



Springbrook Outruns No. 1 B-CC

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In his three years as head coach of **Springbrook**, Ian Bain has made great strides taking a weak team to a county contender. Last night at No. 1 Bethesda-Chevy Chase, his team won its season opener, defeating the defending county champions, 1-0, in a AAAA Montgomery County game.

"A little luck beats a little skill every time," joked Bain. "I think our guys were a little nervous knowing I had never won an opener before. But they really came out and played with a lot of motivation."

The No. 2-ranked Blue Devils scored the game's only goal with 13:20 left in the first half, capitalizing on a B-CC substitution. Moments after Barons Coach Gene Hostetler inserted junior fullback Jeremy Barnicle for senior Jonah Davenport, **Springbrook** went to work.

Blue Devils forward **Albert Oni**, who had been stationed at right wing for most of the half, immediately made a diagonal run to pick up a pass in the far left corner. Sweeper Phil Harrell tried to trap **Oni** along the endline, but **Oni** jukeed right, spun and left Harrell behind as he lifted a perfect cross to freshman John Monday. Monday whipped around, beating Barnicle and scoring the winner in the upper left corner past goalie Matt Harrell.

For Bethesda-Chevy Chase, it was another painful 1-0 loss; its last one was to Bowie in the state semifinals last year. But the Barons, when in need of that extra push, seemed to find themselves a step too slow against the quicker Blue Devils.

"I think **Springbrook** was just in better game shape than us tonight," said midfielder Werner Dasbach. "We don't have the quickest defenders to begin with, and, by the end of game, we were much more fatigued than they were." @Slug: D07SPR

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