

D-S 5, SBL 3
D-S improves to 10-6-2 this season

Shots: Denison 28, SB-L 14
Shots on goal: Denison 20, SB-L 12
Saves: Sam Chandler had 9 saves in goal for the Lady Monarchs
Halftime score: Denison 4, SB-L 1

Goals: 1) Xochi Arellano scored her 2nd goal of the season, assisted by Janet Castillo (5th assist of the season), with 31:08 remaining in the 1st half. Anayahira Bernal stole the ball from a SBL defender in the right corner and dropped a pass to Karla Sanchez who was 15 yards out. Karla was double teamed and dropped a pass to Janet 22 yards out on the right post. Janet centered a pass to Xochi who hit the shot from 18 yards out just inside of the left post.

2) Anayahira Bernal scored her 15th goal of the season, assisted by Giana Garcia (3rd assist of the season) with 18:58 remaining in the 1st half. Giana had a throw-in at our 30 yard line and threw the ball 30 yards to their 40 yard line where Anayahira beat a SBL defender to the ball, dribbled by another defender, dribbling 35 yards and hitting a 5 yard shot just inside the right post.

SBL scored with 8:30 remaining in the 1st half on a volley off of a corner kick from 8 yards out.

3) Anayahira Bernal scored her 16th goal of the season, assisted by Janet Castillo (6th assist of the season), with 8:09 remaining in the 1st half. D-S took the kickoff following their goal and played the ball to Rosy Segoviano on the right sideline. Rosy passed the ball ahead 20 yards to Anayahira, who passed the ball 10 yards ahead to Janet. Janet dribbled 15 yards ahead to their 17 yard line and centered a pass to Anayahira who dribbled by 1 defender and hit a shot from 8 yards out just under the crossbar.

4) Anayahira Bernal scored her 17th goal of the season, assisted by Karla Sanchez (7th assist of the season), with 2:03 remaining in the 1st half. Leilany Carrasco stole a pass from SBL at our 17 yard line and passed down the line to Karla at our 45 yard line. Karla passed the ball over the top of the SBL defense and Anayahira ran the ball down at their 20 yard line. Anayahira dribbled 20 yards with a SBL defender with her step for step and she hit a shot from 10 yards out just inside the left post.

SBL scored with 13:33 remaining in the match on a 35 yard shot following a steal of a Lady Monarch throw-in

5) Anayahira Bernal scored her 18th goal of the season, assisted by Janet Castillo (7th assist of the season), with 4:20 remaining in the match. Xochi Arellano stole a pass from SBL at their 40 yard line, dribbled 5 yards and passed the ball to Janet at their 30 yard line. Janet dribbled 18 yards to their 12 yard line and drew 2 defenders to her. Janet split the gap with a 7 yard pass to Anayahira, who hit the shot from 10 yards out past their diving goalkeeper.

SBL scored with 1:15 remaining on a 42 yard free kick following a handball on a Lady Monarch midfielder.

Comments by Coach Eller: "Congratulations to the Lady Monarchs on a great post season win! I thought we played very well offensively creating many great scoring opportunities. We had some good chances that ended up with shots not on goal and their goalkeeper had some great saves in 1 on 1 chances or we could have scored several more goals. We passed well enough and moved without the ball well enough to score several more goals than the 5 that we got. We did a great job of drawing their best defender one way and passing the ball the other way to get some good 1 on 1 opportunities. Congratulations to Anayahira for her 4 goals and congratulations to Janet for her 3 assists! They did most of the finishing, but the entire team had great passing and used the entire field very well. We played no kickball and we played soccer every time we possessed the ball. Defensively, we had some lapses on not marking up well enough on their throw-ins and we lost their best players a few too many times when they countered. However, we were very solid for the most part against a team that had some speedy players and some girls with some very strong legs as evidenced by their 2 goals from 35 yards out and 42 yards out. I thought our back line of Leilany Carrasco, Jimena Lupian and Jocelyn Serrato were outstanding, shutting down their attacks anytime they got by our midfield. I thought Xochi Arellano, Giana Garcia, Angie Gutierrez and for a little bit Janet Castillo all did a great job in their defensive midfield spots of stopping their 2 best players in the middle of the field. I thought our outside mids all did a great job of getting back and marking their outside runners when they countered and then got up on offense and contributed with great passing. Sam had another good game in goal and came up with 9 more saves including a couple on some really hard shots by their midfielders. It took a team effort to beat a talented, battle tested team that played a very tough schedule this season. Congratulations to the 2025 Lady Monarch soccer team for being the 1st girls' soccer team to reach 10 wins in a season since 2009!"