Grad Soccer Holds Off Waltham Team

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The Engineers faced the fourth place team of the league Waltham last weekend in a crucial showdown. Waltham, known for their strong defense, came into the game with a 2-3-1 league record and MIT with a 3-0-5 league record. Both teams were determined to win as they knew the outcome would have a significant impact on the league standings.

The game started with MIT showing their scoring threat in the opening minute when Alex Pfaff converted a penalty shot to put the Engineers up 1-0. However, Waltham quickly responded with a goal in the 12th minute to level the score at 1-1. From that point on, both teams had chances to score, but neither could capitalize on them.

In the second half, MIT stepped up their offensive pressure and created several scoring opportunities. In the 50th minute, Ernst from the right wing delivered a well-placed shot to the right of the Waltham goal, but the shot was saved by the goalkeeper. Two minutes later, in the 52nd minute, Ernst found himself unmarked inside the box but was unable to convert the chance.

Despite the missed opportunities, MIT continued to press for the winning goal. In the 70th minute, Ernst from the left managed to get through the Waltham defense and find Waltham's keeper. Ernst's shot was saved, but the rebound was quickly converted by Bobby Padera in the 72nd minute to put MIT back up 2-1.

The win was crucial for MIT as they secured their position in the top four of the league. With this win, MIT moved closer to their goal of securing a playoff spot. The team is now focused on their remaining games to secure their place in the playoffs.