



Tuesday May 4, 2010

ACADEMY TEAMS SPLIT ON THE ROAD

U16's win 1-0 and U18s lose 2-1

From Coach Gunn:

An entertaining derby resulted in a solid 1-0 victory over North Meck on Monday night. The first half was frantic at times, and flowing at others with both sides getting good chances on goal. Both keepers were forced to make important saves, with Jaron Bradley making two great saves for Charlotte. Early in the second half Charlotte found the go ahead goal from a well hit corner kick that ricocheted off a North Meck defender into the goal. Before the goal either team could have been leading, but once Charlotte had scored weren't put under as much pressure. In the end we were good enough to see the game out and so deserved the three points on the night.

From Coach Butler:

After dealing with a barrage of shots and crosses during the first 10 minutes we settled down and played some very good soccer in the first half. It was however North Meck who got on the score sheet first. After going close on a one v one through Asa Kryst in the 21st minute the ball was cleared directly up the middle of the pitch for a North Meck player to run onto. He took the ball from just inside our half and went on to beat Trent Johnson in goal. We again responded well and in the 39th minute scored a good header from Kyle Searles. We won a corner kick that was cleared to Jono Grad who found Robby Beatty wide on the right. Beatty swung in a high cross to the back post where Searles met it well to head home. The second half was more end to end action as both teams tried to get the winner. North Meck was awarded a penalty when their center forward was fouled in the area but Johnson saved well to his right. On a minute later North Meck took the lead after a snap shot from 12 yards out. From then on we tried to get the equalizer but to no avail. The North Meck goal keeper made numerous saves and we also had a ball cleared off the line during the final few seconds. It was a very good attacking performance less the goals! Everyone gave it their all and I could not fault the effort in any way.

The two teams next will play on Saturday May 15th at home against Greensboro SC.



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