

ALUMNAE MATCH, DECEMBER 29, 2009

The bond created by teammates on the soccer field is difficult, if not impossible, to break. The Incarnate Word Shamrocks, past and present, proved that at this year's Alumnae Match. Before the game was even scheduled, the regular field was not available, but that was not enough to stop the game; another field was found. The temperature dropped and the rain continued throughout the morning, but the weather wasn't going to stop the annual tradition; the ladies would endure the cold and eventually the sun came out. Even recent knee surgery would not keep Becky Peth, Class of 2009, from playing in her first Alumnae Match as a former Shamrock and current West Texas A&M soccer team member.

The game went on with the Class of 2009, 2008, and even 2000 represented. This year's game also had a family touch to it, with two pairs of siblings playing against each other. Senior Jocelyn Edwards and Freshman Regan O'Brien competed against their sisters Stephanie Edwards and Colleen O'Brien, both Class of 2008. The Alumnae even sported t-shirts that read, "Like fine wine, we've gotten better with time." Emma Treu, Class of 2009, showed off her skills that helped earn a spot on the Austin College soccer team and earning All-Conference 2nd Team honors in her first season. Emma helped the Alumnae to an early 2-0 lead. Junior Katie Morell brought the current Shamrocks back into the game with a pair of goals. The current team kept the attack going, finishing the first half with a 4-2 lead.

In the second half, the Alumnae mounted a comeback tying the game on multiple occasions. Both O'Brien sisters had goals for their respective teams. Just like last year, the game came down to a last minute goal. And like last year, the current Shamrocks beat the Alumnae, this year with a 7-6 final score. Following the game, both teams returned to the High School for a lunch sponsored by the Alumnae Association. The Shamrock soccer family continues to grow. The Alumnae will add six players to their ranks next year and we look forward to another great game next year.

-- Daniel de Robles
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