

# Under 13 - 93s



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## Tournaments

Due to a very busy spring and fall schedule in the Michigan Premier League, combined with the F.C. Nationals board decision to enter the team in the South Region League a year ahead of time left us with no time to play tournaments, the exception being the Ontario Cup.

## Ontario cup

Away in Brampton for this tournament, we started strong on Saturday, controlling play and being rewarded with 2 wins against Thunder Bay and Mississauga Dixie. The stage was set for the show-down on Sunday morning against our somewhat taller opponents and hosts from Brampton. Playing with passion, skill and determination, the boys came up with a great effort against one of the best teams in Ontario, eventually coming up short 1-0 on a high cross that found the towering Brampton forward's head. This would become a familiar theme as the season progressed. The final game saw us return to the win column as the boys continued their fine play despite the disappointment earlier in the day. For the second year in a row, the team played beautiful soccer, well enough to win the tournament round and make it to the Quarter-Finals, but it was not meant to be. A 3-1 record, good for 2nd place was the result.



## Leagues

Based on our results of the 2005 fall session, we were placed in Premier2 of the Michigan Premier League. Once again, the boys proved that they can compete with the best in Michigan, finishing in 3rd place with a 5-1-2 (W-L-T) record, good enough for promotion to Premier1, the top division, for the fall session.

This year marked the first time these young men played in the South Region League, Elite Division. Little did we know at the time that a great learning experience awaited us that would set the tone for the remainder of the season, specifically the Michigan Premier fall season. The boys were able to compete against the best teams in Ontario by using all the skills learned to this point. When one is continually physically overmatched by an opponent, one must use other attributes they possess to compensate. This is where our boys excelled. Their technical ability combined with trademark desire and passion allowed them to compete game in and game out, although a 5-12-1 (W-L-T) record would suggest otherwise to those less knowledgeable and referencing only standings. Mentally, these young men grew invaluable by the end of the summer and for this, thanks should be given to the Windsor F.C. Nationals Board for giving them the opportunity. Physically.....we patiently wait.

With this new experience in their back pockets, the boys were rewarded for their efforts, a 1st place finish (6-1-2) for the fall 2006 session of the Michigan Premier League. CHAMPIONS of Premier1 is an accomplishment these 18 dedicated athletes should all be proud of.



## Coaches comments

Another season has come and gone , but certainly not without its ups and downs, lessons learned and more importantly rewards, for players and coaches alike. Rewards come in different forms; for some it may be of the physical kind, a trophy to proudly place on a shelf. For others like this coaching staff, a reward may be the satisfaction of watching eighteen young men give everything they have of themselves, for each other, to achieve their goals. And the goal is now clear; to play at the highest level possible, the OYSL, to further their skills and knowledge as individuals and as a team. The coaching staff remains dedicated to teaching and providing them with the tools necessary to achieve those goals.

A special thanks goes to those parents who contributed positively throughout the year, whether it was driving the boys to games, chaperoning for a weekend, inviting the team to their home for some fun, etc. Your generosity is much appreciated