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Bronco soccer team net pair of wins vs. Tigers

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Given the circumstances of last year's 7-0 blowout win over Doane and the resulting dispute between the two head coaches, No. 8 Hastings looked to again dismantle the rival Tigers. The Broncos won 4-0, however, through the first 45 minutes, the score sat tied at zero.

When talking about his halftime discussion with his team in the locker room, Hastings head coach Aaron Champenoy said that the conversation "was very calm."

"I told the guys 'we dominated play, we made some good chances, we just need to finish them off and stay composed,'" Champenoy said. "I think we were getting a little too frantic when it wasn't happening for us."

And nothing happened for the first 8 minutes of the second half, until the Broncos scored a pair of goals within 30 seconds of one another. The first, a Tor Trosten score after playing a header from Daniel Whitehall. The second, a Daniel Simonis score off the feed from both Nick Hinds and Trosten.

Hastings struggled to get anything started in the first half, as the Broncos faced a look they often see— a defensive formation with nine players hanging in the 18-yard box. That defensive scheme is one that doesn't necessarily bother Champenoy, and he felt his team adjusted well against Doane, despite not scoring in the first half.

“I think the first 25 minutes we created a lot of really good chances, had a couple goals called back because of offsides [however] I thought we did well with their ‘man-heavy defending,’ ” Champenoy said. “We just need to be a little more efficient with the chances we do have and maybe be a little more disciplined at times.”

The Broncos outshot the Tigers 10-3 in the first 45 minutes, with three shots coming on target compared to Doane’s zero. What plagued the Broncos was five offside whistles, two of which came on goals that were called off due to the infractions.

Champenoy spoke on his team’s anxiousness in the first few minutes of the game given the aforementioned offsides calls.

“Doane came in and they fought hard and they tried to keep us out and we just had a tough time keeping ourselves onside...we were just a little too eager sometimes to get behind the line.”

When summing up the performance, Champenoy said: “I thought the guys did what we needed to do. It was a shutout with no injuries and another win in-conference and we move on.”



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In the women’s game, the No. 20 Broncos looked to improve on their undefeated start in GPAC play, and did so with gusto. Hastings defeated the Tigers 7-0, scoring five goals in the first 45 minutes of play.

Not only did the Broncos net seven goals, but they attempted 29 shots, 17 of which were on target; whereas, Doane was only able to get off two shots, with one on goal. Hastings also scored all seven of its goals from seven different players.

Hastings' first goal came off the foot of junior defender Janine Lahey just 22 seconds into the match. The next four goals were all scored within the next 30 minutes of play by Courtney Doeschot (11th minute), Gabriella DiDio (21'), Heidi Bartsch (25'), and Olivia McMahon (32'). Lahey also tallied three of the Broncos' 14 assists in the contest.

Hastings' last goal came from the foot of Hastings graduate Chloe Swoboda (74').

The Broncos are now 9-1-1 (3-0) and are atop the GPAC. Hastings will play its next two matches on the road against Dakota Wesleyan and Midland before returning to Lloyd Wilson to take on Mount Marty on the 14th.

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