Squaring up for a long range chip, Brittany Potts launches the ball to her teammate.

Brittany Potts sprints after a ball with an intense glare.

Brittany Potts steps up to complete for a mid air volley .

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Potts has taken her shots for the game

"It's just me and the field," Brittany Potts said. "When I play soccer I'm so focused I don't even hear the coach yelling," Potts said. "I play soccer for myself, to stay in shape and it as a stress reliever."

She feels that she is empowering African American women as she plays the game. In the 13 years she has been playing soccer, Potts hasn't encountered many African American females playing soccer but views it as an upcoming sport in the United States.

"Soccer is my life, it's who I am," Potts said. My sister drives me to play. "There's that sisterly rival," Potts said.

Potts and her sister both started at the same time and grew up playing soccer together. We always competed to see who would play better.

Potts plays sweeper, and is a standout defender on the team. She has scored two goals so far this season.

Even though Potts is focused on school and soccer family is still a big part of her life. Blending school and soccer has not been a problem, and she successfully manages both.

Potts' hero is her father. "He always takes care of other people, and has a helping hand," Potts said.