SHOREGAL GAMEDAY

Our 33rd Season

Game 7 vs. Brunswick

Saturday September 6, 2025

JV 5:00 pm Varsity 7:00 pm

ALHS Memorial Stadium

Records:

2024 – Brunswick 4-11-3

2024 – 0-3-1

2024 - Avon Lake 13-6-3

2025 – 2-2-2 JV 4-0-1

Last Game/Next Game:

Brunswick – 1-1 draw with Mentor

Next game – 9/8 at Jackson

Avon Lake – 0-1 loss to Amherst

Next game – 9/10 at Elyria

Players to Watch:

For Brunswick:

#16 Cam Petty - she is a senior midfielder.

#12 Sydney Rice - she is a senior defender/mid.

#13 Abby Morgan - she is a junior defender and is a team captain.

#14 Lily Shorts - she is a senior defender/mid.

#7 Peighton Railey - she is a senior defender.

Their GK this year is **Abbie Burgess** who is a junior and in her first year as the starter.

Game Preview:
This is a team that we do not have much info on as they do not report their stats or post video. Their formation in past years was a 4-4-2 with a flat 4 across the back and we can probably expect to see the same again this year. They have scored only one goal in four games so far. We expect that **#16 Cam Petty** will be a main offensive threat. Look for her to work with **#21 Katie Callahan, #19 Natalie Davis, & #17 Camryn Sheets** up front to create scoring chances. Defense is the strength of this team. They held 3 very good teams to just 5 goals in 3 games including a late 1-0 loss to Walsh Jesuit who was the Div. I State runner up last year. They have a new starter in goal this year in **Abbie Burgess**, but she seems to be doing a very good job so far. This should be a good matchup.

Amherst Game Recap:
It was a beautiful September evening, but the ending was hardly picturesque for the Shoregals as they dropped 0-1 decision to Amherst. This was another epic close fought matchup between these two teams. In their most recent history of the last 10 meetings, 6 were decided by one goal or were ties.

In the first half, as would be expected when two very good teams face each other, much of the action was in the middle third of the field. #26 Paige Miller of Amherst did get an early shot off that AL GK **Catherine Fazio** needed to make a leaping save on. **Kate Murray** had the lone shot on goal of the half for Avon Lake which was saved by Amherst GK Haydn Beischlag. The Comets best chance of the half happened with a few minutes left when #8 Sienna Rebman was fed a pass from #26 Miller and had a point blank shot at goal which **Fazio** was able to save. Then with 2 minutes left, Miller sent another shot in that **Fazio** made a diving deflection for the save. The half would finish out in a stalemate at 0-0.

In the second half, the back and forth battle continued. There would be two or three passes and the other team would win the ball back. The game felt as if it would be a one goal game and whoever got that first goal would come out on top. As would be a theme the entire night, #26 Paige Miller of Amherst was always in the middle of a scoring opportunity and it happened once again as she gathered in a ball being cleared out from the AL defensive end. She had both space and time and sent a high ball towards goal just under the crossbar and not able to be stopped by Fazio to give Steele a 1-0 lead with 26 minutes left. Avon Lake needed to get going and start pressuring the Amherst goal, but the Comets were able to hold firm.

Avon Lake had one last great opportunity to score when they got a corner kick with 5 mins to go. **Cam Koski** sent the kick into the box where it was batted away by the Amherst GK. The ball was played around a bit by both teams and ended up at the feet of **Sophia Lewis** who sent a shot at the goal which had the Amherst GK beat, but a perfectly positioned defender was there to kick it away from goal. AL would not get another good look and time would run out leaving the Shoregals short a goal at a 0-1 final.

In JV action, of course it would be a close, hard fought game that ended in a 0-0 draw. **Ella Luczak** recorded her 4th shutout of the year and the JV defense has only allowed 1 goal all season. Great work!!!

All Time Series:
Our all time record vs. Brunswick is just 2-5-3 and the two victories came decades apart – one way back in 1998 and the other just last year.

Coaching Staffs:
Brunswick – Head Coach **Scott Ward** – 13th season at Brunswick; Assistant Coaches – **Sam Hitchcock, Colin Curtis, Dan Allen, Grace Silvestro**

Avon Lake – Head Coach **Doug Buczak** – 2nd year; Assistant Coaches – **Dino Sansotta** – 6th year, **Emma Kovach** – 2nd year, **Dana Raponi** – 1st year

A Look Back at the 2024 Game vs Brunswick:
The Shoregals came to town for an afternoon game with the Blue Devils, but the only one that was blue after this contest was Brunswick as they fell 1-0 to Avon Lake.

The first half was a battle between two evenly matched teams and the action was mainly in the middle third of the field as has been the case in many of the Shoregals' games so far this season. The 'Gals actually did not muster a shot in the first half, but their defense was stellar as they held the two main scorers for Brunswick - Cam Petty and Bri Bradbury without a shot on goal in the entire match.

The second half looked as if it would be more of the same, but the Shoregals started to attack the Brunswick goal as **Ava Ceo, Tera Sansotta, & Cam Koski** all got off shots on goal, but nothing in the back of the net. The game looked as if

it was destined for a tie, but then **Olivia Lengel** got the ball and made run down the right side and hit a hard shot that appeared to be going in, but then knicked off the right post and deflected away. Fifteen seconds later, Olivia had the ball back again off a ball that was headed out of the air by **Claire David** and came back with a vengeance with a blast from the right side of the box and the only thing that was going to be posted this time was the winning score. After the goal, Brunswick pushed hard and most of the remaining 7 minutes was played in the Shoregal end, but the AL defense would not break and assured a 1-0 victory. Kudos go out once again to the foursome of **Evelyn Ritt** who cleared off a couple of balls away from goal during the match, **Bri Weber, Tera Sansotta**, & **Kate Murray** with help from **Frankie Persia** dropping back from the midfield and **Catherine Fazio** in goal with her third consecutive shutout.

In JV action, something happened that has not occurred in the season so far…..the Shoregals were held scoreless in a 0-2 loss to the Brunswick JVs. Even with the loss, the JVs still have a fine 4-2-0 record and will be back at it on Monday.

Did you know???

For Brunswick – that they won State Championships in Boys Rugby in 2017 & 2018 and in Girls Rugby in 2014, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024, & 2025. That they compete in the Greater Cleveland Conference with schools such as Medina, Mentor, Shaker Hts. & Strongsville Nickname: Blue Devils

For Avon Lake – that we are the 4th largest school in Div. III for the current season and in comparison, Brunswick is a mammoth high school with over 1,000 girls and is the 12th largest high school in Ohio and is in Div. I.

That we are also big on Rugby in Avon Lake and the boys team were State Division II champions in 2015 and 2019; DI state champions in 2021, and Division II Club state champions in 2025.

Shorelines:

As promised in the last edition, we did a little research into the fastest goals ever scored to start a game and this is what we have so far:

1) :18 seconds – **Molly Conway** vs. Midview in 2025

2) :22 seconds – **Rachel Sheehan** vs. Valley Forge in 2021

3) :40 seconds – **Erika Parker** vs. Elyria in 2021

Not the easiest bit of data to research, but we will look through the archives a little more to verify the fastest goals……stay tuned…..

Shoregal Spotlight:
This time we will spotlight several Shoregals who had great seasons in a different sport last Spring. We will headline with **Rileigh Scarvelli and Kaitlyn Warner** who both competed in Track & Field this past Spring – Rileigh with Avon Lake High School and Kaitlyn with Learwood Middle School.

Rileigh had an incredible season for a freshman as she was named 2025 Southwestern Conference MVP – Field Events. After winning many times at individual meets, she capped off her season at the State Championship meet. She had a tremendous afternoon at the State Track Meet by placing 5th in the Discus & 8th in the Shotput earning All-Ohio honors in both. I believe she is the first athlete to earn All-Ohio in two different events as a Freshman in ALHS history! I am not aware of any athlete earning two All-Ohio designations as a freshman in all sports combined….Wow!!!

Rileigh was also the Indoor Div II State Champion,in both the Shot Put and the Weight Throw….double Wow!!!.....that was quite a Freshman year!!! 👏👏👏





Kaitlyn Warner ran for Learwood last Spring and was the SWC Middle School champion in the 100, 200, & 400….Wow!!! She then moved on to the 7th & 8th grade State Meet where she finished 3rd in the 400, 11th in the 200, and 13th in the 100. She holds several Learwood school records and her personal best in the 400 is a sizzling 58.41 and she has a best of 12.59 in the 100 and 26.09 in the 200. She has also competed at the New Balance & Adidas national indoor meets.



We also want to mention **Cam Koski** who was All-SWC 2nd team in the 300M hurdles and **Rylee Post** who finished 2nd at the SWC Middle school meet in the Pole Vault which is one of the most difficult events.

Rylee Post on the podium….


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