

Denison 3, Carroll 0  
3rd place game in the Lady Monarch Tournament  
Denison improves to 5-4-1 this season

Shots: Denison 20, Carroll 8  
Shots on goal: Denison 17, Carroll 4  
Saves: Belinda Pancho had 4 saves in goal for the Lady Monarchs  
Halftime score: Denison 2, Carroll 0

Goals: 1) Itzel Palma scored her 1st goal of the season with 33:06 remaining in the 1st half. Itzel stole a goal kick from Carroll and dribbled around the Tigers' defender creating a 1 on 1 with their goalkeeper that she finished from 12 yards out even with the right post, just inside the right post.

2) Ingrid Salas scored her 1st goal of the season with 4:26 remaining in the 1st half, assisted by Michelle Palma (3rd assist of the season) on a counter. Carroll had the ball near the midfield stripe and Denison had a steal, passing the ball to Michelle 50 yards out. Michelle attacked the middle drawing a defender. Michelle passed the ball ahead to Ingrid, creating a 1 on 1 with their middle defender. Ingrid got around the defender and finished the 1 on 1 with their goalkeeper from 8 yards out, just inside the left post.

3) Ingrid Salas scored her 2nd goal of the season with 35:14 remaining in the match. Ingrid stole the ball on a pass from a Tigers' defender about 20 yards from the goal. Ingrid settled the ball and hit the 15 yard shot just under the crossbar.

Comments by Coach Eller: "The girls played very well in this game. We played with more confidence offensively in our 1 on 1 opportunities as 2 of our 3 goals came after beating a defender 1 on 1 and creating a shot. Defensively, we were very solid as we limited Carroll to only 3 or 4 really good shots all game. Luckily, most of those shots were off frame. We played a lot of girls a lot of minutes in this game, as the 3rd 80 minute game in 19 hours was leading to fatigue. Our starting group scored 3 goals in not much more than 40 minutes of playing time. We went several long stretches where we had 7 freshmen and a sophomore who is playing her 1st year of high school soccer on the field at the same time. Those girls played well together, kept the shutout, and gained valuable varsity experience. We still need to get better at splitting the ball through the gaps in opposing defenses and switching the field with diagonal passes instead of sideways passes. Once we improve at that, we will create more shots. We've been playing the ball to the gap between the outside defender and the sideline on counters, or straight down the middle. We haven't been good enough at attacking from the corner when we play the ball wide and straight down the middle usually goes right to the goalkeeper. If we can split the gaps in the middle diagonally, the pass won't go right to the goalkeeper. Overall, we played very well today as a team. Our levels were very good in both games as we didn't push too far up or stay too far back. We passed the ball well both games and used the whole field most of the time in both games. This was a great team win as everybody played well and contributed with good decision making and teamwork"..