

STM vs Judah Game Summary: (8/23)

FINAL SCORE: STM-3 Judah-1

SCORING:

STATS:

*STM--> D. Shin (W. Jones) ; 15th Minute
Judah-5

Corners: STM-3

*STM--> W. Jones (S. Park); 25th Minute
Judah-12

Shots: STM-10

*Judah--> Birchenough (Un./A); 31st Minute
Judah-3

Saves: STM(D.Vetter) -5

HALFTIME

*STM--> D. Shin (K. Kostell); 53rd Minute

The STM Boys soccer team defeated Judah Christian 3-1 in their season opener Monday, August 22nd to open the season with a 1-0 record. STM sophomore forward Dan Shin opened the scoring in the 15th minute when he beat the Judah keeper to the near post with a low, hard shot from 20 yards out. Wiley Jones was credited with the assist. In the 25th minute STM struck again when Junior midfielder Sanwan Park eluded two defenders and played a ball to Wiley Jones, who turned and smashed home a powerful shot to make it 2-0. Judah pulled a goal back with 5 minutes left to play to make the score 2-1 going into halftime.

The Sabers took control of the match from the start of the 2nd half. Dan Shin received a pass from junior midfielder Kyle Kostell, and put it in the back of the net in the 53rd minute to end the scoring. STM's defense did the rest as Judah generated little offense in the final 25 minutes of play due to the physical play of STM defenders. Defenders Tommy Fitzgerald and Colin Kelley played great defense and helped Goalkeeper Danny Vetter to a clean sheet (shutout) in the 2nd Half of play. Additionally, special recognition should be given to the "Man of the Match" ;Senior Defender Junbum Cho. "JB" marked Judah's best forward and kept him from scoring the entire game!

The hard work put in by the boys over the summer and during two-a-day tryouts was especially apparent in Monday's hot weather. Temperatures in the upper 80's forced several opposing players to exit the match due to cramps and problems with the heat. Amazingly, not one STM player had to be taken out of the game due to fatigue! The fact that STM players were able to play the whole game with minimal fatigue is a testament to the high fitness level the boys earned with extremely hard work! Despite fielding a young team, STM's fitness level, talent, and athleticism have lead the Varsity Team to set lofty goals and expectations for the the Fall soccer season. The return of injured, leading goal scorer and senior Captain Zach Shin, will add offensive firepower to the team when he returns in 1-2 weeks from an injury sustained in tryouts. Expectations are high this year for the STM Soccer Program!

Come out and support the team at their next Home game on Thursday 8/25 @ 4:30 PM vs Heyworth!