



Springfield, Illinois - Kansas City Kings 3-3 TIE vs. Springfield Spirits – January 10th

Midwest Division Rivals squared off for the 2nd week in a row, with a much different result. The Springfield Spirits come back from 0-3 deficit to tie the game, in final seconds of the match, to the joy of a packed Springfield Soccer World Crowd. The game started well for Kansas City with a nice left footed lower far post goal from #9 Mirsad Dzilic, assisted by Chaz O'Dell. Lot's of opportunities for both teams as they played to the same score as the prior week. 1-0 KC.

The Kings were not settling for a 1-0 lead, in the beginning of the 2nd quarter the Kings struck early with a set-play started by #4 Milan Ivanovic passing to #16 Brandon Williams who then took on two defenders and finished a nice shot at the top of the D. The Spirits kept the pressure up while missing many chances and majority of the possession. With a solid defense and great saves by #0 Goalkeeper, Josh Schreck, Kings were up 2-0 at the end of the first half.

The Kings knew that a 2-0 lead is a dangerous lead to have so they started the half ready to go. Kings put another ball in the goal. With a foul right outside the D, Dzilic bent the ball around the wall to give the Kings a bigger lead of 3-0. The Spirits were not going to end the game with a loss, Spirits player #4 ripped a shot to the upper 90 to finally put the Spirits on the board. At the end of the 3rd Kings were still on top 3-1.

Most of the 4th quarter was played back and forth with both teams having many shots and many saves, with time running out for the Spirits, they played faster with transitions, and more back side runs. Spirits #3 sneaks by Kings defense and slid the ball passed 2nd half Kings keeper, Jason Jacobs. Spirits were closing the lead 3-2 with 4 minutes to play. The Spirits were feeling the heat as time was running down, but with a little under 2 minutes left of play, Spirits #6 received a ball to put him pass the Kings defense and found the back of the goal. This goal put Kings and Spirits at 3-3. The Kings had chances that did not result in goals. At the end of regulation Kings and Spirits were at a draw.

The Kings end their regular season play with rivals, Springfield Spirits, with a record 1-0-1. This still keeps Kansas top in their division. Kings next **PASL Premier** league game is on the road in a St. Louis, MO against Fuerza Latina on January 24th. KC will also play prior to that match in **PASL PRO US ARENA OPEN CUP** against the St. Louis Illusion @ 7:15pm. Good luck to your Kansas City Kings!! Kansas City Kings Game Roster 1/10/09: Coady Andrews, Daniel Shaw, Colin Bulwich, Brandon William, Nick Kelly, Lucas Rodriguez, Matt Iverson, Chaz O'Dell, Jason Jacobs, Milan Ivanovic, Mirsad Dzilic, Josh Schreck, Mike Garven, and Assistant Coach Tonio Paternostro. Head Coach Vlatko Andonovski.

About Kansas City Kings

The Kansas City Kings are sophomore members of the Premier Arena Soccer League (PASL-Premier) and are the Defending 2007/2008 Midwest Division Champions. The Kings mission is to offer a platform to train, showcase and develop the area's top collegiate players, for preparation of professional playing opportunities. They are located at 5909 Equitable Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64120. 816.231.4812. For additional details visit - www.kcsoccerdome.com/kings or www.arenaleague.com or www.myspace.com/kcsoccerkings.