

### ***Match #14: Bay Rockets vs. Aurora Greenmen***

Date: October 10, 2009

Temperature: in the high 50's

Skies: partly cloudy

Wind: breeze from North/Northwest

Location: Aurora Memorial Stadium

**Result: Bay (2) - Aurora (0)**

This boys high school soccer match pitted the undefeated Bay Rockets against a strong opponent in the form of the Aurora Greenmen. The Greenmen brought in a 10-3 record that included quality wins against Lake Catholic and Hawken.

Bay was able to strike first at the twenty minute mark of the first half. Senior Dan Spiesz put a long throw-in into the penalty area in front of Aurora's goal. Aurora's defenders couldn't clear it to safety which allowed junior Jackson Heller the opportunity to volley it past the Aurora goalkeeper to give the Rockets a 1-0 lead. That motivated Aurora to push their attack forward. It took a few key saves by senior Nate McDonald to preserve Bay's 1-0 lead through to half-time.

The second half play by both sides was physical, as Aurora's narrow pitch didn't allow much time or space for players to operate. Bay struck with 15 minutes to go when senior Sam Dickinson skillfully worked his way to the goal line and crossed a beautifully weighted ball to junior Will Irvine, who headed it off the side post and into the goal to double the Rockets lead. Bay's group of junior defenders, Conner Outcalt, Alec Petro, Kenan Sayir and Tony Passalcqua along with McDonald didn't allow Aurora many clean chances on goal as the game wound down to the final whistle. The 2-0 win gave Bay it's 10th shutout in fourteen games.