

Another shutout, Ebersole's double spark third straight win

Ebersole matches 2017 total in 75 minutes; Beck adds goal, assist

BLUFFTON, Ohio — Allison Ebersole scored her second and third goals of the season Sunday afternoon as the Goshen College women's soccer team shut out Bluffton University 5-0 at the Emory P. Sears Complex on the BU campus.

Mara Beck added a goal and an assist while Diana Ramirez and Areanna Holifield each opened their scoring accounts for Goshen (3-1). The Maple Leafs outshot the Beavers (0-3) 30-10, peppering the net with 17 shots on target.

On the opposite end of the field, Katie Baer made five saves in 75 minutes before Kadie Spoor finished off the team's second straight clean sheet. The Maple Leaf defense has not allowed a goal in its last 190 minutes.

Ebersole opened the match's scoring four seconds after the midpoint of the first half on an assist from Amanda Heckaman; the 1-0 score would stay the same until halftime despite 16 Maple Leaf shots.

"We got off to a slow start again but really took control of the game as it went along," Goshen coach Justin Crew said. "I was very happy with how the team responded after halftime. Overall it was a good total team win.

Ramirez took a Beck pass to double the Maple Leaf advantage in the 48th minute, but the floodgates wouldn't really open until just before the clock showed 20 minutes to play.

Holifield's goal came from a Lauren Cernak assist in the 70th minute, Ebersole added her second with 14:53 remaining and Beck scored with 10:01 on the clock. Taliah Borom registered an assist on the penultimate goal.

Two of Baer's saves came before the 12-minute mark of the first half; over the final 78 minutes, GC had a 15-3 advantage in shots on goal. The lone shot against Spoor sailed wide to the left.

Lauren Cernak paced the Maple Leafs with six shots; Mara Beck and Megan Bower finished with three apiece. Beck's four attempts on target led all players.

"Kayla Shaw really had a strong performance today," Crew said. "She did a lot of little things in the midfield today that often gets overlooked."

Bluffton's Skylar Liming recorded six shots to lead the hosts while Sienna Sullivan made a dozen saves.

The Maple Leafs return home to take on the University of Michigan-Dearborn at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Goshen College is an affordable, nationally-ranked Christian liberal arts college in Northern Indiana known for leadership in intercultural and international education, sustainability and social justice.

No. 20 Purdue Best Notre Dame 3-1

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - The No. 20 Boilermakers fought off a resilient Notre Dame team to win 3-1 in front of a sold out Holloway Gymnasium on Sunday afternoon. Purdue won the match 25-22, 25-21, 23-25, 25-20 to improve to 5-0 on the season.

For a third-consecutive match senior Sherridan Atkinson led the way, registering a match-high 17 kills against the Fighting Irish. Redshirt junior Blake Mohler and sophomore Caitlyn Newton added 11 kills each, while Mohler hit a team-best .526 clip. Freshman Grace Cleveland rounded out the Purdue attack with 10 kills.

Defensively, redshirt junior Shavona Cuttino paced the Boilermakers at the net with five blocks, followed by Mohler with four. In the backcourt, senior Brooke Peters managed a season-best 30 digs, while Hayley Bush, Marissa Hornung and Jenna Otec added nine apiece. Atkinson, Peters and Julianna Reisinger also served up two aces each.

Following a 6-6 open, Notre Dame recorded a 6-1 stretch to garner a 12-7 advantage. Following two Purdue timeouts, the Fighting Irish maintained a 17-12 lead, but the Boilermakers turned tables with a 7-0 run to grab a 19-17 advantage. Purdue forced a pair of Notre Dame miscues to ultimately take the set, 25-22.

The Boilermakers carried their momentum into the second set, jumping out to a 6-2 advantage. Fueled by a trio of Newton putaways, Purdue's advantage grew to 12-7. Notre Dame responded with three kills from Jemma Yeadon to cut it 12-11 and later claimed an 18-17 lead. A pair of Notre Dame errors gave the lead back to the Boilermakers, who would collect the last three points for a 25-21 set win.

The teams split the first 20 points of set three with neither owning more than a two-point edge in the span. With the set tied at 22-all, a trio of Notre Dame kills put the Irish on the board with a 25-23 set victory.

Persistent, Purdue retaliated by jumping out a 7-1 advantage in the fourth frame. The Boilermakers upheld their lead with 15 kills and aces from Atkinson, Reisinger and Otec. A kill from Cleveland secured a 25-20 final set and 3-1 match for Purdue.

The Boilermakers will remain at home with the Stacy Clark Classic as Purdue welcomes Xavier, Lipscomb and Louisville to Holloway Gymnasium. Up first, Purdue will clash with Xavier on Friday, Sept. 7, at 10 a.m. ET.