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EAGLES - FIREBALLS 2-11

Shortly after the start Martin sent a long ball from Fireballs half towards the Eagles goal and Oli reacted quickly and slotted the ball behind the Eagles goalie to make, 0-1. Martin scored our second before Peter struck twice (second from Sam's pass). And so within a few minutes the scoreline was already 0-4. Santtu scored to make it 0-5 by running all the way from behind our goal through the field getting round all Eagles' players showing brilliant ball control. Martin scored the next one direct from a free hit.

There was a moment when our players stopped playing as they heard a whistle, but again it came from the other rink, next to ours. Rory had to save three shots denying Eagles to score when other Fireballs were just standing and looking towards the refs. Rory's superb saves stopped the Eagles taking control as the rest of the Fireballs had stopped playing!

Oli scored again to make it 0-7 from Sam's assist before we saw a few bench penalties; Martin got 2 min for unsportsmanlike behaviour (challenging ref's decision). Santtu and Peter were killing the penalty time brilliantly just holding and covering the ball in our own area. However then Peter was guilty of interference and was benched for 2 min as well. Eagles were playing 5 against 3 for a while until they got 2 min for pushing.

The Eagles scored their first goal just after the penalties were complete as a result of a lucky deflection from one of our player's feet. Martin again scored, our eighth goal, from half way line. Alex also found the net from Peter's pass before Peter scored again himself, from Angus's assist.

Then we saw an episode in where I think referees took a bigger role they should have with Martin getting 2 + 10 min for unsportsmanlike behaviour; first the Eagles player ran into Martin's back and landed awkwardly to the floor, nothing wrong there. One of the refs (closer to incident) was showing 2 min penalty for Martin when the other ref signalled a time-out. Martin only saw the ref closer to him and couldn't believe his eyes that a penalty was awarded. He turned around and dropped to the floor on his knees. For this he got 2 + 10 min bench penalty.

Oli scored our 11th goal from Rory's long throw and Eagles managed also to get one more, so the match was finished 2-11 to the Fireballs.

FIREBALLS - HAWKETTES 13-1

This match was played mostly towards one goal, the Hawkettes'. There is no point in mentioning all the goals as we definitely scored enough to win the match. However we had a good chance to score another 6 or 8 if we just were more accurate with our shooting and paid more attention to receiving the ball properly. Fireballs were winning 10-0 when Hawkettes got their lucky goal (deflection). And they certainly did celebrate their goal!

Tournament statistics:

Martin 9 + 3 (14min penalty)

Peter 8 + 1 (2min penalty)

Oli 4 + 1

Sam 1 + 2

Santtu 1 + 1

Angus 0 + 2

Alex 1 + 0

Rory 0 + 1