Airth's Four Goal Outburst Leads OC To First Win

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After six winless games, including three ties and two, one goal defeats the Lady Knights were more than ready to celebrate their first win of the year. Senior captain and All-CIF midfielder Trisha Airth got herself and the team on track with an offensive explosion that saw her tally four goals and an assist in a span of twenty two minutes midway through the game. After falling behind in the seventh minute on a goal by Montclair's Jeannet Rodriguez the Lady Knights continued to press forward with failed attempt after failed attempt. It was not until the 29th minute that Airth was able to equalize. Taking a perfectly played through ball from Jenna Gann she struck from top of the penalty area to bring the sides even. At the 40th and 44th minutes of play, both in injury time of the first half, Airth sent two corner kicks in from the right flank and found the back of the net both times to earn the hat trick. Once play resumed in the second half Airth collected a ball just outside the penalty area and quickly found herself in the box only to be brought down from behind. She quickly found the back of the net on the ensuing penalty kick to take the team scoring lead at five goals on the year.

Before exiting the game Airth returned an earlier favor by feeding Gann with a pass on the right wing which the sophomore forward drove into the back of the net after running onto the ball just outside the penalty area. Kaitlyn Mendoza would complete the scoring onslaught as she netted her fifth goal of the season. Once again getting in behind the defense with her quick pace she found herself with only the goalkeeper to beat, scoring her fifth goal in the last seven games.

With the win the team moves to 1-3-3 on the year and next plays at the Linfield Christian Tournament taking on Riverside Notre Dame at 5:00 on Thursday, December 14.