

## BU10 – Team 1 – Game 9

The last time we played Team 2, we only had 7 players. This time, we were short players again. With Andrew and Arman on vacation, we only had 10 players. Add to this, the extreme heat and humidity, the boys had to work miracles again. Work miracles, they did!!

Players were asked to venture into unfamiliar territories. Players took on leadership roles in unfamiliar territories. Amar and Anthony stepped up to play goalie for half a game each. Amar played the entire first half and Anthony guarded our goal for the entire second half. These two boys were awesome as they made some incredible saves. Amar did not let in a single goal in the first half. Anthony (just like last week) came up with two incredulous saves from point blank. One shot was so hard that the ball slid out of his clutches; however, he did a half somersault to recover the loose ball.

Aaron Hum and Aron Inpalingam played their most determined game of the season. They were roughing it up and digging for the ball from opposing players' feet. Aron had a couple of good rushes and his strong kicks got the ball out of our zone on numerous occasions. Aaron blocked a few hard shots and continued to chase the ball despite playing a lengthy shift in the second half. Aron injured his leg near the end of the game.....he still wanted to go back on....what a fighter!!

With two forwards out for the week, Rahul alternated between defense and mid-field. Rahul had an incredible rush down the left side (spurred on by cheers from his Dad), deked a couple of players and narrowly missed the goal on the right side with a hard shot.

With Rahul taking a couple of shifts on the offensive, the defensive workload fell onto Christopher. Christopher gave it his all against the opposing forwards. His Mom had to run water down the field to him on a few occasions to get him re-hydrated.

Michael Armes put in a great effort on forward. He put the spineroo (that's the Michael Armes' patented play....he traps the ball between his feet while facing away from the goalie and then makes a quick 180 degrees turn to get a shot away) on the opposition 3 times and narrowly missed putting the ball in.

Michael DePinto was exciting to watch as usual. He was quarterbacking most of the rushes and making the great passes across to his team mates. Two of the three goals we scored were results of great passes from Michael. He had a couple of great corner kicks. One of them landed right near Eric. Eric almost had his first goal of the season, but his kick was stopped. Eric was another player who stepped up his level of play. Before the game, he was experiencing some lethargy but he still got out on the field to play with intensity.

The last time we faced Team 2, we walked away with a 2-2 tie. It looked like we were headed for a tie game again as we exited the first half with the score at 0 – 0. So our attention switches to Jaydon. Jaydon got our winning goal last week. He continued his hot scoring streak by getting all three goals (a hat trick) in this game. His first two came off great feeds from Micahael DePinto. His third goal came off a penalty shot. It was a rising high shot that eluded the goalie....Jaydon had the hot feet on the night.

With the score at 3-2 and the clock winding down, Eric, Rahul and Christopher were called upon to play a 3-man defense to preserve the victory.

We now have 6 wins, 1 loss and 2 ties for a total of 20 points!! Great game, Boys!!!