

Lady Colonel lacrosse jumps out to a fast start, win the Icebreaker Tournament

BY WYATT SPARKMAN

The Oldham County Lady Colonels have jumped out to a 6-1 start to their 2025 campaign in Jeff Veech's third year as head coach.

After a season opener loss to Marcy in overtime, the Lady Colonels have rattled off six consecutive wins, including winning the Icebreaker Tournament with an 8-7 overtime win in the championship game over Assumption.

Veech credits the early season success to the experienced and returning players he has. Some varsity starters this year have played freshman, junior varsity and varsity while some of the older girls have played JV and varsity going through the past couple of years. Veech feels like it has helped the girls develop their games but also build chemistry with one another.

"We put a couple things in place this year to use some of that experience and change defensive philosophies, and we went to something that helped us get more athletes on the field," Veech said. "It's helped tremendously. I have a couple girls who played for the first year last year that worked and worked and worked. You could tell they worked to make strides, and both of them are dressing varsity as second-year players. I have one girl that's a first-year player that starts varsity, because she's so athletic, and she's so fast. She's picked up on the game quickly."

Oldham County has six seniors on the team; Merrra Gonshak, Ellie Kaiser, Jocelyn Klingenberg, Larissa New and Ruby Roberts.

Veech has seen his seniors make bonds with the three middle schoolers on the team, and he knows that type of leadership will bring the team closer together.

"It's just a different dynamic when you go into the locker room, and there's that age difference," Veech said. "Of course now, they've made it three years with me. I've adapted a little bit for them, and they've adapted a little bit for me. That has bled over to the younger ones over the last two years, and it's starting to show."

Kaiser and Gonshak are back with the team. Kaiser has scored 14 goals through the first five games of the year, second on the team. Gonshak and Klingenberg have helped out on both offense and defense, making an impact on the defensive side by stopping transitions and combining for 16 goals this year. New and Roberts are the anchors of the defense on the post.

"Merra's speed helps us slow that transition down and lets us get set up on the other end," Veech said. "Ellie is just smart as I'll get out...She understands how to use different things, but she's also learned how to kind of control the stick in traffic. Ruby and Larissa anchor our defense on the post, and they have been just really good. Our communication on defense has been better than it's ever been. I could contribute a lot of that to those two."

Along with New and Roberts, eighth grader Autumn Riordan is the starting goalie with sophomore Adrianna Daep behind her. Riordan has started all six games,

making 43 saves through the first five and has helped the team get to its fast start.

Veech coached Riordan's dad, Josh Riordan, and her uncle, Aaron Riordan, when both were wrestlers at Oldham County. He sees a lot of the same traits in her.

"[Riordan] has a whole lot of that Riordan traits in her when she's out here," Veech said. "There's times I have to stop and look at my girls and go, 'when things are kind of breaking down on defense, you have to remember she's an eighth grader...It's just, you're all 16 and 17 years old, and she's 13.' I don't care if you're a boy or girl, the difference between 13 and 16, 17 or 18 is different, but she has done tremendously well."

For the first time in three years, Veech has two assistant coaches, Ashley Phenix and AJ Devault. Phenix helps out with the defensive side of things while Devault has been helping with the goalies. With a defensive scheme change, Veech trusted Phenix with the players she thought would be good starters for the team, and it has paid dividends.

"AJ has done a tremendous job with our goalies, with Autumn and Adrianna and the new ones," Veech said. "Raegan Richins is our kind of emergency goalie. She has played a little bit for us. She played goalie for the JV field hockey team. It was a transition that we made...Our start right now has contributed a lot to Ashley being strictly the defensive person. It's almost like football. She's a defensive coordinator. I guess you could

call AJ the special teams coordinator, since she's doing the goalies. I take care of the offense. It's been a really fun year so far."

The Lady Colonels also return four-time state champion wrestler Tatum Millet. In her junior year, Millet has led the team with 10 assists and has scored 12 goals in the first five games. Veech knows Millet has toughness from her wrestling background, but he can also trust Millet with the game on the line or helping the team get back into a rhythm offensively or defensively.

"I've got other girls that can do that too, but it's almost Tatum's mentality that I want it," Veech said. "I want it right now, and when you win four state championships in a row, you're used to those situations. We'd be crazy not to lean on her for these kinds of situations."

Oldham County's leading goal scorer is sophomore Dakota Phenix. Dakota has scored 17 goals on the season but has also assisted on six more goals. Veech likes how she has slowed down and not forced anything offensively. Veech really likes how she has gotten her teammates involved as well.

"Last year or two years ago, she would have either rushed that pass or she would have forced her way around the crease to get a shot off," Veech said. "This year, she's gotten into a crowd and she's backed up a little bit, she lets somebody cut and hits them with a nice pass. I just told her [Saturday] that you've played great so far this year, because you've slowed down, been patient and

seen other people. One thing, not just Dakota but everybody, I want them to get more pleasure in passing to a teammate that scores than scoring yourself."

Veech has seen junior Erin Abbott be an incredible impact on the team and do a lot of things that don't show up on the stat sheet. He's also seen big improvements from sophomores Sara Alvarado, Lillian Sutton and Richins. There are 38 girls in the program with 16 first-year players. Veech wants to see them continually improve and get better.

Veech isn't worried about his team facing any setbacks with how they responded after their season opening loss. He's seen his team use that as motivation to get better and play better, leading to their 6-1 start. Veech trusts his seniors and leaders in how they respond to different circumstances.

"We play a regional game Wednesday against Collins at Collins, then we play Male at home on Thursday," Veech said. "Tuesday, we got a freshman and JV doubleheader at Manual, and once we finish the Male game Thursday, they're cut loose until spring break is over. Obviously, things really ratchet up, because the Braveheart [Tournament] comes up after that."

Oldham County's senior night will be on April 24 at 6 p.m. against Atherton. Veech said it'll be open for Oldham County and East Oldham Middle School and LaGrange, Centerfield and Locust Elementary School students to get a parent in for free.

Lady Dragon lacrosse looks to hit their stride to make it back to state tournament

BY WYATT SPARKMAN

The South Oldham Lady Dragons are looking to make it back-to-back years of making the state tournament. Last year, the Lady Dragons avenged a loss to Notre Dame to get back to state, but this year, they are hoping to build on the success of 2024.

The Dragons scheduled a gauntlet of some of the best teams in the state to begin the year, starting 3-5 and finishing third at the Icebreaker Tournament. South head coach Bob Newton hopes the tough start helps his team find their weaknesses early, so they have an entire season to work on them.

"If you want to be the best, you have to beat the best and competing against good, quality squads right there will show us our weaknesses," Newton said. "That gives us a chance to correct that here in practice and cross your fingers that it pays off by the end of the year."

Defensively, the team has allowed double-digit goals in four of their five losses. Newton believes a lot of the issues are fixable, and it's just being there mentally.

"A lot of it is us," Newton said. "Cutting down on turnovers is a big thing for us right now and getting settled."

The Lady Dragons have been consistent offensively through the first eight games of the year. South has scored five or more goals in seven out of its first eight games to start the year. Newton attributes the offensive success to the senior leadership of Makena Touro and Isabel Reimer.

"Makena is having a great beginning of the year on the offensive end," Newton said. "Isabel Reimer is back with us. Last time she played with us was when she was a sophomore, had to deal with some health issues, but she is now back out again. We were very excited about her."

Newton has six seniors for this season; Mary Baker, Adeline Chastain, Berkely Harlow, Marin Redfield, Reimer and Touro. He really likes the leadership all six seniors bring to the squad.

"It's good senior leadership," Newton said. "Five of the girls start, and the last one, Mary Baker, I wish I'd had her all four years, because she's picking up the game quickly. By the end of the season, she's probably going to be competing for a starting position. She's a scrapper out there. She fights for the ball. The thing is she is just learning the game right now. Once she gets there and knows the rules, she

can start reacting instead of thinking."

Touro was a starter last year for South and leads the team this year in points responsible for with 11. She has scored six goals and has assisted on five others in the first five games. She is coming in off the basketball season, and Newton has seen her pick up where she left off last year.

"[Touro] has picked up where she left last year," Newton said. "Coach [Krystal] Hatchett, give credit to her, has worked with us, and vice versa, we work with them. She's been doing some lacrosse when it was possible...She was picking up where she left off last year. She is an incredibly talented young lady that has a bright future ahead at Austin Peay."

Reimer is second in goals scored in the first five games with seven. Newton is proud of Reimer and sees her as an inspiration for others to look to.

"She's an inspiration," Newton said. "What she had to go through for basically two years for her to be able to get back her conditioning and to put the effort in to be in shape and ready to go. The maturity and realizing what she had to do to get ready, so she can make the most of her last year here."

Through five games, freshman Charlie-Anne Hayden has led the team in goals. Newton is happy with her aggressiveness on the offensive end and not being scared to attack. Along with Hayden, freshman Sophia Reimer, Reimer's sister, has really stepped up on the defensive side. Newton has also been really impressed with freshman Emma Marvin.

"Emma Marvin busted her butt this past summer and has made herself into a player that we have complete confidence in," Newton said. "She started a couple of games and brought her off the bench...All three are going to be big cornerstones for sure."

The goalie for the team is junior Claire Scott. She'll be rotating in with last year's starter junior Angela Soto. Scott has made 37 saves this year.

"[Scott] played JV last year and has held her own so far in the season," Newton said. "Considering the way she's played, she's done an admirable job. She worked her butt off this summer and is constantly wanting to improve. That's the kind of kids that you want in your program."

Junior Greta Bushue has caught the eye of Newton this year in the way she's performed and the strides

she's made on the field, scoring three goals. Newton has a lot of trust in Redfield defensively and puts her on the opposing team's best players.

"I love [Redfield's] attitude. I love her work ethic," Newton said. "It doesn't matter who it is, she is going to give her best, and she's going to get out there and give everything that she can to help the team herself, a great kid right there."

South Oldham played in the icebreaker tournament on Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22. The Lady Dragons won their first game of the tournament against Manual 5-4 before falling to Assumption in the next round. South bounced back with a 5-3 win over Christian Academy-Louisville, pushing its record to 3-5 on the year.

Newton wants to concentrate on locking down the region and improving to where they are playing their best come the end of the season and into the post-season.

"I want to concentrate on this region, regional games, and try to control as much of our destiny as we can right now and hope to get a little help to get there," Newton said. "Jeff [Veech], what I'm hearing, OC is having a fantastic beginning. Stu [Bailey], The Godfather

at North Oldham, is going Martha Layne Collins isn't going to be busy. I think we to be a tough matchup. going to roll over, so we're can turn things around."



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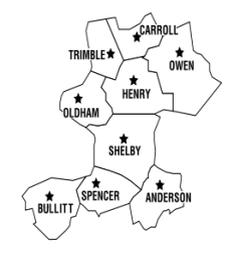
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