

**U18 TEXAS RUSH AHFC VS. ANDROMEDA, NOVEMBER 8, 2008**

Overall it was as very good weekend for the U18 boys and a lot of progress had been made. With limited available players due to injury and yellow card accumulation we went into the game with only 2 field player subs and one additional goalkeeper. With that in mind we went into the game with the game plan of playing low pressure defense and a formation of a 4-5-1. "The boys executed the game plan exceptionally well" said Coach Scott Dean. "They worked extremely hard and played with a solid discipline which led to great success."

The end result was a 1 – 1 tie versus one of the top programs in the country. Coach Dean states "The '90 and '91 Andromeda boy's team both won national championships last year. Our boys competed with a team that is made up of the best players from two national championship teams; this is a great result for us!"

**U18 TEXAS RUSH AHFC VS. FC DALLAS, NOVEMBER 9, 2008**

The game started out much of the same way as the night before. Both teams came into the game fighting to pick up 3 points on Sunday. The Texas Rush AHFC team started out in a 4 -5-1 formation again trying to sit in and rest players and still be very affective. Again the plan was working with in the first 30 minutes Julio Espinal capitalized on a great individual effort to put the boys up 1 – 0 .

The team came out in the second half to again work hard and keep FC Dallas off of the score board, but with 15 minutes to go FC Dallas scored off of a cross from the left side tying the game at 1-1. FC Dallas then came back to put another one in 5 minutes later to take a 2-1 lead. " We then pushed Jordan Phillips forward and went into a 4-4-2 and it had an immediate impact on the game and we came back to score with 8 minutes to go when Charlie Thevenau capitalized for us on a shot from the right side of the penalty box" said Coach Scott Dean. It was only last a couple of minutes as fatigue set in and FC Dallas found a way to make one more run with only minutes to go and find the back of the net to take a 3-2 lead for good.

"Overall it was a good weekend for us; the boys are learning a lot competing at this level. It is only a matter of time when results start to go our way, we just need to continue to work hard, be persistent and play with confidence" said Coach Scott Dean.

**About Texas Rush AFHC USSF Academy Program**

With our innovative partnership, Rush and AHFC are redefining Houston soccer by creating best-in-class teams to compete at the highest level providing our players the competitive environment and desired exposure to extend their soccer careers into college and beyond.



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