

Senior-laden soccer team returns with three all-conference honorees

By Steven Slack

Edgerton girls varsity soccer will be led by its large senior class and three returning all-conference honorees from their 7-7 2019 campaign.

Junior Nadia Kim returns after being named an All-Rock Valley midfielder as a freshman. Junior Lizzy Gould and senior Paige Nimmer were both all-conference honorable mentions last time the Tide took the pitch.

Nimmer joins a group of ten other seniors—including goalkeeper Mayra Campos-Drews—that head coach Holly Gould expects to buoy her team.

“All the seniors have a spot on varsity,” Gould told the Edgerton Reporter. “Many of them will play lots of places, so I’m excited to see the seniors get out there.”

The group includes defender Tanya Kogut, who is technically a junior but will be graduating early, as well as MaeAnna Stockel, Kylee Houfe, Amity Rogers, Jenna Siefken, Rashel Renz, Jenna Schweigardt, Bella Osborne and team manager Olivia Krohn.

While many other sports have had issues hitting their normal number of participants, Gould expects 35-40 girls out this spring.

“I would like to think that it’s becoming a more popular sport in Edgerton,” Gould said. “I’m nervous that other programs on our schedule aren’t going to have enough to field a whole team.”

Gould doesn’t think perennial favorite McFarland will have any problem fielding a team, though. McFarland returns four first team all-conference players from 2019.

Evansville and Big Foot are usually right on McFarland’s heels in the standings but only return one first team honoree between them.

“We always compete really well with Evansville every year, and it always feels like we fall just short,” Gould said.

Historically, Edgerton has been just on the outside of those top tier Rock Valley teams, finishing in the middle of the pack with Whitewater, Jefferson and East Troy.

Gould noted that the travel team that girls have previously played on in the



Junior Nadia Kim takes possession of the ball against Lake Mills in 2019. Kim was a second team All-Rock Valley Conference selection last time the Tide took the pitch.

Photo by Angie Shaw

offseason was also shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which means much of the team has gone nearly two years without playing soccer.

“Absolutely, they are very much excited,” Gould responded, when asked if the team was excited to get back to it. “Our mantra this year is, ‘We’re back and better than ever.’”

Gould said she’d like to see the team finish in the top half of the Rock Valley Conference this season,

staying at .500 or above. Regardless of wins and losses, Gould has a persistent philosophy for the team in general.

“It might be the reason we have so many girls out, they know it’s a community. It’s a safe place,” Gould said. “We’ll take anybody, we’ll teach you how to play soccer and by the end of the year you’ll know a whole lot more than when we started.”



Junior Liz Gould battles against a defender from Evansville. In 2019, Gould earned an RVC honorable mention as a freshman.

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