

Denison 2, Lo-Ma 0
Denison improves to 6-5-2 this season

Shots: Denison 29, Lo-Ma 10
Shots on goal: Denison 17, Lo-Ma 8
Saves: Belinda Pancho had 7 saves in goal and Olivia DeVore had 1 save as a defender for the Lady Monarchs
Halftime score: Denison 1, Lo-Ma 0

Goals: 1) Alejandra Cardenas scored her 3rd goal of the season with 24:20 remaining in the 1st half. Xochi Arellano had a shot on goal that was saved by Lo-Ma's goalkeeper, who punted the ball to the midfield stripe. Amy Garcia did a great job of winning the ball in the air with her foot and her pass switched fields to Keily Rodriguez on the left side of the field. Keily attempted to center a pass to Shelby Lima, but it was stolen by a Lo-Ma defender who cleared the ball wide but right to Alejandra Cardenas. Alejandra got the ball 30 yards out on the right wing and attacked the right wing off the dribble, hitting the shot from 12 yards out just under the crossbar and just off the fingertips of Lo-Ma's goalkeeper.

2) Jocelyn Serrato scored her 6th goal of the season, assisted by Xochi Arellano (4th assist of the season), with 25:59 remaining in the match. Jocelyn stole the ball from a Lo-Ma midfielder 45 yards from the goal and passed to Xochi who was 40 yards out. Xochi gave Jocelyn a give and go to 30 yards out, which Lo-Ma read and it turned into a 50/50 ball. Jocelyn won the ball and got by the defender, hitting the shot from 28 yards out in the middle of the field, just under the crossbar.

Comments by Coach Eller: "We created a lot of great opportunities with good passing, some great diagonal passes, switching fields, and some passes through gaps and over the top of their defense. We had several 1 on 1s with their goalkeeper where we hurried the shot and took them from 18-20 yards out when we had more time. We probably should have scored more goals with how much better we passed the ball in this game. The goals by both Alejandra and Jocelyn were great shots from distance that were hard for the goalkeeper to get because they both went right under the crossbar. Defensively, we marked up well, stopped all of their counters and kept Belinda from facing tough shots that were close to her. Most of Lo-Ma's shots were outside of the 18 yard box. We communicated with each other better today and we moved better without the ball. We got 21 players into the game with a lot of young girls continuing to gain valuable experience at the Varsity level. It was very nice to see the improved passing and also seeing the girls play with more confidence in themselves".