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Severna Park Teams Impressive in Statewide Cup Action

Severna Park Soccer featured strongly in the State's two primary, statewide soccer tournaments this spring, the State Cup and the President's Cup. Severna Park's showing was highlighted by the Fever (BU15) and Tsunami (GU14), which both put together impressive runs to advance to the State Cup Semi-Finals. All Severna Park teams represented the club well.

The Fever, coached by Paul Kowalewski, prevailed in their Sweet 16 contest against Maryland Nike Rush by an impressive score of 3-0. The team then faced SAC Premier of the Region 1 Premier League in hard fought match that was tied 1-1 after 90 minutes. In double overtime, Daniel Kwon scored a terrific goal in the upper corner to secure a Fever victory and a trip to the Semi-Finals. SAC was last year's State Cup runner-up. In a hard fought match, the Fever lost its semi-final match to Bethesda Blue, 3-1. The team's State Cup run was indicative of a team dedicated to competing at the highest level. The Fever has completed its Colonial League season, finishing with the fourth best record out of 16 league teams.

Norm Van Order's Tsunami

(GU14) also advanced to the semi-finals of the State Cup after their second shutout victory of the tournament, blanking WWSC Grey Wolves, 1-0. Tsunami defeated MSC Coyote White by an identical score in the round of 16. In a match that was much closer than the score suggests, the Tsunami dropped their semi-final match to SAC United Premier, 4-1. The trip was Coach Van Order's second trip to the semi-finals with a Severna Park team. The Tsunami are approaching the end of their WAGS season where they are currently undefeated (4-0-3) and in first place in Division 3 with two games remaining.

Severna Park Arsenal (U13B), coached by Dan Gawitt, also acquitted themselves well in the State Cup. The team, which competes in NCSL Division 2, drew a tough first round game against NCSL Division 1's Bethesda Green and took the game to overtime before losing in a heart breaker, 2-1.

In the President's Cup, Todd Clark's GU16 United, advanced to the finals with a strong 1-0 victory over Freestate Fire '95. In a hard fought match, the team suffered a 2-0 loss to Potomac Rush in the final. In a tough

match, Severna Park Sweepers (GU13) lost their semi-final match of the President's Cup, 2-1, to Alliance Soccer Club's Black Venom. On the boys side, Severna Park United (U15B), coached by Emile Henault, narrowly lost its quarterfinal match to SAC United 1 by a score of 3-2.

The State Cup is a tournament that sends the Maryland champion to play in the Region 1 tournament – a tournament that includes state champions from Virginia to Maine – which in turn sends its champion to compete for the national championship. The President's Cup has the identical format and is designed for teams that are slightly less competitive than those competing for the State Cup. All Severna Park A teams, U13 and older, are expected to compete in one of these Cups each spring, while other teams are encouraged to participate.

Severna Park Soccer has previously crowned 5 State Semifinalists, three State Finalists, Two State Champions, one Regional Semifinalist, two Regional Champions, and one national third place finisher. Congratulations to all of this year's teams for their fine performances!

Severna Park-DC United Partnership Unveiled

Severna Park Soccer kicked off an exciting partnership with DC United this spring, with a variety of events for players and coaches. This new relationship is aimed not only at improving the level of training for players and coaches, but at complementing our club philosophy of enforcing a life-long love, and respect, for this great game. The highlight was a training put on by six D.C. United players, Andy Najjar, Branko Boskovic, Brandon McDonald, Kurt Morsink, Danny Cruz, and Joe Willis, for almost 200 Severna Park players in U7-U12 age groups. The turn out was the best DC United has seen in its community soccer series.

Severna Park Soccer players are also being given the chance to

participate in pre-game activities for D.C. United – such forming high five tunnels for the professional players as they enter the field or escorting the players to the field – and to play in mini-games before or at half-time of DC United games.

Severna Park coaches were also able to attend two “chalk talks” provided by DC United coaches before their MLS home games at RFK Stadium. The chalk talks are in a question and answer format that allows our coaches to gain insights into the professional game. The coaches were also given a free ticket to the game and an opportunity to go field-side while the teams warmed up. DC United U16 Academy coach,

Tom Torres, also came to Kinder Farm Park to work with Tom Carey’s Tornados (U11B) as part of a coaching clinic for our select coaches.

Under the new partnership, all members of the Severna Park Green Hornets community are given the opportunity to purchase DC United tickets at a discount and with no minimum order. Details are on our website, SevernaParkSoccer.com. In the Fall, we expect DC United players to highlight a club-wide soccer opening day event, which will feature moon-bounce inflatables, the DC United Mascot (Talon), giveaways of DC United memorabilia, Soccer Tennis, skills competitions and other soccer-related activities.



Enthusiastic Severna Park players line up for a group shot at the DC United training at Kinder Farm Park

Severna Park Soccer Announces Tryout Dates

Tryouts for Severna Park Soccer’s select teams have been set for the first two full weeks of June at Kinder Farm Park. Tryouts for the girls U9-U14 teams will be held on June 4-6, with June 7 and 8 reserved as make-up dates. The boys’ tryouts for the same age groups will be held the following week, June 11-13 with June 14 and 15 available for make-ups.

Severna Park Soccer is looking for skilled and dedicated players that will help continue our growth as a competitive soccer club playing the game at the

highest level. We anticipate a larger turnout this year reflecting the improved performance of our teams over the last few seasons, our dedication to providing supplemental training for our players and coaches, and our commitment to improving our facilities.

Severna Park teams will continue to participate in a variety of leagues, including Region 1, NCSL, WAGS, CMSSL, BBSL and AAYSA. Most age groups will field multiple teams. Players can register at GreenHornets.com. Tryouts details are available at SevernaParkSoccer.com.



DC United players, Andy Najjar, Branko Boskovic, Brandon McDonald, Kurt Morsink, Danny Cruz, and Joe Willis appeared at Kinder Farm Park to train players and then signed autographs for over an hour.



Over 200 players, U7 through U12, appeared for the training, the most DC United has had at any similar event.

Recognizing the Achievements of Severna Park Soccer

As we wrap up another soccer year, it is good to reflect on the accomplishments of our select soccer teams, which include the following:

BU8 Heat

AAYSL Div. 1 – currently 1st place

GU8 Diamond

AAYSL Div. 1 – currently 1st place

GU8 Gold

AAYSL Div. 2 – currently 2^d place

BU9 Vipers

SAC Columbus Day Tournament – Finalist

Freestate Spring Breakout – Champions

AAYSL Spring '11 Champions

BU9 Strikers

Mountain Road Tourn. '11 – Champions

GU9 Fury (formerly Pandas)

SAC Columbus Day '11 – tied first place in Division

GU9 Hurricanes

AAYSL Div. 1 – currently 2nd place

BU10 Tornados

Amanda Post Tournament '12 – Finalist

SAC Columbus Day '11 – Finalist

Amanda Post Tournament '10 -- Finalist

3 players in Project 100 (ODP for U11-12)

GU10 Black Thunder

Freestate Spring Breakout – finalist

Finalist Freestate March 2011

Finalist Va Beach Columbus Day 2010

Finalist Mt Rd November 2010

Placed in Top 3 first 3 seasons in CMSSL's Top Division

SoccerInCollege.com rankings: #6 in the State, #16 in Region 1, #34 nationally

GU10 Earthquakes

AAYSL Div. 2 – Champions (undefeated)

BU11 Cyclones

Futsal Maryland Sportsplex winter '11-'12 Champions (undefeated)

ASA Ice Cup Tournament '12 Finalist AAYSL

Spring '12 currently first place (undefeated)

GU 11 Lasers

WAGS Fall 2011 Undefeated Regular Season

WAGS Spring 2012 - (undefeated)

U12 SoccerDome Indoor League

(undefeated) Champion

SAC Memorial Day Tourn. '12 – Finalist

Gettysburg Blast Tournament '11—Champion

Bethesda Thanksgiving Tourn '11 — Finalist

Freestate Spring Breakout '11 — Champion

Mountain Road '10 Champion

Bethesda Thanksgiving Tournament '10 -- tied first in Division

Gettysburg Battlefield Blast '10 (Finalist)

SoccerInCollege.com rankings: #3 in State, #17 in Region 1, #63 nationally

1 player in Project 100 (ODP for U11-U12)

GU11 Strikers

Mountain Road Tournament '10 – Finalist

Freestate Spring Breakout '11 – Finalist

GU11 Storm

AAYSL League Champions (Fall '11)

Mountain Road Tournament '11 — Finalist

Arundel Cup (Fall '11) — Finalist

Columbia Invitational '11 - Finalist

Mountain Rd Tourn. '10 (Classic Div) Champion

BU12 Fury

SAC Memorial Day Tournament – Champions

NCSL, Div. 5, currently 1st place and undefeated

Will be advancing to Division 4 in the Fall

Amanda Post Tourn. '12 - Semi-finalist

McLean Tournament '12 (Regional Division) - Champions

Virginia Beach Col. Day Tourn. '11 – Semifinalist

SoccerInCollege Rankings: #10 State, #88 in the Region and #488 nationally

BU12 Sting

SAC Columbus Day '11 - semifinalist



GU12 Extreme

Amanda Post Memorial Tournament '11 – Finalist

Colleen Reilly Invitational '12 – Finalist

GU12 Supreme

Mountain Rd. Tourn. '11 — Champions

GU13 Rage

President's Cup '12 – Semi-Finalist

GU13 Strikers

AAYSL League Champions (Fall '11)

BU14 Hammers

SAC Columbus Day Tournament '12 (Championship bracket) – Semi-finalist

GU14 Tsunami

State Cup '12 – Semi-Finalist

Ultimate Cup '12 (Elite) – Finalist

Frederick Cup (Premier) – Semi-finalist

Keystone Cup '11 – Champions

WAGS Div. 3 – currently 1st place and undefeated

SoccerInCollege Rankings: #4 State, #33 in Region 1 and #177 nationally

BU15 Fever

Virginia Beach Col. Day '11 – first in Division

Baltimore College Showcase '11 – Champions

VCCL President's Day Showcase '11 – Semi-Finalist

Jefferson Cup – Second in Bracket

Admitted to play in Region 1's Colonial League

State Cup '12 – Semi-Finalist

Region 1 Colonial League, Spring '12 (3rd Place in Red Division, 4th best record out of 16)

SoccerInCollege.Com rankings: #3 in the State, #7 in Regional 1 and #42 nationally.

Based on GotSoccer.com Rankings:

Defeated 6 Teams this year with higher Region 1 ranking

Defeated Current #11 team in the Country in NCSL play

Defeated #3, #6, and #7 ranked teams in MD (Currently Ranked 8th without Cup Points)

Defeated WV State Cup Champion

Defeated Delaware State Cup Finalist

Defeated MD State Cup Champion

Defeated MD State Cup Finalist

Tied VA State Cup Champion

1 Player All County for their HS as a Freshman

1 ODP Player

BU15 United

Virginia Beach Col. Day Tourn. '09: Champion

Crofton Shootout '10: Finalist

OBGC Capital Cup Tournament '10 – Finalist

Virginia Beach Col. Day Tourn. '10 – Champion

Freestate Spring Breakout '11 – Finalist

Baltimore Mania '11 – Finalist

Gettysburg Blue Gray Cup '11 – Semi-Finalist (3rd place)

NSCAA Baltimore College Showcase '11 – Division Champion

Arlington Spring Invitational '12 – Finalist

Gettysburg Mem. Day Blue-Grey Cup '12 – Champions

NCSL, Spring '12 (Currently 5-1)

GU16 United

President's Cup '12 – Finalist

Columbia Mem. Day Tournament '12 – 3rd place

Columbia Mem. Day Tourn. '11 – Semi-finalist

GU17 United

NSCAA Baltimore College Showcase '11 – Division Champions

BU18 Rowdies

Freestate Spring Breakout '12 – Champions (Premier group) (beat 6th ranked team in Md. and 6th Ranked team in New York West based on

GotSoccer rankings)

3rd place Kirkwood College Showcase; defeated no. 21 (GotSoccer rankings) nationally ranked team

2010 Columbia Memorial Day – Champions (Championship Flight)

Kirkwood College Showcase '10 – (First in group)

Ultimate Cup Richmond '11 – Champions

Currently Undefeated in NCSL play

9 players 1st Team All-County, 3 2^d Team All-County and 3 All-State for their H.S. teams

NCAA Division I Coach Munga Eketebi returns to Dynamic Soccer Training Staff this Summer

Munga Eketebi, former Florida International University (FIU) Head Coach and former three time All-American at FIU will return to Severna Park this summer for Dynamic Soccer Training's (DST) High School Prep and Select Camps in late July. Munga joins a staff that includes Camp Directors John Camm, Director of Coaching for the Green Hornets and Head Women's Coach at Broadneck High School, and Sean Tettermer, Head Men's Coach at Broadneck High School and coach of Severna Park Soccer's U9 Boys A team. DST also fea-

tures Athena Gramates, a two time National Champion with the Bethesda Fury and Division 1 player at West Virginia, and Brooke Walsh, current Head Women's Coach at Southern High School. Brooke led Southern to the 2A State Finals in her first season at Southern, marking the first trip to the finals in the schools history.

This staff sets DST apart from other camps. Each coach brings a wealth of experience from their own successful programs. Every player is guaranteed a coach with extensive experience in guiding high school, club, or college pro-

grams. That experience is brought to every camp session. A commitment to strengthen all aspects of a player's game within the framework of the team concept. Literally, experience from thousands of games from all ages used to design and implement the instruction.

DST, which donated coaches time for the Goal Scoring Camp for younger select players this spring, also provides team and individual training during the soccer year. Details on DST's summer camps can be found at www.dynamicsoccertraining.com



Munga Eketebi, former-coach and three time All-American player at FIU, will work at the DST camps this summer.

Severna Park Players Participate in a Variety of Club-Sponsored Trainings

Severna Park Soccer offered a variety of supplemental training opportunities to its players this Spring. In addition to the highly successful training put on by DC United players (see story on p. 2), Severna Park Soccer offered a weekly skills clinic, as well as specialized training focused on goal scoring and goalkeeping. The clinics were well-attended and met with great enthusiasm by Severna Park players.

The weekly skills clinics, which featured training by Dynamic Soccer Training and Coerver Soccer Training, provided players with eight sessions over the course of eleven weeks in the U7 to U14 age groups. 153 players attended these clinics.

During public school spring break, Dynamic Soccer Training offered a complimentary Finish-

ing Camp for Select Soccer Player from U9 to U12. The camp, which was held over the course of three days and focused on increasing our select players' scoring prowess, was attended by approximately sixty players.

The goalkeeping camp was run by Steve Saunders, a former Division I goalkeeper at Penn State University, who provided instruction on a full range of goalkeeping skills for forty U9-U15 players. The camp was divided into five sessions held once per week. Saunders, who provided the instruction at a discounted rate, covered topics ranging from catching techniques, diving, handling crosses, defending against 1 v 1's, footwork and angle play.

Many thanks to DST, Coerver, and Steve Saunders for making these clinics possible.

Soccer Play Days

This Summer, Severna Park Soccer is introducing club-wide soccer play days. These play days will allow players of all ages an opportunity to compete in informal, small-sided games focused on fun and developing ball skills. The idea is built on a weakness in American soccer training, identified by the U.S. Youth Soccer Association, that American players lack the sandlot, unsupervised play, present in many countries, that allows players to develop creativity and sharpen their individual skills. In this informal environment, younger players improve by competing with older, more physical players, while older players get the chance to test new moves and enhance their skills by, in effect, teaching the younger players. The play days also work well with busy summer schedules since kids play when they are available. Details will be announced after tryouts.

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Severna Park Soccer Trivia: Win DC United Tickets

Here's your chance to win four tickets to your choice of DC United's remaining MLS home games. Answer the trivia questions at the end of this article. Most of the answers can be determined fairly easily if you do not know them already. For each correct answer, your name will go into the hat one time for the ticket drawing. If you get the Bonus Question correct, your name will be entered in the drawing an additional two times.

Here are the Rules: 1) email your answers to Mike Carlson at mcarlson65@gmail.com, pref-

erably with "Soccer Trivia" in the subject line, 2) one entry per family, 3) entries must be sent by midnight on June 9, and 5) trivia answers and the announcement of the drawing winner will be announced on SevernaParkSoccer.com by June 12. Here are the questions:

1. Name a Severna Park Soccer coach whose team played in the 2012 State Cup semi-finals.
2. Name a Severna Park team that, as of the printing of this newsletter, is undefeated in spring 2012 league play.

3. This former Severna Park coach is credited with starting the Severna Park select soccer program and entered his team in the Mid-Maryland Soccer league which later became the NCSL.

BONUS Question: This former Severna Park player (and current coach) set what is believed to be the Severna Park player record for most juggles in one attempt with 13,649. The juggles, which were verified by coaches at a soccer camp, took the player, a junior in High School, over two and a half hours to complete.

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Gali Sanchez Memorial Scholarship Open to Applications Starting in June

Last year Severna Park Soccer started a scholarship in memory of M. Gali Sanchez, a former Green Hornets Board member and a leader in the soccer community. Applications for the second year will be accepted starting this summer, once applicants have received their end of semester grades. The scholarship, anticipated to be \$1,000, is open to all rising seniors – the class of 2013 -- participating in the Green Hornets soccer program and is paid to the recipient after he or she has been accepted to college. Criteria are based on the attributes that Dr. Sanchez tried to instill in all of his players: sportsmanship, athletic excellence, respect for others, support of family and community, and a desire to develop as a person academically.

How to apply for the scholarship. By August 31, 2012, applicants should submit a written resume and essay describing their qualifications for the scholarship, which should include the ways in which they have exhibited the values describe above, a description of the applicant's current and past participation in GSPAA soccer, and any other information the applicant feels would be helpful. Each applicant must also provide two references, who can be available in person, by email or by phone. Applications can be sent c/o Michael Carlson either electronically (mcarlson65@gmail.com) or by mail or delivery (634 Dunkeld Court, Severna Park, Maryland 21146). Questions concerning the application process or the

Fund can be directed to Wayne Sanchez (wksanch@comcast.net) or Mike Carlson (mcarlson65@gmail.com).

How the scholarship will be awarded. The recipient of the scholarship will be determined by October of each year by the Scholarship Fund Committee, whose selection must be approved by the Board of Directors of the GSPAA. Committee members will consider the applicants' written submissions and references and information obtained from others in the community. Family of Scholarship fund committee members and family of the GSPAA Board of Directors are not eligible to receive the scholarship. The scholarship will be paid when the recipient enrolls in college.

The Gali Sanchez Memorial Scholarship is awarded to the Severna Park Soccer player who embodies the qualities that Dr. Sanchez tried to instill in his

BU18 Rowdies Win Freestate Tournament, Capture NCSL Division Title

BU18 Rowdies won the Premier Group at Freestate Spring Breakout tournament with a 3-0-1 record in the U19 age group. The Rowdies, coached by John Camm, our Director of Coaching, beat Soaring Capital Barca 1-0 in finals to secure a well-earned championship trophy. Barca is currently ranked #6 in New York West in the GotSoccer.com rankings. Prior to the championship game, the Rowdies tied Barca in group play. Other teams in the group included the Freestate Red

Devils, currently ranked #6 in Maryland, but which failed to reach the finals, SAC United I, which the Rowdies defeated 1-0, and Champions Scholarship, which the Rowdies beat 4-1. The Rowdies gave up just one goal over the tournament.

In league play, the Rowdies finished in first place in Division 3 of the National Capital Soccer League with an impressive 6-1 record. During the season, the Rowdies scored an impressive twenty goals while surrendering just four. The season was high-

lighted by big wins over the Bethesda Internationals, SYC Stallions and FPYC United.

The Rowdies have nine players who were named to the High School Coaches All-County First Team and another three named to the second team in the last two fall high school seasons. The Rowdies have also had three players selected to the Maryland All-State team. The team, which will sit out NCSL play in the Fall due to High School seasons, hopes to add to its accolades with more honors this Fall.

The Rowdies captured the Freestate Spring Breakout Capitol Cup, surrendering only one goal in four games.

BU12 Fury Prevail at McLean Tournament, top NCSL Division

U12 Boys A Team, the Fury, is currently undefeated in NCSL play and is on an impressive roll. The Fury has not lost a game since a penalty kick shootout in the semi-finals of The Amanda Post Tournament on March 5, 2012. Since then, The Fury has played 12 games without a loss.

The Fury's current streak started with the tournament championship of The McLean Premier Tournament and has continued with a 8-0 start to the spring season of The National Capital Soccer League.

At the McLean Tournament, the Fury Goalkeepers Adam Levin and George Leshner recorded shutouts in three of the four matches, including against a first round game against Thunder Juventus, the semifinals against the Richmond Kickers, the finals against FC Frederick.

Severna Park outscored its opponents 11-2 over the course of the tournament. Seven different players put the ball in the net for the Fury, including Maxim Murphy, with three goals, Jason Weiss and Drew Belloff, with two apiece, and Griffin O'Neill, Max Dunoyer, Kevin Kobosco, and Sam Kriel, who each added one. Kriel added four assists.

Defensively, the Fury were anchored by outstanding play from Kobosco, Evan Yeigh, Marcus Trotman, and Ryan Nelson, along with goalkeepers, Levin and Leshner.

The impressive center midfield play of Weiss and O'Neill enabled the Fury to successfully build up from the back and create many scoring chances. The outside and top threats of Murphy, Belloff, Kriel, Dunoyer, Ibrahim Hammat, and C. Max Bachmann kept

the opponents constantly worrying about where the next attack would come from. The durability and stamina of the Fury's midfield corps kept the team fresh and focused, always ready to attack or get back on defense.

During its perfect league run the Fury has scored an impressive 34 goals, just over three per game and defeated prominent area teams, including Braddock Road and Thunder Soccer Club. The Fury play in Division 5 of the NCSL, the premier boys soccer league in the area. The Fury, which will expand its roster in the Fall as they move eleven per side play. The team will play two preseason tournaments and the Columbus Day tournament in Virginia Beach. Those interested in trying out can contact head coach Kenny Toma directly at kennytoma@gmail.com.



The BU12 Fury celebrate their tournament championship at the McLean Premier Tournament along with Coach Kenny Toma and Assistant Coach, Mike Kriel.

Lasers Lead a Strong Quartet of GU11 Teams

The Severna Park Lasers U11 Girls have gotten off to a strong start in WAGS league play this Spring with a perfect 7-0 record. The season has been highlighted by a decisive 5-2 victory over SAC Premier White (SAC's top team) on their home field, Covenant Park, and has also included impressive victories over FC Frederick Academy Blue, Olney Fortuna White, Alliance SC United, and Damascus SC Red.

The U11 Lasers' strong performance this season comes on the heels of an outstanding Fall season, which saw the Lasers go undefeated and unscored on in WAGS league play during which they posted an impressive over-

all record of 20-1-1 in all competitions. During these games, the Lasers outscored their opponents 85-3 and won two tournament championships and one second place tournament finish.

In the winter, the Lasers played up a year in the top U12 Division of the Soccerdome Indoor League and went undefeated with a 7-0-1 record. During their championship run, the Lasers defeated a pair of U12 teams competing in U12 WAGS division 2. For the indoor season the Lasers scored 35 goals while surrendering only nine. The Lasers' strong performances have earned them a number 3 ranking in Maryland and number 16 in Region 1 in the SoccerIn-

College.com ratings.

In addition to the Lasers, the Severna Park U11 Girls age group has three other very strong select teams. The SP Strikers, coached by John Russell, also compete in WAGS and have competed strongly, including an impressive 1-0 win against the highly regarded CSA Rangers, Calvert Soccer Association's top team.

The SP Storm, coached by Kory Barrett, won Division 1 of the AAYSL in the Fall and stepped up to BBSL Division 1, where they were competitive this Spring. The SP Storm Runners, coached by Tim McCarthy, posted a strong performance in the Fall AAYSL and earned promotion to division 1 of the AAYSL for the



The Lasers, who have earned a #3 rating in the State of Maryland in the SoccerInCollege.com ratings, are currently undefeated in WAGS league play for the second season in a row.

BU9 Vipers Capture Freestate Tournament

The Boys U9 Vipers are enjoying a very successful spring, which kicked off with a championship performance at the 2012 Freestate Capitol Cup. Held during the weekend of March 17-18, the Vipers finished the tournament with a perfect record of 4-0.

On Saturday, the team came out ready to play and easily defeated tournament host Freestate 6-0 in the morning game. Later, a sluggish start saw the Vipers quickly down 0-2 versus SAC United, but the team did not panic and fought back with 4 straight goals to notch the victory.

The successful first day put the

boys into the tournament semi-final Sunday morning versus Future Soccer Club, a team the Vipers have some history with but had never been able to beat in two previous meetings. Again the Vipers found themselves in a hole early, down 0-2 at halftime, and it looked like history might repeat itself.

But the boys refused to give up, kept playing hard, and really showed what they are made of with a thrilling 3-goal second half en route to a 3-2 win. In the finals, the Vipers had come too far to be denied, and rolled forward confidently to a 5-0 championship victory over the Thunder Soccer Club Gunners, followed by an

awards ceremony where the boys all received medals.

The Vipers have continued their winning ways in NCSL where they have posted a strong 5-1-1 record.

A key strength of the team is its players' versatility. All kids play different positions on both offense and defense, and whether it was making a great goalie save, playing stellar defense, setting up chances with great passes, or scoring goals, all kids contributed in multiple ways.

The team played in the Columbia Memorial Day tournament and will appear at the Beach 5 Sand Soccer series in Ocean City, Maryland in June.



The Vipers, Freestate Champs: 1st row, L to R: Will Leshner, Ben McLay, Alec Carey, Charlie Kriel, Ben Jefferds, Jack Chadwick. 2nd row, L to R: Owen Barrett, Christian Angel, Connor McCoy, James Shivery, Michael O'Callaghan.

BU15 United Excel in Tournament, League Play

The Severna Park United boys U15 soccer team reached the finals of the Arlington Spring Invitational tournament behind a balanced attack lead by Collin Altomari and back-to-back shut-outs by United goalie Drew Domshick.

The first match of the tournament pitted the United against rival Freestate Strikers. The highly competitive match ended in a 1-1 tie. Altomari scored the first United goal of the season. The two squads were 1-1 against each other in 2011, with both matches being decided by 1 goal.

Severna Park put up a 4-0 victory against Loudoun 96 Black. Goals by Altomari, Jake Sheldon, Jacob Nold and Alex Cauneac, combined with a Domshick shut-out in goal, kept the United on

track for a trip to the finals.

Altomari continued his streak with a goal against the VSA Heat 96 Gold, in the third match of the tournament. Mitchell Skopp scored twice to give the United a comfortable 3-0 lead. Domshick blocked a VSA penalty kick in the final seconds of the match to preserve a second straight shutout and earn the United a spot in the Championship game.

Shorthanded and injury depleted, Severna Park meet a talented VSA Heat 96 Blue team in the Championship match. The United came out strong but trailed 1-0 at half. Playing much of the second half with only 10 players, the United couldn't hold off the VSA attack, ultimately falling 3-0.

The United, who have made it to

the championship match in 7 of their last 10 tournaments and won 3 championships, used the Arlington Invitational as a springboard to the Spring season of the National Capital Soccer League (NCSL). Severna Park is an impressive 6-1 on the season, outscoring their opponents by a lopsided 27-5. Their impressive run includes a 2-1 defeat of rivals Freestate Strikers. Altomari had an eye-popping 6 goals in the first 2 games alone to start the season strong. Cauneac, Nold, Alexx Gaigler, Adam Shaeffer, Nick Henault, Kieran Schnell, Jake Newbill, Jake Sheldon, Mitchell Skopp, Paul Bonner, Joe Shehade and Andrew Keith have all added goals while Goalkeepers Paul Shorkey and Drew Domshick have recorded four shutouts.



Severna Park United. Front (L to R): Eamon Ryan, Andrew Keith, Jake Newbill, Mitchell Skopp, Shane O'Niell, Freddie Wall, Nick Henault, and Alex Chrisman. Back (L to R): Coach Stacey Ryan, Alex Cauneac, Adam Schaeffer, Joe Shehade, Paul Bonner, Noah Beall, Coach Andrew Domshick, Jake Sheldon, Drew Domshick, and Coach Emile Henault.

Strong Start for U9 Boys GU10 Black Thunder Finalist at Freestate

The Severna Park Heat (BU9) is off to a fast start in its inaugural select soccer season. The team, which is the A team for the age group, is currently in first place in Division 1 of the AAYSL, with six wins and one loss. During the season, the Heat have excelled at both ends of the field, scoring thirty goals while surrendering only three.

The Heat is one of four teams that were formed in the age group after an excellent turnout for tryouts late in the fall. The Heat and the B team for the age group both posted successful futsal season at the Maryland SportsPlex before starting AAYSL, where all four U9 teams compete.

The Severna Park GU10 Black Thunder advanced to the finals of the Premier Group at Freestate Spring Breakout Capitol Cup, finishing the tournament with a 3-1 record and a runners up trophy.



The team played very well in the championship game, but lost 2-0 to Sporting Real in a very competitive match, which saw Black Thunder control the ball most of the first half and play well in the second half as well.

On their way to the championship game, Black Thunder beat Freestate 4-0 in a decisive semi-final match, marking the second consecutive tournament they have giving Freestate a lopsided loss. Black Thunder beat Freestate 5-0 in group play of the Amanda

Post Tournament in March. The Freestate tournament reflects the overall progress the Black Thunder girls continue to make in terms of skill development and moving the ball.

Black Thunder handed Freestate a lopsided defeat for the second consecutive tournament and advanced to the finals of the Freestate Spring Breakout Capitol Cup.

GU13 Rage Give Age Group a Fresh Start

The select ranks of Severna Park U13 Girls soccer have a new team welcomed this Spring session; the U13 Rage. Now, this name maybe isn't showing up on rankings, on stat sheets but it is now part of the soccer conversations around the girls select program. And the name will be appearing on sweatshirts and hats near you very soon.

The Rage is a fresh start on the prior Select A squad with some players still on board from their beginnings years ago. The team has added a new head Coach, Stacey Ryan, who has brought a great deal of intensity and excitement to the side. Stacey has immense experience and a very infectious style the squad has definitely responded to. Assisting Stacey are Ian Reagan and George Evans, both having the acceptable role of the "good cops" as well as a lot of soccer experience between them.

Given this new identity, the most important members, the Team, have shown immense character, acceptance as well as a new found love of the game. With this love, we have revealed a new excitement and unity around the team. All of the players were very pumped from the beginning of this new situation. The Rage roster, Jacy Kuhlman, Kelly Summers, Cabrey Keller, Grace Reagan, Julia Tingle, Abby Single, Parker Morris, Eva and Erin Downing, Catie Ogilvie, Kath-

ryn Ryan, Maria Kiskis, Mia Evans, Cydney Hess, Mackenna Lynn, Samantha Mallory, Meghan Shepherd and Lindsay Prugh embarked almost immediately through winter indoor sessions and team building activities.

The team marched through a very successful futsal campaign at the beginning of their new moniker and team. The amount of scoring, the amount of talking, the amount of smiling were very welcomed and some players notched their first goal as part of the squad during the futsal session. Players were given the responsibility to create and make attacks happen from wherever they found themselves on the court.

That notion translated to the outdoor game during the Frederick Scrimmage Fest. A lot of very good play, a lot of goals and a lot of team unity highlighted the tourney. This team with most of the same members came off a fall session where they scored a single goal. In the last game of the session. In this tourney they knocked in a solid three from the first game, not to mention the multitude of shots being taken showing great promise.

What is most important around this new beginning are the team building events held. There have already been a few pasta dinners for the team held at a Rage family's home where the girls are brought together the evening before a game to eat some good food and hang out as a team. These types of events are so very

important in creating the team atmosphere. These events along with the hard work at practice have already started paying dividends.

The first game of the Spring session, on a very dreary, rainy, cold morning, the Rage came out and won 4 - 0. Of worthy note, the team was up 1 - 0 at half. The Coaches challenged the girls to take over the game, take ownership and control of the game. They did exactly what was asked. The second half, the opponent saw the Rage side of the field exactly twice with no threats. The Rage netted three solid goals.

In that seemingly small feat, the team put the one goal fall session behind them. They increased their goal scoring four times over in one game. The amount of talking and communication increased tenfold. The smiles as the final whistle blew as the cold rainy day continued...The smiles.

They are indeed a team now. Even if only in their collective minds, hearts. The hearts of the fans and parents. We all know the name WAGS still has on their stat sheets. But the Rage is here. The Rage is ready to continue to build. The Rage is about to become known to all of WAGS. Go Rage!

For information on tryouts and the team's plans for next season, contact Coach Stacey Ryan at Staceylynn.Ryan@gmail.com.

The Rage, under Coach Stacey Ryan and Assistant George Ryan, have started to turn around the U13 age group with positive play, hustle and increased goal scoring, which is already producing results on the field.

GU8 Diamond and Gold Excel in AAYSL Play

The Severna Park U-8 girls' inaugural season has begun with a blast. The Diamond team has solid players who have dominated their opponents and excelled on offense. The Diamond currently sits in first place in AAYSL Division 1 league with a perfect 8-0 record and have already won the championship going into the last week of the season. The Diamond have propelled themselves to the top position with an offense that has netted 41 goals and a defense that surrendered only seven. The Diamond offense has been led with scoring from a wide range of players, including multi-

ple goals from Joi Fleming, Eva Mowery, Lucy O'Brien, Sophia Reuppel and Courtney Youngwood. Excellent goal keeper skills from players like Emma Murray and a solid defense led by Emma Dean, Jacque Lynch and Julia Di Marsico have acted to stifle the Diamond's opponents. Their strong midfield is found in fantastic playmakers Shannon Brown and Audrey O'Kane. The team will continue to play hard and conquer as the season rolls on.

The GSPAA U-8 Gold B Team has exploded out of the gate with five consecutive wins and

currently stand at 6-1 in the AAYSA Division 2 league with 22 goals scored and only 3 surrendered. Their defense has been led by goalkeeper Mallorie Scheimreif with strong contributions by defenders Caity Reiter, Erin Weiss and Rebecca Williams. Through the middle of the field, Mia Putzi, Julia Bollino and Katelyn Haufe have a strong instinct for midfield possession while offensive finish has come from Sarah Daniels, Sydney Watts, Sydney Romo and Sydney Richardson. The Gold can secure a tie for first place if they win the last game of the season.



Diamond players, Emma Murray and Audrey O'Kane, control the midfield in AAYSL play where the Diamond sit in first place.

Earthquakes Dominate Division

The U10 Earthquakes came into the spring season determined to improve as players and compete in AAYSL play. Eight games into the season, it is readily apparent that they have met these goals. The team has a perfect 8-0 record and tops Division 2 of AAYSL with only one game remaining. In those eight games, the Earthquakes have outscored their opponents by a combined score of 39-8.

With their only remaining game scheduled against the last

place team, the Earthquakes are well positioned to win the division. The key game in the race for the division title came

The Earthquakes have outscored their opponents 39-8 and taken sole possession of first place.

in week 8 when the team played Severn Athletic Club Flame, which also had a perfect record and had been averaging almost seven goals per game. The Earthquakes played an outstanding game and rose to the challenge, defeating the Flame 10-4 to capture sole possession of first place.

Hurricanes on the Move

In the Fall, the GU9 Hurricanes finished a respectable third place in AAYSL Division 2. While many teams would have been satisfied with that placement, the Hurricanes were determined to improve. And that's what they've done. During the winter, the team, which is coached by Eric Jones, showed its determination by running the table, finishing with a perfect 8-0 record in the U0 futsal league at Maryland Sportsplex.

In the Spring, the Hurricanes moved to Division 1 of the AAYSL and have continued their winning ways. The team currently sits in second place and has surrendered only six goals, the fewest in the league, while scoring 27. The team's hardwork is paying off!



The GU9 Hurricanes have outscored their opponents by 21 goals and are currently in second place in Division 1 of the AAYSL.

Severna Park Soccer

PUTTING KIDS FIRST.

The mission of Severna Park Soccer is to provide the youth of our community with a rich soccer experience that is educational, fun and safe, and promotes a life-long love, and respect, for the game. The goal of our select program is to develop players to compete at the highest level of individual and team play.

Corner Kicks: Preventing Dehydration Starts Right Here

No one has to tell you how many kids are involved in youth soccer here in Maryland; and the numbers continue to climb. With the increasing growth of soccer, comes the increase in the possibility of dehydration and related conditions. Over the next couple of articles, we will look at prevention strategies for before, during and after practice or games, and/or dare I mention, tournaments. Let's start with a couple of simple facts that are given here in Maryland. The first is that we are here in Maryland; an area where the weather can be cold one day and in the hundreds the next; bone-chilling winds or sweltering humidity. You know what they say here in Maryland, "if you don't like the weather, stick around... it will change". It is with the changes in weather that we become less aware of staying hydrated. If we lived in Arizona, it would be more obvious to be aware of hydration needs of our kids. But here in Maryland, we do have to make a conscious effort to address it in every climate. We will cover the importance of heat "acclimation" (getting used to the hot temperatures) and the importance of hydration in all

climates. The second fact is there are more and more kids (that are not just new to soccer) getting involved with sports, shocking their bodies with new physical demands. This in and of itself creates all new challenges for the kids, parents and yes, coaches. Hydration gets put to the back burner while just staying on your own 2 feet for the entire practice becomes the priority. The third is the limited access you as coaches, have to kids. A practice here or there for an hour or two, a weekly game, or a weekend tournament; still does not give a good view of the fluid intake of your young soccer players. Taking their dehydrated bodies sitting stationary in school all day then challenging them with practice, focusing on speed, agility and fine motor skills can have less than favorable results. The key is and will be education. It has got to start at the club level, grow into the teams and through to the coaches to get the message out to where it really needs to be; the players and their parents. Like many of the soccer skills you teach, these lessons can play a huge part in the future health and

success of these young athletes both on and off the field. In the coming weeks, we will look at defining dehydration and the affects it has on the young body. We'll then address the risk factors and finding preventative strategies for each. We will look at hydration tips, what to drink and when; before, during and after games / tournaments. Prevention starts here and now. Yours in Health, Dr. Sok.

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Club Champions



The Disciples of Red, above, won the U13-14 championship of Severna Park's Boys Recreational Program league. The team, coached by Chuck Ziethen, peaked at right time, winning three straight games to capture the post-season tournament.

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