

## Starting Line Up v ACEM Alajuela

Reilly Parker

Sydney Zuccolloto

Alexandra Bailey

Mariana Galvan

Lo'eau Labonta

Haley Washburn

Stephanie Amack

Regina Manneh

McKenzie Karas

Jessica Hale

Katelyn Rowland

Subs: Cassandra Sternbach (GK) Kate Bettinger, Mackenzie Doniak (injured), Cassidy Nangle, Indiana Mead, Lindsey Horan

We started this game significantly better than we did our first game and were able to keep much better possession of the ball. We began the game with two holding central midfielders in our 4-3-3 which helped give the outside backs more confidence to go forward. We also dropped our outside forwards slightly deeper in line with our midfield out of fear of how we would match up with ACEM's 3-5-2. We did a better job of connecting through our midfield than yesterday where we had been fairly one dimensional with direct play. These changes allowed us to have good balance in our play. The players for ACEM were very skillful and they moved the ball well with great rhythm which forced us to organize quicker, which we were able to do. Early in the first half ACEM created two clear cut chances, the first coming from a penalty kick which Katelyn Rowland saved with a full dive to her left, and then through a nice piece of combination play to put their most creative player in on goal, fortunately for us she slipped the ball wide past the far post. After these two scares we were able to regroup and created several very good chances of our own we should have been able to finish but put over the bar or wide.



Katelyn's PK save

Early in the second half we took control of the match and were able to spend most of the game in ACEM's end. We again created some very good goal-scoring opportunities but could not capitalize. In the end we broke the dead lock when Mariana Galvan scored from 12 yards out after a very good build up. After scoring, we redrew our restraining line to protect our backspace and minimize ACEM's chances on goal, as well as to conserve energy due to the heat. We did a poor job with our pressure on ball after we scored and as a result allowed ACEM some chances from distance. However, we were able to create some more very

good chances of our own, hitting the post from a shot from the left from Reilly Parker, and then we came close with a shot from Lo'eau Labonta.



Prior to the game we discussed with the team the idea of man marking their most creative player who we knew would give us some problems if we allowed her too much of the ball. Once we scored we asked Haley Washburn to man mark their playmaker and it worked well. Due to her ineffectiveness ACEM's coach chose to take their playmaker off the field to see if they could create in other ways.

The game ended 1-0 for Region IV.



