

Age/Gender: U15 Boys

Location: Wall2Wall | Mason

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Players: Simon; Noah; Nick; Teddy; Matthew; Tommy; Robbie; Collin; Luke; John; Owen; Jeb; Dominic

Hope Springs Player of the game: Simon

Defensively, the Dutch team Lions boys presented a good performance, in terms of space occupation and positional organization, even spending most of the time in their own defensive half, the young Lions never lost their composure. However, the team had a rough time trying to sustain the constant pressure and dynamic of the opposing team, especially when they used the outside space, with crossings or through balls.

Offensively, the young lads had a decent performance, they had some really good moments, where they were able to connect their game with good combinations, with good dynamic and constant movement, especially at the beginning and at the end of the game. However, these moments were not something consistent, and majority of the times the team forced too much the long ball, but without criterion / direction.

After the game coach Bruno had the following statement "I really enjoyed our work ethic and commitment. The boys were really focused and never lost their posture. However, it seems that at times we were more worried about keeping the ball away from our goal at any cost than trying to keep working on our identity, more focus on the result than the long term result, which needs to be our focus, work on our game idea, in preparation for the Spring season." To conclude Bruno added "The boys have been fantastic, playing against a older team week after week is not easy but I see a group of players willing to improve at every practice or game, and that is crucial for their individual and collective development"

As the Hope Springs player of the match coach Bruno selected Simon and said, "besides his defensive work, very focused and aware of the space around him, he was also very thoughtful on his decisions with the ball. I also want to mention John, he had a tremendous attitude, especially without the ball, being always available to help the team, recovering numerous balls."