

Under 14 - 93s



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Tournaments

Due to a busy spring and summer schedule in the Michigan Premier League, combined with the Western Ontario Youth Soccer League (WOYSL), it left us with only enough time to play in one tournament. We entered to play in the Ohio FC Nike Challenge cup in Columbus, Ohio. We were drawn into games against some highly ranked teams. We played Columbus Blast, Carmel United from Indianapolis, and Ohio Premier North from Cleveland. Each team were ranked in the top 50 teams in the United States, #20, #9 and #35. We lost to the Blast 1-0, after dominating play the entire game, only to lose on a penalty in injury time. We then played Carmel United, controlling the run of play, only to lose to a more efficient and more physical team 3-0. The next game saw two teams play an exciting game of attacking soccer, with Ohio Premier prevailing 5-3.

Ontario Cup

Away in Woodbridge for this tournament, we started strong on Saturday morning, dominating play and being rewarded with a convincing 6-0 win against Woodbridge of the Central Soccer League. The stage was set for the showdown on Saturday afternoon against the defending Ontario Cup u-13 Champions, eventual OYSL Champs and Canadian Champions, the Erin Mills Eagles. We got off to a rough start, giving up two goals in the first 3 minutes of play, finally succumbing 3-0 to a very disciplined, physical and skillful side. The two games on Sunday saw us return to the win column as the boys continued their fine play despite the disappointment of Saturday. We started in the morning by beating Richmond Hill 3-0, only to follow that with a 4-3 win against Brampton East. For the third year in a row, the team played beautiful soccer and finished with a 3-1 record, good for 2nd place in the group.

Leagues

Michigan Premier 1

Being the defending champions of Premier 1, we became a target for each team. A combination of injuries and a lack of scoring, caused us to get off to a slow start, winning our first game, only to get shutout in our next 5 games, while going 0-3-2. We finished the season with 2 wins and a loss in our last 3 games, good for 6th and only 3 points away from 3rd. Final Record - 3 - 4 - 2 (W-L-T)

WOYSL

This year marked the leagues inaugural season. The league consisted of 4 teams (FC Nationals, London Utd., London City and Waterloo) that came over from the South Region Elite division from the year before, as well as a Premier Division team in Guelph. The remaining 3 teams came from the top of the London and District Premier level (Greater London, Sarnia and Byron). We played each team twice, with our stiffest competition coming from London United and Guelph. The league also instituted a League Kick-Off Cup at the beginning of the year to replace the League Cup. We were able to accomplish the double. Firstly, winning the Kick-Off Cup, beating London United in the final by the score of 5-1. The boys followed that by having a record of 11 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie, with a +44 goal differential, with 1 game never being played, in League play. Winning both the League and the Cup in one season is never easy. Congratulations!!!

OYSL Promotional Tournament

Winning the league, gave the team the opportunity to be promoted to the OYSL. We traveled to Ottawa to play the winners of the other 3 Regional leagues, in a round-robin tournament to determine which 2 teams got the right to be promoted next year. As we started the year, we finished the year. For whatever reason the goals just disappeared, losing all 3 games by scores of 1-0, 3-1 and 1-0. Although the boys generally played well enough to win, this weekend showed that this is still a work in progress.

Overall Record 21-12-4 (W-L-T)

Coach's Comments

Another season has come and gone, but certainly not without its ups and downs, lessons learned. The goal is still clear; to play at the highest level possible and to further their skills and knowledge as individuals and just as importantly learn to be part of a team. In order to accomplish this goal, the Individuals that make a Team, must first of all decide if this is truly what they really want, then be willing to make the sacrifices that this requires.

Thank you to Ken and Mike for all their help, as well as Fran Stone for her help at the end of the year and for taking on the Manager's job. A special thanks goes to the 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, taking pictures, etc. Your continued support is much appreciated. Lastly, thanks to the players for another great season. Congratulations on winning your Regional League. You should be proud!!! But not satisfied!!! Come ready to work even harder!!!

