

Match #10: Bay vs. North Ridgeville

Date: September 23, 2009

Temperature: mid 70's

Skies: overcast

Wind: calm

Location: Bay High School Memorial Stadium

Result: Bay (4) - North Ridgeville (0)

The Bay Boys Soccer team started with a lot of attacking pressure against the visiting North Ridgeville Rangers in this Westshore Conference match. That pressure didn't prevent the Rangers from counter-attacking in the 33rd minute of the first half. It took a one-on-one save by senior goalkeeper, Nate McDonald to keep the young game scoreless.

Several of the Rockets first half chances hit the crossbar, went just wide, or were comfortably saved by the Rangers goalkeeper. With 8-9 players behind the ball defending, the Rangers frustrated the Rockets in their attacking end. It wasn't until the 2 minute mark of the half when junior midfielder, Eric Linhart, dribbled to the goal line and cut a pass back to a waiting junior forward, Jackson Heller, who beat a crowd of defenders to score the first goal of the match. The opening half ended with the Rockets in the lead, 1-0.

The second half started with more open play by both sides. The Rockets took advantage of a Rangers foul near the left side of the penalty area that was taken by senior midfielder, Shane Williams. His well-struck ball along the turf found the foot of junior midfielder, Alec Petro, who buried it in the back of the net to make it 2-0 Bay just three minutes in.

Bay kept up their attack, and eight minutes later senior forward, Sam Dickinson, created an opportunity by taking the ball to the goal line, and cutting a pass back in front of the goal. His pass was received by senior forward, Dan Spiesz, who beat the Rangers goalkeeper with a well-placed shot for Bay's third goal of the game.

The Rockets finished the scoring late in the game on a play that began with a well-timed pass from Williams to Petro, who ran past his defender then beat the Rangers goalkeeper with a hard, right-footed shot. This goal made the final score 4-0 in favor of the Rockets.

Next up for Bay will be the Fairview Warriors in a match set to be played Wednesday, September 30th at Fairview.