

BCC Might powered past the Springbrook Mud in tonight's Boys Lacrosse game winning confidently 9 - 4. With the sun setting in the West and the moon rising in the East, the Bethesda Chevy-Chase Barons rose like the moon above the physical and muddy fray victorious, moving their division record to 3 wins and 1 lose. The Barons overall record is 3 - 5.

Scoring started early for the Barons with the Sophomore trio of Eric Tschiderer (#10), Ander Etxegoien (#4) and Jake Shapiro (#13) scoring in that order while the stealth Baron defense pitched a first quarter shut-out. As the second quarter got under way and field conditions gradually deteriorating, the soggy turf made for tough footing and tough play-making in the box. Yet, Junior, #24 Richie McBride, somehow found a corner of firm, dry turf and "gripped it and ripped it" past the Springbrook goalie. Say "WHAAAAT?" was the goalie's response as the ball zipped past him never having a chance. Next up, Ander Etxegoien scored his second goal from the top of the soggy box with his own version of a top-shelf net ripper. The first half ended with the Mighty Barons leading by three, 5 - 2.

The third quarter started a bit slow for the Barons as the Springbrook Devils found the net twice early closing the gap, 5 - 4. The Baron defense stiffened (as it has done all season long) with Seniors #15 Kyle Johnstone, #21 Ben Dito and #22 Connor Savage clamping down in the mud bowl and stopping any Springbrook charge the rest of the game. "No Mas in the Mud" was the defenders call tonight in stopping the Devils; and STOP them they did.

Sophomore defender #19 Russell Petty, part of the "No Mas" gang is determined to score a goal this year and almost had his first long-stick goal of the season in the third quarter. No luck for Petty yet but this reporter is keeping his pen ready to record the historical moment. As the third quarter drew to a close, #4 Etxegoien went "hat trick" on the Springbrook Devils scoring his third goal of the game with the sweet assist coming from #13 Shapiro. BANG. BANG. GOAL BARONS!! BCC Might, 6 and Springbrook Mud, 4.

The fourth quarter was marked with physical play by both teams as the Devils tried to claw their way back into the game. With their own style of toughness; the Baron's just didn't let it happen. The "No Mas" gang was expanded by three: Shapiro, #7 Connor Kosnik and #2 Matt Bookman, really stepped it up physically with each playing a very aggressive fourth quarter, end-line to end-line, chasing ground balls and forcing the Devils into making bad passes or finding the side-lines earlier than they wanted to. The first BCC goal in the 4th came when Tschiderer caught the Springbrook goalie out of position near the HOME team's end-line. Stealing the ill-advised goalie's pass and racing from behind the goal, #10 scored his second goal of the night. BCC 7 and Springbrook 4. Tschiderer

scored again adding his own "hat trick" in the score book along with fellow Baron, Etxegoien's hat-trick. BCC 8 and Springbrook 4. That sinking feeling was not only the players up to their ankles in Springbrook mud, it was the sinking feeling of the Barons Might overtaking Springbrook this evening. To finish it off, #11 Senior Max Polan served up a beautiful assist to Tschiderer who scored the final Baron goal of the game.

In the Might vs Mud game, it was the BARON MIGHT that got it done. Final score BCC 9 - Springbrook 4. Great game Barons. Go Barons! Let's Roll!

The next game is April 27th. HOME GAME against Paint Branch. 7PM. Please come and support your BCC Barons as they work towards adding another WIN in Division play.

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