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The Welsh Lady Asv Soccer Team won their fifth game of the season at home against a very happy Swansea Ladies side by a final score of 3-0. The game was very physical from the start and both teams appeared to be evenly matched. Swansea did a nice job in the midfield passing and possession but a strong defensive backfield comprised of seniors Ally Tippet, Siava Enny and junior Kelly Kead a kept the Asvs from getting quality shots on goal.

The Asvs on the other hand struggled in possession and passing throughout the first half but were able to pierce the Swansea defense just enough to score one goal during the first frame. That goal was scored by Gildorpe Mendonca who finished a nice play set ball into the box by senior Be Mntlo that deflected onto the charging Mendonca and into the left corner at 15:32 for the 1-0 half time lead.

In the half the Asvs shot the Asvs 8-6 but had problems in the midfield distribution that caused an unnecessary loss of possession play. The Asvs continued to struggle with 0/0 balls so they only won 5 of 12. Coach Jim Ben emphasized the need for better passing, timing and player movement of the ball the second half.

During the second half the Asvs were able to control the midfield better and were rewarded with more scoring opportunities. They out shot the Asvs 12-1 but did their greatest damage on set play. Mendonca and Mntlo combined on a wonderful corner kick chance at 37:5 as Mntlo lofted a high arching corner kick that came down to the right of center that Mendonca snap headed into the corner for a 2-0 margin. Mntlo scored the third goal for Welsh at 2:34 on a hard bending indirect kick from 25 yards out on the right that sailed over the outstretched arms of Swansea junior goal keeper Alison Denton for the 3-0 final. Mntlo also had a beautiful chance on goal off a long pass set up from Tippet in the back in the 10 seconds left in the game that was called back due to a questionable offside penalty.

Cotrey Smith had seven saves for the Asvs while Denton collected 17 for the Asvs. Cedric Annabel Baker for a very gallant effort in the midfield which made it very difficult for Swansea to send long diagonal passes into the box.

Midweek in the Asvs improved to 5-5-1 on the season and 3-3-1 in the CBC. They hit the road for a make-up game at Llanidloes on Saturday.

Tom Mntlo