

Bantams and Otters Battle for Tie

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Johnson City, TN- The SC United Bantams entered their first game of the 2016 season looking for a win to set a tone for the competitive South Atlantic division. The Otters hosted the Bantams in their third game of the season at Science Hill Stadium in Johnson City, TN, on Saturday night, May 21 at 6:30 pm. The game was very competitive and ended with a 0-0 tie, netting a point for each team.

The Otters, who are new to the South Atlantic division, drew 0-0 in their home opener against South Georgia Tormenta FC, and then suffered a close 1-2 defeat at home to the also new Peachtree City MOBA.

The Bantams have increased their depth with many new faces in their lineup, including several with international backgrounds. Their freshly recruited backline will certainly bolster the Bantams' defenses, and Koty Millard's return for another SC United Bantam's season will provide stability. Look for the improving chemistry between Millard and Lucho Zuluaga in the midfield and the finesse of Rex Epps in the attack. Add in the host of newcomers to yield great offensive production in the coming weeks.

New General Manager Lee Morris is excited by the energy and potential of the team.

“Getting a point and not conceding a goal away from home can only be viewed in a positive light from our first game, yet we still felt we could have won the game. We played some wonderful soccer, carved out some fantastic opportunities, hit the crossbar, and had a goal disallowed for reasons we are still unsure about. Solid defending and good goalkeeping when called upon gave us a really solid base to work from, and the midfield epitomized the work rate Coach Kenga demands of his players. The squad & Coach Kenga are looking forward to building on that first point and hoping for a great performance on Tuesday evening.”

In 2015, the Bantams started slowly before picking up the pace late in the season. In his second year at the helm, Kenga is instilling an urgency in his team that should keep the Bantams competitive throughout this 2016 campaign.

The Bantams will be looking to secure three points in their opening night against Peachtree City MOBA on Tuesday, May 24, at 7:30 pm at the Brookland-Cayce High School Stadium.