

## BU10 – Team #1 – Game 8

This win has to rank amongst the most exciting games of the season. With 5 minutes left, we were down 1-0. Any lesser team would have given up, but not these boys. With courage of cheetahs, these boys were ready to do battle to their last breath.

With 5 minutes left, Jaydon received a pass from Andrew in the goal crease area. He took a shot and was blocked by team 6's defense. The ball squirted loose; Amar did a quick dribble and shot the ball in for the game tying goal.....and the fans went wild.....our players went wild!! I have been coaching Amar for 3 seasons. As far back as I can remember, this was Amar's first career goal. There will be some celebrations at the Bhalla's household tonight.

Two minutes after the tying goal and just as the celebrations were starting to subside, the fans and players erupted again in jubilation as Jaydon scored the game winning goal on a pass from Eric. Eric trapped the ball between his legs inside the goal crease and brushed aside a couple of opposing players to get the ball over to Jaydon.

Despite the fact that it was a last minute victory, it should be noted that the boys outplayed the opposing team for most of the game. Arman, Michael Armes, Michael DePinto and Anthony had excellent chances in the first half of the game. The kick from Arman looked to be in, but was not called by the referee. Michael DePinto hit the post and Anthony's strong right kick was just wide. Michael Armes had a nice deflection on a long pass, but just missed the corner. All these were results of some great passes from Andrew who was quarterbacking the play from the peripherals. He got the ball to the front of the goal for some great opportunities for his team mates.

Our defenders were again strong as usual. They did not let too many balls through. Aron continued to steadily improve as a defender. He was demonstrating some good leg work to get the ball out of our zone. Christopher and Rahul gave some good chases down the side to stop the charging forwards from the opposing teams. Aaron and Eric made some great blocks and chipped the ball ahead to our forwards. The defenders were also starting to carry the ball up the field when they see an opening.

Team six got the first goal of the game early in the second half. Our defense was caught up the field. They had a breakaway and our goalie had no chance to stop the ball.

As the clock started to wind down, it would seem as though we would lose this game. Midway through the second half, team six almost took a 2-0 lead. We left an opposing player wide open right down the centre of our goal line. The ball got over to him, but Anthony, who was playing in net, showed lightning speed to pounce on the ball and snatched it from the opposing player's foot. This was the game saving save. A 2-0 deficit would have been too steep a hill to climb for a comeback.

The comeback did occur and we had an exciting finish to the game.

This victory marks our fifth win of the regular season. Our record now stands at 5 wins, 1 loss and 2 ties. So far, we have scored 24 goals and allowed 11 goals against. This last win was against the second place team. We remain firmly in first place with a total of 17 points in the regular season.

Another great effort, Boys! You showed great heart in never giving up and going all out for the comeback, last minute win!!