

## BU10: Team #1– Game 5

The other team cannot win if they don't score.....it's that simple!! For the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this season, the Boys shut out the opposing team. This time, Team 3 fell victims to the Boys' disciplined defensive plays. This time, the boys did better than a tie. While not allowing a single goal, we struck for FIVE goals in the first half. These five goals gave us the 5-0 victory on the evening. The last time, we scored 5 goals was in the second exhibition game; it was also against Team 3.

Our defense was solid for the entire game. The defenders only allowed the opposing players to get into our goal area on two plays. On the first play, a Team 3 player got the ball on a throw in and charged towards our goal from the right side. Amar, who was playing in goal on that shift, rushed out to challenge the shooter and quickly pounced on the ball. In the second half, Eric showed a great burst of speed to chase down an opposing forward. Eric stayed right with the opposing ball carrier and took away the shot on goal. For most of the game, our defenders kept the opposing players in the peripheries of our defensive zone. Christopher had one of his best games on defense as he was quick to recover loose balls. He was usually first to the ball and quickly booted the ball back into our offensive zone. Rahul played his position well and covered up for Christopher on those plays where Christopher ventured into the offensive zone to be first at the ball. Rahul had a brilliant rush down the left side of the field on one play; he carried the ball from our zone all the way into other end. He got away a great pass and rushed back into his defensive position. Aron played, perhaps the best I have ever seen him play. He is turning out to be an excellent defender. He was quick to the ball and stopped a few opposition rushes down the left side. Andrew took one shift on defense. With Andrew as a defender, we know that no-one will get by him.

With a solid defense, the boys were able to work their offensive magic. Whatever Michael DePinto had for dinner, we must all eat the same thing next week!! These were the scoring plays...

- 1) Jaydon threw the ball in to Andrew. Andrew eluded one defender, and got the shot away. The ball hit the post. He recovered it. He slid it over to Michael DePinto for his first goal.
- 2) Andrew started another great play in the offensive zone by wrestling the ball away from the opposition. He passed it over to Jaydon. Jaydon lobbed the ball over the defender and the goalie. It was an incredible shot!!
- 3) The third goal was a result of some great three ways passing. Michael Armes got the ball over to Anthony. Anthony carried it a few feet and with a defender on him, he crossed it over. Michael DePinto rushed in and one timed the shot for his second goal of the game.
- 4) The Boys learned something very useful in practice on Tuesday. They put it to use for our fourth goal. On a throw in from Arman, Anthony checked in and checked out. This drew a couple of opposing players away. Arman got the ball ahead to a wide open Michael Armes. Michael Armes got the ball over to Michael DePinto for his third goal. This gave Michael D. the hat trick!
- 5) Our last goal came off the foot of Arman. I had a feeling that Arman would get a goal as he was squaring off against his cousin (Ejaz) who was on Team 3. The play started with Andrew recovering the ball in our defensive zone. Andrew rushed the ball up, but was tripped up by an opposing player. He was awarded a free kick. Andrew got it on goal. The shot was blocked by the goalie and Arman quickly picked up the rebound for the goal.

The Boys should be proud of their plays in this game. They put into the game, the drills they learnt at practice. They passed; they checked in and checked out and they scored!!!

Great game Boys!!! We remain undefeated this season!!