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SMC Soccer: Belles beat Holy Cross easily to start season

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Saint Mary's scored early and often coasting to a 3-0 victory at home over Holy Cross Tuesday afternoon.

The Belles' pressure on the offensive end led to an own goal off a Holy Cross defender in the 24th minute, giving Saint Mary's a 1-0 lead. Sophomore forward Katelyn Tondo-Steele stretched the lead to 2-0 when she hit a shot that grazed the post before going in. Senior forward Katy Durkin provided the final goal of the game just seconds before halftime.

Saint Mary's defense was solid all night as it held Holy Cross to just a single shot on goal.

Senior Patty Duffy played goalkeeper in the first half, recording the lone save, before freshman Adele Bruggeman came on to close the game in the second half.

The win improves the Belles to 1-0, a vast improvement from last year's 0-4 start.

Saint Mary's will travel to Danville, Kent. to play in the Centre College Tournament Sept. 5.

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