

BCC Barons Blank the Blair Blazers 1 – 0

On a sultry Friday evening under the lights at home, BCC met their match against the Blair Blazers in the game that the Gazette called "the game of the season for girls 4A soccer." The game got off to a fast start with Blair sending the ball up to the final third within the first 2 minutes of play. Not to be outdone, Vic Gersh took the first shot for the Barons on the other side of the pitch. Then the game was up and running. Eliza Doll created a novel way to handle the ball, moving it in a complete circle around 2 defenders and was awarded the game's first corner kick for her dramatic, crowd pleasing efforts. Kara Klontz sent a powerful, direct corner kick but Blair stopped the ball. Alix Emden organized an offensive build up, working the ball back and forth with the Doll sisters. Alex Doll took her first shot but it sailed high. Caroline Khanna used her acrobatic talent to effectively distribute the ball from the midfield. Blair's Sofia Read made an offensive threat but Liz Ward quickly cut off her opportunity. Blazer Cherrah Barclay made it very difficult for the Barons to reach the final third however Alex Doll used her flashy stepover technique with a sudden breakaway to move the ball into a perfect position for a shot on goal. Sasha Konownitzine made two dramatic saves when Blair's Jamie Kator sent the ball right toward the goal with the help of her well-positioned teammates. The score was 0-0 at the end of the first half.

The second half started quickly and Kara Klontz found herself denying Blair's thought of a quick score. The Blazers earned their first corner kick, a ball that was sent toward the goal but quickly saved by Angela White. Tess Hannifee attacked the ball and cleared it from the final third. Her defensive efforts, along with those of Zoe Mesirow, quieted down the Blazers. Blair organized another offensive threat in the next minute, sending a shot on goal once again saved by White who had a total of 5 saves in this game. Vic Gersh got a breakaway 20 minutes into the second half. The Barons started winning nearly every 50-50 ball as the team became excitingly electric. Alex Doll sent a ball with the perfect trajectory to forward Zoe Thorpe who remained quite composed as she fired the ball into the back of the net for the only goal of the game. The Barons simply played to the end with the Doll/Gersh time delay maneuver in the right corner played out for the last few minutes of regulation time. Kudos to the Barons goalies who refused to allow the Blazers to have their way with the ball.

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