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Nordic News

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

Champions!

Nordic Soccer Club Claims 12 State Championship Titles

Nordic Soccer Club had a very successful week-end when they claimed twelve State Championships in the 2008 Vermont Soccer Association finals. Nordic claimed titles in the 12 Boys and Girls, 13 Boys and Girls, 14 Boys and Girls, 15 Girls, 17 Boys and Girls, 18 Boys and 19 Boys and Girls age groups. All teams will now compete in the Regional Championships in Portland, Maine, June 26th to July 1st.

Under the guidance of Nordic Director of Coaching and Head Men's Soccer Coach at UVM, **Jesse Cormier** and his coaching staff, this is the most dominating weekend in State Cup history in Vermont club soccer.

Jesse Brady-Searby's 12 Premier Boys got the ball rolling with a comfortable 2-0 victory over Far Post. A first half strike from **Spencer Beatie** was followed up by a **Joe Castano** second half goal and with **Brendan O'Connell** keeping a clean sheet, the result was never in doubt. **Todd Wenner's 12 Premier Girls** continued their domination of their age group with a convincing 8-0 win over Capital. **Addison Wenner** led the way with 4 goals, supported by **Brooke Philips (2)**, **Erin Turner** and **Caroline DeLuca** and a shutout for **Haley Forkey** in goal.

Next up was **Ross Duncan's 13 Premier Boys** who swept Far Post aside with a 5-0 victory. **Shane Haley**, **Danny Samardzic**, off a **Caleb Mann** feed, and **Caleb Mann** got Nordic off to a 3-0 half time lead before second half goals from **Keegan Mitchell** (off a **Colin Turner** assist) and **Ken Krupa** rounded out the scoring and a return visit to Regionals for the defending State Champs. **Matt McBride** got the shutout in goal.

Marcel Choquette finally won his first ever coaching championship for both Nordic and St Mike's when his **13 Premier Girls** went through two over-time periods before **Kristi Benoit** scored the crucial goal in their 1-0 win over defending champion Capital. **Jim Goudie's 14 Premier Boys** retained their Championship with a close 1-0 encounter with Synergy. **Kendall Pasteris** scoring the game winner late in the second half with **Dan Ebenstein** and **Ryan Kelley** sharing the shutout.

Lindsey Duncan had a very successful weekend with both of her **14 Premier Girls** and **17 Premier Girls** teams winning titles. The **14 Premier Girls** followed up a 2-0 semi-final win over Burlington Lakers with another 2-0 win over Mountain in the Championship game. **Jenna Parry** and **Meredith Corley** scoring the goals in the final.

Hector Tamayo's 15 Premier Girls continue to dominate their age group after a 2-0 final win over Burlington Lakers. Second half goals from **Alyssa Lines** and **Katherine Morley** made sure the team returns to Regionals for the 3rd consecutive year as defending State champions. Our U16 Boys and Girls teams put up great efforts but came up one game short against their Far Post counter parts. **Jim Goudie's 16 Premier Boys** won their semifinal game against Milton 4-0 with a double from **Amar Kapic** and singles from **Lucas Fitzgerald** and **Adam Desrochers** before falling 4-0 in the final. **Hector Tamayo's 16 Premier Girls** fell 3-2 in a heartbreaker in their final versus Far Post. After being down 2-0,

the girls fought back valiantly to tie the game at 2-2 on goals from **Lauren Benard** and **Addie Petersen** before a last second winner ended a close encounter for both teams.

Wade Jean continues his successes as his **17 Premier Boys** outlasted a very talented Upper Valley Lightning team with a 2-1 overtime victory. **Tucker "Diesel" Myhre** was the hero as he scored in regulation with a deflected shot before popping up on a well-worked set- piece for the winner in the first period of overtime. **Lindsey Duncan's** second win of the weekend came when her **17 Premier Girls** recorded their 6th consecutive State title with a 3-0 win over Far Post. After a scoreless first half, **Kirsten Bombardier** scored the game winner on a blast mid way through the second half before other tallies from **Haleigh Gill** and **Natalie LeClair** wrapped up this game. **Jess Sperling** was solid in defense with **Ricci Celia** getting the shutout in goal.

Rollie Kielman's 18 Premier Boys saw off Capital with a 4-0 victory with goals from **Lukas Petersen, Kenny Rutowski, Noor Bulle and Jasper Albright** and the final victory of the weekend was a 2-1 win for **Dan Marlow's 19 Premier Boys** who beat their Far Post opposition 2-1. **Robin Pierce** scoring the opener early in the first half with **Torey Crossman** chipping in with the game winner.

Todd Wenner's 19 Premier Girls will also be attending Regionals as the winner of the 19 Girls age bracket.

Overall, this was one of the most successful weekends (if not the most successful?) of State Cup soccer for Nordic Soccer Club in our history. Nordic Soccer Club is very proud of its history and successes over the years and congratulations to all of our teams, players and parents on our achievements. We are very much looking forward to watching our teams compete at Regionals later in the month.

Good Luck to all our teams.

Quote of the Week:

"Despite England not entering a team into the Euros this year..."

Ross Duncan, 2008

Coaches don't forget to e-mail your team/player stories/achievements to Jim Goudie at thecalfee@aol.com no later than the end of the month.

