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In what has become fairly common for the Marion girls soccer team, senior forward Kristin Kramer provided the offensive punch as the Indians beat Vinton-Shellsburg 6-0 on Friday at Marion.

Kramer, who broke the school record for goals on Monday, was a constant thorn in the side of the Vinton-Shellsburg defense as she peppered the goal with shots, getting four into the net.

“She has a nose for the goal, I keep saying it,” said Marion Coach Becky Herman. “She is not afraid to shoot, but she also passes the ball. If there are people there she will knock it over to them. I tell her if she gets a look to take it.”

But Kramer was not alone offensively for the Indians (4-1, 3-1 Wamac). The whole team was able to dominate possession and keep the ball in the attacking third nearly the whole game. Freshman Ashley Lehl and senior Jasmine Grindeland punched in the other two goals for Marion.

“We moved the ball together really well today,” Kramer said. “We had a lot of good passing and people made good cuts and diagonal runs. Today we definitely worked well together.”

The Indians have exploded out of the gates offensively this season, scoring 17 goals in the team's first five games. Although 13 of those goals have come off the foot of Kramer, she attributes the offensive output to the good movement the Indians have had offensively this so far this year.

“Our outside mids do a great job of crossing balls in,” Kramer said. “We just make good passes

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Herman was also pleased that she was able to work her entire team into the game against the Vikettes (1-5, 1-5). She was also able to get creative and let players try their hand at some positions they normally do not play.

“It was nice to slow the pace down just a little bit just to see where everyone is,” Herman said. “I got to play all my players and give some kids playing time that don’t always get playing time.”

Marion 6, Vinton-Shellsburg 0

Goals -- Marion: Ashley Lehl (5th min.), Kristin Kramer 4 (10th, 22nd, 48th, and 69th min.), Jasmine Grindeland (73rd min.). Assists -- Marion: Lexie Rael 2, Emily North, Tori Pratt.