

D-S 5, Atlantic 0

D-S finishes the regular season 9-6-2 and 2-5 in Hawkeye 10 Conference Games

Lady Monarchs finish in 6th place in the Hawkeye 10 Conference

Shots: D-S 27, Atlantic 8
Shots on goal: D-S 15, Atlantic 8
Saves: Sam Chandler had 8 saves in goal for the Lady Monarchs.
Halftime score: D-S 1, Atlantic 0

Goals: 1) Leilany Morales scored her 1st goal of the season, assisted by Janet Castillo (4th assist of season) 4:52 into the match. Jocelyn Serrato stole a pass from an Atlantic player at the 45 yard line and passed the ball to Leilany Morales at the 30 yard line. Leilany passed the ball to Rosy Segoviano near the right sideline at the 20 yard line. Rosy passed the ball up to Anayahira Bernal 10 yards out on the right wing. Anayahira centered the ball to Janet Castillo who was 10 yards out near the right post. Janet dropped a pass back to Leilany who hit the shot from 15 yards out on the right wing. The shot went off the left post and into the net.

2) Anayahira Bernal scored her 13th goal of the season, assisted by Jocelyn Serrato (3rd assist of the season) 2:27 into the 2nd half on a header off of a corner kick from the left corner. Jocelyn Serrato stole a pass from Atlantic at the 42 yard line near the right sideline. Jocelyn centered a pass to Karla Sanchez at the 22 yard line. Karla swung a pass intended for Xochi Arellano running to the left wing. Atlantic's defender got to the ball first and kicked the ball out of bounds, giving D-S the corner kick. Jocelyn put the kick 6 yards out and Anayahira beat the Atlantic defender to the ball and headed it into the goal just inside the left post.

3) Anayahira Bernal scored her 14th goal of the season, assisted by Xochi Arellano (4th assist of the season) on a counter with 24:06 remaining in the match. Leilany Carrasco stole a pass from an Atlantic player at the D-S 20 yard line and passed the ball to Xochi on our 40 yard line. Xochi dribbled the ball 20 yards to the 40 yard line, drew another defender and passed the ball to Anayahira at the 25 yard line. Anayahira dribbled the ball around an Atlantic defender and hit the shot from 16 yards out on the right wing just inside the right post.

4) Jimena Lupian scored her 2nd goal of the season, assisted by Jocelyn Serrato (4th assist of the season) off of a corner kick with 18:19 remaining in the match. Nadia Medina stole a pass from an Atlantic player at the 40 yard line on the left sideline and passed the ball up the sideline to Giana Garcia at the 25 yard line. Giana tried to put a thru ball to Anayahira Bernal, but an Atlantic defender kicked the ball right back to Giana, who passed the ball to Karla Sanchez in the left corner. Karla took the Atlantic defender 1 on 1 towards the goal and the Atlantic defender kicked the ball out of bounds, giving D-S the corner kick. Jocelyn took the kick from the left corner and put the ball 2 yards out just inside the right post. Atlantic's keeper attempted to catch the ball, but didn't get to it before Jimena hit the ball off her thigh into the goal. Jimena and their goalkeeper collided after the ball went into the goal, but since the goalkeeper didn't possess the ball it was a 50/50 ball and not a foul so the goal was good.

5) Michelle Palma scored her 1st goal of the season, assisted by Nadia Medina (1st assist of the season) with 6:40 remaining in the match. Nadia had the ball in the middle of the field at the 20 yard line and swung a pass to Michelle running to the left post at the 10 yard line. Michelle dribbled around 2 defenders and hit the shot from 8 yards out inside the left post.

Comments from Coach Eller: "It was very windy with winds reported at 31 mph, so the wind basically eliminated the outside third of the field on the sideline away from the benches as every ball that went that way blew out of bounds. Our girls did a great job of keeping the passes on the ground and keeping the ball on the side of the field that we could keep the ball in bounds. In the first half, we blew chance after chance by not putting shots on frame. We'd string great passes together to get an open shot and kick them wide or high from inside of 12 yards because we were trying to kick the ball as hard as we could instead of just passing the open shot into the goal. We had opportunities to crash the goal after shots, but we stood and their keeper was able to pick up the ball a few times, without facing any pressure, after not catching the shot cleanly. In the 2nd half, we continued to play well but the difference was we finished much better. We had great passing and effort to get corner kicks and finish corner kicks, we got the ball side to side to create shots and we were aggressive off of the dribble. Once we got up by 4 goals, Atlantic started to get very physically aggressive and fouls weren't being called. It appeared that they were trying to get us back for the collision with their goalkeeper on the 50/50 ball on the corner kick. We got an opportunity to get everybody into the game for a lot of minutes and we got out of that physical game without any injuries, so that was a big plus heading into the postseason. Our defense was very solid all game long as Atlantic had numerous counters off of our possessions, but our defense and midfield shut them all down before they could get off any shots from in close. It was a great way for the seniors to end their regular season career with a road win and a victory in their last conference game".