

Game Summary

BCC vs Walter Johnson, Sept 13, 2010

Coach DeMunter and his squad welcomed Walter Johnson to BCC for the Barons' home-opener this season. A crowd of about 100 supporters from both sides was in attendance on a sunny afternoon, the local supporters looking to cheer the home team on to its first victory. They would not be disappointed.

It was evident from the opening minutes that both teams were out for the victory, as play was fast-paced and aggressive, with hard tackles from both sides. After 5 minutes of play, BCC defender Hugo Melander had the first chance on goal with a nice shot from the right side which unfortunately went wide. Melander, along with the rest of BCC's back line of Paul Delancy, Will Becker and Brendan Ayala were aggressive and offense-minded yet stable in their defense.

Despite a good effort of the BCC back line to defend, Walter Johnson was still the first team to score in the 10th minute, the goal coming on a very swift WJ attack from midfield. A WJ player intercepted a BCC pass and turned play upfield to start the attack and subsequently take the lead. This goal, however, caused a spark to ignite inside the BCC players. Central Midfielders Joe Feldman and Alex Van Hollen started to win many balls, and momentum started to switch to BCC.

The BCC equalizer came after 18 minutes of play, and it was a beauty, coming on a dead ball situation. A free kick was awarded to BCC at around 30 yards out. Van Hollen takes the kick and does a fantastic job of chipping the ball over the WJ defense and finding fellow midfielder Pablo Goldschtein coming in from the left side. Goldschtein takes the ball on the bounce and times his shot perfectly to flick the ball over the WJ goalie for BCC's first goal. Looked like a set play which BCC might have practiced many times..

Additional BCC goal chances were many and varied following the 1-1 goal. However, WJ didn't give up and kept trying to win the ball and attack. One of BCC's strengths is its bench depth, and substitutes Martin Moreno and Evan Sevilla (forwards) along with Olivier Toujas and Jonas Baker (midfielders) kept the opponents at bay with fine ball control and passing. Outside midfielders Alex Gandal and Douglas Guevara contributed nicely to keeping BCC in control of the match as well.

The BCC lead goal came on a picture perfect combination of actions going something like this: Goldschtein takes a throw-in on the WJ-half of the field and finds forward Duc Momo taking a run upfield. Momo receives the ball and rounds his defender, heading upfield for the left side of the goal. He then keenly passes the ball back to an unmarked and perfectly positioned Van Hollen in the penalty area, who aims for the far post and does not miss.

BCC saw their lead extend to 3-1 on a nice effort by forward Momo with 6 minutes left in the first half. The forward received an excellent pass from midfielder Goldschtein and then managed to beat two defenders and the goalie and place the ball in the goal. Top class! A single goal chance by WJ followed by nice save by the BCC goalie, Gustavo Abarca, was the remaining action in the first half.

BCC met a more aggressive Walter Johnson in the second half, and the opponents would line up chance after chance against second half goalie Phillip Gunn. Gunn was on his toes and managed to save several good WJ chances and help hold on to a 3-1 lead. However, WJ

would manage a second goal, coming on a return ball which hit the cross bar after 8 minutes of play. Hats off to WJ for a nice goal.

Gladly, this WJ goal seemed to light another spark in the BCC squad, and the entire team raised their play a notch. Nice ball control by BCC lead to several good attacks, one coming in the 24th minute of the second half. Alex Van Hollen made an fine pass from midfield right through the WJ back line which was received by forward Evan Sevilla. Sevilla shot on was deflected by a WJ defender only to be snatched up by BCC forward Momo who manages to beat the keeper and find the back of the net. 4-2 Barons!

Also putting out fine performances and contributing to the Barons victory were forward Daniel Whitstock, Midfielder Max Moore along with defenders Ellis Palmeiri, Victor Amaya and Christian Cordova. A total team effort!

The next BCC JV soccer match will be played at BCC on Wednesday, September 15, against Paint Branch (home team) at 4:30 pm. Note that the Barons are the away team, but the venue is BCC.

Go Barons!

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