



## Arsenal vs. West Ham United 10 / 26 / 08

Both teams started the game attacking and defending in numbers. Great end to end Play but most passes in the final third were just poor and when the good passes created Chances both keepers came up with great saves, so at half time the score was 0 -0.

The second half started with Arsenal applying pressure on the West ham defense But were unable to score or create any really good chances on goal. Arsenal then made a couple of substitutions about 15 minutes into the half and continued to apply pressure on West Ham. Arsenal are attacking down the wing and serve a ball into the West Ham penalty box, Adebayor receives the pass steps around a defender and immediately shoots, the ball seems to be going wide as a West Ham defender slides to stop the shot and deflects the ball into the goal in the 76<sup>th</sup> minute. Now the game changes and West Ham have to open up and try to equalize the game. After applying pressure on the Arsenal defense for the remainder of the game, in the 90<sup>th</sup> minute West Ham gains a corner and sends all their tall players up in a last attempt to try and score the tying goal. The corner is taken and Arsenal player Bendtner wins the ball and sends a 40 yard pass to Adebayor who has a breakaway the keeper comes out and Adebayor goes around him and scores into an empty net.

From this game I saw one team decide to play defense and hope for counter attacks to score and another team who came to play their game with consistency in defending and attacking which in the end paid off for them. Teams need to have a game plan, but if things aren't going well they need to be able to changethat strategy.