



Kansas City Kings Repeat as PASL-Premier Midwest Division Champions for second year in a row. Final score Kings 13-3 over the Spirits – February 28, 2009

For the 2nd consecutive year the Kansas City Kings and the Springfield Spirits faced off at the Kansas City Soccer Dome to crown the champion of the PASL-Premier Midwest Division. Again the Kings came out as the victor, but this year's result was much different than last year's thrilling 16-14 Kings Victory. Again members of the Wizards Cauldron were on hand for the final, adding to the already electric environment.

In addition to the great game, a very important event was held for a local youth soccer player (Kori Quinn). The "Kick it for Kori Quinn Medical Fund" received an immense amount of donations, and lots of support was raised for Kori and her family. An abundance of items were donated by numerous outstanding Local Kansas City businesses. All and all it was great to see the soccer community show their support of one of their own.

The game started fast and furious for KC, after applying heavy pressure in the opponent's defensive corner, the Kings were able to create a turnover and capitalize with a beautiful shot low and far post by Brandon Williams. 1-0 Kings. Attacking right through the middle of the field, Milan Ivanovic rips a shot from the top of the arc low and far post freezing the goalie and putting the Kings up 2-0. After an arsenal of shots, Stefan Stokic was able to capitalize with a laser of a shot putting the Kings up 3-0. Matt Iverson made a beautiful run through the box receiving a perfectly placed ball from the corner and one touching it far post to beat the keeper and putting the Kings up 4-0. Attacking from the right side, Chaz O'Dell made a great run from the left side...receiving the pass in stride and finishing the ball far post to put the Kings up 5-0 in the first quarter.

The 2nd quarter was a little slower on the Kings scoring side. Great defense turns out to be the best offense with goal number 6...James Katajwa beautifully places the ball low and far post just out of the reach of the keeper. Quick transition by the Kings creates another scoring opportunity when they move down the field and create a 3 on 1 with the keeper and unselfishly dish the ball to the outside to Mike Garven who puts the ball home for a 7-0 lead at half. Clean sheet for GK Josh Schreck

The 2nd half the KC get a little lax on their defense. Kings have a restart just right of the goal...off the restart they lay the ball off to the top of the arc where Collin Bullwich blast a shot high off the inside of the cross bar and in to the goal for an 8-0 commanding lead. The Spirits finally got on the board with two consecutive score to close the gap to 8-2 at the end of the 3rd.

The 4th quarter saw KC pull away. Outscoring the Spirits 5-1 in the 4th. The Spirits scored early to bring the lead down to just 8-3, that's when the Kings decided to pull away and score 4 unanswered goals. Creating another break away, the Kings capitalize on a 2 v. 1 with a precisely placed ball low and near post by James. Applying intense pressure again, Stevie Hoffman rips a shot from the corner, which ricocheted off the Spirits defender and into the goal giving the Kings a 10-3 lead. Off the break away, Mirsad Dzilic demonstrates too much speed and skill for the Spirits to stop him...he finishes the break away with complete composure beating the goalie and putting the Kings up 11-3. Another organized attack from the Kings leads to goal number 12 when the pass across the box is placed perfectly for James to one touch it far post and freezing the keeper. With the Spirit on their heels, Raad Quimsieh rips a blast of a shot low and near post from around 15 yards out.

The Kings would like to thank all of the Kansas City Soccer Communities support, in selling out the Dome on the playoff match and helping out with the "Kick it for Kori" Medical Fund.