

Lady Barons Extend Winning Streak with Damascus Victory

Although the long journey to Damascus started in a cool rainy BCC parking lot, the weather turned sunny and warm by the opening pass back. The improved conditions may have been an auspicious sign for the down county visitors.

If a poor field, with evidence of baseball utility, was a hindrance to BCC, it was not shown in the team's performance. The Lady Barons got to work early when three minutes into the game Jenn Dewey redirected a fine pass from Danielle Harkaway past the left post of the Damascus goal. Four minutes later Cristina Shoffner put one past the goalie, also following a pass by Harkaway. During the first half, BCC applied constant offensive pressure, forcing a half dozen penalty corners. The pressure paid off.

After playing a key supporting role, Harkaway got into the goal scoring mode herself, tallying the first of three for the afternoon at ten minutes into the opening stanza. Rebecca Natoli made sure BCC went into the half with a commanding four goal lead when, midway through the first half, she scored on a penalty corner she herself inserted. Although not registering tallies, Alicia Vieth, Madisson Tully, Amy Barrett and Rachel Natoli all menaced Damascus' goalie with shots. During the half, able play by Barons including Abby Frank, Grace Reingruber, Julie Michon, Rachel Natoli, Laila Shehata helped keep the Hornets bottled up in their side of the field. Netminder Alyssa Puritz had a first half save.

The Lady Barons seemed to sit back a bit at the start of the second half, allowing Damascus to breakout and capitalize with an early goal. BCC regrouped, however, and led by a pair of goals by Harkaway and one from Rachel Natoli, boosted the score to its final 7-1. Harkaway's first goal of the half was a tip in following a rocket shot from the top of the circle by Alicia Vieth, who got a well deserved assist. Defender Katie Webster demonstrated strong play through much of the second half, earning her Amy's Apple for the game. Lady Barons Sarah Hainbach, Carly Silver, Kailin Otsuki and Hallie Jester helped keep the BCC attack going and the Hornets from adding to the score sheet. Goalie Melissa Jaskiewicz played the second half and stopped a pair of shots.

The junior varsity played extremely well in their match, sending the game into double overtime before the matched ended in a 1-1 tie.

The varsity's victory extended the Lady Barons winning streak to ten games. Now 11-2, BCC field hockey heads home for Senior Night and its final regular season contest on October 25. In Monday night's game, the Lady Barons take in the Magruder Colonels who have also posted an 11-2 record.

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