

## U14's play LSSC to 2-2 stalemate

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The U14 Girls were home at Ardsley Park for a rain makeup against Lower Southampton SC. The 10:40 a.m. game was a bit early on a Sunday for some of the team and there were only 12 available for the opening tap, as 2 more streamed in late.

Maddie Bavis, as GK picked up where she left off the day before, coming out strong to play the ball in the mire like conditions. MacKenzie Beltz was on the left, Carolyn Lyons was at Stopper, Erin Flach at Sweeper and Maura Gouak on the right of the defense.

LSSC was able to make a couple of fast runs, taking the ball down the touchline and crossing it over. For the second day in a row Beltz and Flach combined to keep the ball in play at the goal line, clearing it out to the midfielders. Play was sloppy with a few too many long leading passes up toward the forwards. After one such oversized pass LSSC was playing a goal kick out that the Maroon Wave intercepted and after some pinballing of the ball midfielder Colleen Lavelle placed a shot inside the left post to put the Maroon Wave up 1-0 at halftime.

Maura Gouak went into the net, Bavis went to the right and Nina Fakolujo joined in at stopper for the start of the second half. Midfielder Gabby Ferruzi came on and played well after missing 2 games, keeping possession and transitioning the offensive.

In the 46<sup>th</sup> minute of play LSSC took a ball down the left side and placed a high arching shot into the right side of the net to tie the game 1-1. AC United pushed hard down both touchlines, crossing balls to the middle, getting countless opportunities and multiple corner kicks. In the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute of play AC United had a corner on the right side. Erin Flach struck the ball with confidence, curling the in swinger over everyone to the base of the far post where it struck and went in, putting the Wave up 2-1.

LSSC was pushing hard to use their speedy forwards and eventually they were able to keep possession deep in the ACU defensive third, pushing a ball back to a trailing forward who placed a shot identical to the first one to tie the game in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute of play.

The game would stay tied 2-2. The highlights were Lavelle's first goal of the Fall and Flach's second. The corner kick marked only the second time that this team had scored off a corner and the first time that it went in directly. Nina Fakolujo also worked tirelessly to maintain possession of the ball in the defensive third, frustrating LSSC at times. 2 games remain, 11-21 at Souderton and 12-6 at Pennridge.

