

Game Summary

BCC vs Paint Branch, Sept 16, 2010

BCC Coach DeMunter and his squad welcomed the Paint Branch JV soccer team to BCC for the Barons' second home match the season.

The Barons opened the match with confidence and authority on the field, showing good passing and ball control which would set the tone for the entire match. Starting midfielders Joe Feldman, Alex Van Hollen, Alex Gandal and Douglas Guevara combined nicely to hold play mostly on the visiting teams side of the field.

After about 10 mins of back and forth exchanges and no real goal chances by either team, the Barons got their first corner kick. Despite two fine corner attempts by Guevara, no goal chances ensued. But the Barons showed patience and decisiveness and more chances would eventually come. Forwards Duc Momo and Martin Moreno were active on top and gave the visitors defense a hard time.

In the 14th minute, the Barons had a throw in far down on the Paint Branch end of the field. Forward Moreno throws in the ball to Momo who passes back the ball to Moreno. Moreno then launches a perfect cross ball in towards the Paint Branch goal, where midfielders Feldman and Jonas Baker along with forward Evan Sevilla all try for a header. Oddly enough, the ball instead reaches a Paint Branch player, who inadvertently heads the ball into the cross bar, surprising the goalie. Luckily for BCC, a well-positioned Hugo Melander keenly takes the return ball and shoots it into the Paint Branch goal. 1-0 Barons!

Two minutes later, the Barons would strike pay-dirt again after patient and confident play when striker Duc Momo finished a nice attack with a goal from 15 yards out from the right side. This was followed by a nice BCC corner kick which resulted in an exciting chance for a goal by Van Hollen. However the Paint Branch goalie stood in the way.

BCC's back line of Paul Delancy, Will Becker, Brendan Ayala and Melander were aggressive and showed lots of offensive vigor, at the same time maintaining a stable defense. Paint Branch had a few chances in the half which goalie Gustavo Abarca was able to manage. Nice goal chances each by midfielders Pablo Goldschtein and Alex Gandal closed out the first half.

BCC showed control and stability in their play in the second half. Second half goalie Phillip Gunn had several good saves. The Barons would go on to secure their second win of the season (2-0) and remain undefeated at home.

Second half players also contributing to the victory were Midfielders Olivier Toujas and Max Moore, along with forward Daniel Whitstock and defenders Ellis Palmeiri, Victor Amaya and Christian Cordova. Depth of the Barons squad is one of many strengths the Barons will take with them to the next game against Montgomery Blair at 5:30pm on September 20.

Go Barons!

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