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Nordic News

To: Coaches, Players, and Parents of Nordic Soccer Club.

Nordic Claims 7 State Cup Titles.

Nordic yet again proved to be the dominant force in Vermont youth soccer when it recently claimed 7 State Cup titles in the recent Vermont Soccer Association State Cup tournament.

5 Boys teams and 2 Girls teams won titles and the opportunity to represent the state at the US Youth Soccer Region 1 Championships in West Virginia over the July 4th weekend.

Sam Piotrowski's 12 Premier Boys got the weekend off to a great start with a hard fought 2-0 win over Synergy with goals from **Brendan McGovern and Hunter Pelkey** before **Jesse Brady-Searby's 13 Premier Boys** comfortably took care of Far Post with a 5-0 victory on goals from **Corrin Kwasnik, Joe Castano, Will Rossi, Tucker Shelley and Ekow Annon**. After a slow first half ending in a scoreless tie, the **14 Premier Boys** team coached by **Ross Duncan** found their stride and put in 6 unanswered goals vs. Far Post to become the VT State Champion, something they have done in all three years they have been eligible. **Shane Haley** scored three times in the game with single goals by **Alec Brigante, Danny Samardzic and Tanner Tomasi**. **Collin Turner** had two assists with singles from **Alex Fyles and Branden Dennis**. **Matt McBride** registered the shutout.

Jim Goudie's 15 Premier Boys left it late to book their ticket to Regionals. The 2 time defending champ took the lead early in the 2nd half on a **Jack Loud** effort and despite Far Post equalizing midway through the half, a **Thomas Woolsen** goal with 6 minutes to go was enough to claim a 2-1 win for Nordic. **Ryan White's 19 Premier Boys** successfully defended their title with a 4-0 win over AC 4472 with 2 goals from **Will Martin** and singles from **Adam Hart and Lukas Petersen**

Marcel Choquette's U14 Girls Premier team is State Cup Champs for the second year in a row, winning a tough overtime match over a solid Capital team. The game ended as a 0-0 tie in regulation, but **Kristy Benoit** found the back of the net in the first ten-minute overtime. The second overtime period was dominated by a strong defensive showing to secure the win. Finally, **Todd Wenner's 15 Premier Girls** won their 5th consecutive title with a 4-0 win over Far Post. **Jenna Morrissey** started the scoring with the first two goals, before further goals from **Lauren Bernard and Jenna Parry** sealed a comfortable victory.

Nordic also had 5 teams that made it to the finals. **Wade Jeans 17 Premier Boys** lost a tough heart breaker, going down 1-0 to Capital in a close fought game whilst **Rem Kielman's 18 Boys Club** team advanced to the finals before falling to Far Post. **Todd Wenner's 13 Premier Girls** lost out to Far Post in a barn stormer of a final. Down 3-1 with 10 mins to play, Nordic scored 2 late goals to take the game to overtime. Overtime could not separate the two teams, so penalty kicks determined the game with Nordic losing out 3-2. However, due to a wildcard allotment to Vermont, the 13 Premier Girls will be traveling to West VA to try and repeat their successful semi-final showing from last year. **Kwame Lloyd's 16 Premier Girls** lost out 2-1 to Burlington Lakers whilst **Hector Tamayo's 17 Premier Girls** fell 2-0 to their Far Post counterparts.

Y League games this week-end

This weekend is the first of many home games for our Y league teams. Seven of our older Premier teams have games on Saturday when Cape Cod Crusaders are the visitors. Come out to the Tree Farm and watch our teams compete in the highest level of youth soccer in Vermont.

Saturday June 13th

12pm 13Boys and 14 Boys

1.30pm 15 Boys and 13 Girls

3.30pm 14 Girls, 15 Girls and 16 Girls

Rain-Out Procedure at the Tree Farm

If weather might be an issue at the Tree Farm and games/practices may get cancelled, please call the Nordic office number (802 288 9577) or check the Nordic website (www.nordicsoccer.org). A message will appear on both if the Tree Farm is closed. **No message = Tree Farm is open!**

Nordic Summer Soccer Camps

This summer Nordic will be hosting 4 weeks of soccer camps for various age groups and levels of play. For our younger players, we are offering 2 weeks of "Fun'damental camps:

Early Summer Camp: Monday June 15th to Friday June 19th, 9am to 12pm at the Tree Farm. Cost is \$150 per player. Ages 5 to 12yrs

Late Summer Camp: Monday August 10th to Friday August 14th, 9am to 12pm at the Tree Farm. Cost is \$150 per player. Ages 5 to 12yrs

For our High School and Middle School age players, we are offering 2 weeks of pre-season camps in conjunction with **Poulin Performance**.

High School Pre-season camp: Monday August 3rd to Friday August 7th, 5pm to 8pm at the Tree Farm. Cost is \$200 per player. Players will receive 1 hour of strength and conditioning work with Chris Poulin followed by 2 hours of technical and tactical work with Nordic coaches. This camp is for all incoming 9th thru 12th graders.

Middle School Pre-season camp: Monday August 24th to Friday August 28th, 5pm to 8pm at the Tree Farm. Cost is \$200 per player. Players will receive 1 hour of strength and conditioning work with Chris Poulin followed by 2 hours of technical and tactical work with Nordic coaches. This camp is for all incoming 6th thru 8th graders.

Nordic Golf Tournament- Monday August 3rd

This is the second of our two social fundraisers, again with all monies raised going towards the **Nordic Scholarship Fund**. This will be our 4th Annual Golf Tournament and will be held at the highly renowned **Vermont National Golf Club** with a 1pm shotgun start. Cost will be \$125 per player or \$500 per team of four. Enjoy a great day at one of Vermont's finest courses with your Nordic friends.

Players in the News

Memorial Day weekend was a busy time for Nordic teams. The 14 Premier Boys team enjoyed their weekend at the New England Soccer Classic at Cape Cod. Showing focus after losing a heartbreaker opening game 1-0 against FC United (MA) on a penalty kick, the team came back and qualified for the semifinals with 1-0 and 3-2 wins over MA teams North Shore United and the Cape Cod Crusaders. Seacoast United Maine Crew stopped the Nordic team 4-2 in the semifinal

The 18 Boys Club team were in a U19 Division in the Needham tournament playing Foundation FC (Loss 2-0), Needham Arsenal (Loss 5-0) and Celtic FC (Loss 2-0).

The **11 Premier Girls** team learned a lot at the Cape Cod Challenge Cup. It was the first tournament for most of the girls on the team and they faced solid competition from three other clubs in our age group. In Saturday's early game, the team lost in a closely contested match to the Tolland Strikers. With a strong wind at their backs, they generated a number of scoring opportunities in the first half that were either wide of the (small) net or turned away

by their goalkeeper. After going down a goal, **Clara Johnson** took a punt from goalkeeper **Jessica Kelley** down the right wing and drove a ball in the net for our lone goal of the weekend, tying the game at half. After an exciting first half, fighting uphill and against the wind proved to be too much in the second and ended up losing 2-1. Their second game of the day was against a very tough Massachusetts team (Explosion FC Orange Sol). Despite a 3-0 loss, the game was marked by strong goalkeeping from **Amber Sicard** and **Amelia Frederick** and solid play from **Megan McFarlane** up top and **Brenna McMannon** in the midfield. On Sunday, facing the division's strongest team, a solid club from Connecticut (Glastonbury Comets) after regrouping from a difficult first half where they went down 3-0, the team produced their best half of the weekend and not only matched their side's physical play but proved to have a stingy team defense and an ability to respond to challenge. **Emma Jean, Amelia Frederick, Jessica Kelley, Lindsay Pius** and **Meghan Frank** rotated throughout the back line and offered a steady combination of defense in front of Amber Sicard who had another strong half in goal

Todd Wennar's 13 Premier Girls team traveled to Downingtown, Pennsylvania competing in the FC Delco Players Cup Tournament. The 2009 Players Cup featured over 300 of the best teams in the country and is a premier level event open to U9 through U15 Boys and Girls and U16 Boys. The girls played in the Platinum group playing a team from Virginia and two teams from Pennsylvania in their bracket. The girls opened by defeating the Virginia Rush Nike 2-1. The afternoon game featured a strong Northern Crew (PAW) team ending with a hard fought 0-1 loss. The final bracket game ended with a 3-0 victory against the Hulmeville Xtreme (EPa) team. The girls earned the wildcard slot putting them into the semi-finals against a tough Century United team out of Pennsylvania West. With a hard fought 1-0 win, the team qualified for the finals match against the Explosion FC Elite (MA). The girls took a 2-0 lead into halftime after dominating play. The Explosion came out in the second half true to their name fighting back to a 2-2 tie at the conclusion of regulation. The two 5 minute overtimes concluded the battle with the girls losing in a heartbreaker, 3-2. Coach Todd had this to say after the game; "The girls fought hard all weekend battling strong competition and some hot early season weather. I was proud of their effort and look forward to the rest of the season."

Nordic 12 Premier Girls got their Memorial Day weekend off to a slow start with a 1-0 loss in the first game of the Cape Cod Classic. They were able to sort things out and turn it around for the second game against home team Sandwich Dynamite Explosions with a goal by **Kennedy Maxfield**, ending the game with a 1-0 win. The following morning, in a game against the Agawan Fire, with both teams battling for the second semifinal spot, **Paige Dubrul** beat two players down the wing, cut the ball inside and slotted it in near post to put Nordic up early by a goal. Agawan fire continued to battle but despite two PK's couldn't come out with the win. **Kayla Outama** had an outstanding game, winning every ball that came her way. The girl's weekend was ended with a disappointing loss in the semifinals in a PK shootout. **Mikayla Merrill** has recently stepped up as goalkeeper and made an impressive three saves in the shootout. Coach, **Lindsey Duncan** was proud of her team, quoting "I felt we were the better team and we deserved the win but that's just soccer, the best team doesn't always win. It was frustrating to not get to advance to the finals but I was proud of the way the girls turned it around and played in the last three games. The ball didn't bounce our way that game but the girls gave me everything they had and that's all I can ask for."

Jim Goudie's 11 Premier Boys went 1-1-1 at their first Cape Cod tournament. After a 2-2 tie with Smithfield (RI) on goals from **Cole Venner** and **Aiman Ginawi**, Nordic then beat Tolan 4-1 with **Leland Gazo, Cole Venner, Cooper O'Connell** and **Aiman Ginawi** tallying. Needing a win in their last game vs. a good Londonderry (NH) team, Nordic fell 3-0.

Sam Piotrowski's 12 Premier Boys also went 1-1-1 at the Cape Cod Challenge. Following a disappointing 1-0 loss to Tolland, after dominating play and a 1-1 tie with a good Glastonbury (CT) team, the 12 Premier's finished their week-end off on a high with a resounding 4-0 win over Newington and only failed to advance on a tie breaker!