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**Chesapeake Get Revenge for Opening-Day Defeat by Select
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The Jersey Select were unable to repeat their opening-day victory against a resurgent ASA Chesapeake Charge Monday, losing 4-0 in front of home fans at Paul VI High School.

The Select were unable to recreate their impressive efficiency in front of goal from the previous encounter on May 22nd in Maryland, when Brittany Ratcliffe and Janine Valerio were able to get two goals against a strong Charge team who had, until the second goal, had most of the chances in front of the pipes.

Patrick Crawford, the general manager of the Chesapeake Charge, explained: "The game differed from our opening day 2-1 loss in many ways. In our first game we outshot select 18-4 and could not put the ball away. This time, we had a much more experienced line-up, and I think it was proved with our performance tonight."

All four of the goals came before half-time. The Select, who had enjoyed a shut-out for the first half of their tie against Philadelphia Independence on Friday, were able to do the same in the second period of this match-up, though the Charge proved to be an impressive opponent in front of goal in the opening minutes of the game.

Kelly Hammond, the University of Virginia Cavalier, was able to fire home the first two goals in the 14th and 25th minutes, assisted by Lisa Zanti - who scored the only goal against the Select in their first match - while Alexis Prior-Brown helped out with the second.

It would be Heather Cooke who was able to finish the half in style for the Charge by converting in the 44th and 45th minutes assisted by Jessie Knight and Kelly Hammond respectively. "Kelly and Heather were definitely the standouts of the match," explained Crawford. "Our defense was solid too. We've had troubles scoring goals this season so it was great to see us attacking through the midfield more against the Select."

"Games like this are a great experience for our young team," said Erwin van Bennekom, co-head coach of the Select. "Both teams were very different to what they were in the first game. While we had a tough first half, the second proved that we had the desire to get back in the game and our pressure was brilliant - we controlled each area of the field brilliantly and were aggressive - it was exciting."

Crawford said after the game: "With one game left we will look to build on this result and continue to work in the areas in which we need in our second season. We're attacking with numbers, but we need to make improvements to our communication and quick decision-making abilities for our final game against TSC Maryland Pride on July 9th."

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