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



**Boys Varsity**  
**Aliso Niguel 0 vs. Edison 0**

**ANHS Powerless against Edison**

After yesterday's frustrating loss to Tustin, Aliso Niguel regrouped for the second game of the Aliso Cup- at home against Edison High School.

The game kicked off at 5PM and Velizar Dimov looked fully recovered from the knock he has been nursing for the last few days.



Just over 12 minutes in, a searching ball from Ho Jae Jang sprang Ramin Amidari free who crossed to the flying Dimov, only to be taken out by a shoulder from the keeper.

The game began to get a little chippie with Brandon Antonissen taking a forearm to the face in a crunching tackle. This did not deter the lads at all, as they continued to press, spending most of the first 20 minutes in the Edison High end of the pitch. When Edison High did counter, they probed mostly down the left side of the field, but without much real success in penetrating the Aliso Niguel defenses...

25 minutes in, Veli flicked the ball on to a breaking Ramin for the first shot of the game, but he miscued it and his shot wandered wide to the left. The next opportunity came when Ho Jae played a ball deep to Ramin, who was shouldered away by the defense. The ball careened to Patrick Wehan for the first real shot of the game, but it was not really hard enough to trouble the Edison High keeper.

Edison High finally managed to penetrate the Aliso Niguel defense with a perfect pass through a gap, but the resulting shot was right at the keeper.



Half an hour into the game, some fancy footwork from Dimov set up a cross that Ramin headed straight up in the air- the ball finally bounced free to Adam Tedder for a volley that went way wide. Tyler Troup was subbed on for the recovering Dimov, and in one of his first touches made a nice pass to Alex Petit to cross the ball if for the best chance of the game so far, but still the old onion bag remained empty...

Petit made a nice pass into Ryan Perez, but his resulting cross was into Tyler's feet and he was unable to dig it out soon enough to do much with it.

The Aliso Niguel keeper, Alex Figueroa was finally tested just 4 minutes from the half when a dangerous cross came in, but he was up to the task. Right on half time, Ramin had another chance when he headed over the defender and raced in on goal, but his resulting shot was volleyed JUST over the crossbar.

Edison High finally had a decent chance on the counter attack, but also shot over the bar, this time from 30 yards out.

The second half started all out, with Aliso Niguel attacking in the first minute, Boomer crossing a dangerous ball in but the Edison High keeper handled it comfortably. Immediately on the counter attack, Edison High broke down the right side and a miss-cue by the defense left Figueroa to face the music alone. The attacking player took a touch and as he looked down to pull the trigger Figi rushed him, timing his dive perfectly to smother the shot! Clinical goal keeping!

Play began to pickup, as first Edison High crossed a ball into the box that was saved again, followed by a nice cross of their own from Aliso Niguel, delivered by Chris Olmedo, but Alex' first touch was too heavy and the ball rolled away from him. 3 minutes later, a patented Dimov cartwheel throw-in saw the ball fisted away by the keeper for another Tedder volley that deflected back to the onrushing Velizar, but he screwed his shot away to the right.

Chances continued at both ends with Aliso Niguel's best chance of the game coming from a Wehan cross toward the strike partnership of Troup and Dimov. Tyler realized that the ball was maybe a little too high for him to get above and turn onto goal so he let it go to Veli behind him. Unfortunately, the tall Edison High keeper split the strikers to snatch the ball out of the air. What is it Wayne Gretsky used to say: "You miss 100% of the shots you do not take"?

Alex Petit was brought down in a nasty tackle that saw him cleated in the right calf- painful but thankfully apparently not a serious injury.

Play continued hot and heavy for the remaining 9 minutes, with chances at both ends that were either hard and off target or soft and on target, with Adam Tedder having the last shot of the game to no avail. They say that a tie is like kissing your sister and that is how both team must have felt, particularly Aliso Niguel, who needed a win after the lose to Tustin to have any hope of staying in the tournament.