

Team: U17 Boys

Location: Wall2Wall | Mason

Result: 2-0 W

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

Goal(s): Lucas; Sam

Hope Springs Player of the game: Jonathan H.

Defensively, the team had another solid performance. The defensive backline and the midfielders kept a good balance throughout the entire game, reducing drastically the chances of being exposed or caught out of shape. The only really dangerous situations came from set pieces or mistakes on our build up process. We took some unnecessary risks; where we need to be more thoughtful, but the team was able to react quickly and cover those mistakes.

Offensively, the team were dominant from the beginning of the game: controlling the possession and building their game from the back with different types of solutions, which makes our game richer and unpredictable. The boys have also begun to understand better their routines within the collective dynamics, and when they need to accelerate the game or play safely keeping the ball possession. In addition to the goals scored, a few more opportunities were created, but at the last moment the final touch was lacking.

After the game coach Bruno had the following statement "I'm really happy with the team performance here today. I think the boys showed personality and character controlling the game and playing most moments wisely. Besides the result, the most important thing for me as a coach was to see how the team has responded to the ideas we've been working on, and I could not be more pleased especially with the build up. The way we moved the ball on the pitch and the intensity in which we played the game was excellent, however we need to keep working on the last moment (creation and definition) being more creative/unpredictable to create more chances in the finishing areas."

As the Hope Springs player of the match Coach Bruno selected Jonathan H. "Jonathan's performance was absolutely brilliant today. He was immaculate on defense, and played an important role in our first phase of construction (build up). In addition, he took charge of the defensive line with constant communication keeping everybody focused and on the same page."