

## EAST JUNIATA GIRLS SOCCER

# Veteran squad looks to continue past successes

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**COCOLAMUS** — If East Juniata's Tri-Valley League opponents are hoping to dethrone the Tigers, let them be warned that this year's version is once again deep in talent.

Sure, East Juniata lost eight players to graduation, including attacking midfielder Katie Eichman. Then again, the team returns 10 veterans from a powerhouse that went 16-2 while sweeping TVL play a year ago. There will be some additions and changes, of course, but the Tigers definitely have the field covered.

In particular, watch out for a group of multitasking seniors. Kayla Hoke, Lauren Maguire and Ashlyn Erhard will lead a volatile attack. Autumn Dressler and Michelle Mease will anchor the defensive line.

"Many of our senior players have had four years of varsity time, which will help in bringing leadership on the field," said coach Lori Goodling, who is entering her fifth season at the East Juniata helm. "In fact, all of the players we put on the field will have had a lot of soccer experience."

With half the team comprising juniors and seniors, Goodling has welcomed a spirited battle for starting positions. Other seniors are Brooke Maneval, Taylor Marker, Molly Scholl, Gracen Schilling, Kiley Sheaffer and Zetta Zettlemoyer. The junior class is also quite strong with Alyssa Aucker, McKayla Goodling, Mackenzie Martin, Maddie Trego, Brooke Kitting, Kayla Snyder and Amanda Weidner.

Having long emphasized



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Members of the East Juniata girls soccer team are, from left, front, Jordan Sheaffer, Cheyenne Ryan, Miranda Minium, Brooke Marker, Kasi Horning, Kaitlynn Carlino and Lydia Hunter; second row, Callie Shambaugh, Amber Knouse, Jordan Crissman, Kayla Parr, Chelsey Leister, Hope Gingrich, Hannah Scholl, Maddie Plesce and Ashlyn Guyer; third row, coach Lori Goodling, Mackenzie Martin, Kayla Snyder, Amanda Weidner, Brooke Kitting, McKayla Goodling, Alyssa Aucker, Maddie Trego and coach Shawn Trego; fourth row, Gracen Schilling, Kiley Sheaffer, Brooke Maneval, Taylor Marker and Lauren Maguire; back, Molly Scholl, Zetta Zettlemoyer, Ashlyn Erhard, Michelle Mease, Autumn Dressler and Kayla Hoke. Macie Snyder, Sam Zeigler, Mihayla Seiger and Samantha Ackerman also are members.

### AT A GLANCE

#### EAST JUNIATA TIGERS

District 4, Class A

Coach: Lori Goodling, assisted by Andy Goodling, Shawn Trego, Rick Becker and Lindsey Nipple  
2011: 16-2, 5-0 Tri-Valley League

fundamentals, Goodling is more than pleased that her younger players are also smart and talented.

"There will be some juniors and sophomores on the

field," Lori Goodling said, "There is a lot of potential. However, we are not yet set on the starting lineup."

Either Zettlemoyer or sophomore Lydia Hunter will be charged with protecting the net.

"We're starting over in goal and half of our defense," Goodling said. "But we have a couple of good players stepping up and showing a lot of growth in learning, so we are happy to see the desire."

Goodling has little concern that the defense might be vulnerable. But even if there is a learning curve, she

said the players can handle the stress - the midfield is highly skilled and the front line is downright dangerous.

"We have a lot of speed," she said. "Our offense is pretty good. We have a good mixture all over the field. We'll be alright."

Can the Tigers be as dynamic as last season?

"One of the girls' goals is to win the league title again," Goodling said. "They totally know that for a championship to be achieved we will need to focus on one game at a time."

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