

Bantams In Position for Playoff Bid

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Columbia, SC - The SC United Bantams had a hard fought 2-2 draw with South Georgia Tormenta in their final regular season league game on Friday, July 15, at Brookland-Cayce High School Stadium.

The Bantams came into their final home match in the South Atlantic Division and needed a win or a tie to lock down third place, which could put them in position for a playoff bid.

The game started off with several back and forth plays with both teams generating several scoring opportunities. Tormenta broke through in the 17th minute to take a 1-0 lead after a crafty goal was scored by Nico Rittmeyer.

The Bantams came out in the second half and pressed the Tormenta defense hard. Their persistence paid off and they drew a penalty in the 62nd minute which was converted by Joe Vyner. This was Vyner's 6th goal of the season and he leads the Bantams in scoring.

Deadlocked in a tie, both teams worked hard to create opportunities and the game got quite testy at times. Then in the 83rd minute, Leandro Browne scored a phenomenal free kick from 40 yards out, to give the Bantams the 2-1 lead. This was Browne's 5th goal of the season.

In stoppage time, Tormenta was able to even up the score after a rocket shot from James Brighton found the back of the net. The game was called minutes later resulting in the 2-2 tie final score.

The Bantams and their fans will be awaiting the final playoff determination based on the Charlotte Eagles game on Saturday versus the Tri-Cities Otters. If the Charlotte Eagles prevail and win the Eastern Conference regular season, they secure an automatic playoff bid. This would setup for the 2nd place Carolina Dynamo and 3rd place Bantams to face off for the play-in game. More information will be released once this is determined.