



U19 BOYS HOCKEY
OLD MUTUAL KNOCK OUT COMPETITION
SHIELD FINAL
EL SHADDAI VS TYGERBERG

Saturday 3 September was the perfect morning for playing and watching some thrilling hockey at the Fairmont Astro. The Shield Final between Tygerberg and El Shaddai was a nail biting, heart stopping, palm sweating match. If any supporter was wearing a heart rate monitor, I am sure it exploded due to erratic adrenal activities!

In my humble and fairly unbiased opinion, El Shaddai had the upper-hand for most of the match, nonetheless the back of the net seemed to be a moving target for the boys as all their shots on goal missed ever so slightly – short corner strategies, cross deflections, one-on-ones with the goalie and even top-of-the-D shots were all “close but no cigar”.

Two halves of explicit ecstasy yet an adrift score lead to consequent extra time but even the additional 10 minutes proved to be fruitless with frustrated boys still unable to cease a tangible victory. If ever a level playing field was reinstated, it was when the last resort of penalty flicks ensued.

Both teams and their respective supporters shifted their hopes onto the flickers and goalies: Stevie, Brad and Mark scored while Dylan saved 4 of Tygerberg’s flicks resulting in a final score of 3 – 1 and making El Shaddai the winners of the Shield of the Old Mutual u19 Boys Knock Out Competition. A DVD of this match will be available for R25. Contact carynvanrooyen@gmail.com to place your order!

What a way to end off the season, especially for the matrices in the team! Fittingly when we wear our armour, our faith is personified as a shield and I am sure the players will be lifting up their shields of faith in the hope of eternal glory during the 2012 hockey season. Viva!

I would like to once again thank Coach Robbie Vos for literally going extra miles with his team – especially since we started facing astro-playing premier league teams. Ditto to the parents. We should get official support jerseys – you deserve it! The U/19 team of 2011 truly went from strength to strength and we have a trophy to prove it!

Back f.l.t.r: Christopher Borrageiro, Cliff Mupotsa, Jean Swart, Mark Lewis, Ryan Moore, Samuel Vos, Robbie Vos.
Front f.l.t.r: Menno Silvis, Brad Glasby, Stevie McCallum, Christiaan Diedericks, Xavier White, Jacki Mohlaba and Dylan Buckle.



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