



2nd Session CHAMPIONS! U-10 RED

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For the first time ever, the U-10 RED team competed together as a team and did a fabulous job working together. Team RED who placed 2nd in the Soccer City U10 Girls league by going 3 wins, 1 loss and 3 ties placed for the Playoff's. They then went on to win the post season tournament and are U10 girls Session II Champs. The girls were able to win vs. Hampden Hurricanes in the first round and then took on St. Catherine's in the final to win the championship.

"They really have progressed so nicely and everyone gels together, said Coach Ed Meyer." "I am very happy of their commitment level and enthusiasm to the sport of soccer. I look forward to hard working next week when they compete at the Farmington Sports Arena Indoor Tournament in Farmington, CT."

Team RED will compete in the U11 Girls bracket in Session III.

Team Black UPDATE ON SECOND SESSION U-11 Bracket

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The WM U10 Girls Team Black competed in the U11 age bracket for session II. After going 4 wins 2 losses and 1 tie, the team placed 4th of 8 teams. Making the playoff's the team fell to Ludlow in the first round of the play off's.

Both teams gear up for tournament play next week at FSA's Winter Classic as well as Northeastern University's indoor tournament at the end of the month. The teams plan to use this to prepare for their spring season.

1st Session CHAMPIONS! U-10 BLACK

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Team Black won the Soccer City U10 Girls league by going 6 wins and 0 losses. They then went on to win the post season tournament and are U10 girls Session I Champs. Team Black will compete in the U11 Girls bracket in Session II. Team Red will start their indoor season in session II in the U10 Girls.



U10 Girls Win 3 at Nashua World Cup Tournament Columbus Day 2008

The U10 Girls Development participated in the Nashua World Cup Tournament in New Hampshire, going 3-1 on the weekend. Although the team has tournament experience this season, it was the team's first "going away" experience. The results were positive on

the field play and the memories for the team. In the first game of the tournament the girls showed the results from their weekly training in preparation for the tournament. "We focused on pressuring the ball defensively, then transitioning the ball with good, smart short passes to increase out speed of play". The result was a 5-1 victory vs. New Hampshire Select. East Longmeadow's Sarah Jayne Fleck was a primary factor in the scoring as she scored 1 goal, drew a PK which resulted in the 2nd goal of the game by Samantha Saez of Springfield and assisted on another by Avalon Mateo. Sasha Santos and Rayna Martinez both of Springfield anchored the defense while Emma McClosky from Palmer took care of the goaltending duty. The second game of the day was a bit of a stressor for the team. Due to scheduling with his U14's, Coach Meyer arrived just after the start of the game already down 1-0. With a little of bit of "guided" direction, the team was able to make the needed adjustment defensively with Jillian Paterwick of Belchertown and Karly Grono of Wilbraham who played strong and physical to stop the scoring and created quality scoring chances on the other end of the field for the Pioneers. Unfortunately, the U10's were unable to score and resulted in a 2-0 loss.

After a long day of soccer, both of Coach Meyer's teams: the U14 Girls who were intendance as well at the tournament and the U10's gathered together for a traditional team dinner. "We had the older players adopt one of the U10 girls". The U14's were able to choose the player who reminded those most of themselves at that age. The U14's then showed the younger girls how to dress up for dinner, escorted them to the dinner table in a private reserved banquet room and explain the routine and tradition of team dinners. Please see pictures attached! "It was great to see the girls interact. My older girls have been great role model's for the younger players...the older girls have been my assistant coaches at practice and games, demonstrating moves and techniques to the girls and giving them one on one instruction...a real big help for me, but creating some real good team/club chemistry."

The 2nd day of the tournament would prove to be very successful for the team. The morning game was a brisk, fall day with expectations high. Playing Delta FC (of Mass), the team again displayed a quality game of physical play, pressure on the ball and good passing. Incorporating a game plan to change the point of attack Belchertown's Lauryn Parent was able to find the weak side players Avalon Mateo of Springfield, Wilbraham's Tessa Lagodich and Alexis Knight as well as Ludlow's Mariana Goncalves who took advantage of space and netted 4 goals. The end result was a 4-0 victory. The 2nd game of the day would prove to be a challenge, facing the FC Stars of Mass, known to be one of the states premier girl's soccer clubs, Coach Meyer challenge the girls to prove they were ready. After a slow start, the girls found themselves up 1-0 at the half. A few minor adjustments at half time and a reminder of high pressure, hard work mentality and the girls were able to come out in the second half and dominated the game. With multiple chances and shots on goal, the team was able to net 2 more ending the game with a 3-0 victory.

ON the weekend, the girls were 3-1. Scoring 12 goals, posting 2 shut outs and allowing only 3 goals against (0.75 GAA) The U10 Girls improved to an overall record this season to: 7 wins and 4 losses with a Goals for average of over 4 goals per game and a 0.75 Goals against average. A great start to tournament play for the girls heading into the remaining weeks of their Maple Season.



U-10 Girls Fall 2008 Farmington Valley Soccer Shootout Labor Day

U-10G, coached by Ed Meyer, went 2-2 as a team playing together for the first time! The girls played hard and fair in all 4 games showing well for the team and the club. Facing many teams that were "town" teams that had been together for three years...the girls were able to play with and run with each team, getting the better of two in the run of play scoring 8 goals in the tournament. A great beginning for the team, which included 10 of the roster from Maple and 4 players from the training squad, who gained valuable playing time and experience. All players played well with over five girls scoring goals to give the team a well balanced attack. The defense, learning a new system...was able to stop many attacks keeping the team in each game to the end.

Pioneers- 2 Southbury U10- 1
Pioneers- 1 Farmington Fusion- 4
Pioneers- 0 Explosion FC- 4
Pioneers- 3 Glastonbury- 0
