

Match #11: Bay Rockets vs. Fairview Warriors

Date: September 30, 2009

Temperature: cool, mid-to-low 50's

Skies: mostly cloudy

Wind: slight breeze

Location: Fairview High School Stadium

Result: Bay (2) - Fairview (0)

The Ohio State Division II number two-ranked Bay Rockets faced a Fairview Warrior side that was determined to keep the game close by defending first, then counter-attacking with a long ball. They played 8-9 players behind the ball to defend against Bay's attack. The Rockets, although they held most of the first-half possession in their attacking end, missed numerous close chances. Their shots went wide and went over. They just never went in the net. The counter-attack from the Warriors was non-existent in the first half, as they only penetrated Bay's penalty area once and didn't have a shot on goal. The result of Bay's missed chances and Fairview's lack of chances was a scoreless tie at the half.

The second half opened again with the Rockets playing the aggressor, It was just ten minutes into the second half when senior Dan Speisz took a shot that was deflected to senior Sam Dickinson, who volleyed it past the Warriors goalkeeper from close range to give the Rockets a well-deserved 1-0 lead. Less than ten minutes later, Bay was keeping the pressure on the Warriors who could only defend by sacrificing corner kicks. On the second of two consecutive corners, junior Tony Passalacqua, kept the ball alive in the box with a header, so that senior Joey Kinkelaar could opportunistically put it in the back of the net to give the Rockets a more comfortable lead of 2-0.

That's how the score ended with Bay maintaining their unbeaten streak against a pesky Fairview team who defended well, but could not penetrate the Rockets defense.