

D-S 2, Tri-Center 0
D-S improves to 5-2-1 this season

Shots: D-S 18, Tri-Center 9
Shots on goal: D-S 10, Tri-Center 7
Saves: Sam Chandler had 7 saves in goal for the Lady Monarchs
Halftime score: D-S 1, Tri-Center 0

Goals: 1) Libby Leon scored her 2nd goal of the season with 21:15 remaining in the 1st half. Tri-Center took a goal kick and played short. Shelby Lima pressured the TC defender, who kicked the ball down the sideline. Leon stole their pass and hit a 1 touch shot from 25 yards out on the left wing into the side net on the right side of the goal.

2) Libby Leon scored her 3rd goal of the season with 9:06 remaining in the match. The goal was assisted by Anayahira Bernal (3rd assist of season) and Karla Sanchez (5th assist of season). Bernal stole the ball from a Tri-Center midfielder at the D-S 40 yard line near the sideline and dribbled by another defender. Bernal drew another defender to her so she passed the ball 17 yards forward to Sanchez running to the right post. Sanchez dribbled 13 yards down the right wing and was immediately double teamed. Sanchez switched the ball across the field and forward 10 yards to Leon running the left post. Leon 1 touched a shot from 20 yards out of the left post into the upper 90 degree angle of the left post and crossbar.

Comments by Coach Eller: "We played very well tonight, especially in the 1st half. I thought the 1st half was our best half of soccer so far this season. Tri-Center is ranked #11 in the state in 1A and they came into the match undefeated at 6-0-2. Granted, they were missing 4 starters due to being at a track meet, but that doesn't take away from how well we played. Tri-Center's team is still very good, especially on defense, without those 4 players and they're very well coached so it's not like we beat a bad team. Our 2 goals were great shots that came from great teamwork. Libby was due to break out as she's had so many near misses this season and has had some bad luck getting a goal called back that shouldn't have been called back. Her first goal was a great shot, but she doesn't get that opportunity if Shelby Lima doesn't put great pressure on Tri-Center's defender deep in their territory. Her 2nd goal was a total team effort. It started with great defense stopping a counter by Tri-Center. We had everybody marked up and Tri-Center tried to force a pass through the middle, which we stopped and cleared it out wide which was received by a Tri-Center midfielder. Anayahira made a great play with a steal from one player and then dribbled by another player. That caused their defense to vacate the middle and shift to our right side. Anayahira made a great decision and pass to Karla, who made another great decision and pass to Libby who was wide open due to us making their defense shift. Any bad touch there and we don't get a shot off. Defensively, we were very solid again, stopping their counters and forcing them to take shots from further out. We defended corner kicks better than we did in the Logan game, so it was great to see that improvement. Our passing, teamwork and trust in each other was really fun to watch. Congratulations to the Lady Monarchs on a great team win against a very tough team".