

## Maroon Wave defeat Council Rock at Ardsley Park

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Abington, PA (ACU)- The Under 14 girls of AC United defeated their opponent from Council Rock United Soccer Association (CRUSA) 3-1 on Sunday at Ardsley Park. The weather was sunny and cool and crisp and matched the disposition of the players. This was the first home game under the sun this season after playing a night game to open and away for game 2. The Maroon Wave had only 14 in uniform.

Maddie Bavis takes away the win in goal, stopping shot after shot and challenged some long rushes inside her 18 yd line. The defense and GK were in sync for most of the game and communicated well, forcing their CRUSA counterparts offside several times on Sunday. Erin Flach, Maura Gouak, Sierra "Bob" Krohnemann, and Mackenzie Beltz were solid in the defensive third. Carolyn Lyons took time at both stopper and outside back, while Nina Fakolujo played outside back when she was not on the front line. These 6 were able to tackle hard and clean and make strong transitional runs to set up the offense.

Emily Rankin, playing center midfield received a nice pass in front of the penalty arc and worked her way around the right side of the CRUSA defense to create space for an open shot at the 18 minute mark. The scorching shot hit the back of the right side of the net to put the Maroon Wave up 1-0.

The midfield played very strong throughout the game. Veronica Asman, at outside left or in the middle, made strong plays on all flighted balls and stellar runs to set up the offense. Rankin was in the middle for most of the game with Colleen Lavelle on the right working tirelessly throughout the game. Gabby Ferruzzi worked in on both the right and left, keeping possession while moving the ball forward.

In the offensive third the mighty Caitlin Kushnir held up the left side, with Jessie Levin on the right. Anna Hallahan was the striker and made several long sprints into the CRUSA defense, challenging their goalkeeper on numerous occasions. In the 41<sup>st</sup> minute Hallahan buried an unassisted shot to the upper left to make the score 2-0 AC United. This was Hallahan's first goal as a member of AC United and one that Coaches McCartin and Rankin had been waiting for since summertime. CRUSA responded with a goal a bit later to close within 2-1.

In the 58<sup>th</sup> minute Hallahan again found the back of the net, sending a ball high into the net over the CRUSA goalkeeper. The Maroon Wave enter the traditional Columbus Day break at 2 and 1. The U-14's will join several AC United teams at the Jack Walsh Memorial tournament, held locally in Abington.

On October 17, 2009 the Maroon Wave will entertain Southampton SC and then travel to Pennridge for an October 18 makeup game in the afternoon.

