

Age/Gender: U15 Boys

Location: Wall2Wall | Mason

Result: 3-1 L

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

Goal(s): Jeb

Hope Springs Player of the game: Dominic

Defensively, the young Dutch Lions had a decent performance, good organization for most of the match, playing compact and with quick defensive transitions, recovering their defensive shape quickly and avoiding the counter attacks. It was nice to see the boys pressing in the midfield, however this needs to become a collective behavior, with all the players involved, limiting the spaces around the ball carrier and also their closest options.

Offensively the young boys had moments of really good soccer, playing in support, with constant movement, taking advantage of the outside spaces since the pressure was tight inside. The boys were able to find their options to build up from the back several times, however, the team had a rough time to connect their game when the game became more physical. Besides the goal scored, other chances were created especially in the last half of the game, but unfortunately, the young boys were not able to capitalize those chances.

After the game coach Bruno had the following statement " I think today the guys need to be congratulated, they worked very hard from the initial whistle, even playing against an older team they were able to match up with them and have control of the game and their moments during certain periods of time. Obviously there was a big difference in aggressiveness which in my opinion ended up making the difference. At the same time, the boys need to get used to it, match it, and be able to increase their speed of play, with quick combinations and constant runs off the ball to avoid the pressure. Overall and despite the score, I think that we had a good performance, another step on our journey."

As the Hope Springs player of the match coach Bruno selected Dominic and said, "Today I decided to name Dominic as a player of the game, not only for his solid performance but mainly for his positioning game, showing maturity, and being the connecting link between our defense and offense."

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Players: Kyle; Todd; Aaron B.; Hunter; John; Richard; Gaven; Terry; Sam; Mike; Dylan; Caden; Lucas; Griffin; Jonathan H.; Cameron

Goal(s): Lucas

Hope Springs Player of the game: Lucas

Defensively and despite the score, the Dutch Lions boys were well organized for the majority of the match, playing close to each other (compact), reducing the spaces in the midfield and thus avoiding the through balls. However, a couple of positional mistakes and unnecessary risks on the build up moment ended up in goals. But the organization was good as well the pressure with most of the players involved in this game moment.

Offensively the team had a good performance. The boys recognized well the moments to switch the pace of the game, take advantage of the opposing team's disorganization, when to

accelerate the game and at the same time slow the game down. They were organized, moving the ball well on the field with confidence and discipline. The goal resulted from a brilliant counter attack, with quick combinations and high pace, besides the goal a few more chances were created, but the boys couldn't find the right options in the last third of the pitch to materialize in goals those situations.

Coach Bruno had the following to say about the game: "I'm walking out of the field proud of these young men. They were able to interpret and execute very well the ideas we've been working during the practices, especially offensively, where we were able to recognize the spaces and temporize the pace of the game wisely. On defense, we've committed a couple of crucial mistakes, one ended up in a penalty kick and the other result of a bad decision on our build up, but at the end of the day, I think it was one of our best performances here, showing some progress especially on the ball."

As the Hope Springs player of the match coach Bruno selected Lucas and said, "Today I could nominate several players as Hope Springs Player of the match, especially on our offensive line, however, Lucas had a terrific performance on and off the ball, besides the goal, he was a constant threat for the opposing defensive line and at the same time very committed to the collective, pressing and recovering several balls."