

Outlaws earn all-league recognition

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The Lady Outlaws soccer team had seven of their players earn all-league recognition this year, including Hallie Schwartz, who was a first-team pick.

Schwartz (junior) scored two goals and recorded one assist over the course of league play. Hallie started the year at attacking-mid, but was moved to a new role as holding-mid to help anchor the squad.

“Hallie is a great player, very versatile, and well on the ball, but we were getting beat and weren’t getting back on defense, so I moved her to holding-mid,” Coach Jaron Jacobsen. “She did a tremendous job, was a leader on the field, and earned that first-team recognition.”

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Gracen Sundstrom and Olivia Hougham were second-team selections.

Sundstrom (junior) played at center-mid and finished league with six goals and four assists, and was the Outlaws’ leader in both categories. Last year, Gracen played in the

defensive line as the Outlaws’ center-back, but Jacobsen stated he needed her presence in the offensive line this season, so she started up top as a forward, and then found her role as mostly an attacking center-mid.

“Gracen had a tremendous year for us,” said Jacobsen. “She played in a new role, and was a huge part of our success this season. She continued to get better, was our free-kick specialist, and scored four of her six goals off of set pieces. Gracen is a great kid, student, and athlete, and will continue her success in hoops.”

Hougham (junior) was also a second-team pick, and played at the center-mid position.

Jacobsen said, “Liv was our workhorse during the season, and scored an awesome goal against Cascade. However, stats don’t do her season justice, as she was my best offensive defender on the field. She is relentless, fearless, and works hard to have a starting spot on the varsity team. She’s well-deserving of second-team.”

Rheanna Salisbury (junior), Alexa Stewart (senior) and freshmen Hollie Lewis and Emma Lutz all earned honorable mention.

Salisbury filled a huge role for the Outlaws this season as their goalkeeper. She recorded 87 saves, and only allowed 20 goals. She posted three clean sheets this year with only 11 games played. Rheanna

missed three games due to a concussion.

Stewart played center-back for the Outlaws, and was their anchor on the defensive line. Alexa played all four years on the varsity squad and was a captain for three.

“Lex was always up to the challenge of shutting down the opposing forwards,” said Jacobsen. “If there were stats for defensive play, she would have a lot. She was my best defender in the defensive line and will be missed next year. She earned honorable mention this year in a tough league of defenders and is well deserving of the nomination.

Lewis played forward for the Outlaws, started every game as a freshman, scored three goals, and recorded one assist over the course of league play.

“Hollie played every minute of every game,” said Jacobsen. “She was our second-leading scorer, and to be honorable mention as a freshman is tremendous. She will have a bright future ahead of her.”

Lutz started the season coming off the bench, but according to Jacobsen was eager to learn, and got better and improved tremendously the first few weeks of the season. Emma’s dedication earned her a starting spot the last seven games of the season.

“Emma was a huge impact for us on the field,” said Jacobsen.

Five Outlaws earn all-league honors

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The boys soccer squad had five of their players named to all-league teams, including Asher Bachtold, who was a first-team pick.

Bachtold scored one goal and recorded four assists this season. Asher has been a first-team selection the past two seasons, as well as second-team all-state.

“Asher was a physical and emotional leader for us on the field,” said Coach Rob Jensen. He dominated the middle of the field, and kept us in, or allowed us to win many games.”

Colby Simeral was a second-team all-league selection, and led the team with seven goals this season.

“Colby was an impact player, and scored some pretty amazing shots,” said Jensen. “He also created a lot of opportunities for his teammates as an outside-mid and forward.”

Kinnon Rutherford, Samson Henneous, and Skyler Larson were all honorable mention.

Jensen told *The Nugget* that Kinnon provided strength and senior leadership at the center-back

position. He also helped get the offense started by making runs from the back. He had one assist during league play.

Henneous did a great job for the Outlaws at the keeper position. He saved numerous shots and kept Sisters in a lot of games. Jensen noted that Samson improved greatly from last season, and did an amazing job.

Larson was Sisters’ spark-plug at the center-midfield position.

“Skyler made plays and made others better,” said Jensen. “In most leagues he would have received higher honors. Also, he’s just a great example of a committed leader who showed up every day with a great attitude.”

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