

On a beautiful late summer's day, the BCC varsity field hockey team travelled up to Roland Park Country Day School for the Sally E. Nyborg Field Hockey Invitational. This tournament is in memory of Sally Nyborg, a high school student and field hockey player, who died from complications of Lupus. She challenged herself academically as well as physically while battling a devastating disease.

In our first game, against St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, BCC was victorious with a 2-0 win over the 7th ranked team in the Washington area. Grace Reingruber had a beautiful first goal which was assisted by Jenn Dewey. Alicia Veith, a defender, hit a strong shot into the goal for the second with just 22 seconds left in the game! BCC was definitely dominant in this game and had quite a few shots on goal. Jenn Dewey had several runs down the field past SSSA players, and took shots on the goal. Rebecca Natoli also took several shots and played a strong midfield. Abby Frank, Rachel Natoli and Madisson Tully were great on defense and most of the play was in BCC's scoring side of the field. Cristina Shoffner played a very strong midfield and was all over the SSSA players and her sister Sofia was very strong on defense. Julie Michon, Danielle Harkaway, Hallie Jester and Amy Barrett were tough on offense, but came up short on scoring. Julie was injured by a high stick from an SSSA player and received stitches while in Baltimore. She is a tough competitor and we look forward to her coming back healthy as soon as possible.

In the second game of the day, BCC took on highly ranked Severna Park high school. Unfortunately, although the girls played well, the outcome was not in our favor and we lost 3-1. With a beautiful assist from defender Madisson Tully, defender Rachel Natoli saved us from a shut – out with a powerful goal in the first half of the game. She also received Coach Amy's apple as the player of the day for her determination and defensive skills in the day's tournament. Melissa Jaskiewicz and Alyssa Puritz played beautifully in goal and both show a lot of tenacity when it comes to goal keeping! They made many saves during both games and although not new to goal keeping, they have really showed great skill in defending field hockey balls from entering their goals.

The next BCC field hockey games will be against Blake high school at Blake on Sept. 20th with JV at 5:30 and V at 7.

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