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**Colonials Triumph Over Mass United with Yazo Brace**  
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The Morris County Colonials' unbeaten run continued in style as the squad were able to build on their 2-2 draw away at Mass United just one week earlier. Cruising to a 2-0 win, the Colonials were able to hold firm against a strong performance by the visiting Massachusetts team in the second leg of their Atlantic Conference clash.

It also marked the fourth game in a row that Morris County scored two goals, as well as the third where both conversions came from the same player. After braces from Steve Jakubowski and JP Berr against Mass United and Seacoast United respectively, it would be Jonathan Yazo stepping up to grab a pair of goals and give the boys even more momentum as they move into the second half of the season.

The Colonials went into the game with great confidence; the general consensus of opinion among the players was a feeling of two points lost and not one point gained when they came back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 with Mass. However, the visitors started strongly and adopted a direct style of play, though their attacks in the opening 15 minutes were stopped by an effective Colonials defense.

The breakthrough came in the first half when Yazo cut in from the left, firing an accurate and low shot past the visitor's keeper. Putting United on the back foot, the away team found it difficult to create dangerous moments before the whistle for half time.

As the second half got underway, United changed tactics and made several substitutions to create some headway; meanwhile, Dan Sauerhoff and Mike Dobbins continued their excellent partnership in central defense while goalkeeper Carl Spence carried on his top form to record his first shutout of the season.

With ten minutes to go, the Colonials broke up a forward run and an effective counterattack caught the visitors' defense wide open. Yazo broke away to go one-on-one with Mass' goalie and wrong-footed him, stroking the ball into an empty net to make it 2-0.

Coach John Ryan was confident that this could be a true turning point for the Colonials. He explained: "This victory took on even more importance with news of a Red Bulls defeat at Seacoast during the week, while the Brooklyn Italians slipped up against city rivals at the New York Athletic Club. The league is more competitive than ever and I think we are becoming a force to be reckoned with.

"Now that we're in second place with a game in hand on the leaders, it will be our performances against New York Red Bull that will likely decide where the league title will go," Ryan added. "With a strong defense, great goalkeeping and a number of players eager to score, I think we have a great chance to win the Atlantic Conference."

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