

Boys Soccer Wins Back-to-Back Conference Titles with 3-1 Win Over Tower Hill

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St. Andrew's Boys soccer repeated as Conference Champions on Saturday with a decisive 3-1 victory over Tower Hill. This is the first time we have repeated as conference champions since 1996. We began the game playing controlled passing and strong defense, holding back Tower Hill in their attempts to move the ball forward. Then at the 14 minute mark, Chris Hanrahan blasted in a first touch shot off a corner kick from Captain James Rajasingh - one of the nicest goals scored all season. Ben Bentil added a gorgeous header on a pass from Peter Knutson just before the end of the first half to put the home team up 2-0. Will Brown scored a beautiful goal midway through the second half; and while Tower scored a strong goal at the 65th minute, we held on through the final 15 minutes with an impenetrable defense and crisp passing.

Everyone played extremely well in this game - Bentil, Ted Park, Peter Knutson and Charlie Scott were aggressive and attacking as forwards; Hanrahan, Rajasingh, Aaron Chang, Brown, Andy Jeon, Miller Murray and Zack Meadows controlled a lot of the play in the middle, winning 50-50 balls, getting passes outside for effective and dangerous runs, and putting the ball on forwards' feet. Once again, the defense of Coulter Long, Colin Brownlee, Andy Grabis, Carter Speers and Emilio Bernal stood strong, heading and clearing quickly, slowing down runs, and getting the ball out to the halfbacks. Ryan Yursha made some great saves, and in the second half, with the wind at his back, he cleared the ball past midfield, helping move the offense.

Having beaten Wilmington Christian last Thursday 4-0, Friends over Parents Weekend 3-0, and Tatnall away 3-0 on October 23, the team feels as if they are peaking just as the state tournament begins. We play #2 seed Wilmington Charter this Wednesday, 8 pm, at Caravel Academy.