



*Aliso Niguel High School Soccer Program*  
**WOLVERINES**



November 23, 2009

**Boys Frosh/Soph**  
**Aliso Niguel 0 vs. Northwood 1**

Aliso Niguel Boys Frosh/ Soph kicked off preseason Monday afternoon facing off against the T-wolves of Northwood. The first five minutes of the game were uneventful with both teams trying to find their rhythm. The first goal scoring opportunity for Aliso Niguel came off the foot of Daniel Zadeh from 30 yards out just sailing over the goal. Northwood countered in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute with a shot deflected off the top upright which was then cleared by the Wolverine defense. Aliso Niguel earned the first yellow card of the season in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute for pushing.

In the 15<sup>th</sup> minute, Aliso Niguel was granted a free kick just outside the 18 yard box. The beautiful service by Daniel Zadeh was headed towards goal by the Wolverines and deflected out for a corner kick. The ensuing corner was cleared by the T-wolf defense. The remainder of the half was evenly battled in the middle of the field. The Wolverines played great defense anchored by their Keeper, Alex Arreita. The first half ended in a scoreless tie.

The second half got off a good start when Kevin Romero volleyed a shot just missing the net in the 37<sup>th</sup> minute. Moments later Northwood was awarded a free kick 30 yards out from The Aliso goal. The solid shot was saved by the second half keeper, Connor Joyce. Aliso Niguel dodged a close call in the 42<sup>nd</sup> minute as a shot by the T-wolves narrowly missed over the top of the goal.

Northwood continued to put pressure on the Wolverine defense. Their tenacity paid off in the 47<sup>th</sup> minute. The T-Wolves sent in a corner kick that bobbed around in the goal box finally coming to rest in the back of the net. The game became much more physical in the second half. Two Aliso Niguel players were warned with yellow cards as well as one player from Northwood in the 58<sup>th</sup> minute of play. Just two minutes later one of the Aliso Niguel players was ejected with a red card for allegedly connecting an elbow with a Northwood players face. The Northwood player actually caught the ball with his nose right in front of the home team bench!

Having to play one man down, the Wolverine offense didn't give up. Nathan Lee was tackled from behind as he dashed toward the Northwood goal in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute. The resulting free kick was sent in beautifully but was ultimately cleared by the defense. With one minute remaining, the Wolverine offense pressed once again but was unable to get the equalizer.

All in all it was a great effort by Aliso Niguel. The defense was tight and the offense was tenacious. We look forward to next week as preseason continues. With three games in one week, the Wolverines are sure to continue improving on their teamwork.