

Under 10 - 97 Gold



U10A - Selects - Lightning

Team 97A - Windsor Selects - U10A- Lightning (a.k.a. - 97 Gold - F.C. Nationals) have much to be proud of this 2007 soccer season. After adding a few new players to the roster, along with many hours of practice in the off-season and throughout, these boys honed their skills, became comfortable with the ball, and displayed success in each of the spring, summer (tournaments), and fall seasons.

In the Great Lakes Soccer League, we went a perfect 17 - 0 in the combined Spring/Fall seasons. Although the league has weakened over the past few years, we used these games to further our understanding of the game. Our biggest season highlights however, would have to be our tournament success. The 97A Selects won the Border Stars Tourney in May, made it to the semi-finals at the Canton Cup in the year older Elite Division, and were champions once again at the prestigious Kitchener International in August. During tournament play, we faced stiffer competition but got heads-up play from the entire roster when it counted the most.

During the summer off-season, our Windsor and District friends supplied us with competitive friendlies at the year and two-year older age divisions. We'd like to thank them for working with us on improving the level of soccer in the area. A special thank-you goes out to coach's Dave Steen of Tecumseh, Dave Rimbart (U14 Nationals), Ken Zytner (U12 Nationals), and Mark Frisbey-Barrow (U11A -Selects), for their support and interaction with our players. These are the small tangibles that make good soccer clubs, great! Hopefully, more of this occurs in the future.

We would be remiss if the coaching staff did not thank the parents and supporting family members for their ongoing understanding, support, and dedication to their children/players. One final thank-you goes to my assistant coach, Chris Woodall, or his support and input during the year.

Our future goals are to each work on becoming more rounded players. Although we all have something to offer, some of us need to work on that first touch, and some need to work on

aggressiveness. Some need to work on dedication and some on focus! The future looks bright for our 97 boys. Although the road ahead is bright, it will also become more demanding as these boys development and grow.

Remember boys, 'Winners Train, Losers Complain!'

Way to go, Liam, Jean, Dredon, Tobi, Blake, Noah, Dylan, Dylan, Jacob, Trevor, Andrew, Zakkary, Delaney, and Andrew.

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