

Sept. 24, 2010
BCC boys soccer
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Time was running out in game four of the young season for the BCC boys soccer team, with the Barons needing to find a way to punch home a goal if they wanted to take the contest against Blair to overtime.

Blair's rangy and dangerous striker had finally slipped behind BCC's stout defense during a Blair counter attack with 14 minutes left in regulation to slot the ball into the net and give Blair a 1-0 lead.

Blair's go-ahead goal made BCC's opening-minutes chance – probably BCC's best of the game – seem like a lifetime ago. Forward Freddy Nzekele drove up the left side after gathering in a long pass from defender Tim McKay. Nzekele crossed the ball on the ground into the center of the box, but forward Luc Sebrechts, despite a big stretch, couldn't quite get enough foot on the ball to deflect it past the Blair goaltender.

In between, there had been a lot of BCC possession, but Coach Guillermo Melendez's boys soccer Barons failed to finish in the final third and were forced several times to scramble to repel the always present threat of the Blair counter and long ball. As always this season, keeper Coby Friedman stood tall and cool in the goal as he added to his saves total and played smart balls out of the box.

Starting back line Cy McNeill, Stephen Sawicki, McKay and Ben Gold (who also created a lot of chaos when he moved up to striker) had a solid game, as did starting midfielders Bradley Vorv, Ben Alexander, Robert Palmer and Noah Riskind and forwards Nzekele and Sebrechts. Also contributing were defenders Jake Elsey and Kyle Monsees, midfielders Jimmy Doll, Collin Martin and Cam Hoffman and forwards Luis Tineo and Dustin Spencer.

BCC kept pressing, but had nothing to show for their effort on the scoreboard as the clock reached just a minute and a half left to go. It was then that Ben Gold, up at striker, drew a foul, setting up a free kick from about 20 yards out. Lining up to take it was Martin, who coolly drilled the ball into the lower left corner of the net.

Overtime resulted in a 20-minute standoff, leaving the final score at 1-1.

BCC takes a 1-1-2 record to Magruder for a 7 p.m. game on Wednesday, Sept. 29.

- Jonathan Riskind

