

JET POWER

COACH'S CORNER (Coach Natalie's opinion on the game)

5-1 win over the Middlesex Comets April 6, 2008

Yesterday's game just proved the continued team effort by the Power. Despite only playing with 11 players and a coach still battling some version of the flu, the Power is showing its dominance in Flight 6 of the Mid-NJ league. We started in a 4-3-3, with a flat back four and quickly put a goal with a brilliant cross to a wide-open Melissa, who expertly headed it into the goal. The scoring continued mostly due to the persistence of our midfielders and forwards trying to break through their crowded box. At half, we were up 4-0. The other team tried an effective new tactic by pushing four forwards up and kicking the ball directly forward. It put serious stress on our back line but they maintained focus and deftly squelched the press, with only one slip up. After they scored, we settled down the ball a bit more and maintained possession through the waning minutes and finished off the game with a gorgeous finish by Niki. Camyrn and Brit both kept a vocal presence in the back, and were impressive in the pressure moments including one particularly scary (okay really scary for me!) breakaway. We're continuing to improve in our backline communication and the crosses from our outside mids with great finishing by all our forwards have become an effective attacking method.

Next week it will only get better!

Coach Natalie

On another note, I was happy that my team was able to experience a different style of coaching under Jerry. I heard some grumbling, so I want the girls to understand, while we may have different methods to our practices, we do share the same soccer philosophy and I expect the girls to learn equally from him, or Jen, as they would from me.

