

RCMS Girls Soccer Team Wins First Conference Championship



The 2022 Conference Champion RCMS Girls Soccer Team (Photo by Rick Godbey)

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In perspective, the Russell County Middle School (RCMS) Girls Soccer team is still a young program.

But in just four seasons - one held to a single match due to COVID - the Lady Laker program has soared to amazing heights.

Last week, the RCMS Girls Soccer team won its first-ever conference championship in action May 17 at North Laurel.

The team and community celebrated the accomplishment

with an impromptu parade through Russell Springs and Jamestown.

Russell County defeated rival Wayne County 2-0 to bring home the conference trophy.

Ironically, Wayne County had defeated the RCMS team in earlier district play, and in two other games this season.

The road to the championship included victories over North Laurel, and Meece Middle School - among other formidable opponents.

With nearly 20 wins this season (19-4), the Russell County team had never been to conference play until last week.

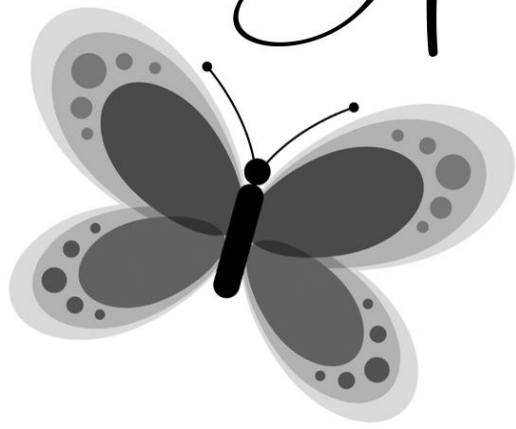
Head Coach Cheryl Newby and Assistant Coach Kirsty Chapman said they were proud of the team and its accomplishments.

"These girls started out the season strong and ended even stronger," Newby said. "They are a great group of girls and we're looking forward to see how their high school season will be."



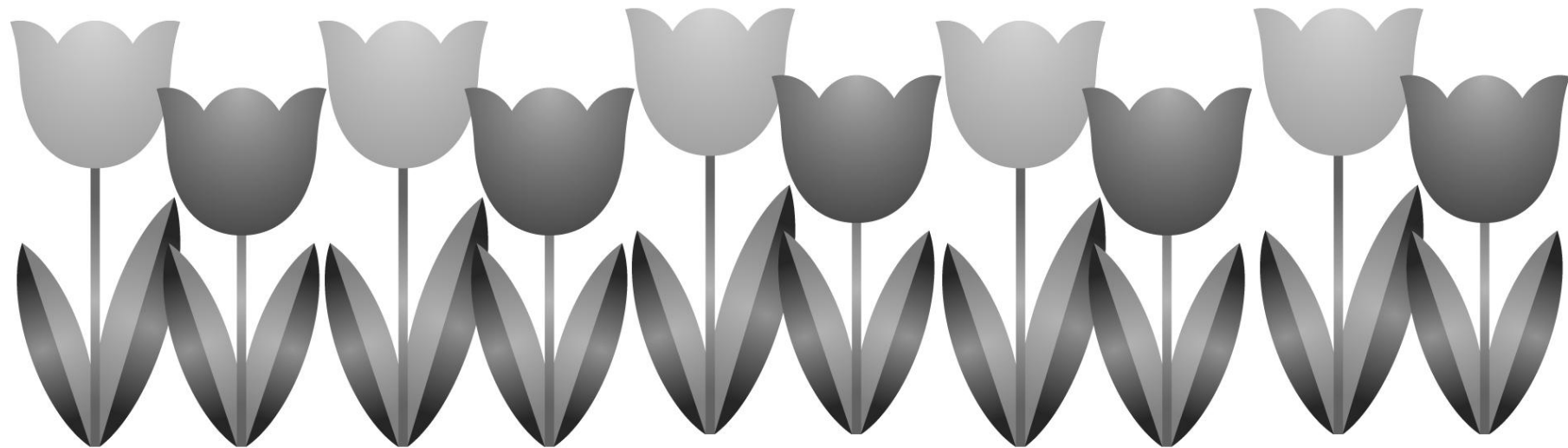
Keith Ellis, left congratulated RCMS Girls Soccer Coach Cheryl Newby, right, on her team's first conference championship. Ellis was Coach Cheryl's high school track and basketball coach, and is now the Athletic Director for her middle school soccer team. He attended the game to show his support.

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