

BU10 – TEAM #1 – Game 6

Other than the FIFA World Cup games, the fans and parents will not see a more solid defensive and passing game than these boys showed in the game against Team #4. Awesome passing of the ball would be an understatement.

Team #4 was the first team we played against in regular season. Last time, we defeated them 4-1. This time, we would improve on the tally and defeat them by a score of 5-1. This game started much like the first regular season game. Team 4 scored the first goal (from the same spot as game 1) on an angled shot from the right side of our goal. This would be the only goal that the opposition would get against us. The boys went onto dominate the rest of the game.

Michael DePinto picked up where he left off from game 5. He started a great passing play by getting the ball ahead to Andrew. With a defender on him and the goalie reaching for the ball, Andrew made a solid pass over to Jaydon right in-front of the net for our first goal of the game. Team #4 got a few more good chances, but Amar made 3 consecutive great saves! Amar was protected by our two stalwart defensemen, Rahul and Christopher. They both provided great coverage on #14 (the player who scored the first goal) and basically shut him down.

Before the half was out, Arman got the go-ahead goal for us. Rahul started the play from our zone and got the ball up to Arman. Arman showed good leg-work and deked two players before letting rip a powerful shot from his left foot. This would turn out to be the game winner.

In the second half, the boys blew the game wide open with 3 more goals. All the goals were a result of some of the greatest passing plays ever seen in this league. The third goal had the parents from both teams gasping in amazement. Jaydon started the play from the left side, just past the centre line. He got the ball over to Michael who moved it up a few metres before making a nice hard, accurate pass over to Andrew who was coming down the middle. Andrew deked one defender and let go a powerful shot from the top of the box to give us a 3-1 lead.

For the second game in a row, we got a goal on a terrific play that started from the throw-in. Andrew threw the ball over to Arman down the left side. Arman eluded two defenders and shot the ball over to Jaydon who had great positioning in-front of the goalie for our fourth goal of the game. The fifth and final goal started with a heads-up play, right from the face-off. A Team 4 player passed the ball back to his mid-fielder, but Jaydon showed lightning speed to get to the ball first. He carried it and passed it over to a wide open Arman who was coming down the right side. Arman received the perfect pass and shot it in to make the score 5-1.

While our forwards and mid-fielders were getting the ball in goal, our defense kept a close eye on Team 4's forwards. Christopher and Rahul had an excellent first half, only to be equaled by Amar and Aron in the last shift of the game as they made some great goal saving plays by forcing the on-rushing forwards to the side. On the 2 occasions that the ball got by them, Anthony came out to quickly snatch the ball away. Anthony had been showing a lot of spunk in goal as well as in forward.

Whether they were playing midfield or defending, both Aaron and Eric moved the ball well. They had great anticipation and were always first to the ball when the opposing players shot it into our zone. They either one-timed the kick or made great passes to get the ball into our offensive zone.

The one element that separates a great team from a good team is the passing plays. If a team is passing the ball well, the opposition's chances will be limited. Today, the boys showed that they are a GREAT Team!

Ken Chow