

## Barons Best Paint Branch Panthers 6-3

In their first game since Spring Break BCC's Barons went toe-to-toe with a brawny Paint Branch squad in a game with few penalties and plenty of hard contact. Beneath threatening skies on a slippery field both teams struggled for scoring opportunities in the early going. Paint Branch scored first on a dodge and shot close to the net. In a hint of how the Barons would convert good defense to goals, Senior D-Middie Matt Bookman picked a Panther middies pocket and raced up the middle for a bounce-shot goal to knot the score with 7 minutes to go in the 1st period. After Paint Branch scored again from short range, the BCC offense continued to struggle for good shots against a tenacious and physical Panther defense. But Junior Attack Richie McBride tied the score, taking a pretty feed in front of the goal from Sophomore Attack Eric Tschiderer. The 2-2 tie prevailed to the half foreshadowing a defensive brawl in the making.

The brawl continued but it was not all defense! BCC began to work the rust out of their offensive gears early in the second half. While the Baron defense denied the Panthers and cleared the ball beautifully, the offense sparked to life. McBride continued his goal barrage with two quick strikes. The first was an unassisted rip and the second one came off a slick steal and quick pass by Freshman Attack Tommy Reingruber. At this point, BCC had a two-goal lead and was building momentum the Barons would not relinquish.

Paint Branch scored only once more against BCC's sturdy and opportunistic defense. Altogether the defense notched sixteen clears, with Sophomore Defenseman Russell Petty picking up three. Junior Goalie Preston Anderson and Senior Defenseman Ben Ditto was their usual solid and steady. LSM Kyle Johnstone played the whole field -- defending, harassing and running the ball when needed. The Baron's fifth goal (and McBride's fourth) started with a long-stick steal by Ditto and a centering pass to another long-stick. After taking an on-stride pass, Tschiderer pressed the advantage and made an excellent pass to McBride, who finished the break to made it 5-3. McBride would round out his second five-goal night of the season to make it 6-3 on an assist from Sophomore Middie Ander Etxegoien.

With the lightning flashing in the southwestern sky, the Barons held the 6-3 advantage for the rest of the game and set the stage for a busy week to come. See you all at Senior Night! Go Barons!

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