.”

The Hawks started Tuesday as the leaders of the Coast Conference with 12 points, but with the loss and an Ohlone College win they now sit in second place.

The two will meet Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Aptos.

“There’s things to learn from this game,” Johnson said. “We’ll talk about this and we’ll dissect this. This game will definitely help us as we move forward into our season.”

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