

Match Report

Emu Plains V Springwood

May 2 2009

Under 13/Div 2

It was a beautiful sunny, autumn day, perfect for another nail biting game of football. It was always going to be a tough game for the boys based on the result table, with Springwood ranked first 21 goals to their name and only 3 goals conceded after the first three rounds.

Our boys began positively defending quite well however Springwood's excellent control of the ball saw them break through our defenders to score early in the first half. Some good saves by our goalie Aaron and Chris being first to the ball upset our opposition's attempt at another goal.

A few breaks were made by our forwards which saw our boys get the ball into Springwood's half only to be sent back by their defence. We were unable to capitalise on the few breaks that we had due to our boys being offside and a couple of good shots from Andrew unfortunately missing, good try Drew!!

Leading up to half time we were trailing 2-0 with a lot of work to do. The boys enjoyed a cool drink and a rest while their coach gave words of advice and encouragement.

Early in the second half Chris had a shot at the goal unfortunately missing, good effort mate! A well composed Springwood side came back at us once again and increased their score to 3, then 4. Our boys were trying hard at times to gain possession of the ball however, our haste and inability to pass and control the ball saw us kick it straight back to Springwood, who didn't hesitate to get it back into our half. Aaron did well again under pressure to keep them from increasing their lead even more. Mitchell, Christain and Connor did great work in our defence.

Our goal came mid-way during the second half was kicked up through the centre by Chris; Andrew was right on target and found the back of the net. Great teamwork boys!! Our morale lifted with that goal however, despite cheers from the crowd and coaching from the sideline we were unable to score number 2 despite a couple of attempts by Andrew. A few decisions didn't go our way but hey, that's life! As the game progressed it wasn't to be our day unfortunately Springwood were able to complete their goal tally with number 5 coming off a corner. Christian's ankle injury late in the second half added to our woes with him being carried off to the applause of his team and Springwood, which I thought was a great display of sportsmanship on their part.

Despite our second loss, boys I think you should be proud of your effort and don't be disheartened. Learn from the mistakes that you made and give 100% to every game. My observation of the game left me with the opinion that we are capable of matching it with the best of teams if we try hard and listen to the coach!

I was very impressed with a rather skilled Springwood side whose ball skills and discipline enabled them to be deserving winners on the day- Congratulations Springwood!!

Good luck boys against St Clair next week.

Sharon Walker (parent)