

A Rough First Soccer Tournament

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On Thursday, September 27, 2018, the St. Joe's junior soccer team had an early morning start to their first soccer tournament of the year. The Springwater Sports Complex soccer fields were wet as everyone arrived around 8 o'clock to play their first games of the tournament.

The team was ready for their first game, going up against their rivals, St. Peter's. It was an action-packed game with lots of pushing and fouls from both sides. Striker David scored two goals, while goalie Jaylen made critical saves to help keep his team in the game.

The first game ended with St. Joe's on top with a 2-1 win.

The team then had time to rest and watch the seniors' game being played out on the field beside them. After talking strategy with their coach, Mr. Cano, the team was ready for their second game against St. Joan of Arc.

The second game was an even match with both sides battling it out, trying to get a point on the board for their team. Once the second half started, JOA broke out and started to dominate the game. With some hard calls against the Jags, the result was a hard loss of 3-1.

The team was now in a tough situation with their backs up against the wall. A loss would send them home, but a win would give them the chance to fight it out for first place in the championship game.

It all came down to St. Joe's against Holy Trinity and it was a very tough game. Everyone was tired from the previous games and the heat was at its peak. Holy Trinity had a team of experienced rep and academy players from Bradford.

A couple of minutes into the game, Holy Trinity broke through and took shot after shot on net. The team faced another challenge when the goalie took a hard kick to the stomach that pulled him out of the game. Josh, a player on the field, had to be put in net to cover for him.

The game ended with St. Joe's taking a hard loss of 6-0.

After a frustrating end to the tournament, the team tried to rally together with some words of encouragement from their coach. "It was a rough tournament, but we can only go up from here and we have time to do some damage in future games," said Mr. Cano.

The team is now practising and preparing to come back stronger and contend in the upcoming playoffs.



St. Joe's against JOA on Field 2.