

# Women's Soccer Falls in Season Opener at Home

**JERSEY CITY, N.J.** — The New Jersey City University women's soccer team opened its 2023 campaign this afternoon, Friday, Sept. 1, hosting St. Joseph's University-Long Island at the Thomas M. Gerrity Athletic Complex on Robert L. McNulty Memorial Soccer Field. The visiting Golden Eagles spoiled the Gothic Knights season-opener as they took the match, 2-0.

NJCU (0-1) traded shot-for-shot with the Golden Eagles (1-0) early in the first half, including one by freshman midfielder Bella Moore in her debut. Sophomore goalkeeper Sophia Mannino protected the net from several Golden Eagle attacks, but St. Joe's was unrelenting. In the 39th minute, SJLI broke through the Gothic Knight defense and took a 1-0 lead. The Golden Eagles scored again just two minutes later, shortly after a Gothic Knight deflection just outside of their penalty box. NJCU would take two more shots in the first half, but trailed 2-0 halfway through.

In the second half, the Gothic Knights outshot St. Joe's, 6-5, but were unable to get any past the Golden Eagles' keeper. Mannino protected the net for NJCU, making two more saves. However, despite a much better second half defensively, the NJCU offense was unable to bring the squad back into the game.

## Up Next:

The NJCU women's soccer team looks to bounce back following a four-day break, taking on the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., on Wednesday evening, Sept. 6. That match is scheduled for kickoff at 7:00 p.m.