

Under 9 Blue- 1995s



Top Row (left to right): **Assistant Coach Carlos Cuevas Sr., Anotonio Ciavaglia, Cody Pittonet, Conner Goodwin, Curtis Prymack, Taylor Schweyer, Mitchell Amante, Malcolm Thompson, Coach Peter Thompson**

Top Row (left to right): **Matt Brosnan, Chris Mallen, Paul Gillard, Jarod Zytner, Carlos Cuevas**

Missing: **Vince Puliese, Nizam Zaher**

LEAGUE, EXHIBITION AND TOURNAMENT REPORT 2004

EXHIBITION

So far to date we have played **16 EXHIBITION** games, all games were conducted on Friday nights. We didn't cancel a practice day for a game. In most cases we had average two games two practices a week. We played the following teams:

LaSalle Under 9	LaSalle Under 10
Tecumseh Under 10	Tecumseh Under 10
Tecumseh Under 9	FC Nationals 95 Gold
Belle River Under 10	Two house league teams.
Two American teams (mini tournament)	

We feel that the **EXHIBITION GAMES** are a good opportunity to coach in a practical way. It allows you to point out fundamentals that would not necessarily be brought up in practice. Although winning and losing is not important at this age, we have noticed a low differential in goals for and against, meaning that we were competitive with all teams. We tracked the scores and individual players ability from the beginning of season. At the end of the October, we notice much improvement with our players.

LEAGUE PLAY

The Windsor Soccer Club season was good training for the kids. We played in the Under 10 division. Although the competition was not there, we did have an opportunity to show the kids some rights and wrongs of soccer within a relaxed playing atmosphere. We feel that the select soccer teams should start the season with the rest of the house league teams. The summer is short and 8 games is not enough!

Great Lakes Soccer League

The Great Lakes Soccer League schedule was great. We had four away games and the rest at home. Unfortunately, we had a problem with hockey this year! We had 5 players playing travel hockey. Not just five players, five of our best players! Most of the games were played with one or two subs, we were always short. We appreciate the effort made by those kids that tried to attend the games! Record W-4, L-3, T-2

TOURNAMENTS

Canton.

Our first tournament was in **Canton**. We were mistakenly put in the wrong division and had to play in the under 10 grouping, which meant the kids were 11. The tournament was well organized. Registration was clear and quick. The field conditions were great; only one field was sloped to one end. We feel that the experience for the kids was good they started off playing against a good team. The experience was irreplaceable. We would return to this tournament again. **Our record is as follows. 2 loss 1 Tie.**

Livingston Soccer Invitational.

Our second tournament took us to **Brighton**. In that tournament we were in the right division. We played against teams that we might see in the future in the Great Lakes League. The field condition and lay out was great. Conditions was kind of wet, but dried up quickly. For a first year tournament it was well organized. There was only four under 10 teams. We played everyone. We look forward to returning to that tournament and winning it. We recommend others to attend this tournament as well. **Our record is as follows. 2 win 1 loss**

London Henderson Tournament

London Henderson Tournament in September as always was a very well organized tournament. The Henderson had over 400 teams. The maps were clear the fields were easy to find and the staff was friendly. As usual they put us in one of the hardest divisions. We had a great tournament we were competitive with every team we played. The field conditions were all right. The competition was good. London is a good indicator of what to expect when we get to Toronto. The only thing I notice was that we only had three games rather than four. I would recommend that we return to this tournament. **Our record is as follows. 1 win, 1 loss, 1 tie.**

General

I would like to thank the parents for their contribution to the team. Without the parents this whole soccer thing is impossible. Big thanks to our one sponsor who doesn't want to be mentioned. We had a great season and all the kids developed skills. We are anticipating new soccer players at the tryouts. The Coaching this year was a combination of practical development, strategies and commitment. I would like to thank Ken Zytner and Carlos Cuevas for all their help. We all worked great together and hope for the same squad next year. We would also like to thank the Windsor Soccer Club Select Committee and the F.C Nationals for their time and effort.