



MATCH REPORT FOR DAY 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE COMPETITION IN NORTH CAROLINA

Campton's U17s met Hicksville Strikers of Eastern New York for a second time this year. Last time out Hicksville had the upper hand, knocking Campton out of an opportunity for a National final appearance back in July. Both teams would start this match looking for their first win in National League. Hicksville gained the upper hand with a couple of outside chances that were well stopped by goalkeeper Nate Esler. The half ended 0-0.

Campton began the second half with a better rhythm and were able to maintain better possession. Both teams would continue to probe each other's defense to no avail. In the 68th minute, Campton right defender Nicholas Lutsch was ruled to have committed a foul to the right of the 18 yard box. Hicksville served the ball into the box which was initially cleared out to the left then served back into the penalty area. Esler made a good attempt for the loose ball but was unable to hold on to it as Hicksville pounced at the three yard line. Campton pushed back hard but unfortunately Zach Matuszak was given a second yellow for a late challenge reducing Campton to 10 players. Johnson moved into the attack giving Campton an extra edge and coming close with a header in the 85th minute only to watch it fly wide of the goal. Pushing Hicksville back on their heels in the 89th minute, Kevin Hilgart found himself one yard from goal with the ball deflecting off the goalkeeper's hand directly in front of his feet. Somehow Hilgart managed to miss time his shot and missed the ball completely. That would be the last opportunity of the match, the final score 1-0 with Hicksville the winner.

Campton will face Blast FC of Ohio South in their final game of the weekend on Sunday at 9:30am. Players will head to the NCAA Division 1 men's final in the afternoon to watch Akron play Virginia for the championship before heading back to St. Charles.