

## EAST JUNIATA GIRLS SOCCER

## Tigers' goal is to repeat last year's success on field

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## AT A GLANCE

EAST JUNIATA  
TIGERS

District 4, Class A

Coach: Lori Goodling,  
assisted by Andy  
Goodling, Shawn Trego  
and Jess Thomas  
2012: 16-6-1, 11-0-1 Tri-  
Valley League

COCOLAMUS — A Tri-Valley League championship and a trip to the state tournament are what the Tiger ladies will try to do again in 2013, but in order to accomplish the task, the team will have to find a way to do it without some key players lost to graduation.

East Juniata lost key talent from front to back from last year's championship team. Kayla Hoke, who had a knack for getting the ball in the back of the net, is gone, along with midfielders Lauren McGuire and Ashlyn Erhardt, and defenders Michelle Mease and Autumn Dressler.

"We lost a lot experience and steady play when we lost these girls," coach Lori Goodling said. "Mease and Dressler were a dominating presence on defense as well, but we have some girls coming back who we think can step up and take over."

The Tigers do have two returning players on defense in Maddie Trego and Brooke Kitting who Goodling hopes to build around.

Goodling said she has a mix of veterans and youth to work with.

"We have a mix of some experienced veteran players who have played significant minutes over the past few

years, and who have played in some big games for us," she said. "We also have a lot of younger players who are battling for positions, but lack varsity experience."

Coming back to lead the offense is returning letterwinner McKayla Goodling.

"McKayla has plenty of veteran experience on offense and has good finishing skills," Lori Goodling said. "We are looking to her to provide leadership out on the field."

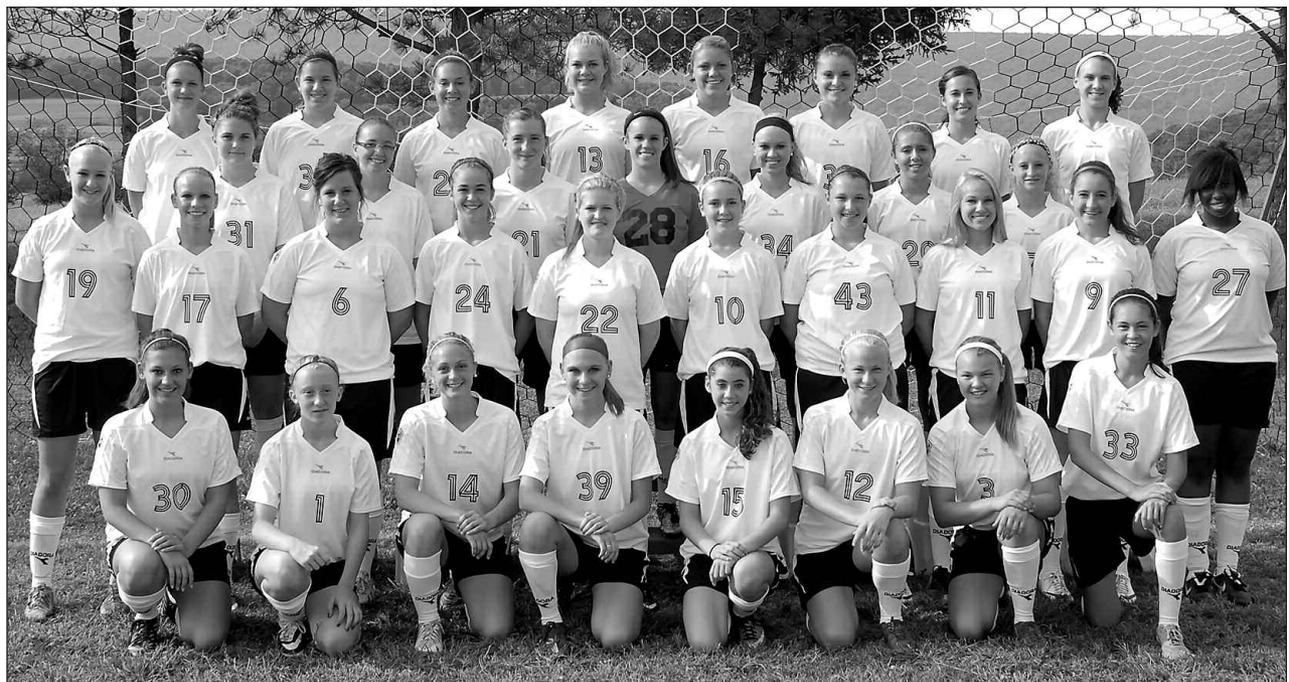
Coach Goodling also is looking to Amber Knouse and her speed to be a contributor up top.

Returning to help solidify the midfield is Kasi Horning.

"Kasi gives us good balance in the midfield, and she's a good decision maker on the field," Goodling noted.

There are plenty of younger players vying for spots on this year's squad, and Goodling is hoping some of them will step it up this year.

"We have a lot of players who can step up and create



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Members of the East Juniata girls soccer team are, from left, front, Chelsey Leister, Jessica Kuhn, Kasi Horning, Kayla Parr, Latoria Kauffman, Laurel Amey, Mackenzie McDonald and Sheanel Eaton; second row, Elizabeth Weidner, Sarah Kerstetter, Maddie Plesce, Mariah Brubaker, Cheyanne Ryan, Brianna Dysinger, Erin Heimbach, Ashlyn Guyer, Hannah School and Gwenninna Zettlemoyer; third row, Brooke Marker, Sam Ziegler, Noel Smith, Lydia Hunter, Callie Shambaugh, Hannah Wileman and Emily Kline; fourth row, Jordan Crissman, Alyssa Aucker, Mackenzie Martin, Amanda Weidner, Maddie Trego, Brooke Kitting, McKayla Goodling and Amber Knouse.

good chemistry on the field, but being early, only time will tell who comes out of their shell and contribute for us this season," she said.

Goodling may have lost some key players from their championship team of a year ago, but she is expecting good things from her veterans.

"One of our strengths is our veterans that are returning. They provide us with a

lot of experience at this level, and hopefully they will step up and provide the leadership we need to succeed this year," she said. "On the other hand, we also have a lot of younger players without much varsity experience, and we will need them to step it up for us this season."

When talking about setting goals for the season, of course the girls would like to get

back to states, she said.

"The girls always set goals to obtain, and there is no doubt we would like to get back to states, especially after the 1-0 loss in the first round," Goodling said. "Another TVL title is also on the list, but we know we have to work hard once again and take it one game at a time."

Speaking of the Tri-Valley League, Goodling sees Juni-

ata as a strong team and a top contender, and thinks that Halifax and Lancaster County Day could bring some challenges.

"Our hope is that we would be one of the contenders as well, but we know that it is going to take hard work to get there," she said.

But then, Goodling knows from experience what it takes to get there.

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