

Under 11 - 95 Blues



Spring/Summer Roster:

Corey Briand, Matthew Brosnan, Carlos Cuevas, Michael Donais, Connor Goodwin, Peter Grbevski, Jordan Hutchings, Chris Mallen, Frankie Pasciuta, Tom Pecarski, Curtis Prymack, Conor Rennie, Taylor Schweyer, Malcolm Thompson.
Coach - Peter Thompson,
Manager - Joanne Tricoulis.

Fall Roster:

Corey Briand, Matthew Brosnan, Carlos Cuevas, Michael Donais, Julian Gioia, Connor Goodwin, Johnny Lappalainen, Jacob Lucier, Chris Mallen, Lucas Palazzi, Tom Pecarski, Joe Pedri, Curtis Prymack, Malcolm Thompson.
Coach - Peter Thompson,
Manager - Joanne Tricoulis.

Overview:

The Windsor F.C. Nationals Blue had a season of ups and downs on the soccer field. Our performance results were one extreme or the other. When we were good - we were really good. In addition, the season resulted in great friendships, many laughs and awesome memories. We also learned that we are very good at making money - these boys have a future in sales and marketing.

Indoor:

We began the indoor season a little flat-footed as we had to wait until the coaching staff was selected and approved. The first few games were difficult and a little disappointing but once we had a few practices, we were able to beat every opponent. Of course, we also bribed the players with home-made Cinnabons. This team loves Cinnabons. We finished in 2nd place behind the LaSalle Stompers U-12.

Spring League:

Our team participated in the GLSL Boys Under 12 - 2nd Division. We started the season with a tie - that ultimately cost us the first place position. The boys finished in 2nd place behind the Canton Tigers.

Summer Tournaments/Exhibition Games/Other:

We participated in the Waterloo Invitational, Dave Morrison Memorial in Brampton, Charity Cup in Springfield and London's Henderson Tournament. Our best result was early in the season in Brampton with a 1-1-1. Malcolm Thompson was given the team MVP in Brampton for scoring amazing goals and entertaining the fans with dances and poses.

The World Cup gave our players a reason to get together outside of our regular soccer schedule. We were together when Italy tied the USA. We had one USA supporter on our team that day - who refused to change his name to Chris Malleno. Michael Donais - a "many generation" Canadian with absolutely no Italian roots was the biggest Italian soccer fan on the team - he was even interviewed by a local Italian cable news reporter. Of course, our die-hard England fans, (Connor G., Malcolm and Corey) believed they were robbed of the trophy. Matt Brosnan, of German-English parents, had no problem wearing his Portugal shirt every single day. Of course, we can't forget our lone Argentina fan - Carlos Cuevas - who kept his thoughts to himself. Congrats to all the Italian fans. The boys really had a great time with the World Cup.

July was a great month of exhibition wins but August served to be the month of "soccer disarray". We lost many games to good teams and we tied and lost many games to teams that we easily beat early in the season and in the previous year. We believe this had a lot to do with "burn-out" as a result of playing in many consecutive tournaments. September was a turn-around month. The team got its groove back and began to play great soccer again.

Fall League:

The team participated in the GLSL Boys Under 13 - 2nd Division. The fall team included players from Windsor and District. The team easily conquered the league with a 9-0-0 record. The team scored over 50 goals and allowed one goal against. Congratulations on your victory.

Special Mention:

- Curtis Prymack was the anchor of this team serving as sweeper. The transition from 8 to 11 a-side proved to be "no challenge" for Curtis. Curtis supervised a team of very good defenders including Chris Mallen and Connor Goodwin who often were the hardest working players during the games. Curtis deserves mention for being a great team leader.
- Taylor Schweyer and Frankie Pasciuta were selected to the F.C. Nationals Gold team in the Fall season. We are very happy and proud of their accomplishments on the team.
- Antonio Ciavaglia who resides with the F.C. Nationals Gold team was a guest player at most of our tournaments serving as a goalie. Antonio received many compliments such as "scholarship material", "provincial candidate" from many referees and Toronto area coaches. We want to thank Antonio for helping us out and for attracting such positive attention for his unique skills.
- Coach Peter worked very hard to teach and develop the boys. The primary area of concentration was on passing and moving to and from the ball. Peter successfully introduced the team to 11-a-side soccer and to new positions and functions. Most importantly, he gave many of the boys a reason to chuckle - especially when he bent over in his very fitted Windsor Selects track suit. Thank you Peter for committing to our team when asked of you and serving as our head coach.



World Cup Fever



Team warmup session



Coach preparing Malcolm for the game



Team's Fan Club

Final words:

As the manager, I would like to thank all the players and Coach Peter for a fun and memorable season. You are the best team I have ever been a part of. You put a smile on my face every practice and game except when you let out the "gas bombs" during the pep talks in close proximity. That must be a boy thing - because the girls just don't do that. Thanks for the respect that you showed me and for treating me like a coach and not just a "mom". You are all awesome little bug-gers - I know how much you love soccer and I know that you will all continue to be successful. I look forward to watching Euro Cup 2008 with you. And of course, thanks to the parents who forked out a lot of money to support our fundraising events and tournaments. You made the job for Peter and myself very easy. We definitely operated as a successful unit and I am thankful for the friendships. Thanks to Mike and Justin from the Windsor F.C. Nationals for their support and organization throughout the year.