

CSP Lacrosse Update

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ON TUESDAY NIGHT, March 14th, the girl's lacrosse team looked unbeatable for long stretches of their dominant 21-0 victory over the visiting team, UW-Stout.

The Golden Bears were unstoppable on the offensive side, moving the ball around easily with plenty of off-ball movement that kept the UW-Stout defense in a constant state of motion. With only one reserve, one can only imagine the fatigue that the defenders and two-way players must have been feeling by the end of the first half. However, the players for UW-Stout should be commended for battling throughout the entire game, even as the score became more and more lopsided.

The defense for CSP had a relatively light workload during the game but still showed great aggressiveness during transitions and whenever the ball managed to make its way down to their end of the field.

In the first quarter alone, CSP scored nine points against their opponents, following that up with two points in the

second quarter and five points in both the third and fourth quarters.

Even when UW-Stout switched goalies at the start of the second half, their defense still gave up ten goals. CSP showed some flaws in their game with missed passes, hence why they only managed two points against a meager defense, but they later rallied and continued their strong performance for the rest of the game.

There were no less than ten players for CSP who got the ball past the UW-Stout goalies. When it was all said and done, Lauren Sheets led the way with five goals, followed by Taylor Preece with four. The other eight included Sara Kaiser with three; Susie Monson and Morgan Haapala with two; and Kayleigh Nelson, Kennedy Bolander, Sydney Smith, Anna Fisher, and Maddie Westberg with one goal each.

Haapala and Preece led the team in assists with four and three, respectively, with Nelson, Monson, Kaiser, Fisher, and

Westberg also contributing a combined eight assists between the five of them.

An important team stat to mention is that CSP grabbed twenty-nine ground balls compared to UW-Stout's sixteen. To put that stat into perspective, it would be as if the home team grabbed thirteen more rebounds in a game of basketball.

When asked to comment on the home game, Kennedy Bolander replied: "We really enjoyed getting to play another home game and came out with a win, which always feels nice."

The team currently sits at 4-4 going into conference games, which begin on March 17th when they play Northern Michigan. For those interested, their other home games will be against Grand Valley State on March 24th, Davenport on March 26th, and Northern Michigan on April 16th.

Hopefully, the team can continue their high level of play against conference opponents and earn the chance to keep playing at the end of April and into May.



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