

## **MATCH #2: BAY vs. ST. EDWARD**

Date:08/25/2009

Day: Tuesday

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Bay High School Stadium

**Result: Bay (0) - St. Edward (0)**

### **SUMMARY:**

The skies were clear, the temperature was perfect, and there was a slight breeze out of the south for Bay's 2009 home opener. Both teams came out in the first ten minutes of the opening half playing safety first. The first real chance to score was by junior forward, Jackson Heller from a good pass by senior midfielder, Joey Kinkelaar, but the save was made by the St. Edward's goalkeeper.

Throughout the half there were numerous long balls played from defenders to forwards by both teams in an attempt to establish an attack. One Bay opportunity that came very close was a shot from Jackson Heller that was taken at a tough angle. The St. Edward's goalkeeper got a few fingers on it to deflect it off the crossbar and to safety.

Bay had to return quickly to defend a St. Edward's corner kick that resulted in a solid save by senior goalkeeper, Nate McDonald, from a free header. Nate also showed excellent form in making another save when a ball got through Bay's stingy defense allowing a St. Edward's attacking player a one-on-one opportunity.

With ten minutes to go in the half, Bay started to connect a few passes through the midfield. Freshman, Jack Creech, sent a nice cross into the penalty area that was headed to goal but saved by the St. Edward's goalkeeper. The half finished with Bay defending several direct kicks and corner kicks to preserve the 0-0 tie.

The second half opened with much of the same play by both teams - long balls played to forwards who worked hard to create opportunities. The game became quite physical as players from both teams were aggressively playing balls in the air, chasing long balls to gain possession, and making tough tackles.

Bay started to open up the attack in the final ten minutes, as the players conditioning showed late in the game. Spacing became available, and Bay's midfielders found holes in the St. Edward's defense to connect passes. Towards the end of the game, the closest opportunity came on a direct kick from junior defender, Alec Petro, that beat the goalkeeper but just cleared the crossbar. The final score was 0-0.

Many soccer purists would say it wasn't pretty, but it was a second straight shutout for Bay who travels to Columbus on Saturday to take on St. Francis DeSales.