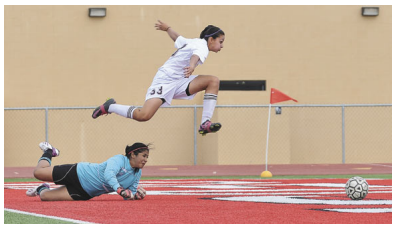

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With the wind in their face and trailing 2-1, a comeback against an opponent that had dominated the Lady Redskins in recent memory seemed unlikely.

But two second half goals against the wind and a shutout of the Lady Red Demons in the final 40 minutes gave the Lady Redskins a 3-2 victory and a third-place finish in the Western Athletic Conference.

Dodge took an early 1-0 lead, but Carolina Limon tied the game with 16:50 to play in the first half when she was able to get around the Lady Red Demon goalkeeper high in the box and score on an open net.

A deflected pass deep in the Lady Redskins end of the field allowed Dodge City to take a 2-1 lead with 8:07 to play in the first half, and the Lady Redskins couldn’t answer.

Freshman Jasmine Chacon took over in the second half. Chacon received a pass from Crystal Vela and scored while the goalkeeper again came away from the net to tie the game 2-2.

Dodge City had a scoring opportunity but was called for offsides.

Liberal continued to keep the ball against the turf and advance against the Lady Red Demons, and with 21:10 to play, Chacon received a pass from Kelly Ramirez and scored her second goal of the game to put the Lady Redskins ahead 3-2.

The Liberal defense took over, and the Lady Redskins were abel to prevent any further scoring chances while narrowly missing another goal of their own in the final three minutes to secure the win.

“Every senior wants it, but this season was different,” senior Joanna Campos said. “Every single girl wanted it. It was like this was everyone’s senior night. We deserve it so much.”

Playing at home was also a plus for the Lady Redskins.

“Usually when we are away, I don’t know if it is the bus smell or the bathroom smell on the bus, but there is something that is always missing on away games,” Campos said. “It feels so good to play here at home, and knowing it is our closing WAC game and having the feeling of redemption keeps us going.”