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Dallas Baptist Girls Secure Win

-Andrea Hutchinson Was Fans Idol

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Victory came for the Americans at last.

It was an exciting soccer with lots of sunshine as defender Jolce Patterson found the curtain raiser in the 35th minute in a beautiful combination that forced All Stars defenders on the retreat and goalkeeper Mamic Kamara visibly shaken.

But the woman of the match on the American side was defender Andrea Hutchinson, who was like the Rock of Gibraltar, furiously playing a defensive game, and denying the Liberian girls the chances they created to even the score.

The two teams had met on Sunday, May 26 at the Antoinette Tubman Stadium, the same venue for



All Stars' striker winning the ball from Dallas University Girls in their exciting match yesterday.

yesterday's game and the Liberians had taken the lead in the first half but the rains forced a cancellation.

Yesterday's game had lots of sunshine and in their white and red jerseys the Americans indicated with their full

attacking and defensive power that they were in for another and improved result.

In their yellow attire, the Liberians who had a psychological advantage as a result of last Sunday's match which they led in the first half, did not allow their opponents' determination to intimidate them and replied in the same fashion.

What seemed to irk Dallas Baptist University girls' coach Michelle Lenard was the central referee's habit of ignoring fouls against her players and she was seen expressing her dissatisfaction on the sideline.

By the end of the first half the Liberians had not been able to secure the needed equalizer and they came back from recess with the determination to make a change.

The Dallas Baptist girls had several changes with players who had been already



Dallas Baptist University Girls grouping after the goal

substituted and who would return to the field to play, after they had rested enough. The All Stars on the other hand did not return substituted players to the game.

It was a strange practice since those who are substituted normally don't return to the game. But that did not bother All Stars technical team and therefore that appeared to be an advantage for the Americans.

But in player Hutchinson the American team had a stalwart defender who maintained her unyielding position to weather all the attacks from the Liberians.

All Stars' midfielder Kebbeh Larmino had a good game. Her ball distribution and control were remarkable and they helped to push her team-mates forward. And it was the reason fans protested her substitution, though they did not know she had requested for it.

By the last quarter, and

as the Americans wasted a couple of chances and the Liberians could not utilize their openings as a result of defender Hutchinson, it was clear that the Americans had carried the day.

All Stars: Mamic Kamara, Denise Doc, Jestina Gibson, Famatta Dean, Crystal Mulbah, Kebbeh Larmino, Amelia Tweh, Angeline Kieh, Joyce Kollie, Iverline Conneh, Kanties Saylee.

Sub: Caroline Kollie, Vivian Sandos, Miatta Zinch, Jacklyne Nimely, Margaret Stewart.

Dallas Baptist University: Kerry Edwards, Jake Cox, Andrea Hutchinson, Baylee Hill, Emilie McDonald, Kersey Hall, Annie Wells, Jessica Salas, Lindse Eccles, Ashley Cox.

Sub: Lindsay Cox, Curtney Baxter, Rachael Albert, Bri Rene, Dayna Debacker, Jolce Patterson, Kaytie Roberts.

'Be Transformed with Love of Christ'

Dallas' coach tells soccer fans

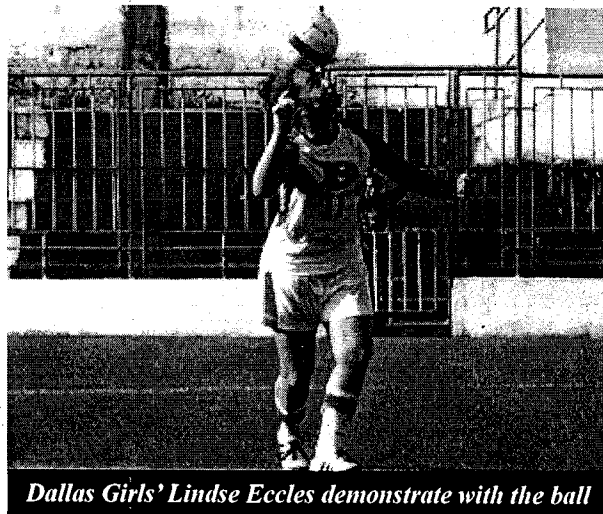
The head coach of the Dallas Baptist University soccer team, Michelle Lenard yesterday told soccer fans at the Antoinette Tubman Stadium that they should be transformed with the love of Jesus Christ in their lives.

Coach Lenard spoke during the first half of her team's international friendly match with the Liberia All Stars soccer team.

She gave a demonstration when two of her players, one with a fully pumped football and the other with an airless



Coach Lenard



Dallas Girls' Lindse Eccles demonstrate with the ball

football. The one with the fully-pumped ball juggled with the ball, from her head to her

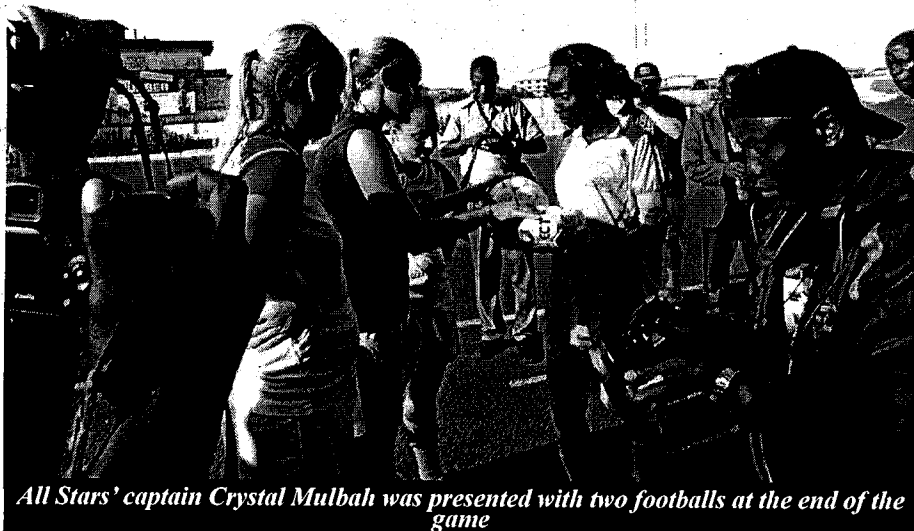
knee and her chest, while the other with the airless could not do anything with it.

She said the ball without air could not be used and therefore only when there was a transformation in the airless ball that it could be meaningful.

"That is how our life to God is," she said. "We need transformation in our lives to be able to serve God faithfully."

She expressed gratitude for her team's visit and to participate in a friendly soccer match.

The team is in the country upon the invitation of Donami Sports, in collaboration with Liberia YMCA. The girls have engaged in cultural programs and community services in Monrovia.



All Stars' captain Crystal Mulbah was presented with two footballs at the end of the game

