



Aliso Niguel High School Soccer Program
WOLVERINES



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Boys Varsity
Aliso Niguel 3 vs. Dana Hills 0

Perhaps Aliso Niguel can arrange to play Dana Hills every week?

Coming off back to back 0-0 ties, Aliso Niguel was looking to wake up their offense and WAKE UP IT DID! From the opening kickoff, Aliso Niguel seemed to camp out in the Dana Hills end of the field, pounding Dana Hills with one attack after another...

Velizar Dimov was in fine form and the Dana Hills defense had no real answer to him, other than trying to double team him. Early in the first half, Veli broke deep into the left corner and managed to JUST keep the ball from going into touch. He checked back with the ball and crossed to Beezer Wehan just outside the 6 yard box, who somehow managed to kick the ball straight up and over the crossbar!

Velizar's next foray into enemy territory saw him cut back toward the middle from the left wing and rifled a shot at goal that changed direction several times only to skip off the end of the crossbar!

Dana Hills's first serious chance to break out of their own end came on a counter attack from an Aliso Niguel corner, catching Aliso off balance. Only a 'professional' foul by Ho-Jae Jang saved Aliso Niguel from an outnumbered attack.

Aliso Niguel's next promising attack was lead by Alex Petit, who single-handedly overwhelmed the Dana Hills defense on the left. His cross was deftly brought down by Adam Tedder. Although the ball seemed to get away from him and bounce to the keeper, the goalie was unable to control it and the ball pinged all over the penalty area, producing total chaos!

And the hits just kept on coming! A great chance came to Tyler Troup who laid off a sweet pass to an onrushing midfielder, but Tyler was judged just offside. Almost immediately, another ball was lofted into the Dana Hills 18 yard box. The Dana Hills defender's header was a poor one and the ball skipped to Tyler, who brought the ball under control, cut inside the defender and rifled a left foot shot across the goal that was labeled for the left post. The keeper made a desperate save but spilled the ball, which rolled free, 5 yards in front of the left post. And for a moment, the ball just sat there, as 2 Aliso Niguel players roared in toward what must have looked like a beach ball! Brandon Antonissen was the first to reach it and nearly punched it through the roof of the net! Aliso Niguel's **FIRST GOAL OF THE SEASON!**

Again, Aliso Niguel pressed hard, this time with Greg Devlin getting his head to a ball that fell just out of reach of the Aliso attackers, who were smelling blood now.

The second half started with a deep ball from Ho-Jae that put Dana Hills back in familiar territory- their end of the field. Quickly a chance fell to Dimov, who could only shoot over the net. The linesman's offside flag showed that it would not have counted anyway...

Velizar continued to give the Dana Hills defense fits, this time running onto a terrific ball from Patrick Wehan, only to fall victim to 'first touchitis'.

And the hits just kept on coming! Ho-Jae Jang with a free kick that went straight to the keeper... Alex Petit with a great run deep to left and a terrific cross that was put behind for an Aliso Niguel corner... and then ANOTHER GOAL! Or was it? The corner kick from Alex bounced to Christian Olmedo who pinged it off the crossbar and the resulting rebound was bundled over by Greg Devlin. However, the linesman appeared to rule that the corner had gone out and then back in, so it was deemed a 'no goal'.

Dana Hills finally had a chance develop from good penetration down Aliso's right flank, but they had not counted on the aggressive play of Alex Figeroa. Figgi charged the attacker, seemingly right to the edge of the penalty area and held the play up long enough for Aliso Niguel to pour back in numbers to support him.

Aliso Niguel rebounded from the attack with one of their own, resulting in a nice cross to Devlin whose shot came back to Olmedo for the easiest of goals into the top of the net. That's TWO!

And the hits just kept on coming! Beezer Wehan to Greg Devlin, but too many touches... a hedder by Tedder to Ryan Perez and a pass to Devlin but shot right at the keeper...

Dana Hills began to get frustrated and the physical play was stepped up a notch. Both Dimov and Devlin were laid out in quick succession, but the free kick awarded to Aliso Niguel didn't produce much of a chance. Dana Hills were able to recover and counter attack, but again, it came to nothing as Aliso Niguel's defense proved as impenetrable as ever.

With only 2 minutes remaining, Aliso Niguel once again launched a salvo at the Dana Hills penalty area. Velizar fought his way to within 20 yards of the goal near the right touch line and then suddenly proved curiously fragile, crashing to the ground as the defender made contact with him.

The referee awarded a free kick to Aliso Niguel that was headed by a leaping Greg Devlin for what should have been his second of the game! 3-0 and the final whistle ended Aliso Niguel's first win of the season!

With a defense that has not allowed a goal in the first three games of the year, Aliso Niguel's offense seems to have finally stirred and is showing what it is capable of. This game was a dominant performance and a fine display of team work. All Aliso Niguel needs is to have the midfield spring the strikers loose on a regular basis and we should begin to see a feast of goals on a regular basis.

See you at Tesoro High School on Wednesday the 20th at 3:30 PM for Game Four!