

Date: 24.07.11 Time: 16:00

TEAM: Akron Summit (USL PDL)

Opponent: Chicago Fire PDL - Location: Toyota Park, Chicago

Conditions: Overcast and 84 Degrees then Sunny in the Second Half getting hotter as the Game went on.

<p>Lineup: (attach and/or complete on the back)</p> <p>32 : Richard Ott GK (Substituted at HT) 17 : Ryhs Canella RB 3 : Mike Matlock LB 9 : Judson Mckinney CB 4 : Sean Sikich CB 7 : Michael Balogun CM (Withdrawn 70 Mins) 8 : Michael O Neill CM 12 : Vaughan Spurrier : CM 14 : Ryan Johnstone : ATTR 16 : ?? ATTC 10 : Ashton Campbell ATTL</p> <p>Subs :</p> <p>31 : Justin Nolan GK (HT) 21 : Barry Rice (70 Mins)</p>	<p>Free Kicks/Corners:</p> <p>5 Attacking Corners in total</p> <p>2 x to the back Post 1 x front Post flick 1 x GK catches directly 1 x Short Corner that led to Goal</p> <p>Defensive Corners were always Man for Man marking with each Full Back on a Post until the Ball is fully cleared.</p>
<p>System/Formation:</p> <p>Started with a 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 and the only changes to the formation were the rotation of the 3 Midfield Players playing in a Diamond 2 - 1 & reverse Diamond 1 – 2 like how they started. Substitutes were like for like staying with the same formation until the final Whistle. Attacking Players were willing to interchange positions regularly also with mainly Campbell (ATTL) & the Central Striker (ATTC) doing so, not so much so Johnstone (ATTR). Defence was a Flat, very square Back 4.</p>	<p>Stand Out Players:</p> <p>The Midfield 3 stood out for some very tidy exchanges & some fabulous Pass & Move moves, the criticism would be that for all the “ easy on the eye “ stuff they created, they didn’t penetrate in an attacking manner enough nor supply the 3 attacking Players. The Central Striker (ATTC 16) stood out for his work rate alone along with the Left Sided Attacker (Ashton Campbell 10) who was a threat for most of the Game before tiring late on.</p>
<p>Tendencies:</p> <p>Defensive: Defended far too high up the Pitch getting caught regularly & leading to Goals on 2 occasions, could have been more but for some good saves by the Sub Keeper in the Second Half & some good covering from the Full Backs in the first half. A lack of pace in the Central Defensive Pairing coupled with a high line probably cost them the Game, Full Backs were</p>	<p>Goalkeeping (strength/weakness)</p> <p>First Half Keeper (Ott 32) was extremely suspect on just about everything culminating in the second Goal in which he came for a Corner, called well, but proceed to let the Ball slip through his hands where an opposing Player scored with ease. Second Half Keeper (Nolan 32) was much more assured & made a number of good one on one saves, catches and</p>

<p>not very adventurous and were used more as cover for the 2 exposed Centre Backs. Defensively however they were all very comfortable on the Ball & would always look for a Midfielders feet as opposed to long Balls.</p>	<p>distributed the Ball well & quickly.</p>
<p>Offensive:</p> <p>They utilized their Wide Attacking Players whenever possible with support generally too far away from the Full Backs. Decent movement from the front 3 Players including tireless running from the Central Attacker (16) and very pacey Wide Players. Not enough support for the front 3 from the Midfield however. They hit the Post/Bar 3 times, had a Goal disallowed when it shouldn't have been & missed a Penalty in the first half.</p>	<p>Describe goals scored in this match:</p> <p>CHI 1-0 15 Mins : Ball played in Channel in between RB/CB, Striker rounded the Keeper & slotted home from tough angle.</p> <p>AKR Missed Pen 25 Mins : After 10 plus pass move, Penalty hit Post & Kick taker scored from the rebound, Free Kick to Chicago.</p> <p>CHI 2-0 40 Mins : Goal from Corner after Keeper called but spilled Ball, headed in by attacker.</p> <p>AKR 2-1 65 Mins : Goal from Short Corner, well worked to support at edge of the Box, cross shot tapped in at far Post.</p> <p>CHI 3-1 75 Mins : Long Ball from Left Midfield in behind the LB/CB area where Attacker controlled & then scored with Shot across the Keeper from edge of the Box.</p> <p>CHI 4-1 88 Mins : Penalty.</p>

Describe in a detailed written response on a separate sheet of paper a response to ONE of the following questions for the team you scouted.

What are the deficiencies of the team you watched and how would you prepare your team to take advantage of them for the next match? Describe at least two specific weaknesses and outline two drills or practice activities you would utilize to take advantage of those weaknesses.

Two specific weaknesses were 1 Central Defensive pace which got exposed when defending high up the Pitch, which they did for the whole Game, a combination that is & was suicidal. Weaknesses number 2 was for all their possession and decent movement and interchanging in attack, the 3 Midfielders had a limited range of Passing and rarely found the 3 main Attackers in advanced positions.

Because of weakness 1 I would work with my Attackers in exposing the lack of Pace and high line played by the Defence along with working on penetrating Passing with the Midfielders into spaces behind their Defence that our Attack will benefit from. I am pretty sure that Chicago had seen this with regards to Akron & used it to their advantage.

Because of weakness 2 I would encourage my Wide Midfielders & Full Backs to push the play inside & invite Akron to take possession in Central areas of the Pitch where they would appear to be less effective. Akron for all their Defensive frailties they were an Attacking threat & along with the Goal scored, they hit the Post/Bar 3 times & missed a Penalty, all through wide Attacking moves. I would also encourage my Midfielders to give full high intense pressure on their Midfield & give them as little time on the Ball as possible especially when receiving the Ball in deep areas from the Defenders, which they do regularly. That would be a very good opportunity to win the Ball in the and it would be in the Final Third.