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Nordic News

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

Nordic Teams State Cup information

This is a very big weekend for the club with State Cup Finals and semi-finals and 14 of our teams competing for State championships and a spot at Regionals in Maine in late June. Please make every effort to come out to the Tree Farm this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, wear your Nordic colors and support our teams.

Friday May 30th

6pm

16 Girls Semi- final Nordic 16 Premier vs. Mountain SC

Saturday May 31st

1.30pm

13 Boys Final Nordic 13 Premier Boys vs. Far Post

12 Boys Final Nordic 12 Premier vs. Far Post

3pm

13 Girls Final Nordic 13 Premier vs. Far Post

14 Boys Final Nordic 14 Premier boys vs. Synergy

12 Girls Final Nordic 12 Premier Girls vs. Capital

5pm

14 Girls Semi- final Nordic 14 Premier Girls vs. Burlington Lakers

16 Boys Semi-final Nordic 16 Premier Boys vs. Milton

Sunday June 1st

10am

15 Girls Final Nordic 15 Premier Girls vs. Burlington Lakers

19 Boys Final Nordic 19 Premier Boys vs. Far Post

12pm

17 Girls Final Nordic 17 Premier Girls vs. Far Post

16 Boys Final Winner of Nordic/Milton vs. Winner of Far Post/Capital

17 Boys Final Nordic 17 Premier Boys vs. Upper Valley Lightning

2pm

14 Girls Final Winner of Nordic/Lakers vs. Winner of Far Post/Mountain

16 Girls Final Winner of Nordic/Mountain vs. Winner of Far Post/S.VT Select

18 Boys Final Nordic 18 Premier Boys vs. Capital

Players In The News

Memorial Day weekend is a very busy time for Nordic teams as we play in tournaments throughout New England and the Northeast.

Our U9 and U10 Boys teams experienced their first ever travel tournament at the Cape Cod Challenge in Sandwich, MA. **Matt Gazo's** 9 Boys team had a very successful tournament going undefeated and scoring a total of 19 goals, and allowing only 3. In their final match, which was the unofficial U9 championship, they played a powerful Glastonbury Lads of CT and after an up and down battle - a halftime score of 1-1, the Nordic boys prevailed for a 3-1 win.

The 10 Boys team won their first game 5-3 against Sandwich SC, tied the second game 2-2 against Falmouth, lost their third game 3-1 against Glastonbury, CT and then won their fourth game 3-0 against Bayside, RI. Both teams played great and represented Nordic very well.

Jason Leahy's 17 Spirit Boys weren't flat (unlike his car battery!!!) and made it to the semi-finals in the Needham Tournament U17 Premier division. They beat North Shore United (MA) 3-1, lost to Guilford (CT) 2-0 and beat Blackbear United (ME) 1-0. In the semi's they lost 4-0 to Westonhook (MA). **Nick Ouellette** had 2 goals and an assist, **Cedric White** had the winning goal late in the deciding 1-0 game, **Danny Lambert** had a goal and **Cam Breck** had an assist for the weekend.

Angie Faraci's 11 Premier Girls also played at Needham and won their preliminary games in convincing fashion. 1-0 wins over Needham Comets and 3-1 to Guilford CT were followed up with a 3-1 win over Sachem, CT. They fell in the semi-finals, 3-0 against a very good Sport World team out of CT.

Nordic's 11 Premier Boys coached by **Sam Piotrowski** reached the final of the Needham Memorial Day weekend Tournament. In a pulsating game against Black Watch Portugal from Rhode Island, 5 goals in the first half by **Hunter Pelkey** were only enough to see the game tied up before 2 more goals in the last minute of play (**Hunter Pelkey & Jordain Williams**) completed an amazing 7-6 win for Nordic. In their second game of the day they met local club Synergy. **Brendan McGovern's** first half goal was all that was needed as the defense led by **Robert Kelly & Mark Gauthier** in goal, kept the Synergy strikers scoreless for a 1-0 victory. Next up were Boston Bolts and a team that hadn't lost in over a year. A second half goal by **Hunter Pelkey** assisted by **Jordain Williams** proved to be the game winner despite two penalty kicks that were awarded to the Bolts that were stopped by the amazing play of goaltenders **Nate Hubbard & Robert Kelly**.

In the semi-finals against Greater Boston FC and a team that now had 1 loss in over a year, the Nordic boys were ready for this fast passing team, winning 3-0 on goals by **Hunter Pelkey (2) & Brennan Fitzpatrick**.

In the Championship game against Black Watch Premier Brazil from RI, Nordic came up against a very good team and our boys were out of steam, but played with Nordic pride and class losing 4-0 in the final.

The **12 Spirit Boys** team was in Holliston, Mass for Memorial Day weekend. With only 8 players, they played all weekend in the 8v8 competition with no relief from the bench for injury or fatigue. After the first game, a close match against Bruno United which they lost 0-2, the team bounced back to defeat the Wellesley Strikers 4-1 on goals by **Jack Debagian, Eric Lamphere (2 goals)** and **Jordan Norcross**. On Sunday, they took on the hometown Holliston Potemri, and with scoring by **Will Ward (2 goals), Eric Lamphere, Jack Debagian, Shane Poulin, Brayden Nielsen (3 goals)** and **Jordan Norcross**, they won 9-0! They met the Ashland Blue Socks in the semi-finals and won 4-0 to advance to the finals, with goals by **Will Ward, Jordan Norcross, Eric Lamphere (2 goals)**, and the second shutout that day by goalkeeper **Nate Bigger**. Throughout the weekend, **Connor Calhoun's** assists and corner kicks were vital to the team's success. Monday's final was a rematch with Bruno United, a hard-fought loss that ended 0-2. Special thanks go to coach **Trevor Quinn** for leading the team throughout a successful tournament weekend.

Wade Jean's 17 Premier Boys team had a great experience over the Memorial Day Weekend as they were part of one of the premier tournaments in the country at the Potomac (Maryland) Cup. The boys made the most of their trip against some tough competition winning their group with 2 wins and a draw. Scoring goals were **Tommy Gingras (3)** and **Matt Coppola**. At the other end, the defense did not give up a goal. The Nordic boys then lost a hard fought nail biter losing to a talented Arlington VA team 0-1 (their first loss of the season).

The **15 Premier Girls** attended the Oakwood Memorial Day Tournament for the first time, going 1-1-1 and just missing the playoffs. They opened their competition against the Boston Volts and dominated play with multiple opportunities to score but the keeper and the soccer gods were not to allow the ball to find the back of the net, ending the match with a 0-0 tie.

The following day they had a rematch vs. FSA Soccer Plus, a team they had lost to a few weeks earlier 3-1 at the Toyota College showcase in Massachusetts. The girls played great possession soccer and went ahead 1-0 after a scramble in front of the goal. FSA picked up their intensity and were able to put away 2 goals in the last 4 minutes of the first half to go ahead 2-1. The second half saw Nordic dominate but unable to score, losing a heartbreaker to this talented Connecticut team.

The last match on Sunday saw Nordic play the eventual tournament champions CFC Arsenal. It was a great battle with Nordic dominating play and scoring a great goal of a set play in the first half. The game went back and forth in the second half with both teams leaving it all on the pitch. Nordic walked away with a great victory and gave CFC their only defeat of the tournament.

Drew Smalley's 14 Spirit Boys team reached the semifinals of the Holliston Memorial Day tournament, finishing in a tie for 3rd.

Quote of the week:

“Coming together is a beginning;
Keeping together is progress,
working together is success.”
Henry Ford

Thanks to all the parents and players that came out to the Windjammer last week to see the Champions League Final between Manchester United and Chelsea. Over 60 people showed up to watch a very exciting game between the top two teams in England and Europe, with Manchester United coming out on top after a 1-1 tie and the ensuing over time and penalty kicks.

For those of you that didn't hear, England gave the US Men's National team a good hiding with a comfortable 2-0 win at Wembley stadium in London. A first half goal from Chelsea's John Terry, off a David Beckham free kick, will have erased some of JT's agony over his missed penalty kick in the Champions League final from the previous week. Liverpool's Steven Gerrard put the game out of reach for the Yanks with a well-worked second goal early in the second half.

Despite England not entering a team into the Euros this year, there may be a little interest in Euro 2008 from our families? The European Championships is held every four years and has the top 16 teams in Europe (except England) competing in Switzerland and Austria over the next month. All games will be aired live on the ESPN family of networks with all Euro matches live on ABC, ESPN or ESPN2. The round robin phase starts on Saturday June 7th with the hosts Switzerland playing Czech Republic at 11.50am followed at 2:30pm by Portugal vs. Turkey. More information can be found at www.euro2008.uefa.com/index.html
Or www.espn.com

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