

Game Summary BCC vs Sherwood, Oct 6, 2010

The Barons JV soccer team returned to the field today after missing two games due to rain, and they emerged with a win bringing their record to 3-2-1 for the season.

The opponent was Sherwood and the B-CC team dominated the first half in what felt like it would be a lopsided game. The Barons controlled possession the entire half, with strong midfield play from starters Alex Van Hollen, Pablo Goldschtein, Joe Feldman and Alex Gandal. Starting defenders Will Becker, Brenden Ayala, Hugo Melander, Paul Delancy and goalie Phil Gunn were not really tested in the first half. The ball was rarely in B-CC's third of the field.

The Barons had numerous scoring opportunities in the first half, including a shot off the post by Duc Momo, a through ball to Evan Sevilla that was intercepted by a charging goalie, and a great give-and-go by Pablo and Evan that nearly resulted in a goal. But the Barons couldn't find the back of the net. Despite B-CC's domination, the half ended in a scoreless tie.

In the second half, Sherwood picked up the intensity of their play and began to put pressure on B-CC's defense. The defense, including Ellis Palmieri who played much of the half, did a nice job stopping the frequent attacks mounted by Sherwood, including a few offside traps that thwarted goal scoring opportunities. Goalie Phil Gunn had a much busier half, though, as he was called upon to make several critical saves. One save created a real scare when a Sherwood attacker ran into Gunn knocking the ball loose from his hands and into the goal. Fortunately the referee called a foul for running into the goalie and the goal was not allowed.

Although they did not control possession as well, B-CC did finish their scoring opportunities better in the second half. Strong mid-field play from Jonas Baker, Olivier Toujas, Max Moore, Douglas Guevara and Daniel Whitstock helped set the stage for what would become an exciting final few minutes of the game. The first goal came with just 7 minutes remaining. Alex Van Hollen took a free kick which rebounded out to Joe Feldman at the top of the box. Feldman hit a first time volley over the keeper and into the net to give the Barons a 1-0 lead. This brought a great feeling of relief to the team and the fans as the scoreless spell was broken.

With a renewed sense of momentum, the Baron's tallied another goal with just seconds remaining in the game. The goal was scored by Momo on a nice through ball that he controlled and placed past the goalie to bring the score to 2-0.

That was the way the game ended, a shut-out for the Barons in front of an enthusiastic group of fans who braved the early wintery weather to cheer the team on to its third victory of the season. Next up is for the team is a home game this Friday night against Gaithersburg.

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