



Tuesday May 18, 2010

ACADEMY TEAMS SPLIT AGAIN
U16's win 1-0 and U18s lose 4-2

From Coach Gunn:

On Saturday the 16s played Greensboro at home on another hot, humid day. Greensboro started quite well with a few good attacking runs to create chances but were turned away by some solid penalty box defending. The game settled into a bit of a chess match quite similar to many of our games against Greensboro in the past. Both teams kept very tight and disciplined, and so goal scoring chances were at a premium. The second half saw Charlotte continue to defend resiliently, while slowly gaining a little momentum passing the ball. Chances came and went at each end, and with regulation time up the game appeared to be headed for a tie. Unbelievably, Austin Yearwood broke the deadlock on the last kick of the game with a whipped corner kick that sailed over the Greensboro keeper into the far top corner. It was a tremendous victory for Charlotte and a tough blow for Greensboro in a key game. On the day it was hard to separate the two teams, but one can certainly give credit to our players for sticking to their jobs defensively while continuously attacking and searching out the win. Every player put in a tremendous amount of effort working off the ball defensively to limit a very good passing team. Next up is the trip to Sarasota for the second Academy Showcase of the year. Since a tough start the team has posted a 13-2-2 record and should be brimming with confidence going into the final stretch of the regular season.

From Coach Butler:

We started off slowly on Saturday and managed to go a goal to nil down with in six minutes. A cross from the right was not defended well and the Greensboro center forward headed home from ten yards out. After that we settled down and played some decent soccer but we were still not playing the ball wide enough and attacking from wider positions. We started the second half much better and attacked through the flanks more. In the 68th minute a great cross from Brett Luccia was headed goalwards but the Greensboro goal keeper made a fantastic save high to his right. From there we lost concentration and the two center backs were caught 2v2 leading to the second goal for Greensboro. Our response was immediate as Asa Kryst curled a sixteen yard shot into the bottom left hand corner of the goal. Within minutes we were level when Jake Keating crossed to the far post for Nick Barnhorst to score with a powerful header. The result was not to be as Greensboro scored a penalty kick and a one versus one goal at the death. It is now on to the Spring Showcase in Sarasota Florida after a few days off. I think that the boys will respond well to the challenge.

The two teams next will play in the Spring Showcase in Sarasota Florida from Friday May 28th through Monday May 31.



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