

Sioux City North 3, Denison 2
Denison falls to 1-4 this season

Shots: Sioux City North 19, Denison 5
Shots on goal: Sioux City North 15, Denison 3
Saves: Amy Estrada had 12 saves in goal for the Lady Monarchs
Halftime score: Tied 2-2

Goals: North scored just 1:26 into the match on a counter following a Denison possession. North got a 1 on 1 with Estrada from 12 yards out following a bad touch in the middle of the field resulting in a thru ball between the gap of the Lady Monarch defenders.

Denison tied the score with 21:58 remaining in the half on Paulina Baeza's 5th goal of the season, assisted by Magaly Villa (1st assist of season), on a shot from 18 yards out. Villa had the ball on the right wing and centered a pass to Baeza who hit the shot over the keeper.

North went ahead with 16:31 remaining in the half on a counter following a Denison possession. The ball was inside the box and the Lady Monarchs failed to clear the ball which resulted in North getting a 1 on 1 shot from 10 yards out.

Denison tied the score with 4:35 remaining in the half on Whitlee Auen's 3rd goal of the season, assisted by Paulina Baeza (4th assist of season). Denison countered a North possession and Baeza got the ball on the right wing and centered to Auen who hit the shot from 20 yards out.

North scored the final goal with 24:19 remaining in the match. North countered a Denison possession and played the ball to the corner. North's forward dribbled towards the goal and dropped a pass to a midfielder who was unmarked from 12 yards out and finished the shot.

Comments by Coach Eller: "North did a nice job controlling possession with short passes and opening up without the ball to create passing lanes. We would possess at times but too often lost the ball with a bad touch receiving a pass or a pass off the mark resulting in losing possession. Our 2 goals were great shots created by controlling possession with short passes. We had some chances in the 2nd half to score, but either our shots were off target or we weren't able to get a shot off due to a bad 1st touch. Defensively, we forced them to shoot from outside the box for most of their shots, but we made mistakes that resulted in all 3 of their goals. We had bad touches which kept possession with North in our defensive third of the field. All of those mistakes led to close shots with no defender between the ball and the keeper. We need to keep our heads up and keep working on our touches and passing as soccer is very much a possession game. On a sour note, it appears Anahi Velasco suffered a potentially serious injury during the 1st half. We are all wishing Anahi the best and we hope the injury is not serious".