

BCC Barons Upset the Leonardtown Raiders 4 - 0 in State Soccer 4A Semifinal

On a warm afternoon under the bright sun, BCC girls soccer opened the door to opportunity, a chance to make history by playing in the state finals to earn their third consecutive state championship. The win was truly a team effort with every player on the deep team taking the pitch. The Barons initiated their scoring frenzy with Hannah Levin's goal (assisted by Alex Doll) after 5 minutes of play. Then Zoe Thorpe placed a long throw in to the midfield directly at Vic Gersh's feet. Gersh dribbled past several defenders and, shooting with her left foot, found the back of the net. She had a chance to repeat that move later in the half for BCC goal # 3 as she sent a rocket from 30 yards out. The starting defense held their ground with Liz Ward, Julia Hardgrove, Kara Klontz, and Zoe Mesirow who launched all of the goal kicks for the team. Midfielders Caroline Khanna and Elena Muller helped maintain BCC possession and directed passes forward.

In the second half, Thorpe worked her magic on the right side, earning an early throw in. Alex Doll found the well-placed Eliza Doll throw in and sent it to Saga Melander. Melander notched the fourth goal of the game, assuring a Barons victory. Nicole Parina, Arielle Repp, Amy Heaton, Jen Sachs, Katie Cardin, Rebecca Wenker, and Tess Haniffee provided consistent support in the midfield with Julia Hooks, a threatening forward.

At goal, Angela White played her position expertly, making 5 saves. Leonardtown had 10 shots to BCC's 16, 2 corner kicks to BCC's 6 and 10 fouls to BCC's 7.

The Barons will meet Bowie on Friday at 7:30 at UMBC for their opportunity for a three-peat.

By Lynne Foltz