



Tuesday May 4, 2010

ACADEMY TEAMS PLAY CASL ON THE ROAD

U16's lose 2-0 and U18s draw 0-0

From Coach Butler:

On a very hot afternoon on the stadium turf at the WRAL Stadium the U18s got to play first for only the second time this year. We came out well and controlled much of the first half without managing a great chance. Our possession was good and we defended with passion and pride. Some good combination play lead to a series of half chances but nothing really concrete that tested the CASL goal keeper. The second half was much of the same until the last 15 minutes when the game opened up significantly. Robby Beatty, Jono Grad and Asa Kryst all went close with shots but failed to hit the target. At the other end due to injuries and the steaming weather we were playing with a makeshift back four that continued to defend like their lives depended on it. With 5 minutes to go a CASL forward got in between the two center backs and ended up 1 v1 with Nick Hensley. Hensley spread himself well to deny the forward. It was a great performance where we were not going to give a goal away but we were always looking to score the winning goal.

From Coach Gunn:

Sunday the 16s played a strong CASL team in very hot and humid conditions. The first half went back and forth with a brace of chances for each team. Charlotte came close when Ben Burdon slipped past a flailing defender, kept his feet, and then shot only for the CASL keeper to make a fine save. Just when the first half looked set to end in stalemate the home team broke the deadlock with a well taken shot from long range. The goal was a big blow for Charlotte, having played well for the first period.

The second half became a pretty slow paced affair with both teams suffering from the heat. CASL passed the ball well and kept Charlotte at bay each time we mounted an attack. The game was put beyond reach when CASL scored a well deserved insurance goal late in the second half. In the end there were no excuses or complaints about the result, with credit needing to be given to the passing and movement of our opposition.

The two teams next will play on May 10th away at North Meck SC



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