

Denison 3, Creston 0

Denison improves to 1-1 this season and 1-0 in the Hawkeye 10

Shots: Denison 18, Creston 4
Shots on goal: Denison 10, Creston 4
Saves: Belinda Pancho had 4 saves in goal for the Lady Monarchs
Halftime score: Denison 1, Creston 0

Goals: 1) Nadia Medina scored her 1st goal of the season 4:28 into the match, assisted by Giana Garcia (1st assist) and Alejandra Cardenas (1st assist). Giana took a throw-in 49 yards out and threw it to Alejandra 25 yards out down the left sideline. Alejandra won the ball in the air and deflected it off her side towards the left hashmark. Nadia ran up to the ball, took 1 dribble and hit the shot from 21 yards out just outside the left hashmark.

2) Jocelyn Serrato scored her 1st goal of the season with 31:09 remaining in the match. Keily Rodriguez had a shot on goal that was saved by Creston. Their goalkeeper punted the ball and Jocelyn stole the punt 37 yards out, took 1 dribble and hit the shot from 32 yards out, even with the right post, catching their keeper up in the box following the punt.

3) Michelle Palma scored her 1st goal of the season with 26:45 remaining in the match, assisted by Azul Centeno (1st assist) and Jaslene Jimenez (1st assist). Sicara Arevalo stole a pass from a Creston midfield at the Denison 32 yard line. Sicara passed the ball 50 yards ahead to Alejandra Aragon in the left corner 28 yards from the goal. Alejandra took 1 dribble and passed the ball to Azul Centeno running the left wing 12 yards from the goal. Azul took 1 dribble and centered the ball to Jaslene Jimenez 6 yards from the goal. Jaslene mishit a shot, but the ball deflected towards the right post where Michelle finished the shot from 4 yards out.

Comments by Coach Eller: "We had a great bounce back game tonight. We played much better than we did against Riverside. Our defense and goalkeeping were spot on all night, limiting Creston to just a few shots and none coming inside of 15 yards. Offensively, we played with much more confidence and pace. Nadia's goal was a shot where she didn't have much space as 2 Creston defenders were closing on her. We've been saying in practice that they don't need much space to shoot, but if they have the space to take a shot they need to take the shots. We probably wouldn't have taken that shot Tuesday night. All of our goals came off passes that were either 1 or 2 touches, so we played fast and created great shots because we moved the ball faster than their defense could move their feet. We got a lot of girls into the game as that was important because we will have 5 games in 10 days and I don't want our girls' legs to be too tired for the rest of the season. Everybody who got in did a great job! It was a great team win! We need to keep working on playing with pace and we are continuing to gain confidence with ourselves and with our teammates".