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Blaze Aim to Close on High with Win in Last 2010 Game
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While it has been far from a perfect season for the New Jersey Blaze organization in its inaugural season in 2010, the team is nonetheless aiming to finish the season as it started, ending on a high note with a victory on Wednesday in front of home fans at Rowland Park, South Brunswick.

In their last away game of the season on Saturday, the squad was unable to overcome a two-goal deficit against the TSC Maryland Red Devils, losing 2-1 despite a goal from team star Ansgar Otto with half an hour to go.

Blaze head coach Rob Napier said after the game: “We dominated the game for the first 30 minutes but if you don’t score when you’re on top, it doesn’t really matter. While their keeper pulled off a great save from a shot by Mathieu Larroutourou, shots went wide, we missed out on a strong penalty call and a couple of the same old issues cropped up.”

He added: “As has often happened this season, it was another lapse in concentration that was punished in the first half, while their second goal soon after the break was a real blow. Our 13-man squad struggled against their physical game.” He also cited a lack of combination play at the front of the field, restricting attacks to one-man runs.

“We need to show that we’re a better team than the table shows. There have been several very close games and it’s often come down to very small details and - dare one say it - misfortune, at times,” Napier added. “We want to go out on a high and get the win we deserve; the players are itching to get it and we know we have what it takes to beat FC Revolution.”

Meanwhile, the FC Reading Revolution, who triumphed over the Blaze in a 4-3 win in PA last month, will be looking to replicate their win on the road. In a mixed season, the Revolution have had four wins and seven losses and sit in fourth place in the table. The game will also mark their final match-up of the 2010 campaign.

The Blaze have only had one win and a draw so far this season, with their only three-point game coming at the beginning of the season away against the Pocono Snow at Eiler-Martin Stadium at East Stroudsburg University, Pennsylvania. Since then, the squad has had to face extremely competitive opposition against an impressive Keystone Conference, though a number of unlucky results has led the team to a 1-1-9 record.

Nonetheless, the team plays to win and has succeeded in its first year in terms of gaining a strong fanbase at its home in central New Jersey, as locals flock to support a team bolstered by young men from around the area.

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