

## ***Match #15: Bay Rockets vs. Avon Eagles***

Date: October 14, 2009

Temperature: mid-to-high 40's

Skies: cloudy

Wind: breezy

Location: Bay Memorial Stadium

**Result: Avon (2) - Bay (1)**

This boys high school soccer match pitted the two teams with identical 6-0 records in the Westshore Conference against each other, Bay and Avon. From the start, play was even as both teams had possession in their attacking side of the pitch along with shots on goal.

It was in the 27th minute that Avon played a ball over Bay's defenders to an on-running forward who volleyed a shot over senior Nate McDonald's extended reach and into the back of the net for a 1-0 lead over Bay. That seemed to create a sense of urgency that the Rockets used to win more possession and push their attack forward. With just under two minutes left in the half, senior Dan Spiesz was taken down in the penalty box by an Avon defender, and a penalty shot was called. Senior Shane Williams calmly stepped to the spot, and slotted the ball behind a diving Avon goalkeeper and into the net to tie the score going into half-time, 1-1.

The second half was played evenly as both teams had chances to score but couldn't finish. The turning point came with 9 minutes to go when Bay's defenders couldn't clear a ball from their penalty area. It fell to an Avon forward who struck a hard volley past a diving McDonald to give Avon the lead, 2-1. Bay couldn't rally in the time remaining, so the Avon Eagles won the match and the 2009 Westshore Conference Championship.