

Under the lights on a rather cold and damp October 4th evening, the B-CC Girls Varsity Soccer Team defeated the Wootton Patriots 2-0.

The Barons had their hands full but rose to the occasion to beat back a spirited effort by the Patriots. Junior Hannah Levin joined Senior Vic Gersh up front at the forward positions. They teamed with midfielders Eliza Doll, Alex Doll, Caroline Khanna, and Elena Muller to spearhead the Baron's attack. BC-C started out as the aggressor, earning 3 corner kicks in the first 5 minutes. The contest was closely contested for the first 15 minutes and the Barons did not substitute until Junior Amy Heaton came in at the 24-minute mark to provide a boost to the midfield. At the 21-minute mark Alex Doll drove through several defenders and nailed a strong, hooking left footer that hit the cross bar and went past the goal line to make it 1-0 Barons. Sophomore Alex Emden entered the game and launched several threatening shots on goal but was just off the mark. Juniors Tess Hanifee and Saga Melander entered the game as midfielders and kept up the pressure. Vic Gersh, who had launched several close shots on goal, finally dribbled through the defense and slipped a shot past the goalie to make it 2-0 Barons. Senior forward Zoe Thorpe added a left-footed shot on goal as the first half came to a close. The Patriots had some opportunities but a stout defensive group led by goalie Sasha Konownitzine, and defenders Liz Ward, Zoe Mesirov, Julia Hardgrove and Kara Klontz preserved the first half shut out.

Sophomore Angela White started the second half as goalkeeper. The Barons got off to a good start early in the second half as Elena Muller slipped a pass to Caroline Khanna who delivered a hard shot that was expertly handled by the Patriot goalie. It only looked like a matter of time before BC-C scored again. However, the Wootton defense stiffened and the team also stepped up its offensive efforts and tested Angela White on several occasions. Angela was up to the challenge and recorded 4 saves in the second half. Kara Klontz's booming kicks ended many Wootton attempts to get near out goal. Juniors Nicole Parina and Julia Hooks came into support the midfield and helped preserve the shut out. BC-C recorded 18 shots with 10 shots on goal and earned 7 corners. Sasha and Angela teamed up to record 5 saves. Wootton finished with 14 shots, 5 shots on goal, 1 corner and earned 8 saves.

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