



# EDEN PRAIRIE SOCCER CLUB

## Match Scouting Report

Name of Observer:	Date of Match
Home Team (Team 1):	Location of Match:
Visiting Team (Team 2):	Age Group:
Playing Level: C3 C2 C1 P Other:	Final Score: Home-                      Visitor-

### TEAM FORMATION

	Team 1	Team 2	Example
Write in player number and field position.			GK RFB    RCFB    LCFB    LFB 5        8        10        9  RM     RCM     LCM     LM 6        3        7        4  F        F 2        11
Observations			4-4-2, flat back 4, CM's tend to be more defensive. Wing FB's make many overlapping runs. Lots of long deep balls to corners to start attack.
Changes made during match.			Changed to a 4-5-1 when ahead to protect lead.

### DEFENSIVE STRATEGY

	Team 1	Team 2	Example
Goalkeeper Strengths and weaknesses			GK is tall and confident. Good hands in the air, weaker with ground balls. Attacks crosses.
DEFENSE Strengths			#8 commands defense well, gives good instruction. #9 very strong challenges.
Weaknesses			#5 weak with L foot, poor first touch.
Comments			Attack them on left (their right) to take advantage of weaker #5. Shallow defense, do not join in attack.



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## MIDFIELD SHAPE

	Team 1	Team 2	Example
Strengths			#6 very quick down wings, good runs. #7 dangerous, accurate shots from well outside the box.
Weaknesses			#3 slow pace and poor strikes. #9 no right foot.
Comments			Central mids play very compact. Good overall recovery to defense.

## FORWARDS

	Team 1	Team 2	Example
Strengths			Challenge well for aerial balls, strong in air. Forwards strike ball hard and accurate.
Weaknesses			#2 seems to get put off by a good close defender.
Comments			Stay aware on crosses! Good defender on 2 for distraction



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## KEY PLAYERS

	Team 1	Team 2	Example
Scoring Threat(s)			#11 Strong right foot, scored 2 of the 3 goals. #7 attacks well from CMF.
Midfield Leader(s)			#7 takes good control of MF. Very dynamic player.
Defensive Leader(s)			#9 lost very few challenges, #8 defensive leader – keep occupied to reduce effectiveness.

## SET PLAYS

	Team 1	Team 2	Example
Corner Kicks			#4 took all corners. All were in-swinging lofted balls to just outside 6 yard box. Equally good with both feet.
Free Kicks			#2 scored with a bent shot after ball touched by 7 on an indirect free kick. Approximately 20 yards out.
Throw Ins			#6 very long throw ins in attacking third. Treat as a corner kick.



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## GAME STRATEGY and GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

	Team 1	Team 2	Example
Transitions			Make quick adjustments from attacking to defending, get goal-side well. Slower transition from defend to attack. Nice job of not forcing play down one side – will pull back and switch fields.
Attack			Build up slowly with several good passes through midfield, usually end with long balls to corners for runners on the wing.
Other Observations			<p>Overall a solid team. Players work well together.</p> <p>#7 -Good player but holds ball too long, gives ball up to a patient defender.</p> <p>Attacking third throw ins could catch unsuspecting team off-guard.</p> <p>Dangerous with free kicks outside of box. Need to set up defense well and quickly! Send runner at ball after touch-off on indirects to close angle on second touch/shot.</p>