

Lady Cavaliers crush competition, out to an 8-0 start

It's been eight games and eight shutouts for the Archbishop Spalding Lady Cavaliers, Severn.

Ranked at the top of the Metro Prep poll to start the season and coming off of a 2006, 19-0-2 record and an IAAM A Conference championship, the Lady Cavs soccer team has just scored again according to the IAAM Web site, powered by DigitalSports.com.

According to the IAAM Web site, the Lady Cavs are ranked first in the nation by StudentSports.com in association with Rivals.com.

On the season thus far, the Cavaliers have out-scored their opponents 33-0 behind a stoked defensive effort from the Cavs' staunch All-Metro goalkeeper, senior Karen Blocker, with 20 saves, coupled with an offensive threat from All-Metro senior forward and team leading scorer Christine Nairn.

For Blocker, this season's eight shutouts now give her 48 career shutouts, and Nairn, who has scored 13 goals in 36 attempts on the season, has reached 56 career goals. Both Blocker and Nairn have set school records and the season is just getting underway.

With Nairn chipping in a third of the goals scored thus far, head coach Bob Dieterle has the balance of underclassmen providing much of the remaining offensive production behind junior Erica Page (nine goals) and sophomore Teresa Doyle (three goals).

The Cavs will be put to the test in mid-October when the conference schedule turns up the heat with McDonogh School and The John Carroll School, Bel Air, waiting for the chance to upset the defending champions.