

"Senior night was so special to me," senior Brenda Heminger said. "I scored my 25th goal of the season and we won district for the second year in a row."

Stretching it out, freshman Rebekah Gilliam keeps from tightening up at half time. "I've had a charley horse before," Rebekah said. "I always make sure to stay loose so it doesn't happen again." [MPayne]



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Running back to their kickoff position, senior Savanah Powell, sophomore Celeigh Redden, and Brooklyn Puzz continue to celebrate the goal that put them ahead in the playoff game against Athens. [THurst]

## **RUN**



TAKING IN THE HEAT, the girls' soccer team cools down after running. "Coach Allen ran us so we could be in the best shape possible for playoffs," freshman Madison Hinton said. "Even though it was hard, I'm glad we did it because it helped me get faster and be better." Not many teams run after a 6-1 win the night before, but the Lady Hawks had one goal in mind... playoffs. [LGuyton]









## THIS AIN'T SOCCER SEASON LOOK EASY NOTEA PARTY

ith two minutes left in the regional semi-final game, senior Hailey Teel glanced up at the scoreboard. With Crandall leading 2-0, it hit her.

This was going to be the last game she ever played. Two minutes later, a stray ball smashed her nose, and as the game ended, blood and tears streamed down her face.

"I wasn't really crying because of my nose," she said.
"It was more because I knew this was the end of soccer
for me, and we had all grown so close."

Going into the game the team knew that Crandall would be some of their toughest competition.

"We had to be ready for whatever was going to happen," Hailey said. "I wasn't prepared for how emotional I was going to be when I realized we weren't going any further."

At the beginning of the season, the girls' soccer team set a goal. They wouldn't just make it to the playoffs-they would win playoff games for the first time ever.

And when the season ended, the Lady Hawks had won two playoff games and made it to the regional semi-finals.

"Since we hadn't won a playoff game in our high school career, the seniors made a goal to win a game for every year we didn't," senior Chelsea Cole said. "We ended up making it further than we ever had." To get there, the Lady Hawks had to win district, which for once, was a pretty easy feat.

"Having only Liberty Eylau in our district took a lot of pressure off," sophomore Dream Lynx said. "I had a lot of fun, but I would've liked a more challenging district." Even with an easy district, the Lady Hawks had some

"We do it for ourselves, coach Allen, and the glory of God." — Hailey Teel [12]

challenging out-of-district games to prepare for the playoffs. The first two post-season games were hard fought but the Lady Hawks came out on top both times.

And then they met Crandall, a team coach Andy Allen described as a team full of "Brendas [Heminger]."

"We all knew the Crandall was better than most teams we had faced," sophomore Celeigh Redden said.

When the last buzzer sounded, there were tears all around. After a final team prayer, the tears started to dry and the Lady Hawks walked off the field proud of all that they had accomplished.

"I wasn't prepared to have a bloody nose at the end of my last game," Hailey said. "But I'm so thankful for the season that we had."

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