

The Kings faced their biggest challenge of the year Saturday March 1st @ the Kansas City Soccer Dome against the Springfield Spirits of Springfield Illinois, with the winner taking home the PASL Midwest Regional Championship, and the right to head to D.C. with a chance to fight for the PASL International Championships. The Kings and Spirits split the season series 1-1. Both teams didn't disappoint with a wild game all the way to the end. With the Kings pulling out a close/hard fought victory.

First Quarter--

The game started out much in favor of the Spirits as they clearly game ready to play. At the 8:16 mark the Spirit's Joe McCleary got the scoring started for Springfield with a nice finish. Spirits 2-0. After numerous goal-scoring opportunities for the Kings, the Spirits Jesse Elmore added another 2 pointer to extend the Spirits lead 4-0 at the 2:54 mark. END OF 1st KC 0 SS 4

Second Quarter--

Spirit's goalie Spencer Blair was tough the whole first half. He made some unbelievable saves and the Kings could not finish anything. James Katajwa finally broke the through with just 1:58 left in the 2nd quarter. This was a huge moral booster. And relaxed the Kings team Halftime 4-2 kings are down. 4 fouls per team in the 1st half.

Third Quarter--

The third period was all the Kings needed. The Kings busted out to a 14-4 lead, they also lead 16-6. With Goals from every direction. The crowd was wild as this showcased a typical indoor match with high energy and lot's of transition goals. Right off the bat at the 14:00 mark Kings Forward Katajwa ties the game 4-4. Then Mirsad finishes a left footer at the 8:18 Mark to give KC the 6-4 lead. At the 8:08 mark KC's Katajwa gets the hat trick to extend the lead 8-4. Former KC Comet Drew Perkins added a bomb at 6:48 to push the lead to 10-4. At this point in time Springfield is lost on the field, yelling at each other and they have no answer for the Kings. In what might go down as a top 3 Goal for the year; Kings Mid Nick Kelly, played a volley from the right side of the box over the Springfield defense to Mirsad, who hits the back of the goal from the other side of the box at the 6:02 mark, WOW!!! Kings lead 12-4. At the 5:15 mark KC's Chaz O'Dell finishes another transition score 14-4 Kings. Confusion in the back by Raad and Tonio create a Spirits score at the 4:19 mark by Jesse Elmore to stop the bleeding. 14-6 Kings. But right after that mistake at the 3:45 mark Raad Quimseah redeems himself putting in a very nice finish. To end the third period 16-6 Kings.

Fourth Quarter--

The fourth quarter saw the Kings get a little lax on their defending and let the Springfield Spirits make a game of it in the final 15 minutes but KC held for a 2 point win, though, and won 16-14. 13:41 Mark Spirits Peter Cristofilakos opens the scoring 16-8. Again at the 9:50 mark Spirits Forward Jesse Elmore scores 16-10. 3rd Spirits goal of the period comes at the 8:16 mark by Joe McCleary, 16-12 Kings lead. The game got even closer at the 6:40 mark when Spirits forward Dave LaFrance put the game within two points 16-14. 5:05 mark Kings get blue carded for their first power play defense of the game. They hold them under some very tense moments. At the 3:37 mark the Spirits are asset a 2 Minute Penalty for their 6th Foul. Kings with the PASL Midwest Region Championship and a trip to Washington DC for the PASL championships March 14-16.

Goal Scorers--

James-3 (6pts) Chaz-1(2pts) Raad-1(2pts)

Mirsad-2 (4pts) Drew-1(2pts)

Fouls--

First Half--Kings 4 fouls Spirits-4 fouls

Second Half--Kings 7 fouls Spirits - 6 fouls

Two minute Penalties--

Kings--- n/a

Spirits --- n/a

The Kings played with the 17-man squad for the Match.

Jesse Baker—M James Katajwa—F Danny Jiregna—D Collin Bulwich—D Nick Kelly—M Angel Tovar--M

Tonio Paternostro—D Mirsad Dzilic – F Jason Jacob—GK Michael Garven—MKalev Saarna--M Matt Iverson—M Raad

Quimisieh—M Josh Schreck—GK Drew Perkins – D Chaz O'Dell – F Jimmy Perez - F