

# Under 17 - 89s



## Indoor League

To prepare for the upcoming outdoor season we participated in the Men's Division. The emphasis was to prepare the boys for what was likely to be a quicker and more physical play in the OYSL. By playing against a more seasoned opposition we gained experience, posted a winning record and earned praise from our opponents.

## Ontario Youth Soccer League

Being champions of the South Region S.L. enabled us to climb to the top of the Pyramid of Play. We understood what awaited us, was a very challenging season of league play, as we had to face the top teams in the province, indeed in the country.

We met the challenge head on, and even though we came up short in the score more often than not, we displayed a very determined and competitive side. We look forward to next year and a chance to show that we learned from a season at the top of the competition.

## Tournaments

We participated in two Showcase Tournaments: The Crossroads of America in Carmel Indiana and The Best of the Midwest in Chicago Illinois. Both of these tournaments featured some of the top teams from across the United States. The boys showcased themselves and played some top class soccer posting a combined record of 3 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie.

## Ontario Cup

For the second year in row we were successful in advancing to the semi-final in the province's most prestigious competition. We swept through the tournament round with a most satisfying win over 2005 semi-finalist and OYSL runner up Scarborough Olympic Flame. In the semi-final game we faced St. Catharine's Concord. After falling behind 2-0 in the first 10 minutes we gained our composure and came back to tie the score at 2-2 at the half. The second half was a seesaw battle and it was late in the game that Concord took advantage of a defensive confusion on our part to score the decisive goal. The final score 4-2.



### Coaches Comments

This group of young men displayed a high standard of commitment and dedication to the team effort and learned a great deal about competing at the highest level of competition. We are all better prepared to meet the challenges that await us in the upcoming season and will prove to be much better from the experiences of the past year. I take a great deal of pride to be associated with these young men. They are very good ambassadors of our club and indeed of our community.

Many thanks go out to Mrs. Karen Watson, our team manager, for her tireless work, and dedication. She is truly a treasure.

Also many thanks go out to Marko Paranosic and Rick Clews for contributing to the coaching staff. The coaching staff is thankful to the many parents for helping with the driving.

Mike Baraslievski - Coach