

BU10 – Team 1 – Game 10

At half time, Jaydon came up to me and said “Coach, Can I play goalie?...what if I let in a goal?”. No doubt Jaydon was recalling the first time he played in goal against Team 6 on July 24th. I said to Jaydon, “It doesn’t matter....just do your best. If the ball goes in, it does not matter”. Jaydon had a great shift as goalie!!

We have had a very successful season. The boys are probably used to not losing. If there is one thing I want the boys to take away this season is to play every game with a better effort and harder work than the previous game. Give everything you got and more, but if you let in a goal or missed a shot or missed a pass or let the opposing players get by you....It does not matter. We are out on the field to learn and have fun. Give it your best effort and keep in mind that the final score does not matter. Play with this attitude and you will learn and have lots of fun.

Game 10 was a very different sort of game. Most of the boys wanted to try different positions...and they were excited to try the different positions. We had Rahul and Christopher play one shift each on Midfield. Jaydon went in goal for one shift. Michael Armes played defense for one shift. Anthony played defense for one shift. Amar played defense for one shift. All of them played in positions they did not regularly played in and they all did great!

The final score was 1 -1 against Team 3. On the field, the story was very different. I was extremely impressed with the great team work and the following plays.....

- 1) This is Aaron’s first year in house league play. He is steadily improving. On 3 occasions, he came up with the ball while defending and got it out of our zone.
- 2) Eric, the youngest player on the team, was playing hurt. He also took a ball on the side of his face and continued without flinching.
- 3) Rahul was another player who was playing with a sprained leg. He still managed to outrun the opposing forwards.
- 4) Christopher had a great rush playing midfield and carried the ball well. On defense, he came from behind on one play to cut off a rushing opposing player and booted the ball to the sideline.
- 5) Michael Armes had a great shift on defense. He demonstrated great positioning in the offensive zone and got open on many occasions to receive the passes.
- 6) Michael DePinto is just everywhere. He is fast and he is spirited. He is just exciting to watch. He likes to play midfield, but his speed and intensity allow him to come back to help the defenders while the ball is in our zone.
- 7) I have been coaching Anthony for 3 seasons. Not only is he developing into one of the premier goaltenders in the league, but he has developed a powerful kick lately. He had one shift on defense and he just booted a rolling ball halfway across the field!!
- 8) Amar made 3 great passes in the game. He carried the ball up the left side and got the ball over to our opened forwards as the opposing players converged on him.
- 9) Arman showed no rust coming back from vacation. On forward, he forced the plays in the offensive zone and recovered the ball in the corners to create scoring opportunities for our team.
- 10) Jaydon made an awesome save in goal. He continued his torrid scoring pace by getting another goal in the game.

We now have 6 wins, 1 loss and 3 ties for a total of 21 points!! Great game, Boys!!!