

Lakers drop exhibition match against Fundy

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The Senior Boys Soccer Team played an exhibition match against the visiting Fundy Mariners on Tuesday September 28th. The boys fell behind early and despite a strong push in the second half ultimately lost 5-2.

The Mariners struck early, sending a long pass for a breakaway chance in the opening minutes to go up 1-0. Minutes later, an aggressive push downfield led to another chance and a goal in front to put the home side down by two.

Despite the score Harvey held their own against the visitors. A header pass from Ben Chessie to set up senior Marwan Altamro in front almost pulled the Lakers to within one but went just wide. Adam Barrieau, another of the five seniors on the team, got a shot off in front of the net in traffic but the Fundy keeper made the stop to maintain his shutout.

As the game went on the Lakers continued to push. Chessie made a few steals to create chances and Xavier Chevalier moved the ball effectively up the wing and past defenders, earning a free kick to keep the ball in the Fundy end.

However, it was the Mariners who would strike again. Harvey goalkeeper Ethan Deveau came out to challenge an attacker and Fundy capitalized on the open space to take a 3-0 lead.

Fundy made it 4-0 with a long shot that went off the post and in. Deveau made a nice jump save to gain the momentum back for the Lakers and Sam Hinchey brought the ball up the middle for a chance to end the half, but the boys went into halftime still trailing by four.

The Lakers burst out of the gate to start the second half with Alexander Robichaud making a pass up to Isaiah Colwell to get the ball into Fundy's end. Harvey earned a corner kick from Chevalier and kept the pressure on but could not convert.

Colwell had a busy second half with several breakaways, at one point hurdling over the Mariners' keeper who came out of the box to secure the ball.

The Lakers finally got on the board off a corner kick from Altamro, who sent it curling over the goalie's head to cut the deficit to three. Minutes later Chessie stole the ball again to find Colwell for a shot that went wide.

Harvey would score again as Chevalier sent Altamro into dangerous territory with a pass threaded through the Fundy defense. Altamro drew a penalty kick for his squad and Barrieau made it count to pull to within two.

The boys continued to push with Deveau making another high save to keep the Lakers in the game. With a few minutes left on the clock Colwell found Ben Bradford (who switched from defense to forward for the half) in front, but Fundy's keeper cut down the angle and made the save.

Fundy would put one last goal away in the dying seconds of the game as the ball bounced around in front of the Lakers net. The final score was 5-2 in favour of the Mariners.

The Senior Boys are currently 1-0 in league play. They host St. Stephen in another exhibition match on Monday October 4th.