

Age/Gender: U17 Boys

Location: Wall2Wall | Mason

Result: 4-4 T

Players: Kyle; Todd; Hunter; John; Richard; Gaven; Terry; Mike; Caden; Lucas; Griffin; Jonathan C.; Cameron; Alex; Caleb

Goal(s): Lucas; Hunter; Alex; Jonathan C.

Hope Springs Player of the game: Griffin

Defensively and overall, the Dutch Lions team had a good performance, considering the only the goals conceded were from individual mistakes. This ended up being crucial, however that analysis is too reductive. The collective behavior was good, the boys showed a good organization for the majority of the time, and high intensity especially during the defensive transition, recovering their positions on the field quickly. The team had also some moments of really good pressure recovering the ball immediately after losing it, creating problems for the opposing team.

Offensively the team had a good performance. Once again, the boys recognized well the moments to switch the pace the game, and the 4 goals scored are proof of that, some of them after quick transitions where the boys recognized the spaces to counter attack, and others have resulted of good combinations and good collective dynamic. Besides the goals some more chances were created but the players need to be more decisive in the last moment to shoot on goal.

Coach Bruno had the following to say about the game, "Today I have kind of a sweet and sour feeling. It's tough to analyze this game without thinking about the final score, which is too reductive, especially because in my opinion the boys controlled the game and all the big moments. They interpreted well the ideas we have been working on, especially the offensive dynamic and reality is that we are improving our productivity, but can't tie or lose a game after score 4 goals, or concede a goal because a lack of communication." To conclude coach Bruno said, "At the end of the day this is one more opportunity to grow and learn, and I'm sure that we will correct those mistakes as a group and come back better for the upcoming challenges."

As the Hope Springs player of the match Coach Bruno has selected Griffin and said, "Today, I would like to nominate Griffin as player of the game, not only because of his recent performances, but for his overall growth result of his hard work. I would also like to compliment Gaven and Mike for their work rate and Caleb for his performance playing in a new position."