

More Wins for the Quakers

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Girls Soccer

Two days after playing to a 2-2 home tie against non-league foe Archbishop Wood, the Quakers traveled to Notre Dame on Sept. 30 to continue league play. PC had split its first two Inter-Ac contests (a win over Baldwin followed by a loss to SCH Academy) and got off to a slow start against the Irish, who scored the first two goals of the game. One came in the first half, and the hosts picked up another right after halftime, putting the Quakers into a 2-0 hole.

However, as PC has shown thus far this season, the team has the ability and offensive firepower to pick up goals in bunches, and head coach Ashley Maher's bunch refused to quit despite falling behind by two scores. First, sophomore Tristan Raymond continued her excellent start to the year by slicing Notre Dame's lead in half; then, just minutes later, junior Haley Lewinski tallied the equalizer, putting the Quakers squarely back in the fight.

"We had a very slow start," Maher said. "We were missing (freshman) center midfielder Lucy Sokoloff and had to make adjustments yet again. We are super proud of the way our players battled back. There was a whole new energy in the second half. We told them that someone needed to step up and put the ball in the net, and Tristan and Haley did just that within minutes of each other. The second half and overtime performance was exciting to watch."

Lewinski's goal was enough to send the game to overtime, but unfortunately for the Quakers, Notre Dame deposited the game-winner after getting loose in the box and hitting a nice shot into the top corner of the net. The Quakers had some time left to try to answer, but the final whistle was blown with Cassidy McCusker on the attack, sealing a thrilling 3-2 win for Notre Dame.

Penn Charter (4-3-1, 1-2 Inter-Ac) will look to end a three-game winless streak on Oct. 4 when the team travels to Episcopal for a 4 p.m. kickoff.