



**IN FOR THE KILL**  
Humidity and heat affect freshman Karina Chavira as she takes the ball and avoids her opponent. "Lauryn [Herrera] headed the ball and fell," Chavira said. "When it hit the ground, I took off with it so that the Jefferson player couldn't take it. She didn't get it, but I didn't get to score like I hoped. We ended up losing by three points." Chavira has been playing for 10 years, but this was her first as a forward.

# INS AND outs on the field

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"There were times when we argued, pushed each other around, and got mad at each other, but we always knew we had one another's back."

-nyleene reyes-11

Half-time whistles blow, and the score is 2-0. The Lady Mustangs drag their feet to the sidelines. Canutillo's lead brings everyone down. Assistant coach John Lechuga encourages the girls to give it their best in the second half for their head coach Angelina Moncivais. She's missing on the sidelines because of ACL surgery.

"I was nervous in the first half," goalie Jamie Canales said, "but when we scored the first goal, it gave us hope that we could catch up. That's when everyone started to give it their all. Everyone was so excited when the second goal went in because if we tied, we had the chance to win in penalties. When we got the third goal, the feeling of determination kicked in to keep it that way, and we did. Our communication was on point. In the end, it all came back to wanting to win for our coach."

Although there were a couple good games, a majority of the season did not end on a happy note. Co-captain Kimberly Rosales thinks the lack of commitment to show up to practice was a big factor in losing 14 games.

"They weren't there and that affected us," Rosales said. "Everyone needed to come to practice so that we were able to get to know each other better on the field. I'd text them and offer them rides, but some of them still didn't show. When they would come to the games, ready to play, it didn't really affect me because I still got put in. I'm sure it affected the others because they'd show up to the practices and still get benched for someone who didn't. I agree that it wasn't fair, but it's a team effort. We needed to support each other no matter what."

## DISTRICT

Irvin	2-1	L L	1-0
Bowie	2-0	W L	2-1
Chapin	5-0	L L	4-0
El Paso	5-1	L L	3-1
Jefferson	4-0	L L	3-0
Canutillo	3-2	W L	3-1
Andress	6-0	L L	3-0
Austin	4-3	W L	2-1



**MOTIVATED MOVES**  
Early in the game against the El Paso High Tigers, junior Celeste Ruvalcaba blocks the ball against their wing. "Their fans and pride really pumped them up," Ruvalcaba said. "That gave them a big lift, but at the same time it motivated us to try our best."

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**TAP IT OUT**  
Short on players, sophomore Lauren Marengo forces the ball out on Chapin. "I got it to touch her," Marengo said, "so we threw it back in. We had to play harder because there were only 10 of us on the field. We didn't play as well as we could have, but we were ready for the next game."



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**HEART ON THE FIELD**  
In El Paso High territory, sophomore Valerie Chavez uses her body to block her opponent from scoring. "I think I played pretty well that game," Chavez said. "Every moment is important. In any game, I realize that it's a memory that will last forever. I may not remember the score, but I know I'll remember what it feels like to step on the field and play with heart." The Lady Mustangs lost 4-1.



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**INTENSIVE MATCH**  
Fighting to the finish, sophomore Lauryn Herrera comes back against Irvin. "We matched their intensity," Herrera said, "but in the end, mental mistakes and miscommunication cost us the win. We lost 3-2."

**SECOND TIME**  
Senior Samantha Esparza walks off the field with help from assistant coach John Lechuga because of a torn meniscus. "I was defending against one of the mids," Esparza said. "The other player kicked my knee instead of the ball. Lechuga was trying to get me to calm down and relax. I was really upset because I hurt the same knee in wrestling."

## What do you do at the end of a game, if you win or lose?

"When we win a game, I choose a restaurant to eat at with my family to celebrate. If we win, the whole team gets whatever treat Coach [Moncivais] offers."

-denisse cano-9

"When we lose, I think about all the mistakes, especially the ones that I made. Then, I practice and practice until I stop making the same mistakes."

-pamela cabral-12



"When I was in track, I learned to be independent, but as I started to play soccer, I learned to work with a team."

-ariadna mora-9