

Chatham Girls' Varsity Soccer
Fall 2009

Coach – David Chrapowitzky
Asst. Coach – Bruce Otto
Asst. Coach – Lindsey Reis

Captains – Rosa Acheson
Abby Berninger
Kayla Clark

Patroon Stats – 9 and 6 finished 5th
Overall Stats – 12 and 7 moved us to 4th place

The Chatham Girls' team had six of our players graduate last year and seven new players joined the team. The 09' team was going to be a very different team. They would have to become used to each other, find their own style of play, and define who they are as a team.

The team struggled through the first half of the season, but started to improve as they went into the second half. The passing and movement started getting a little better with each game and although we still lost to the same teams, we pushed Ichabod, Greenville, and Maple Hill into very close overtime games.

Going into sectionals we were ranked 8th, but in the sectionals the slate is wiped clean and anything can happen. Eight girls were moved up from the JV team for sectionals, Kelsey Frederick, Amanda Cuerdo, Caitlin Gilligan, Katheryn Young, Frieda McEachern, Cheyenne Shufelt, Elizabeth Paolucci, and Sam Wheeler.

Chatham's first sectional game was against Lake George the 9th seed. The team wanted to show that they were better than their 8th seed would indicate. Chatham beat Lake George 6-0 and all of the JV players were all able to see playing time in the game.

Hoosick was our next game at Hoosick Falls and they were the #1 seed 13-1-0. Chatham was definitely going in as the underdog. The Chatham girls decided that they would not play a defensive game – that they would attack and put everything we had into winning. The game was very physical and fast paced and Chatham pushed hard for the full 80 minutes. During the second half Regina Behn scored off a pass from Caroline Connor giving Chatham the only goal they would need – they held Hoosick scoreless and won the game 1-0. The Hoosick Falls game was our best game of the year. We toppled the #1 seed – it was one of the biggest upsets in section 2 soccer.

Galway was next and the girls went into it as the underdog. It was a very physical game and everyone stepped up, played hard and walked away with a 2-0 win. The win also put Chatham into the Championship for class CC against Cambridge. The Cambridge game

was another hard fought game; however, when the final whistle blew we lost 0-2. We ended up the Class CC runner up. In the Sectionals the Chatham Girls made it further than anyone thought they could. They played extremely well, and everyone stepped up. Brittany Lossow and the team recorded three shutouts in sectionals – one against the #1 seed. The Chatham Girls' turned an okay season into a great season and raised the bar a lot higher for next year.

Cailey Nieto led our scoring with 12 goals and 9 assists – she played with speed and agility.

Taylor Wenk is the power forward able to push through defenders and score.

Alyssa Keeler has great skill and can pass and shoot with accuracy.

Amanda Taylor and Melyssa Sweet both read the game well and can be counted on to score when things get tough.

Caroline Connor, Regina Behn, Rosa Acheson and Abby Wheeler control the middle of the field – all making long runs transitioning from defense to offense. Dawn Lensink with her left foot adds that extra bit to the midfield.

Vicky Bemiss, Abby Berninger, Kayla Clark, Jenelle Wallace, Caley Van Brunt, Leah Layton and Danielle Carrizales all work well together and play hard defense.

Brittany Lossow, 157 saves, 24 goals against, 3 shutouts in sectional play. Next year should be very interesting.