

Denison 1, Atlantic 0

Denison improves to 7-6-2 this season and 4-3 in the Hawkeye 10 Conference

Shots: Denison 10, Atlantic 8
Shots on goal: Atlantic 6, Denison 5
Saves: Belinda Pancho had 5 saves in goal and Michelle Palma had 1 save as a defender for the Lady Monarchs.
Halftime score: Denison 1, Atlantic 0

Goal: Alejandra Cardenas scored her 4th goal of the season, assisted by Giana Garcia (3rd assist of the season), with 13:31 remaining in the 1st half. Giana took a throw-in from the Denison 48 yard line and threw the ball 22 yards in the air to the Atlantic 30, where it took a big bounce over the head of the Atlantic defender leading to a footrace near the top of the box. Atlantic's goalkeeper came out of the box and kicked the ball 19 yards from the goal, but her kick went right into the leg of the Atlantic defender who was in the footrace. The ball ricocheted backwards in the air and Alejandra beat 2 Atlantic defenders to the ball, hitting the shot from 10 yards out with her left foot.

Comments by Coach Eller: "This game was a defensive battle as both teams played good defense and both teams struggled on offense. Our goal was a great hustle play following a great throw-in. Unfortunately, we weren't able to create many good looks at shots in the flow of our offense. Our movement without the ball was lacking and we weren't able to get many passes through the gaps in Atlantic's defense, instead passing the ball right to their defenders' feet over and over. We lacked good, aggressive, diagonal passing and we lacked switching the field. So, Atlantic was able to keep everything in front of them except for the 1 goal that we got. We created several 1 on 1 chances, but we weren't able to get shots off very often when we created those chances. Defensively, we were very solid except for 1 breakdown that led to a corner kick that nearly tied the game. Michelle Palma had a great save as a defender on a hard shot on goal from 4 yards out by Atlantic during that corner kick. It was a great conference win and a very positive Senior Night for our 11 seniors: Valeria Acosta, Xochi Arellano, Krystal Barroso, Ashlyn Dionicio, Giana Garcia, Nadia Medina, Belinda Pancho, Keily Rodriguez, Ingrid Salas, Jocelyn Serrato and manager Katerin Rodriguez".