

BU10 – Team 1 – Game 3

Team 6 – the last remaining team that we had not faced, either in the exhibition games or in the regular season games. We had won against teams 2 and 3 in exhibition. We had won against teams 4 and 5 in the regular season. All that remained for us was to see how we will do against team 6. After the dust had settled, we emerged with a 0 – 0 tie. The defense and goal tending were awesome! It's been said many times that if your team don't let a single goal go in, the best that the other team can do is muster a tie game. If they don't score against us, they cannot win against us. It's that simple. The boys did not let in a single goal.

The total team effort started from the goalie on out. Arman played the first two shifts in goal. Amar played the next two shifts in goal. Both boys made some key smart plays as they rushed out to grab loose balls for quick drop kicks. Anthony played the last two shifts in goal. Don't let his small frame fool you...he is one great goalie. He made 4 or 5 critical saves in a row as Team 6 was really pressing near the end. The parents were in awe of a couple of his saves.

In front of the goalies were our defensemen. Rahul and Christopher started the first shift. These two are possibly our most stalwart defensemen. They can run down any opposing forwards and wrestle the ball away. In this shift and subsequent shifts, they showed some flair in moving the ball up the side and passing it onto our forwards. Rounding out the defense were Aron, Aaron, Amar and Michael Armes. These boys played a shift on defense and a couple of shifts in other positions. While in the defensive position, they booted the ball out every chance they got. Michael Armes did a great job covering Adam (Michael played with Adam last year and knew that it could be dangerous if Adam was not properly covered. He took that assignment on.) Let's not forget the two great goal kicks from Amar which almost resulted in goals for us as our forwards were able to receive the kick well past the centre line. Aaron made a few superb plays by getting to the ball ahead of opposing players and booting it to the side. Hats off to Aron, who played part of his last shift with an injured foot. He was limping and had the will to go on!

Andrew, Jaydon, Michael DePinto and Michael Armes are without a doubt the best midfield in this league. These four boys have great ball control. They stick to the game plan. When the ball is in our zone, come back to help out the defense. When the ball is in the opposition's zone, go up and create scoring plays with the forwards. In the first shift, the parents were saying "who are number 4 and number 6? These boys are great!" In the second shift, the parents were saying "who are number 10 and number 14? Oh wow, look at number 10 go!" If it had not been for these four great midfielders rushing back into our zone to help out the defense, the other team would have won the game by a few goals.

Many of the boys took turn playing forward, but two stood out. Eric had two great scoring opportunities in front of the net. He lobbed one over the top goal post and the other one, he just shot it wide. Go to the front of the goal and you will get opportunities! Arman was our other stand out forward. He had a few great rushes with the ball from our centre line all the way to the other end. Arman had a great opportunity with a penalty shot; he just missed the top post. A few inches lower and the goalie would have had no chance.

So with five games played (2 in exhibition and 3 in regular season), we have faced every team at least once. The boys have been fantabulous (this is a new word I invented to describe the boys). We have won 4 and tied 1. The BU10, Team #1 are undefeated so far. With the 0 – 0 tie today, we showed that we can compete defensively, as well as offensively. The boys have established themselves as a force to be reckoned with, in this league.

Deleted: Flaming Cheetahs

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Great defensive game, Boys!!!

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