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**Independence Grab Second Win Against Select
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The Jersey Select (1-6) were unable to make amends for their 2-1 defeat to the Philadelphia Independence earlier in the month in Downingtown, PA, falling by four goals to one at Paul VI High School in Haddonfield Friday.

It started well for the Select, who were able to shut out the visitors in the first half, ending the 45-minute spell at 0-0. Erwin van Bennekom, the co-head coach of the team alongside George Rhea, explained that many things had changed after their last game against Lancaster Inferno. "It was clear that we had a better defensive organization, while our work rate definitely improved," he said.

It would turn out to be a very similar display in the second encounter to the first as the second half kicked off, as the Independence got the first goal through Jennifer Hoy, the Princeton Tiger sophomore forward, on 52 minutes. Battling hard, the Select were able to grab an equalizer through Jocelyn Rhea.

"Madison Clemens gave Jocelyn a great ball to set her up for the goal," van Bennekom continued. "It was a great team effort and after this, it looked like we would get a draw against an excellent Independence team."

It would not be the case, however. The Independence, a team that fosters a number of Villanova and Princeton players, was able to use its wealth of talent to drive the ball forward in the latter part of the game. Heidi Sabatura, the Villanova starter who has been honored as Big East player of the week on more than one occasion last season, got the much-needed second goal for Philadelphia, making it 2-1 after 84 minutes.

This goal-scoring order mimicked that seen on June 8th, when Sabatura scored the winner to make it 2-1 after a Hoy opener. However, the latter was not finished with her chances, putting another two past the Select in the 86th and 90th minute, ending the game 4-1.

"I think we were much better defensively until the last five minutes of the game when we started pushing players forward," said van Bennekom. "We played quality football and decided to take the risk to get a late equalizer, but the Independence were a strong team. We'll build on this against Chesapeake on Monday."

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