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MAN CITY POWER THROUGH OPENING GAME

SINGAPORE, 25 June 2012: Sending a clear message to the rest of the competition, Manchester City U15 made their presence felt as they beat CR Vasco da Gama 2 – 0 in their opening game of the 24th Canon Lion City Cup.

Both sides shared equal possession in the opening minutes of the game but it was the more physical English side that persevered in the end. Yvan Wassi (no. 6) started for City up front and held up the play well for his team but it was David Brooks (no. 10) who scored the opener after a brilliant cut back from the right.

Vasco da Gama pushed forward and enjoyed several interchanging passing moves between the trio of Matheus da Silva (no. 10), Matheus Oliveira (no. 11) and Luan Martins (no. 7). However, they failed to break through the resolute City defence.

Ultimately it was an inspired substitution form City coach Scott Sellars that saw Joseph Nuttall (no. 9), come off the bench for Aaron Nemane (no. 7), smash the second one past the Vasco da Gama goalkeeper.

There were a series attacks from the Brazilian side, namely from Matheus da Silva and Evander da Silva that forced City keeper Bradley McDonagh into brilliant saves that ultimately earned him the Man of the Match award.

Match Report:

24th Canon Lion City Cup
Match 3

1800hrs

Jalan Besar Stadium, Singapore

Final Score:
Manchester City U15   2 vs 0   CR Vasco da Gama U15

Goals:
7' David Brooks No.10 (Man City)
43' Joseph Nuttall No.9 (Man City)

Man of the Match:
No.1 Bradley McDonagh

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1 Bradley McDonagh
2 Cameron Humphreys
3 Adam Robinson
4 Joshua Murray
5 Charles Oliver
6 Yvan Wassi
7 Aaron Nemane
8 Thomas Holland (C)
10 David Brooks
11 Callum Bullock
15 Marcus Wood

Substitutes

9 Joseph Nuttall
12 Ryan Ellison
13 Daniel Grimshaw
14 Deri Corfe
16 Joseph Hardy
17 Lukas Nmecha
18 William Patching

Substitutions
No. 9 Joseph Nuttall in, No. 7 Aaron Nemane out
No.14 Deri Corfe in, No. 10 David Brooks out
No. 16 Joseph Hardy in, No. 11 Callum Bullock out
No. 17 Lukas Nimecha in, No. 3 Adam Robinson out
No.18 William Patching in, No. 8 Thomas Holland Out

Coach: Scott Sellars

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CR Vasco Da Gama

1 Vinicius de Oliveira
2 Gabriel da Silva
3 Rodrigo Nobrega
4 Felipe Rodrigues
5 Rafael de Carvalho (Captain)
6 Tauan Oliveira
7 Luan Martins
8 Evander da Silva
9 Joao dos Santos
10 Matheus da Silva
11 Matheus Oliveira

Substitutes
12 Matheus Souza
13 Matheus de Oliveira
14 Allan de Andrade
15 Breno Campos
16 Jose dos Santos
17 Guilherme de Souza
18 Philipe Macedo

Substitutions
No.14 Allan de Andrade on, No.6 Tauan Oliveira out
No. 17 Guilherme de Souza in, No. 11 Matheus Oliveira out
No. 16 Jose dos Santos in, No. 7 Luan Martins out
No. 13 Matheus de Oliveira in, No. 8 Evander da Silva out
No. 15 Breno Campos in, No. 10 Matheus da Silva out

Coach: Sergio Bello

Yellow cards
No. 9 Joseph Nuttall (Man City)

Officials:
Referee: Yazeen Buhari (Singapore)
Assistant Referee 1: Edwin Lee (Singapore)
Assistant Referee 2: Tang Yew Mun (Singapore)
Fourth Official: Leow Thiam Hoe (Singapore)
Referee Assessor: Lau Kok Kong (Singapore)
Match Commissioner: K Sukumar (Singapore)

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Table – Group B

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Man City U15	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Vasco da Gama U15	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
NFA U15	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

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